

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning September 13, 2020



- Sunday** Join us at 10:00 am when we “Zoom” into worship.
At 8:00 am, **Weed and Worship** takes place. Schedule your time and garden space with Celeste Thurston (jazzedupct@comcast.net).
At 1:00 pm, the **Choristers** gather via Zoom.
Youth Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Our next gathering takes place next Sunday, September 20! 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** A **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom at 5:30 pm.
The **Finance Committee** meets via Zoom at 6:30 pm.
At 7:00 pm, the **40 West Board** meets via Zoom.
- Tuesday** A **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom at 11:45 am.
At 6:15 pm, the **Vestry** meets via Zoom.
- Wednesday** At 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets.
- Thursday** At 10:30 am, the **40 West Assistance and Referral Center** distributes food to Seniors living in Baltimore City age 60 and older 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 (for older youth & adults)** gathers via Zoom at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis (ted@stbs-md.org) or the church office for more information.
- Saturday** The **2020 Flea Market** is open to the public from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

Community Notes ...

St. B's 2020 Flea Market is open! Remaining shopping dates include **Saturday, September 19 and 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.

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:

Inez Haynie Dodson, ddihd2@verizon.net, 410-624-4053

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Invite A Friend to Zoom Worship!
A personal invitation is a signpost pointing towards God.

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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 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!

On Saturday, September 26, Hope Harbor offers a **Family Tech Workshop — “Protecting Your Digital Wellbeing”** on Zoom from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Another Chance to Show Our Thanks!

The Outreach Committee would like to take one more opportunity to encourage parishioners to consider writing brief notes of thanks to those who make a difference every day. Here are some local essential service providers:

- ✓ Write to your child's teachers, principals, school counselors and the kind people giving out lunches at school sites this summer. If you don't have children, send a note to your nearest school.
- ✓ Consider thanking those who work in the funeral industry. This has been a challenging time for many of them, and they are sometimes overlooked when it comes to protective equipment. For the location nearest you, the Red Book Funeral Directory is a good resource. (Redbookfuneraldirectory.com)

And as always, don't forget about:

- Baltimore Southwest Police Precinct; 424 Font Hill Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223
- Giant Food and Pharmacy; 4624 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229
- One Straw Farm; 19718 Kirkwood Shop Rd, White Hall, MD 21161
- US Post Office; 340 S Loudon Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229
- Saint Agnes Medical Center; 3455 Wilkens Ave, Baltimore, MD 21229

Don't know what to say? How about

THANK YOU so much for the essential service you are providing during this troubling time. I am grateful for your dedication and hard work, making sure our community has what it needs. As a member of Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, I want you to know we are praying for your health and safety every day of this crisis.

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: _____ !