



# The APOSTLE

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church ... A Christian Community of open minds, open hearts, and open arms.

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## ROUND THE BEND

I have never been there.  
I have swum in the lake. Sailed across the lake. Taken the car ferry across the lake to Vermont. But I have never been around the bend. I have no idea what is there! Never occurred to me to go explore and look. Til now.



This is Lake Champlain from the New York side looking south.

I have spent months up there but never bothered to go see what is around that bend. Now I am curious to go explore. I think it will be a fun adventure this summer.

Evidently it is easy to get entrenched in a familiar place and space. At least for me. It is nice to know where you are, who is there with you, and where to go for whatever you need or want to enjoy. It is just sweet to know where you are and what to expect.

But then there is that bend!

As I look at it now, it makes me wonder what is around it. What might be fun to explore. New sights and new experiences. New adventures. It could be so awesome.

And now – we, you and I, are looking at a bend, too. As I come to my last Sunday with you at St B's, we too are looking at a bend.

It would be easy to prefer just staying with what is familiar, easy, and fun. But then we would miss the amazing adventure that awaits each of us as we wander “around the bend.”

Wandering around a bend in the path of a faith community can be unnerving and complicated. A little scary, even. But it can also be intriguing and full of awesome opportunities. And fun!

And of course, we have a great example to encourage us on. Jesus spent his whole ministry wandering around bends. From Nazareth up to Galilee through Samaria and down to Jerusalem. He saw bends and set off to go around them to whatever adventure awaited him. New places to see. New people to meet. New challenges and opportunities to teach, witness, and be an amazing presence of hope and empowerment.

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So while it can be sad to launch off and go explore, it can also be an adventure. And who knows what awaits! But I have every trust that it will be so amazing.

And you will have each other! (Cuz I fully trust every one of you will stay together as the phenomenal St Bartholomew's Church!) So you will encourage each other forward, hold each other up, and rejoice as you all find amazing new stuff to do that will make God laugh and rejoice with you.

And I will do the same – just round a different bend. I will miss you soooooo much. But I am soooooo excited for you, too.

We have rounded some remarkable bends in our time together. You are particularly adept at it.

So go explore. See new places and spaces. Take Jesus with you, of course. Be a blazing beacon of God's transforming love. I can't wait to hear all about it.

— Flo Ledyard, Rector

☞ **Worship**

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# Ash Wednesday

## February 22

Services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
will be held in the Church at  
12:00 noon and 7:30 pm.

(The 7:30 pm service will also be available on Zoom.)

## Available Online . . .

On Our [Website](#):

- ~ "A Moment of Peace and Quiet" — a digital devotion.
- ~ Recordings of St. B's worship services.

And on our ["Music at St. Bartholomew's -Baltimore" YouTube Channel](#):

- ~ Choral Evensong
- ~ Bach at St. Bartholomew's



## Sunday Worship at St. B's

Join us for Sunday worship! We worship in the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

You can also join us for our 10:30 am worship on Zoom.

Here's how you can join us on Zoom at 10:30 am:

This is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/7641738777?pwd=d05KWmJPZ0ZZaHlmUlpRK2NiOFp6UT09>.

or you can go to your own Zoom page and use this info:

The Meeting ID: 764 173 8777

The password: 703085

or you can call in using this number: (301)-715-8592

AND, you can come early to have some fun at our Zoom Coffee Hour.

## Clergy at St. B's During a Time of Transition

On Wednesday, February 22, The Reverend Thelma Smullen will officiate at our Ash Wednesday services.

On Sunday, February 26, The Reverend Canon Stuart Wright will be our celebrant and Preacher.

And on Sunday, March 5, our Interim Rector, The Reverend Pan Conrad, begins her ministry with us.

Our Deacon, The Reverend Neva Brown, will be a steady presence with us throughout this time of transition.



# An Afternoon of Prayer and Musical Celebration for a Time of Transition

by Ted Davis

Sunday, February 26

## 4:30 pm Choral Evensong, led the St. Bartholomew Choir

The service of Choral Evensong has a history of nearly 500 years and is one of the great liturgies of the Anglican tradition, beloved not only for its legacy of beautiful music but also for its spiritual depth. In England, Choral Evensong services are broadcast on radio from many of the great cathedrals and university chapels, often attracting tourists and, increasingly, young people. Close your weekend with this unique opportunity to unplug, reconnect, and be spiritually fed. No need to fly across the Atlantic!



## 5:15 pm Organ concert by Dr. Ted Davis

For the first time since 2019, we are re-starting our ongoing celebration of our spectacular Casavant-Storey organ, completed in 2007. While you may hear it on Sunday mornings, you might be surprised by the instrument's full potential when given the opportunity to "let loose" a little more!

In celebration of Black history month, the afternoon's music will include works of Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Florence Price, Norman da Costa, and David Hurd.

— Ted is St. B's Organist and Choirmaster

# Choir School of West Baltimore – Calling Young Singers!

by *Diane Mountain*

St. Bartholomew's is rolling out an exciting new music program for our community – the Choir School of West Baltimore, led by Dr. Ted Davis, our Organist-Choirmaster. You may have heard about our first event in 2022 – a three-day summer Choir Camp, which had about 12 participants and enjoyed strong support from St. B's parishioners and beyond.

We are now offering CSWB classes every Sunday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, open to kids in grades 3-8. As enrollment grows we plan to offer a second class during the week. Students are learning about musical notation and sight reading, vocal production, song structure, and more!

We are off to a great start with a small but mighty group that has been singing together since October 2022. Plans for this year include:

- Social events about once per month, starting with a pizza lunch and cookie baking event on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>;
- Opportunities to sing in the 10:30 service;
- Another Choir Camp, tentatively slated for July 2023;
- Community-based concerts;
- Piano instruction for interested students.

Some of these expanded activities we can only offer once our enrollment gets a bit larger — so we are actively recruiting now. We are continuing our outreach to community associations, schools, and churches in the area. If you know a child who likes to sing, please get in touch with us. Corinne Bowmaker is the main point of contact for registration: CSWB phone number is 410-241-1585, or email [zencorinne@hotmail.com](mailto:zencorinne@hotmail.com).

See our flyer on page 7 for more information, and feel free to pass it along to others who may be interested.

Finally, we welcome any financial donations to support incidental costs such as our regular weekly snacks and pizza for social occasions. As the Choir School grows, we will also need more volunteers to provide assistance with class organization and events. If you would like to support CSWB with a donation, or would like to volunteer for future events, please let us know! The CSWB planning committee includes Ted Davis, Corinne Bowmaker, Dana Rose, and Diane Mountain

# Choir School of West Baltimore

## Do you know a child who likes to sing?

A new free choral and music education program starting soon at  
St. Bartholomew's Church, 4711 Edmondson Avenue,  
Baltimore, MD 21229

(church membership at St. B's or any faith-based organization is not required)

Open to ALL children in grades 3 - 8



- Professional vocal training. No previous training required
- Piano lessons available
- Development of leadership and social skills
- Opportunities to perform in the community
- Engagement in music appreciation and a wider world
- Having fun and making new friends

Free Sunday classes at noon!

If interested, contact **Corinne Bowmaker** at **410-241-1585**  
or **[zencorinne@hotmail.com](mailto:zencorinne@hotmail.com)**

# Highway Song for Valentine's Day

Shared by Janet Aldrich

*Dare I paraphrase (yet again!) to call this poem **Highway Song for Valentine's [Ash Wednes-] Day**? In doing so, I must alter the last word, **rain**, to **ashes**, to convey God's love beckoning to us in the ashes that will be inscribed atop our foreheads in our leap into Lent later this month. Times of atonement may be scary, lonely, and humbling (if we are truly being honest about our fleeting, erratic sins), but atonement is also our "urgent language of desire" "for a longer Lover/whose declaration lasts forever." Let God onto your forehead and into your heart this season, then proclaim God's passion ("boldly engraved for all to see") through your actions into the coming year.*

## Highway Song for Valentine's Day

"Kim, I love you — Danny"  
(roadside graffiti)

On overhead and underpass,  
beside the road, beyond the grass,  
in aerosol or paint or chalk  
the stones cry out, the billboards talk.

On rock and wall and bridge and tree,  
boldly engraved for all to see,  
hearts and initials intertwine  
their passionate, short-lived valentine.

I'm listening for a longer Lover  
whose declaration lasts forever:  
from field and flower, through wind and breath,  
in straw and star, by birth and death,  
his urgent language of desire  
flickers in dew and frost and fire.

This earliest spring that I have seen  
shows me that tender love in green,  
and on my windshield, clear and plain,  
my Dearest signs his name in rain.

~~ Luci Shaw





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# Vestry Highlights

At the Vestry meeting on December 27:

- The Vestry reviewed the Treasurer's report.
- The Vestry discussed the proposed 2023, 2024, and 2025 budget.
- The Vestry approved the end of the year resolutions.

Highlights from the Vestry meetings on January 17 and 24 will be available in the March *Apostle*.

The Vestry normally meets monthly on the third and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Vestry meetings are open, and all members and friends are welcome to attend.

If you would like to come, please contact Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)).



# Clergy Transition Update

By Michael Sarbanes

## Interim Rector

As the Wardens communicated in a letter to parish members, we have exciting news about our Interim Rector. The Vestry selected The Reverend Pan Conrad to be Interim Rector for St. Bartholomew's Church. Pan will serve from March 5 until we find our next Rector.

Pan comes to St. Bartholomew's with a fascinatingly varied background, a tangible enthusiasm for St. Bartholomew's, and a powerful commitment to ministry that we think will fit well with the blazing beacon that is St. B's. She has been Rector at St. Albans, Glen Burnie, for the past six years. She has a strong focus on racial justice and serves as chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee for the Diocese of Maryland. She has also been a national leader in the dialogue around science and faith, serving as the elected Warden of the Society of Ordained Scientists in North America. Before being called to ministry, she served as a NASA astrobiologist and helps to coordinate a team that guides the work of one of the Mars rovers. She also brings a passion for music, with degrees in composing and vocal performance. And, amongst many other interests, she holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in Shotokan Karate!

As we spoke with Pan, we were struck by her emphasis on collaborative ministry, her energy about celebrating the liturgy and preaching, her commitment to pastoral care and environmental stewardship, and her excitement about engaging children in the life of the church. We feel fortunate to have her with us as we navigate our path to finding a new Rector.

Flo's last day will be February 19. On February 26, The Reverend Canon Stuart Wright, Canon for Administration and Transitions Ministry for the Diocese, will celebrate liturgy with us. Pan's first Sunday will be March 5. Our own Reverend Thelma Smullen will conduct the Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 22 and will be available for any pastoral issues between February 19 and March 5.

## Profile Committee Chairs

Our next step in the search process is to put together a parish profile, incorporating the input, vision, and ideas of the whole congregation, so that we can clearly discern what qualities we are looking for in a new Rector. This process will occur between now and this summer.

The profile is what will be circulated to potential candidates and will guide our discernment of candidates. We are delighted that the Vestry has identified three co-chairs of a Profile Committee to coordinate this process: Angel Jackson, Corinne Bowmaker, and Marty Clark. Angel and Corinne were the past two Senior Wardens, so they bring a broad knowledge of the complex ecosystem of faithful action that is St. B's. Corinne has also been deeply involved in our historical research. Marty has been a long-time leader in our youth groups, Men's Ministry, and many other activities. In addition, Amanda Harris has been appointed to fill out a Vestry vacancy created when Vestry member moved out of state. She will also serve on the Profile Committee and act as a liaison between that committee and the Vestry. If you see any of these folks, please thank them for their service!

The Profile Committee chairs will be working over the next month to fill out the membership of the Profile Committee to have a wide reaching representation of the various parts of our Parish life. If you are interested in participating in the Profile Committee, please let any of them know.

— Michael is St. B's Senior Warden

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# Celebrating Flo

While we are all saddened to hear of Flo's departure, we look forward to celebrating and honoring the great work she has done for St. B's and the community at large. There will be two opportunities for us to celebrate Flo:

1. **Sunday, February 12 - Flo's Last Coffee Hour**

Join us for some conversation, plenty of laughs, and tasty treats at Coffee Hour following the 10:30 service. A cake will be provided, but we kindly ask for folks to contribute some baked goods for the joyous occasion.

2. **Saturday, February 18 - Flo's Last Hurrah! SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and Flo as we take the time to express our gratitude and acknowledge her many contributions to St. B's over the past twenty years. The evening will begin with a social hour and then move into dinner followed by a program, then lots of laughs and music. A proper headcount will be needed so please be on the lookout for an invitation to reply. To help offset the cost, there will be a small fee to attend. The location, price, and exact time are forthcoming.

For questions or to assist with the preparations and executions of Flo's Celebration events, please contact the planning committee, affectionately known as the Triple N: [Neva](#), [Nancy](#), and [Nicete](#).

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## One Last Community Conversation

*By The Reverend Flo Ledyard*

Over our years together, when we have had an important topic or decision to make, we have gathered together for a Community Conversation. They have been awesome!

Everyone is welcomed. Our conversation tries to be safely honest and intriguing. AND we have generally found a more cohesive path forward.

This past year we had a number of Community Conversations to finally determine that it is right for me to retire and for you to anticipate an amazing future.

Now it is time for one last one confab with me. A chance to muse about our time together, my last day with you, and our different but interesting futures.

So I invite you to a Community Conversation on Sunday February 5 at noon in the church.

Come on site or join us on [Zoom](#).

# Quiet Day 2022: “The Mark of Cain”

by Dana Rose

On Saturday December 31, Reverend Flo guided 11 souls through the readings of Genesis and asked probing questions regarding the Cain, Abel, and our merciful God. The Mark of Cain is not a well-known bible story. In fact, one participant commented that she “googled it” prior to attending! Additional feedback from the participants included:

*What a perfect way to end 2022! I really enjoyed today’s Quiet Day and will continue to ponder and reflect on Cain and the Mark of Cain. Please extend gratitude to your Chapter and The Rev. Florence for leading such a meaningful experience. Blessings to you, your Chapter and your family today and into the New Year, 2023!! Peace & Blessings, June*

*Thanks again to you, your chapter, St. Bartholomew’s, and Rev. Flo for hosting and offering the gift of today’s Quiet Day. Lots to think and pray about. Love and blessings, Linda*

Thank you, Flo, for facilitating this session and thank you to all the participants. We were blessed by your presence. To all, may you have a blessed New Year and may you extend and receive mercy in 2023.

— Dana is President of the Margaret Rollo Chapter of the Daughters of the King



## The Classics . . .

. . . offering fellowship and education for adults ages 50 & up, will meet in the Parish House on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00.



Our speaker, The Reverend Florence Ledyard, will present an opportunity to "Ask Flo Anything – Well, ALMOST Anything!"

Please bring your own lunch. Dessert sweets will be provided, as well as coffee and sodas.

## Men's Breakfast "On the Road"

by Marty Clark

Coffee,



Conversation,



& Cholesterol.



Four men from St. B's were hungering just for that recently.

We gathered by 8:30 am on the second Saturday of January at the Double T Diner, located at the corner of Route 40 & Rolling Road.

Two eggs, scrambled, corned beef hash with home fries and white toast. Along with a side of bacon!

Again, we gathered off campus so all could relax, converse, and focus on the food & fellowship. Neither was lacking.

Even a veggie omelet!

Again, we collectively agreed that the off-campus event was so much fun we, men of St. B's will be gathering next month, too! On the second Saturday of February (02/11/2023), please join us again at the Double T Diner for really good food & cheerful, invigorating fellowship. We'll try to explore food in the bible and decide on March's breakfast location in between sharing & caring. Maybe those "Faith Talk" cards will make a return.

Grits! Huge blueberry muffin, warmed!

Need more info (or a ride) contact ([bjrosenberger9273@gmail.com](mailto:bjrosenberger9273@gmail.com)) or Marty Clark ([peaceclark1@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)).

# Welcome!

Almost every week, new faces join us for worship here at St. B's — some in person and others on Zoom. Some are visitors—members of our extended families, friends visiting from out of town, even sojourning Episcopalians in Baltimore for a time looking for a place to worship—but many become a more permanent part of our congregation. Every few months, we take the time to note those in our midst who are new here, but have become active parts of our worshipping community. This month we welcome Linda Wagner.

by Bryan MacKay

Meet Linda Wagner! Linda has been coming to St B's since December 2021, after volunteering at a "Pantry on the Go" event. With a background at both Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, it just seemed to be the right time and St. B's the right place. Linda said, "I found this spiritual community to be incredibly diverse and progressive, and it has an enormously good vibe which drew me in straight away. St. B's to me is not just a 10:30 service once a week but an opportunity to join in, in so many ways," Linda lives in Catonsville with her husband Brian, just down the street from Irene Hardy. She works as a home services provider to adult and senior clients, with over 22 years of experience as a licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant. In conclusion, Linda said, "Going forward, my intentions are to grow spiritually stronger and to find my niche within this community to serve God and folks in need."



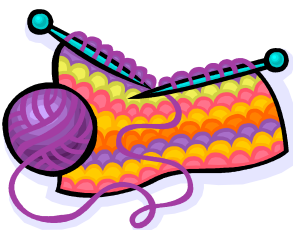
Welcome Linda!

— Bryan is Chair of the Newcomers Committee

## Prayer Shawls and Sewing Bees

The Prayer Shawls Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish House and on Zoom.

We craft shawls and prayer squares to give to parishioners and 40 West clients in need of comfort. The shawls are a tangible hug folks can keep with them all the time—a tangible reminder of our love and care for them, and God's love and care for them. Knitters and crocheters of any age and ability are welcome.

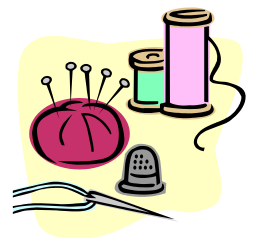


Please contact Leigh Snowden at [lsnowde1@msn.com](mailto:lsnowde1@msn.com) for more information or for the Zoom link.

St. B's Sewing Bees meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Hardy home for crafting and fellowship.

Any sort of handwork is encouraged—knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, etc.

For information about the St. B's Sewing Bees, please contact Sharon Selleck at [scobleselleck@gmail.com](mailto:scobleselleck@gmail.com).



# Men's 2023 Retreat at the Claggett Center

Friday, February 3 — Sunday, February 5, 2023  
**Storytelling, Spirituality, and Shadowboxing**



Join men from across the Dioceses of Maryland and Washington for a weekend of music, fellowship, recreation, and worship. One of Claggett's longest-running retreats, find community and deepen your faith this winter.

Keynote speaker is The Reverend Matt Humm

## 2023 Rates

- Single-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$275
- Double-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$240
- Single-occupancy Inn (one night): \$223
- Double-occupancy Inn (one night): \$208
- Single-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$225 (under 40 discount)
- Double-occupancy lodging in the Christiane Inn: \$190 (under 40 discount)
- Commuter: \$100

You may click [here](#) to register.

# Remembering Fred

by Corinne Bowmaker



Fred Bolling  
1/27/1947 - 12/10/2022

Did you know that in his younger days, Fred was known for his extraordinary dancing abilities? He could do full splits and spin completely around on the tips of his toes, “just like James Brown,” said a lifelong friend at his home going.

Fred was known by everyone at St. B's as our faithful Sexton for over 30 years. It was a job he dearly loved. He was the one who opened the church every morning, kept us comfortably warm or cool, and helped deal with boiler emergencies whenever it decided to go on the fritz. He set up for meetings, Faith Forums, and meals in the Parish House. His favorite job was riding the mower to cut the grass, but he also shoveled plenty of snow. He knew every inch of every building, all the quirks of our infrastructure and how to fix them, and how to work ancient and new mechanisms. I know there were multitudes of small favors he did to help folks out. He was so helpful to me as a Senior Warden and as archivist, offering to haul boxes and equipment around for me. We depended on him for so much and he was always there. He was quiet about his love for St. B's, but if you'd talk to him about retiring he'd get teary.

Fred's greatest joy in life was to set off on a road trip, either by himself or corralling friends, sometimes at the last minute, to go with him. Sometimes he didn't know where he was setting off to. He loved to drive and he would just spontaneously go! He often visited family and friends in Florida and Virginia.

He was the DJ at all the parties with his big boombox and a cooler in the trunk for beer. I heard stories of his legendary parties. And he was always there for his friends when they needed him.

At his wake, his nephew told a hilarious story about how Fred was teaching him to box and knocked him clean out. He said when he regained consciousness, “He told me I should have dipped instead of ducked.”

His favorite food was macaroni cheese with ham. Even at holiday meals with all the trimmings, that's all he wanted to eat.

As he became ill in his last years, he continued to work as long as possible. He didn't want any farewell ceremony when he retired.

Fred was a kind, stubborn, life-loving faithful son, brother, uncle, and cousin who dedicated much of his life to St. B's. For his service, his faithfulness to our faith community, and his friendship, we give thanks.



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# Opportunities for Everyone to Learn

by Flo Ledyard, Rector

Given how important — but also how incredibly intriguing our faith can be — and given how much more interesting it is if we know more about it — and given that our faith is stronger and more amazing when we actually know some history and theology and other related stuff . . .

We at St B's make sure to provide opportunities and thoughtful but fun info for all ages. So for the month of February here are your choices!

**The Cribbery**, providing childcare for infants and children up to age 5, is open on Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

**Children's Word** meets on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am service. Just after the Epistle (Second) Reading, children in the church, age 3 through grade 5, gather with their teachers in the Undercroft.

**D Group**, for those in grades 6—12, meets on (mostly) alternate Sundays from 12:00 – 2:30 pm.

**Episcopal 102** meets on Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We're currently reading the Gospel According to Matthew. [Here's the Zoom link.](#)

**Sunday Faith Forum** meets on an occasional Sunday morning at 9:15 on Zoom. It is for older youth and adults. [Here's the Zoom link.](#)

This month we will gather on February 12 to explore an intriguing book called [Good Enough — 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection](#). Wow. Doesn't that sound like each one of us!

Led by Celeste Thurston.

Hooked as soon as she started reading it., Celeste will share with us —

“You always hear that we ‘mere humans’ don't have to carry the weight of our burdens, that we can and should give a piece of that to God. This book challenged me to do just that. It also gave me a bit more grace to acknowledge my own imperfections and recognize that it was more than ok to have them. So, I hope this intrigues you if you consider yourself human, imperfect, or you, too, acknowledge you have trouble giving a piece of your spiritual weight to God. Join me on February 12 at Adult Forum as I introduce you to this challenge of 5 devotionals that I think will speak to most of us mere mortals.”

And during Lent, Celeste will be providing a weekly spark as each of us continue this journey.

# D-Group Lends a Hand

by Marty Clark

Members of D Group (youth in 6 -12 grade) have re-gathered for food, fun and fellowship along with our bible studies in the Youth House after the holiday break with family and friends, traveling far and near. In January we've been sharing about our holiday break and most recently, our baptisms while filling our bellies with wonderful meals provided by the parents of our D Groupies.

For the St. B's Outreach Food Drive on MLK, Jr. day; two of our oldest "Youth," Christopher Rose & Mark DeVale, provided some hands. No I'm not kidding. Those "men" in the photos are Mighty St. B's YOUTH! It's great these two took time out of their super busy senior year to serve and come out to see their favorite (?) leaders.

D Group continues to meet (usually) every other Sunday after the 10:30 service. Interested? Contact Steven Johnson ([Steven.Johnson.S@gmail.com](mailto:Steven.Johnson.S@gmail.com)), Amanda Harris([aharris1968@hotmail.com](mailto:aharris1968@hotmail.com)) or Kathie / Marty Clark ([peaceclark1@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)) for information, the schedule or questions.

— Marty is a D-Group Leader





# GROUP SCOOP

## Get Ready for D-Group!

**St. B's D-Group**, for youth entering grades 6 through 12, meets in the Youth House from 12:00 to 2:30 pm on (mostly) alternate Sundays. February gatherings are scheduled on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark ([peaceclark1@gmail.com](mailto:peaceclark1@gmail.com)). Gather for fun, fellowship, and faith. Invite a friend!

## Happening 16!

*Who Ya Gonna Call?*  
February 10 to 12

Happening is a national program for youth in grades 9 through 12, designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth! This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys. Happening takes place at the Claggett Center. Click [here](#) to register.



## New Beginnings!

*April 21-23*

New Beginnings, a retreat for middle school youth, is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners who have reached high school are the designer team and staff for the weekend. This makes for a perfect sense of what it means to be a part of the community. A whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school through talks, skits and small group. A place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students. Click [here](#) to register.

## EYE (Episcopal Youth Event)!

*July 4-8 in College Park, Maryland*

For those who have completed grades 9, 10, 11, or 12; Cost: \$400.

Attending EYE as a youth is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. EYE a transformational event created by youth for youth. Youth who crave connection and want to see that the Church is bigger than their congregations and diocese should attend this 2,000-person contemplative worship experience with Presiding Bishop Curry preaching and live music. They will hear speakers from around the world, including our very own Rev. Chris McCloud. Youth from all nine provinces in The Episcopal Church are on the planning team. Attending EYE this year is coming home to a new age of faith meant to reinvigorate a post-Covid church experience. Church is here for our youth and the Church wants to know what our youth are looking for. [Learn more and register here.](#)

# Children's Word

by Steve Miller and Kobey DeVale

Come to Children's Word at St. B's! Our preschool and elementary school worshipers leave the sanctuary after the Epistle (Second) reading to join teachers Kobey DeVale and Steve Miller in the Undercroft for a session that includes prayer, check-ins, a children's version of the Gospel Lesson, and a craft related to that lesson. Children's Word is guided by the Spark curriculum, which follows the same lectionary schedule as our adult lessons do.

Children return to their families during the passing of the peace. Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

Currently Children's Word meets as a single combined, in-person class of Kangaroos (age 3-grade 2) and Elephants (grades 3-5) as we typically have 2-3

young ones of about the same age, but we will go to a two-class format if/when participation expands. And we will incorporate a Zoom component upon request, for families with children who do not attend in person at St. B's—just let us know.

Please let Kobey DeVale ([kdevale@devale.net](mailto:kdevale@devale.net)), Steve Miller ([stmiller@umbc.edu](mailto:stmiller@umbc.edu)) or Maggie Caldwell ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) know if you would like your child to join Children's Word, and/or if you have questions about the program or would like to be involved in any way with it.

— Steve and Kobey are Children's Word Leaders



## The Cribbery

providing child care for infants and children up to age 5  
from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Are you interested in finding out more about the Cribbery?  
Stop by on Sunday morning and meet our wonderful  
childcare provider Dona McIntyre.

# Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh!

by Sara Schroeder, on behalf of the Stewardship  
Committee

The season of Epiphany begins with a journey to seek the Christ child and to pay homage. In January, we read of the wise men in Matthew 2.

*When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

The wise men offered a variety of gifts, with a variety of benefits to the recipient. They did not all give the same gift, but reached into their treasure chests and pulled from them objects of great value that a family of meager means would not have access to on their own.

That is much like the experience of making a pledge each year. We reach into our treasure chests to offer gifts that pay homage to the Christ child. We do not pull out the same treasure, but together we offer a rich variety of talents, our valuable and scarce time, and our own gold, as well. The variety of gifts that we share prepares us for the journey ahead in the new year, much as the wise men's gifts prepared Mary and Joseph for their own journey to Egypt, a tough road, to be sure.

Thanks to each of you who has reached deep into your treasure chest to pledge your time, talent and treasure in 2023. We are all richer for the variety that we share!

— Sara is Chair of the Stewardship Committee

## **Status of 2023 Pledges**

**96 pledges have been received so far, totaling \$409,105**

Pledge cards are available in the Tower Room. They're also available here on our [website](#). Or contact Maggie ([mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org)) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message if you would a pledge card mailed to you.

# Financial Position as of December 31, 2022

— Financial information is provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

## Financial Position as of 12/31/22

	31-Dec	12/22 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$42,410.32	\$43,333.33	\$435,485.52	\$520,000.00
"Birthday" donations (deficit)	\$50,260.00		\$50,260.00	
Prior Years Pledges	\$0.00	\$427.50	\$970.00	\$5,130.00
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$5,980.00	\$2,500.00	\$39,325.63	\$30,000.00
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$1,140.00	\$216.67	\$2,201.00	\$2,600.00
Altar Guild Income	\$633.00	\$250.00	\$3,973.80	\$3,000.00
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$2,050.00	\$1,000.00
Special Projects Income	\$0.00	\$1,225.00	\$14,826.23	\$14,700.00
House Sale Income	\$4,500.00	\$750.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Endowment Fund Disbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest & Div	\$66.27	\$5.42	\$215.13	\$65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,989.59</b>	<b>\$48,791.25</b>	<b>\$558,307.31</b>	<b>\$585,495.00</b>

## Ministry Expenses

Diocesan Pledge	\$6,234.50	\$6,234.50	\$74,814.00	\$74,814.00
KIVA MicroLoans	\$302.00	\$341.50	\$3,701.31	\$4,098.00
Communication Ministry	\$90.00	\$150.00	\$1,469.79	\$1,800.00
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$20.83	\$250.00	\$250.00
Education Ministry	\$114.68	\$125.00	\$1,310.98	\$1,500.00
Youth Pilgrimage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Library	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00
Archives	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$134.47	\$125.00	\$795.61	\$1,500.00
Landscape	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$368.20	\$1,000.00
Music Ministry	\$581.25	\$416.67	\$4,710.55	\$5,000.00
Newcomers Ministry	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$0.00	\$91.00
Outreach Programs	\$40.00	\$169.25	\$0.00	\$2,031.00
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$34.25	\$600.00
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Ministry	\$7,542.16	\$3,025.00	\$42,040.21	\$36,300.00
Safety & Security Committee	\$0.00	\$10.42	\$0.00	\$125.00
Special Projects Expense	\$0.00	\$41.67	\$2,021.60	\$500.00
Special Projects-Net	\$0.00	\$1,183.33	\$12,804.63	\$14,200.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$100.38	\$58.33	\$561.81	\$700.00
Worship Ministry	\$84.95	\$41.67	\$1,332.09	\$500.00
Vestry	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$690.00	\$1,200.00

# Financial Position as of December 31, 2022 (continued)

## Operating Expenses

Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$278.36	\$283.34	\$3,172.31	\$3,400.00
Altar Guild Expenses	\$1,640.00	\$458.33	\$7,558.51	\$5,500.00
Conferences	\$0.00	\$47.92	\$580.00	\$575.00
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$0.00	\$2,425.00	\$29,377.00	\$29,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$8.33	\$0.00	\$100.00
Office Expenses	\$681.77	\$978.33	\$12,297.63	\$11,740.00
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$3,058.84	\$4,000.00
Supply Clergy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taxes (Property)	\$0.00	\$241.67	\$2,641.59	\$2,900.00
Telephones and Utilities	\$5,339.58	\$3,656.25	\$50,528.18	\$43,875.00
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$31,324.62	\$31,183.89	\$363,065.08	\$373,342.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,738.72</b>	<b>\$52,067.13</b>	<b>\$622,184.17</b>	<b>\$623,941.99</b>
<b>Net Income w/o Depreciation</b>	<b>\$50,250.87</b>	<b>(\$3,275.88)</b>	<b>(\$63,876.86)</b>	<b>(\$38,446.99)</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net Income with Depreciation</b>	<b>\$50,250.87</b>	<b>(\$3,275.88)</b>	<b>(\$63,876.86)</b>	<b>(\$38,446.99)</b>

### Notes on Income and Expenses:

Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) were **(\$88,674.48)** less than the YTD Faith budget.

"Birthday" donations were those given in December to help offset the end-of-year deficit.

Total income was **\$56,198.34** more than budgeted for the month of December and **(\$27,187.69)** less than the YTD budget.

We are showing a net gain of **\$50,670.87** for the month of December and a net loss YTD of **(\$63,456.86)**.

Altar Guild Income YTD was less than Altar Guild Expenses by **(\$3,584.71)**.

YTD expenses include flowers, wafers, wine, communion kits, candles, Easter lilies, Christmas greenery, and poinsettias.

Education Ministry includes Godly Play, Youth & Faith Forum expenses and Tracts.

Parish Life Expenses include Hospitality supplies.

Music Expenses include substitute organists, sheet music, organ repair and guest musicians.

Pastoral Care Expenses includes expenses for our Parish Nursing Program.

Property Expenses YTD Includes R&M of the church, parish house and grounds and cost of maintenance contracts and security contracts.

Stewardship YTD total reflects income from initial offering for envelopes.

Accounting Expenses include payroll preparation expenses, audit expenses and bank fees.

Insurance (Property/D&O) YTD reflects the sum of our quarterly payments for our policies.

Office Expenses reflects the cost of copier rental, supplies, postage and computer support.

# Chant for Environmental Justice

From the Creation Caretakers



**No more coal  
No more oil  
Keep the carbon in the soil!**

— South Baltimore resident protestors at Curtis Bay, November 20, 2022  
As reported by Cassidy Jensen in the Baltimore Sun December 5, 2022

# Property Update

by Dave Murray

**R**OAD CLOSURE NOTICE! Beginning the second week in January and continuing for approximately 3 to 4 months, **Uplands Parkway will be closed** from Edmondson Avenue down past our church entrance (Wheeler Drive) to Penn Lucy Drive. **We will NOT have access to Wheeler Drive** during this period. Please plan to access our parking lot via the 2 driveways off Edmondson Avenue. Construction of apartments, townhouses, and single-family homes in the new Uplands development will soon begin. In preparation, Uplands Parkway will be closed while they replace the water main that runs underneath the road.



## MORE UPDATES:

- ✓ Our big item for the month was the replacement of the church boiler holding tank. It sprung a big leak which then caused the boiler to blow a fuse — which is why we had no heat for the Lessons and Carols Sunday.
- ✓ Design work continues on the 40 West accessible entrance and church boiler replacement.
- ✓ Work is also proceeding to upgrade our church door security system and install a parking lot surveillance system.

Please let me know of any issues you may notice that should be handled by the Property Committee.

— Dave is a member of the Property Committee



# MLK Day Food Drive — a Rousing Success!

by Amanda Harris

Monday, January 16, 2023, started out with beautiful weather, and it just got better from there. We collected 2,573 pounds of food for the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center! We had 30+ volunteers, some of whom drove through the surrounding neighborhoods to collect donations, and others who helped sort and store the food, in addition to those who, on January 8, distributed bags in the neighborhoods to be filled with food.

Volunteers included the 40 West "regulars," parishioners, and a dozen community members who found out about the food drive through the AmeriCorps website. It was a busy and joyful day for all involved. Thank you to all who donated, distributed bags, drove around, and/or sorted and stored donations. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

— Amanda is Co- Chair MLK Day Food Drive  
and a member of the Outreach Committee



# A Spring Art Fair

by Celeste Thurston and Janet Waters

Attention Artisans of Saint Bartholomew's! If you make Art that has in some way been touched by the Flea Market, we are looking for you.

On Saturday, April 29, we will be hosting our first Artisan Market. The Artists will be comprised of those who attend St. B's and help with the Flea Market in some capacity — or you attend the Flea Market and we have been your muse — or you are an Arts group that meets at St. B's.

We will be setting up in the Parish House, and if we are graced with fair weather, there may also be a few outside spaces available. So if the Flea Market has been your muse, or you have donated to be someone else's, or you are an artist who attends St. B's who helps at the Flea Market, we are hoping you will reach out to Janet Waters or Celeste Thurston to reserve a space to sell your Art on April 29.

Spaces will be \$50, and you may buy up to 2 spaces per Artist. (Art featured needs to be Family/Church appropriate.) All funds will go support our Outreach program.

What a great way to let the community know the Arts are alive and well at St. B's!

— Celeste and Janet are Coordinators of the Spring Art Fair;  
Celeste is also a member of the Outreach Committee



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# Thank You from My Brother's Keeper

by Bonnie Kutch

Kevin Mason, Program Director of My Brother's Keeper, sends his heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's for the "amazing benevolence and gracious generosity" which has helped to sustain their programs. He goes on to say that our support has remained a consistent resource to the residents of the Irvington community.

The current St. B's Outreach project at My Brother's Keeper started with the pandemic in 2020, when unable to provide prepared casseroles to support their lunch service, we moved to providing food and supplies to help them to keep their lunch service going. My Brother's Keeper has never stopped providing lunch. Whether a grab-and-go bag lunch or a take-away hot meal, they continue to offer lunch to the community 7 days a week.

That is in addition to the myriad other services that they continue to provide including onsite medical, mental, and behavioral health services, job placement and legal services. Community walks, bringing together community leaders and members of the community, were implemented in the summer of 2022 and due to the success of the activity, will resume in March of this year.

My Brother's Keeper is excited to announce that their hot meal service will resume in February. This allows guests to come inside, sit down in the dining room and enjoy a hot lunch.

Our Outreach project to provide volunteers to help with lunch service, one Saturday a month, also ended in 2020 and has yet to resume. The good news is that My Brother's Keeper is finally able to begin to reintroduce volunteers onsite and will begin looking to expand that that program. Stay tuned for ways that parishioners can become involved in this rewarding ministry.

My Brother's Keeper is planning a Spring Festival for the community. Dates and other details about this celebration of the season are yet to be announced. Look for updates and plan to join our neighbors in celebrating.

My Brother's Keeper is located at 4207 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21229. The front door should be used to access services and events. The side door on Augusta Road should be used to drop off donations. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/my-brothers-keeper/> or call 667-600-2950.

— Bonnie is a member of the Outreach Committee

# “Bmore2gether” with KIVA

by Margaret Schotto

The mission of the KIVA Committee at St. Bartholomew’s — “We loan because we want to help our global neighbors start, sustain, or expand a community-based business to alleviate poverty, especially among children and youth.”

This month we have made loans that support women and their families, that bring financial inclusion to impacted areas of Columbia, smallholder farmers to purchase seeds and solar lanterns, and that is focused on the poorest 1/5 of the population with no access to financial services in Tajikistan. Read more about these young women below:



## Columbia - Lilia Del Carmen:

Lilia del Carmen lives in Ipiales, Nariño and has been working as a farmer since she was 13 years old along with her family. With her extensive experience, Lilia has built her own potato crops on two-terrain, which she bought after more than 10 years in the business. Lilia’s potato crops are highly productive thanks to the constant process of natural oxygenation that she performs regularly with the help of her sisters. Besides potatoes, Lilia also has a small batch of pea crops planted in her terrain, which she collects monthly along with her potato crops.

Lilia is a single mother who lives with her three adult sons in a house she bought in her youth. Her sons work in different professions near their town and help her through the harvesting process during their free time.

Our loan helps Lilia to purchase a new stationary machine that will optimize the fertilization and irrigation of her potato and pea crops.



## Kenya – Jerita’s Group:

Jerita is the group leader of her group in Gem District, and she is representing 11 farmers, including herself. Jerita joined One Acre Fund for the first time this season, but she has been a farmer for more than 20 years.

Like many other farmers, Jerita decided to work with One Acre Fund in order to get the best quality fertilizer and hybrid seed. She hopes that by joining One Acre Fund and using the seed and fertilizer she will get with this loan, she can join the ranks of One Acre Fund farmers that have

doubled their harvest in their first year of the program.

Jerita plans to use the profits she earns from this year’s harvest to send her children to school.

Jerita's Group will use the farming inputs received with this loan to cultivate a total of 7.4 acres of land. Additionally, some of the farmers in the group will be purchasing a solar light with this loan; the group will receive a total of 5 solar lights.

# “Bmore2gether” with KIVA (*continued*)

(Continued from page 28)



## Ecuador – Alondra Mikaelo:

Alondra is a 23-year-old, very hardworking and responsible young woman. She lives in the city of Ibarra with her parents.

Alondra works selling mobile phones in the city of Ibarra in the Los Ceibos neighborhood. She is able to take advantage of her knowledge in the field of technology to sell mobile phones. She carries out this work with the goal of having an income and supporting herself as she begins her university studies. Alondra is asking for a KIVA loan to buy cell phones since the Christmas season is coming up. She wants to expand the variety of phones she offers because customers ask for new models.

Alondra is very grateful for KIVA’s help since the increased income that the loan will help her to generate will improve the quality of her life.



## Tajikistan – Ozodamoi:

Ozodamoi would like to express her gratitude for the support. She diligently put her loan to use. Ozodamoi would like to ask for support once more in order to buy ingredients to prepare flatbread. Ozodamoi is counting on your support. She believes in you.

The KIVA loan committee has chosen loans totaling \$94,425 since its start in 2015. Funding from St. Bartholomew’s totals \$29,276 so about \$65,000 has been repaid and loaned back out. We have made 241 loans in 38 different countries. If you are interested in joining the KIVA Committee to pick the recipients of St. B’s loans, we will meet next by Zoom on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7pm. Please contact Mary Buchanan [Maryhb3820@gmail.com](mailto:Maryhb3820@gmail.com) for more information and to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome!

— Margaret is a member of the KIVA Committee

# Donors and Volunteers: Icons of Help and Hope

by William Webster

As the new director of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, I'm grateful for this opportunity to briefly reflect on what 40 West has achieved in 2022, as well as how donors and volunteers bring help and hope to Baltimore City and the communities in West Baltimore, in particular.

Grants and partners often catch our attention because they are sources of large dollars amounts and offer access to large networks that help the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center achieve its mission. In local donors and volunteers, we can connect to the true heart and soul of the center.

In 2022, member churches, local businesses, and neighbors of 40 West donated 5,560 pounds of food. Individual donors provided 35 percent of food donations, member churches gave 36 percent, and local businesses contributed another 6 percent.

Individual monetary donations made up 38 percent of 40 West's income. Church and board members contributed over 43 percent.

Volunteers welcomed people in need to the 40 West Center, provided food and non-food assistance, and entered information needed to measure the success of 40 West's mission as well as to assess compliance with the expectations of our partners. Volunteers also delivered food from the Maryland Food Bank to the center, managed the food inventory, and continued to refine 40 West's procedures based on their experience to ensure those visiting 40 West for assistance are served in a pleasant, efficient, and effective manner.

40 West runs on time, talent and treasure that is freely given by a host of people who choose to live as members of the beloved community where one serves others with compassion. Even when they are away from the center, volunteers support the mission 40 West. For example, one volunteer has been known to plan the next food order while on vacation. Another seasoned volunteer, though not scheduled to work, answers calls at home from volunteers or the new

director seeking guidance on how to help a neighbor in need of non-food assistance. Then, there are volunteers that help keep the IT infrastructure running and the physical plant operational when they are not engaged in their day jobs.

## Accomplishments in 2022

Below is a summary of what donors and volunteers accomplished through 40 West with the assistance of partners in 2022. These are amazing numbers that indicate just how substantial 40 West's support is to Baltimore City and the neighborhoods close to St. Bartholomew's.

### Food

Households received food from 40 West 3,852 times.

127,269 pounds of food were distributed.

105,972 meals were distributed.

178 Giant Food Cards were distributed.

### Non-Food

\$3,748 dollars of 40 West funds were distributed for BGE, Eviction, Shelter and Pharmacy assistance.

388 Bus Tokens were distributed.

On each visit, clients may choose up to five clothing and other non-food items displayed near the 40 West entrance. Currently, 40 West does not track and document clothing donations; however, many clients look forward to browsing and taking a few items when they visit.

### Referrals

These numbers do not reflect the benefits neighbors received from referrals 40 West routinely makes to other agencies, pantries, and offices. Also, 40 West does not track the funds neighbors receive as a result of 40 West's assistance in completing and sending applications to the BGE Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP).

# Donors and Volunteers: Icons of Help and Hope

## Client Choice

As we emerge from three years of pandemic and endemic, 40 West, as of January 23, 2023, is returning to Client Choice. During the pandemic, to ensure the safety of clients and volunteers alike, clients received food that was prepacked in bags. They had no choice in the food they received. Now that we are emerging from the pandemic, the 40 West Board of Directors has approved returning to Client Choice, which allows clients to take home food they've selected.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Food Drive

On the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service, dozens of volunteers collected food donations, weighed them, checked "use by" dates, sorted, boxed, and stored the donated food. St. Bartholomew's Outreach Committee coordinated the distribution of donation bags, planned collection routes, and recruited volunteers to collect food. 40 West Assistance and Referral volunteers, St. Bartholomew volunteers, as well as 9 volunteers who responded to Amanda Harris' post on Volunteer Match processed the donations when they arrived at 40 West. A volunteer from Mount St. Joseph High School also helped. With the leadership and coordinating efforts of David Mountain, Amanda Harris, and Glorius Sullivan, **donors and volunteers added 2,573 pounds of food to 40 West's inventory.** *This one day total equals 43% of the total food donations received in all of 2022!* This impressive total significantly enhances 40 West's ability to serve our neighbors.

40 West also received a cash donation of \$125.

Susan Lundin deserves a special thanks for designing the 40 West workflow for processing donations and responding to a constant stream of questions as donations poured in.



## Gratitude

Finally, please join me in thanking the many volunteers for their extraordinary work in keeping 40 West operating and serving Baltimore. I've used only first names as I did not get permission to share their names in advance. I apologize if I missed anyone.

## Thank you

Amanda, Amelia, Barbara, Brian, Carol B., Carol J., Charmane, Cheryl, Cher, Daniel, Dave, Gretchen, Henry, John, Joyce, Judy, Linda, Lynn, Mathew, Michelle, Mike, Patrick, Peggy C., Peggy D., Rhonda, Robert (Bobby), Saville, Sharon, Susan, Tanya, TjJon, and Tony.

I offer a special thank you to Glorius Sullivan. She has worn multiple hats for a long time as the search for a new director was underway. Thank you, Glorius, for all you do and for your continued graciousness as I come up to speed as 40 West's new director.

— Bill is Director of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc.

## CSA at St. B's



St. Bartholomew's Church will again be a pick-up site for the One Straw Farm CSA this year, with fresh fruits and vegetables available for pick up every Thursday afternoon between 3:30 and 7:00 pm. They are using a program to better enable the customization of your

share online each week, so you do need to register for it at the link below. You can rate your preferences ahead of time, adjust your custom box each week online, and purchase extra items if you choose. Join with your friends, purchase a share (either small, large, or jumbo), and then volunteer to staff the pick-up site a few times during the 24-week season, from June 8 – November 16, 2023. A great chance to get excellent produce, support local organic agriculture, and meet your neighbors!

### 2023 CSA Details:

Small/Half Share ~ 5 items/week = \$480

Large/Full Share ~ 9 items/week = \$840

Jumbo Share ~ 11-12 items/week = \$1080

For 24 weeks (06/8—11/16)

With the new payment plan, you have a choice of paying in four installments, or paying in full at the sign-up. You can also choose to have it delivered every other week, purchase extras, put your box on hold, or move it to another week if needed. And the CSA will also offer other specials during the season.

Here is the link to join this year, be sure to use the “2023 Custom Drop-off Share (THU)” button and sign up for the St. Bartholomew's location: <https://onestrawfarm.csaware.com/2023-custom-drop-off-share-thu-C2492>.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and the community in which participants provide funding for the farmer in advance in exchange for produce during the growing season. Items vary according to the season (with 30 fruits and vegetables overall). For example, greens for the whole time, strawberries and sugar snap peas in spring, tomatoes and watermelon in summer, and hard squashes in fall.

Membership is accepted throughout the growing season, members who sign up after the season has begun may do so at a prorated price. If there are at least ten shares purchased at our site, One Straw Farm will provide some produce each week for a the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center).



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## THE MOVEMENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS **BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE 365**

### **The new name: *Baltimore Peace Movement***

***In Person PUBLIC MEETING on January 31 from 7 PM-8PM***  
to spread awareness about this shift and answer questions you have.

ALL ARE WELCOME: Join us in the Parish House of  
St. Bartholomew's Church:  
4711 Edmondson Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229



Baltimore Ceasefire 365 is now the Baltimore Peace Movement! Peace is the promise because peace is naturally within us. This movement creates opportunities for Baltimore to notice, uplift, nurture, share, and bask in the peace that already exists within each of us.

**The new tagline:** Peace Is The Promise

**The new hashtag & call to action:** [#BaltimorePeacePromise](#)

**Hashtags that will still be used:** [#VibrateHigher](#) [#BaltimoreLivesMatter](#)

**New hashtag that will be used:** [#LiveAndLetLive](#)

***Baltimore Peace Promise weekend coming up: February 3, 4, 5***

***BaltimorePeacePromise weekends*** will continue to happen on every first full weekend of the month in February, August, and November and on Mother's Day weekend in May. They begin at 12:00 AM on Friday and end at 11:59 PM on Sunday.

**Website:** <https://baltimorepeacemovement.com/>

**Email:** [BmorePeaceMovement@gmail.com](mailto:BmorePeaceMovement@gmail.com).

How can you get Involved?

- Apply to be a PeacePromise Ambassador
- Provide space for *BaltimorePeaceMovement* public meetings/attend a public meeting
- Plan a life affirming event during a *BaltimorePeacePromise* weekend
- Make the *BaltimorePeaceMovement* logo your profile picture during the weekends
- Tell 3 new people about the movement and share posts about the *BaltimorePeaceMovement* across your social media platforms
- Give out flyers/posters before *BaltimorePeacePromise* weekends
- Go to the website and calendar to see what is happening
- ANYTHING else you can think of to spread the message

*Your prayers are requested for  
members and friends of St. B's ...*



Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Mary Warfield; Phoenix DeVale; Irene Hardy; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Tijon Cox and family; Rodney Michel; Tim Wolf; Zach, Dana, and Zoe Przybyszewski; Mary Lou Fralic; Vici-Lyn; Debbie McClellan; Margaret Schotto; Cathy Brookman; Bryce Kaspar; Barbara Haughey; Verna Harrison; Kate Henshall; John White; Dorn Wagner; Stephen Sprecher; Tiger Watts; Mercedes Hill; Cyndy Compton; Jane Piché; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Nathan; Tom McNeil; James Cooper; Kimberly Hayes; Marc Posner; Gloria Davitt; John and Janice Blouin; Ed McClellan; Sue Goodall; Hazel Twist Schroeder; Dana Coggan; Betty Shelton; Mason Henry; Steve Freeman; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the March issue of *The Apostle* is Wednesday, February 15.

Please e-mail articles to [mcaldwell@stbs-md.org](mailto:mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

To submit typewritten or handwritten material,  
place it in Maggie Caldwell's mailbox outside of the Church Office.  
All articles must include a contact name and email or phone number.  
Publication of *The Apostle* is on the last Sunday of the month.



## St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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### ☞ Worship & Christian Formation ☞

#### Sunday Worship & Formation

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The 10:30 services are also available on Zoom. Please visit our [website](#) to learn how you can join us.

**Childcare** is available for children up to age 5 in the Parish House from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

#### Sunday Christian Formation

**Faith Forum** for Adults and Older Youth:

Mostly Alternate Sundays from 9:15—10:00 am

**Children's Word** for Children Age 3 (by 09/01) — Grade 5:

During the 10:30 am service; in church

**Youth Group** for Grades 6—12:

Meets on most alternate Sundays at 12:00 pm in the Youth House.

#### Weekday Worship & Formation

**Noonday Prayer** is said every weekday and Saturdays at 12 noon by parishioners (at home).

For more information about our worship or programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263 or [office@stbs-md.org](mailto:office@stbs-md.org) or visit [www.stbs-md.org](http://www.stbs-md.org).