



The APOSTLE

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

May-June 2026

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

This year's vestry retreat, held on the first Saturday of May, centered on the theme "This Little Light of Mine." We even sang one of my favorite childhood choruses: "This little light of mine... hide it under a bushel? No! Won't let Satan blow it out...I'm gonna let it shine."

The retreat unfolded in three parts: first, a focus on the spiritual life; then on leadership; and finally, on our vision toward 2030. I reminded the vestry that Easter proclaims a light that darkness cannot overcome. And, created in the *Imago Dei*, the image of God, we each carry a light that cannot be extinguished. So, I invited vestry members, as I invite you, to become aware of that light within: to notice it, to tend it, and to discern where it might need brightening or perhaps softening.

If I'm honest, many things can dim our light, cause it to flicker, or even make it feel overwhelming to others. As I write this, I'm mindful of the Supreme Court's decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which removes certain protections against lawmakers drawing maps that dilute the political power of minority voters. I am not a lawyer or a political scientist, but I find it difficult to accept the claim that racial disparities in voting are no longer a concern. Perhaps this wasn't what dimmed your light this week. Maybe it was unexpected news, illness, or old struggles resurfacing.

Lately, I've been reflecting on how easy it is to drift into complacency, to hide our light, to let the oil run low, or to allow the wick to burn out; to consume rather than create; to scroll rather than notice. I want to encourage us to look to the early Church, which faced forces intent on dimming its

light from the very beginning. People like Stephen remind us that God gives strength and light for a hostile world. And in the Easter stories, like Thomas, who longed for a personal encounter with the risen Christ, we see the importance of honesty when our light feels dim.

As I have often said, we are called to hold heartache and hosanna in tension, to keep seeking ways to let our light shine even in the face of darkness. Where is God calling us to shine? Where are we being invited to be a light, to our communities, our neighbors, our families, to the world around us? Where is God asking us to pay closer attention, as Jesus did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and to live more fully, more creatively, more awake?

Light is, by its very nature, defiant. I invite us to that same kind of defiance in the face of the world's darkness. In that holy defiance, I find myself asking: what might my light look like in a world that often seeks to dim it? And I find myself dreaming, dreaming of a church that grows, not only in numbers, but in spiritual depth, courage, and love; dreaming of spaces that truly welcome all, where even something as practical as accessible bathrooms becomes a sign of dignity and care; dreaming of a community that keeps showing up, keeps trusting, keeps building, even when the odds seem long. May you be intentional this week and beyond about letting your light shine, wherever you are, and in whatever ways God calls you. And as Frederick Buechner reminds us, this often means discovering where our deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger.

The Reverend Dr. Mario Conliffe, Rector

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:

Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am (except summer)

Children's Word for Children Age 3 through Grade 5:

During the 10:30 am service

Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Meets most Sundays at 9:15 am in the Youth House.

Weekday Worship

Noonday Prayer is said every weekday and Saturdays at Noon by parishioners (at home).





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Baltimore, Maryland

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Messiah
an Oratorio



Sunday, June 14
7:30 p.m.

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To be acknowledged in the concert program, your gift must be received by the church office by June 8, 2026, in order to meet publication deadlines. Thank you!

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V is for Vestry

by Susan Lundin

It was thought that it was a good idea to highlight a few of the various committees and ministries here at St. B's in *The Apostle*. I am sure many people have wondered what many of them really do...and one might seem like something you would like to get involved with. We are starting off with the Vestry as I have just finished a three-year stint serving on the Vestry and volunteered to pass along a few thoughts.

When asked to be on the Vestry I was not really all that sure what I would be doing. I knew it would be a challenging and far reaching three years as it was going to fall in with an interim rector and eventual new rector to serve here at St. B's. These decisions I would be a part of would be instrumental in what St. B's would become for many years to come. YIKES!!

A Vestry member is basically the "lay leadership" of St. B's. The two biggest parts of our meetings dealt with financial oversight which meant reviewing the financial figures for the month or the budget for the year and property, and with our older church this

required many discussions and votes to approve financial help to have repairs done. We also worked with Mario to support the various ministries, make informed decisions about our budget deficit and ways to bring in extra money to lower that deficit, and discuss specific problems and issues that were affecting St. B's. We opened our meetings with members talking about good things and people that had made a difference during the past month here at St. B's. Our meetings were a combination of Zoom and in-person depending on the time of year.

If you love St. B's then you should be proud that you are asked to serve on the Vestry. If you love St. B's you should happily say yes when asked, or if that year is a particularly bad one to take on something new, just agree to keep your name on the list for another year. I made it a practice of moaning out loud every time we went into financials at meetings...but I would not change my three years on Vestry for anything. I am a better person and a better Episcopalian for it!

Are You a Leader?

Have you been wondering how you best could serve St. B's in a leadership role?

We need a new Treasurer. Please contact Senior Warden, Amanda Harris: aharris1968@hotmail.com or 443-812-1341.

We also need members to serve on the Christianity and Racism Task Force. Contact Ayodele House (AyodeleHouse@msn.com) for more information.



Family Day and Parish Picnic Celebration

Sunday, June 7!



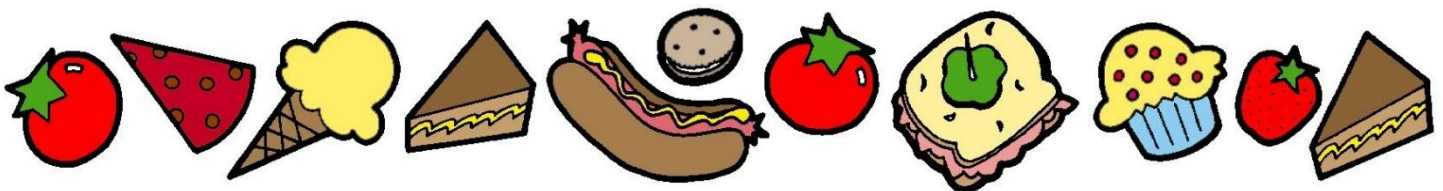
We're thrilled to invite **ALL parishioners** to come together and celebrate **Family Day** on **Sunday, June 7!** This special day is all about honoring the families in our parish, and we want **YOU** to be a part of it.

Whether near or far, **everyone is welcome** to join us! If you're in town, come to the **in-person service at 10:30 am** and celebrate with us on the church grounds afterward.

If you're unable to make it in person, don't worry – we've got you covered! **Join us via Zoom** and celebrate with your loved ones virtually.

Following the service, we'll be hosting an **amazing picnic** filled with **games, laughter, and fun** for the whole family. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, enjoy each other's company, and make lasting memories.

Invite your family, invite your friends – let's come together to make this **Family Day 2026** one to remember! See you there!



A Property Update

We're always staying busy - here's what's keeping us going:

1. Fixed the lock on the church rear door
2. Replaced a broken window in the Youth House
3. Fixed the Tower Room interior light & exterior door light
4. Geo-Thermal progress
 - a. Lots of ductwork installed
 - b. Removed asbestos from pipes under kitchen/nursery
 - c. Removed oil tanks
 - d. Disconnected boilers, electrical & piping systems
 - e. Removed all boiler system piping - took to recycling- received \$2,600
 - f. Removed all baseboard units & radiators in parish house
 - g. Started insulation of certain areas
 - h. Removed blown-in insulation under Nursery to expose pipes
 - i. Started framing around ductwork
 - j. Started framing 2nd floor ceilings in classroom/halls, closet
 - k. Reworked pipes in basement to allow ductwork to be constructed
 - l. Created holes in basement walls for ductwork
 - m. Made dump runs
 - n. Graded/seeded area where wells were drilled
 - o. BGE connected new 200 amp service



So far, staying on schedule with the installation.

We're hoping to hold a **spring cleanup & planting day** shortly - look for the announcement!



Financial Position as of March 31, 2026

	31-Mar	03/26 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Current Weekly Pledged Offerings	\$55,909	\$38,750	\$180,748	\$116,250
Faith Pledges/Deficit Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Years Pledges	\$0	\$21	\$20	\$62
Open Plate Offerings and Children's Offerings	\$2,619	\$3,750	\$10,229	\$11,250
Special Envelope Offerings (Good Friday, Easter, Christmas)	\$20	\$125	\$387	\$375
Altar Guild Income	\$1,106	\$458	\$1,503	\$1,375
Community Use Donations (NA, and AA donations)	\$650	\$0	\$2,350	\$2,500
Special Projects Income	\$1,172	\$833	\$1,172	\$0
Raffle Ticket Fundraising Income	\$0	\$2,159	\$100	\$6,478
Restricted fund transfers (incl house sale income)	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$28,350	\$28,350
Interest & Div	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$10
Total	\$70,926	\$55,549	\$224,859	\$166,650
Ministry Expenses				
Diocesan Pledge	\$5,492	\$6,145	\$18,435	\$18,435
KIVA MicroLoans	\$248	\$161	\$855	\$484
Communication Ministry	\$40	\$125	\$120	\$375
Daughters of the King	\$0	\$27	\$0	\$81
Education Ministry	\$0	\$113	\$80	\$338
Library	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$25
Archives	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$25
Parish Life (Fellowship) Ministry	\$421	\$167	\$421	\$500
Landscape	\$0	\$42	\$0	\$125
Music Ministry	\$2	\$317	\$62	\$950
Newcomers Ministry	\$0	\$21	\$0	\$63
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$0	\$71	\$0	\$213
Sunday School Teacher Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Activities Coordinator	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Property Ministry	\$5,231	\$3,054	\$13,649	\$9,163
Special Projects Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Projects-Net	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$54	(\$75)	\$162
Worship Ministry	\$0	\$42	\$0	\$125
Vestry	\$0	\$42	\$89	\$125
Operating Expenses				
Accounting (includes Bank Fees and audit expenses)	\$328	\$505	\$1,737	\$1,514
Altar Guild Expenses	\$401	\$750	\$872	\$2,250
Conferences	\$0	\$83	\$750	\$250
Insurance (Property/D&O)	\$0	\$3,515	\$10,339	\$10,546
Office Expenses	\$757	\$946	\$2,489	\$2,838
Clergy Discretionary & Hospitality	\$0	\$146	\$327	\$438
Supply Clergy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes (Property)	\$0	\$138	\$0	\$413
Telephones and Utilities	\$8,306	\$5,267	\$27,296	\$15,799
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp	\$36,076	\$36,442	\$107,785	\$109,325
Raffle Ticket Fundraising expenses	\$0	\$493	\$0	\$1,478
Total	\$57,302	\$58,681	\$185,231	\$176,040
Net Income w/o Depreciation	\$13,624	(\$3,132)	\$39,628	(\$9,390)

March/1st quarter YTD: gain of \$39,628

Notes on Income and Expenses:

- Total Pledged Offerings YTD (current & prior year) plus Deficit Reduction receipts were \$64,456 more than YTD budget.
- Total income was \$15,376 more than budgeted for the month of March and \$58,210 more than the YTD budget.
- We are showing a net gain of \$13,625 for the month of March and a net gain YTD of \$39,628.
- Altar Guild Income YTD was more than Altar Guild Expenses by \$631.
- YTD expenses include monthly Church flowers, wafers, wine, and candles.
- Education Ministry includes Godly Play, Youth & Faith Forum expenses and Tracts.
- Parish Life Expenses include Hospitality supplies.
- Music Expenses include substitute organists, sheet music, and organ repair.
- Pastoral Care Expenses include expenses for our Parish Nursing Program.
- Property Expenses YTD Includes R&M of the church, Parish House, Youth House, Rokeby Rd Property, and grounds plus 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.

Provided by John Schroeder, Treasurer

Instructions for 2026 Online Giving:

These instructions are for making an online donation (using a credit card or bank account) towards your 2026 pledge or any other ministry *using our new 2026 online giving platform*. If you haven't already made a pledge and would like to do so, **please complete a pledge card first** and return to the church, ATTN: Patricia Redsicker.



1. Scan the QR code or visit <https://stbsbaltimore.churchtrac.com/give>
2. On the landing page, click on "Sign in" and then "Create an account".
(If you do not wish to create an account, you will only be able to pay using a credit card, not your bank account.)
3. Once signed in, enter a dollar amount and state the category/ministry you are donating to e.g. Pledge, Altar Guild, Music etc. (You may also select to help cover the card fees).
4. On the next page you will enter your credit card or bank account details, and then follow the prompts to complete the transaction.
5. If you have any questions, please reach out to Patricia Redsicker (Assistant Treasurer) via email: predsicker@stbs-md.org or text: 410-972-1807



New Beginnings #13



How Much Do I Love My Neighbor?

by Drew Brown

Many if not all of my lifestyle choices affect my neighbors, and usually in a negative way. Where I live, what I live in, how I travel, what I eat, what I wear, how I garden—thinking about this gives me headaches! Some of my decisions are easy, but some are constrained by infrastructure and policies in my community.

Fossil fuel energy use -- cars, utilities, computers, etc. -- causes poor air quality as well as climate change. My fossil fuel use is a function of my transportation choices, which are influenced by transportation options, which are governmental decisions. The Good Drew would go all solar/electric, right? Personal care products, many of which contain endocrine disrupters, can be hard on the skin microbiome and on the environment when they go down the drain. OK, this is an easy one for me—I can use very gentle products. Food choices are mostly an easy fix for me—local, organic as

much as possible, community garden (so many greens now!), little meat. This reduces pollution produced by food production and transportation. Splurges? Sure, but will they help drown my Dorchester County or Bangladeshi neighbors? Sigh...

There are resources I use to check what actions are worthwhile: Environmental Working Group (<https://www.ewg.org/>), Global Footprint (<https://www.footprintnetwork.org/>), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (<https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/>). And talking to fellow Creation Caretakers and friends helps. I find areas I have ignored or methods I haven't tried. Advocating at work, at church, and in my community can be disheartening when others ask not "What's the right thing to do?" but "How much will it cost?" How much is my neighbor worth?

Hope Harbor CDC is Moving Forward

Hope Harbor Community Development Corporation (HHCDC) successfully bid on a property at auction recently – our first house! Pictured above, 100 S. Kossuth Street is in the St. Joseph neighborhood. Two grants we received this year will provide funding to help us renovate and then sell the property. It will be a few months before we can begin, as all houses sold at auction must pass through a legal process that usually takes a few months – but we are making progress.



Summer Volunteer Opportunities at 40 West Assistance and Referral Center

Summer is near! It's a great time for us all to exercise our faith through service. 40 West is in the process of designing volunteer activities for the summer. These activities will also be opportunities for students to earn service hours. Please contact Bill Webster, Center Director, if you or someone in your family would like to participate. Email: director@40west.org or voicemail: 410-233-4357.

🌀 **Community News**

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has announced a series of public open houses to determine a fiscally responsible path forward for the Baltimore Red Line.



The agency will engage community members in May to evaluate alternative delivery strategies, including project phasing and revisiting transit mode, to help ensure the long-awaited east-west connector continues moving forward toward construction. The Red Line open houses will engage the public in open conversations on ways to continue to advance the project, while recognizing current federal and state realities.

Topics discussed will also include the financial considerations for three options:

- Proceeding with the full 14-mile light rail project
- Phasing the light rail project by splitting it into smaller portions over time
- Revisiting bus rapid transit

Your input is essential to MTA's decision-making on how to move the project forward, taking into account community needs, budget, and time constraints. Please plan to join us to learn more and provide feedback at one of the upcoming open houses:

A graphic titled "OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE" for the Baltimore Red Line. The left side has a red background with the Red Line logo at the top, the text "Join our OPEN HOUSES" in white, and a speech bubble saying "Share your feedback!" next to a yellow silhouette of a person. The right side has a light yellow background with a grid of four open house events, each with a location pin icon, date, time, and address.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE	
Baltimore County Saturday, May 2 10 AM - 12 PM (noon) Woodlawn High School 1801 Woodlawn Drive Baltimore, MD 21207	Downtown Baltimore Tuesday, May 5 3 PM - 5 PM Baltimore War Memorial 101 N. Gay Street Baltimore, MD 21202
West Baltimore Thursday, May 7 6 PM - 8 PM Edmondson-Westside High School 501 N. Athol Avenue Baltimore, MD 21229	Southeast Baltimore Saturday, May 9 11 AM - 1 PM Southeast Anchor Enoch Pratt Library 3601 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21224

A Poem for Rogation Sunday and Spring

submitted by Janet Aldrich

On the fifth Sunday after Easter (this year, May 10), the Episcopal Church celebrates Rogation Sunday, which serves as a day of prayer for agriculture and care of the earth. In honor of this day, I offer the transcription from a booklet that offers “advice” from trees for how we humans might live fully and responsibly within God’s creation. The author’s words are gleaned from what trees already “intuit” so well about sustaining themselves and their fellow trees (I highly recommend the book (or the documentary!) *The Secret Life of Trees* by Douglas Wohlleben for the science behind this!) During this season, may our bloodstreams course with the sap of the Spirit and keep us conscious of our interconnectedness to one another and all living (and vital non-living, natural) entities!

The Things Trees Know

- ❖ Stand tall. But bend when you need to.
- ❖ Be a shelter to someone.
- ❖ Know that being beautiful is the same thing as being yourself.
- ❖ Reach for the Light
- ❖ Release the light you’ve found.
- ❖ Respect your elders.
- ❖ Go ahead, get big!
- ❖ Make fresh air, not hot air.
- ❖ Know that the brightest blossoms are not always on the tallest trees.
- ❖ Don’t let things eat away at you.
- ❖ Want green and living thoughts? Stand in a green and living wood.
- ❖ Be well acquainted with the moonlight.
- ❖ Know that to attain the sun is simply to go on seeking it.
- ❖ Keep your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground. Most of the time.
- ❖ Know that the big trees are just little trees that keep going.
- ❖ It’s simple: If you are living, you’re growing. If you’re growing, you’re living.
- ❖ Remember...Dreams are the seedlings of Realities. And it is often from the fertile soil of failure that they grow.
- ❖ Give your fruits freely.
- ❖ Keep a green tree in your heart and the singing bird will come.
- ❖ Touch the wind, but let it go. Touch the earth, and hold on tight.
- ❖ Grow where you are planted.
- ❖ Sometimes all there is to do is endure.
- ❖ Sun, storm, drought: let these sculptors do their work.
- ❖ Each life becomes a part of the landscape. It becomes someone’s landmark.
- ❖ All trees fall, but Life doesn’t end, it only changes. The fallen tree keeps giving, and in all that grows around it, rises once more.

~~ from the book *The Things Trees Know* by Douglas Wood (but images are from Google!)

(As always, dear readers, it is important to state that my interpretations of poems (and the images) in this column are solely my own and in no way suggest or assume the theology or intention of the author! ~ JDA)



Kindness and Compassion in a Chaotic Climate

by Liz I. Best

In a world consumed by storms—political tension, natural disasters, war on the horizons and the daily news cycles—kindness and compassion shine as steady beacons for followers of Christ across denominations. The chaotic climate may threaten our peace, yet it also invites us to embody the gospel of Jesus Christ in practical, transformative ways.

For the believer, Scripture anchors our response to chaos in this season of our lives. In Mark 12:31, Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is a reminder that kindness crosses borders, traditions and denominations. The Apostle Paul also urges us to “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32). In moments of discord, these verses call us to hospitality, keen listening, and service over judgment or withdrawal.

The Good Samaritan model found in Luke 10:25-37, expands mercy beyond who is “deserving” and it challenges us to assist strangers, refugees, the marginalized, and those crushed by hardships of varying sorts to include the homeless, job loss and food insecurities.

Across denominations, practical steps unite us. They lend a listening ear to those rattled by the news; teach us to share resources with neighbors in crisis; volunteer time in local shelters, food banks, help disaster-response teams; advocate for the vulnerable with humility and integrity; and cultivate patient and hopeful prayer that fuel tangible generosity. Kindness is not sentimental but a courageous posture which speaks truth in love, offers a meal or a ride, and allows us to pray with someone in need.

As followers of Christ, our compassionate actions become living testimonies--a light in the chaos, a healing touch, and unifying witnesses that the gospel brings peace, reconciliation, and renewed hope. It also reminds us to “Let all that you (we) do be done in love” as noted in 1 Corinthians 16:14.

We should always remember that we are never alone. God is everywhere with us all of the time and despite the chaos and uncertainties we face. God is the only constant source of peace and calmness in our lives. Our devotion to God, faith walk, kindness and love for each other, should encourage each of us to trust Him in this unpredictable and chaotic season of our lives.

Racism and Christianity Task Force

We are looking for members to participate in the committee to complete the work started back in 2022 to share St. B's original story and its connection to enslaved people. This committee will be confronted with the task of addressing reconciliation and repairing the breach of our past actions. Questions to be answered will include: Whom have we harmed and how? What have we done to restore our relationship with God and our neighbors? How do we most faithfully fulfill our vision and mission as a congregation? Where are we headed? All are welcome! We look forward to getting started shortly. Contact Ayodele House (AyodeleHouse@msn.com) to learn more.

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



Please join us in praying for those in our parish undergoing surgery or other acute challenges: Sharon Selleck; Bates Churchill; Vince Marsiglia; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Sandra DeSilva; Vivian Thompson and family.

And for those who need our continuing prayers: Keith Harding-Harper and family; Leah Kulp; The Rev. William Edmonds; Nikki Groomes; Samantha Borris; Vanessa and Jim; Brian; Stacey and Daniel; Alexander Lukens; Olly Henry-Wilson and family; Michele

Bloomer; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Clinton Reavis; Odette During; Yvonne and Otis Johnson; Kimberly Hayes; Tom McNeil; Vivian Morton; Grace; Kathy; Tijon Cox and family; Debbie McClellan; Bryce Kaspar; Irene Hardy; Larry Brown; Phoenix DeVale; Robin Blackburn; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; Nathan; Jean McElroy; Bernice; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed; the unhoused; and all people touched by war and other forms of violence worldwide.

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**The deadline for the
September/October issue of
The Apostle
is August 17**

Please e-mail articles or photos to adam@stbs-md.org.