

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning September 17, 2023



- Sunday** We offer **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. You can also join us for worship at **10:30 am** on **“Zoom.”**
- Please be sure to join us following both services to enjoy **refreshments and fellowship.**
- Child care** is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.
- At 1:30 pm, **Olivet Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Alex Stone, worships in the Church.
- Our Lady Undoer of Knots**, a Progressive Catholic Community, worships at 6:00 pm.
- † **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †
- If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner ([adam@stbs-md.org](mailto:adam@stbs-md.org)).*
- Monday** **Episcopal 102** meets on Zoom at 5:30 pm.
- The **Hope Harbor Board** will meet at 4:00 pm in the Parish House.
- Each week an open, interfaith group gathers in the Chapel at 7:30 pm for thirty minutes of silent **Christian meditation.** All are welcome.
- Tuesday** The 40 West Assistance and Referral Center hosts the **Maryland Food Bank “Pantry On The Go”** Food Drop on the Parking Lot at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday** Offering fellowship and education for adults ages 50 and up, **“The Classics”** will kick off their program year, by meeting in the Parish House on Wednesday at 11:00 am. Bring your lunch - desserts, coffee, and sodas will be provided. Come and greet our guest speaker, Janice Curtis Greene, the well-known Griot, and listen to her outstanding program about the Underground Railroad.
- The **Worship Committee** will meet at 6:00 pm in the Parish House.
- A **D-Group Pizza Dinner** will begin at 6:00 pm in the Youth House.
- Thursday** The **West Baltimore Choir School** continues their weekly classes at 5:30 pm. Young singers in Grades 3-8 are welcome. Enroll at any time; pre-registration recommended. For more information, visit the church web page or contact Corinne Bowmaker at 410-599-3143 or [zencorinne@hotmail.com](mailto:zencorinne@hotmail.com).
- The **Funds Committee** will meet at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- The **Choir** will rehearse at 7:30 pm.
- One Straw Farm **CSA pick-ups** take place in the Parish House Kitchen beginning at 3:30 pm.
- Saturday** The **September Men’s Breakfast** will begin at 8:30 am at the Double T Diner in Catonsville.

## *Community Notes ...*

### **Faith Forum is St. B's name for our Adult Christian Formation!**

It will be every first and third Sunday starting October 1 through May 19 from 9:15 am - 10:15 am, held both in person in the Parish House and on Zoom. Various topics are presented and many include interactive discussion, sharing, and exploration. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend.

Faith Forum topics range from scriptural study and interpretation, current events, theological questions, interesting people we should know about, the changing world, or themes from interesting books. Guest speakers have also presented. Past Faith Forum sessions include but are not limited to: "A Bigger Table - Who is Not at our Table and Why?"; "What did we learn from a Year of COVID?"; "Native American Spirituality", "Minimalism and Faith", spiritual practices, "Crowns, fabulous church hats", "Heresies", "Education in Baltimore", "Antiracist Baby", "Good Enough, a Life of Imperfection", etc.

### **For this new season of Faith Forum, the planning team wants to hear from you!**

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey, so we can find out how we can improve Faith Forum. We want to make it as relevant and compelling to our parishioners as we can! Please fill out the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/CT8EnvwwK98X7QwD6> Please complete it on or before Sunday, September 24!

There is still one opportunity in September to **offer the flowers** in thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one, next Sunday, September 24 - two vases (cost is \$30.00 per vase). Please call Glorius Sullivan (410-644-8110) to list your offering.

**The Altar Guild needs your coffee cans!** After our services, we pack up the altar flowers so they can be taken to parishioners who are sick or shut-in, and coffee cans are just the right size. Just leave your cans inside on the windowsill next to the entrance from the parking lot.

**Construction work has begun** on both the new 40 West Entrance and church boiler replacement. Photos of the new entrance are on display in the Tower Room. See Dave Murray or Glorius Sullivan for more details.

From the **Creation Caretakers**: Give us your dead and tired batteries! Deposit them in shoe size boxes located on the side table in the Tower Room and also the side table in the Parish Hall closest to the courtside entrance. Creation Caretakers will see that they are recycled.

**40 West** needs your help to keep our shelves stocked! Currently we need **mayo, mustard, ketchup, small sizes of cooking oil, and dishwashing liquid**. Thank you!

**40 West** welcomes your gently used **spring and summer clothing**.

## *A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...*

- October 1**      **Pledge Sunday**, and Sunday **Faith Formation** for all ages begins.
- October 2**      The handbell choir will begin rehearsals for this year on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 pm and continue each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month throughout this year. New members are welcomed and may contact Willis Keeling at 410-947-5507 for additional information.
- October 4**      The **Prayer Shawl group** will have its first fall meeting. Any shawls or prayer squares produced before that date can be given to Leigh Snowden prior to the 10:30 service on Sundays.
- October 7**      **Festival of Animals** and Annual **Blessing of Pets**, 4:00 pm.
- October 28**     **Trunk-or-Treat** in the parking lot.

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, [office@stbs-md.org](mailto:office@stbs-md.org), or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.