

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning September 6, 2020



Greetings St B's!

The "What's Happening" is a great source of information — letting us know about all the "stuff" we can participate in and enjoy.

I trust it remains informative. So please keep taking a look to see what will be happening.

Above all, please be safe and wise — AND prayerful for those you love and our neighbors near and far. That is the best What's Happening!

And stay tuned.

Blessings,
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Sunday Join us at 10:00 am when we "Zoom" into worship. A **Back to School Blessing** will be offered for all students, teachers and anyone involved in education. Remember to have your school-related item handy (pencil, book, etc.) for the blessing!

At 8:00 am, **Weed and Worship** takes place. Schedule your time and garden space with Celeste Thurston (jazzedupct@comcast.net).

Youth Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Be on the lookout for the date of our next gathering. Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com) for the link to join. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!

† **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 Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Monday The office is closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

Tuesday A Sankofa Circle meets via Zoom at 11:45 am.

At 7:00 pm, the **Daughters of the King** meet via Zoom.

Wednesday The **Flea Market** opens from 5:00 to 7:00 pm with special shopping hours for St. B's family and friends.

At 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets.

Thursday At 10:00 am, the **40 West Assistance and Referral Center** distributes food to TEFAP-eligible families on the Parking Lot.

The One Straw Farm **CSA pick-up** takes place in the Parish House Kitchen beginning at 4:30 pm.

The St. Bartholomew Choir in the COVID Era: Our principal choir at St. Bartholomew's is open to all older youth and adults, with or without previous singing experience. While our usual pattern has been suspended during the current pandemic, we plan to hold Thursday evening meetings at 7:30 pm on Zoom. These "rehearsals" will offer anyone the experience of singing "with" us while being in the comforts of home. All are welcome to "join in" without any obligation; please contact ted@stbs-md.org or the church office for more information, including Zoom login details.

Saturday The **2020 Flea Market** is open to the public from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

What's the most effective way to help a friend or neighbor get connected with God?
Invite them to Zoom Worship one Sunday!

Community Notes ...

St. B's 2020 Flea Market! Shopping dates include

- ◆ Wednesday, September 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm—Special shopping hours for St. B's family and friends!
- ◆ Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 to 10:00 am.
- ◆ Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 to 10:00 am.
- ◆ Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

Shop safely! Face coverings are required. Distancing will be controlled with a limited number of shoppers at a time in each department.

Departments include Housewares, Jewelry, Electric & Electronic Goods, Clothing/Accessories/Linens, Collectibles, Seasonal, Toys/Games, Books, Furniture, Sporting Goods, and Plants.

Questions? Contact Celeste Thurston at Celeste_Thurston@comcast.com or Mary Helen Sprecher at mhsprecher@gmail.com

Reminder! Please bring you plants for the Plant Booth on Saturday, September 9 by 8:00 am.

Join the 40 West Churches for **Community Prayers for Our Neighborhood and Our Nation**. Gather at Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church this Friday, September 11 on the front lawn at 5:30 pm (weather permitting). Please wear a face covering and practice compassionate distancing

Voting is an important way that each of us contributes to society and our democracy. Please see the attached flyer that the Outreach Committee has prepared with helpful tips on voting safely in the Baltimore area. We shouldn't let the health concerns associated with coronavirus keep us from doing our civic duty! Voting by mail is the safest way, but we need to request ballots soon (the deadline is October 20th at the latest). Please consider sharing the flyer with your neighbors, friends and family. The Outreach Committee is working to help every parishioner register and vote. If you need help with registering or requesting a mail-in ballot, or you have questions and want to talk about it, contact one of the voting workgroup volunteers:

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The League of Women Voters will have a voter registration table on Flea Market Saturdays in September, and we're planning special voter "help sessions" via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details!

40 West is offering food distributions weekly outside on the parking lot at St. B's. Upcoming distribution days are Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 am (for TEFAP eligible families); Thursday, September 17 at 10:30 am (for seniors age 60 and older who live in Baltimore City); and Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 am (Pantry on the Go for anyone in need).

The 2020 U.S. Census count ends September 30. Have you been counted? Self-report to the U.S. Census Bureau – Online at my2020census.gov or phone: 1-844-330-2020. Over ten years, for every person counted, the community receives \$18,000 in federal funds for schools, roads, senior centers, Medicaid, etc. The number of Maryland's Congressional representatives is determined by the census. Personal information (name and birth date) is confidential and by law cannot be shared with any other government agency. You can refuse to give any information you like. Nobody is asked for citizenship status. You could say it's the count that matters!

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

September 20 We celebrate **St. Bartholomew's Day**.

October 3 The **Blessing of the Animals** takes place at 4:00 pm.

A blazing beacon moment of the week: _____ !