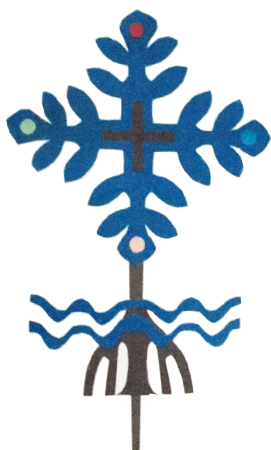


ST. JOHN'S WAY



THE ST. JOHN'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for St. John's, Broad Creek. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent, draw the seekers, and increase our numbers. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

VISION STATEMENT

St. John's will continue to grow as a positive source of comfort and love in the lives of our diverse parish family. The surrounding community will come to know us as a welcoming, inclusive shelter in a world of uncertainty, and a source of help in crisis.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's Church is an inclusive community of faithful believers and earnest seekers, where worship is the foundation of our common life, and where the Holy Spirit moves us to gather and thrive as a loving extended family while reaching out to serve our neighbors with the Good News of God's Love.



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WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO “SELL” CHURCH?

What is the best way to “sell” church? In the past week, I have driven past three billboards promoting local churches and their clergy. (I’m pretty sure a billboard size picture of me is not going to inspire church attendance!) Used to be, all you needed to do was place an ad in the “yellow pages” and make sure you had a listing on the “church page” of your local newspaper. Those days are long gone! Now, churches advertise on Google and Face Book. There are HUNDREDS of articles debating the merits of online advertising for churches. Yet, when it comes right down to it, the most effective means of “selling” church is word of mouth. That’s right - all you need to do is ask! “You know, I really love my church! I think you might like it too. Would you like to join me one Sunday?”

For years, I have quoted this statistic: The average Episcopalian invites 1.6 people to church. (Oh, and that is not per year...that is over their ENTIRE life.) Turns out, that statistic is outdated, the average has dropped. The average Episcopalian now invites 1 person to church in their lifetime. This is – quite literally – killing us.

I learned new statistic at the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Regional Assembly: **86% of people would say YES if they were invited to church.** In other words, people want what we have to offer, but we Episcopalians are not very good salespeople...in fact we stink at this.

What would make “selling” St. John’s easier for you? Training? Your own “business cards” so that you have something to give people? Talk to me! I want to hear your experiences of inviting people to church and help you if I can!

In closing, a priest friend of mine recently found the following left anonymously in her mailbox:

“My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these traits. Therefore, with God’s help, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.”

Best Love, Sarah



The Rev. Sarah Dadds Oldenstol



Relocating History

The Rev. Sarah Dodds Odderstol

The **Addison Family Cemetery** has been moved from Oxon Hill to St. John's Grave Yard. For years, your former Rector, Marc Britt, and members of the Broad Creek Historical Conservancy fought valiantly to protect the Addison Family Cemetery on Oxon Hill as development chipped away at the land surrounding it. Recently, development won out and the State of Maryland approved relocating the historic cemetery.

In August, two archeologists began careful excavation of the Addison graves. On October 26th, forty Addison ancestors were reinterred in the St. John's Grave Yard. The monuments found at the Oxon Hill site have been relocated here as well and new markers will indicate the burial sites of those ancestors that have been identified.

Once work is complete here in our Grave Yard. There will be a Festive Eucharist and Celebration here at St. John's. Descendants of the Addison family, members of St. John's and the public will all be invited to attend. You will be notified as soon as we have a date!

As a part of our 325th Celebration, we will be inviting members of the Addison family to share their knowledge of their family's history and its deep ties to St. John's Broad Creek. We have also invited the archeologists who conducted the excavation and survey of the Oxon Hill site to share their findings with us.

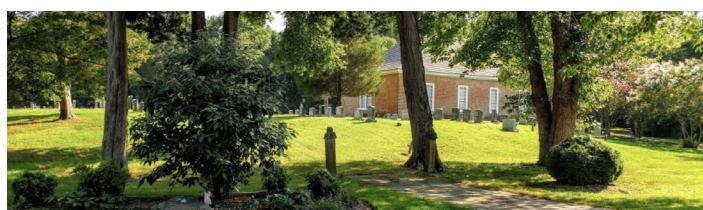


**Church administration,
accounting, and community in
one place**

Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm®. Realm primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church.

Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff and volunteers, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of faith here at St. John's.

Stay tuned for more news about Realm!





SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK ATTENDEES: Pastor Sarah Odderstol,
Sandra Bouchelion, Charles Day

ASSEMBLY OUTLINE

- Greetings and Fellowship
- Welcome, Call to Order, and Opening Prayer
- Faithful and Fruitful Ministry
Bishop Mariann
- Investing in a Common Future: FY18 Budget
- Evangelism and Community Engagement
- To Live and Share a Compelling Faith
Bishop Mariann
- Elections
Canon Paul Cooney
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment

ELECTIONS

Diocesan Council

Shall elect one clergy representative

Diocesan Council is the governing board for the diocese and is empowered to act on behalf of diocesan convention while it is not in session (the other 364 days of the year). Council collaborates with the bishop in developing and executing the diocese's mission strategy, develops and presents a diocesan budget to convention, and authorizes diocesan expenditures.

Southern Maryland will elect its clergy representative who will serve for a three-year term ending at diocesan convention in January 2021.

Saturday, October 28
St. Paul's Piney Parish
4535 Piney Church Road
Waldorf, Maryland

**Did You Know that 86%
of new members
attending the Episcopal
Church are there because
an existing member
invited them to attend?**
**Try it and see
it work for St. John's!**

SAVE THE DATES!

JANUARY 26, 2018
Pre-Convention Welcome

*A joyful night of renewal, jazz, food, fellowship,
and conversation the evening before convention.*

JANUARY 27, 2018
The 123rd Diocesan Convention



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Standing Committee

May elect one clergy and one lay nomination

Standing Committee serves as a council of advice to the bishop; approves various stages for people in the process toward ordination; considers requests from parishes to sell or encumber property; and in the absence of a bishop, serves as the diocesan ecclesiastical authority. It is made up of four clergy and four lay people for a total of eight members. Candidates are nominated at each of the eight regional assemblies each year and are elected by the Diocesan Convention.

Southern Maryland may nominate one lay person and one clergy person to stand for election to Standing Committee. These candidates will then be listed on the ballot for Standing Committee elections at Diocesan Convention in January.

Alternate Deputies to General Convention

May elect one clergy and one lay nomination

The diocese elects four clergy and four lay alternate deputies to represent the diocese at the House of Deputies of the General Convention.

The next **General Convention of The Episcopal Church** will be **July 5 through July 13, 2018** at the **Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas**. Alternate deputies are nominated at regional assemblies and are elected at diocesan convention.

Southern Maryland may nominate one lay person and one clergy person to stand for election. These candidates will then be listed on the ballot for General Convention alternate deputy elections at diocesan convention in January.



Closing Song and Blessing

Christ has no body here but ours,
No hands and feet here on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he looks on this world with kindness.
Ours are the hands with which he works, Ours are the feet on which he moves,
Ours the voices with which he speaks
To this world, with kindness.
With our touch, our smile, our listening ear Embodied in us, Jesus is living here.
Let us go now, filled with the Spirit Into this world, with kindness.

St. Teresa of Avila/Brian McLaren



2017 Annual WOW Tea

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea." - Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*



More on page 7.

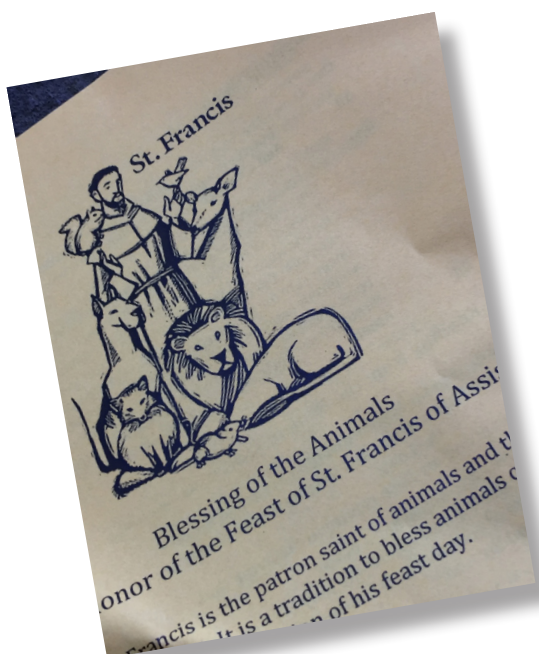
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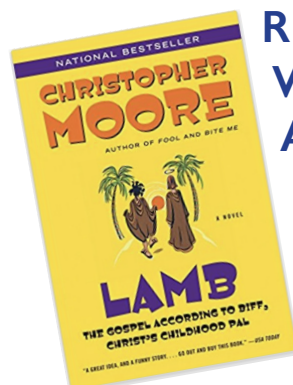


BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 1 many came out to have their furry friends blessed - honoring the Feast of St. Francis. Here are only a few photos of this year's participants - there were many more. While some arrived later; some did not come at all but had their picture blessed instead. And yes, all our four-, two-, or no-legged (like snakes:) family members had a great time.



Saint Francis Patron of Animals so loved the animals we remember him as a friend and protector to them. Legends tell how beasts and birds were susceptible to the charm of St. Francis' gentle ways, how they entered companion with him and often felt protected by him. It is said birds listened so reverently to his sermon along the road near Bevagna Francis chided himself for not having thought to preach to them before. He also found great delight and solace in simple things such as the rising sun or flowers, all aspects of nature.



READ & WINE ABOUT IT

Our November read is "Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal", written by Christopher Moore.

All are welcome to join the discussion - just bring a snack or wine to share.

Check page 11 for next book club meeting.

LOOK WHO'S GOING TO DINNER...

Pam Ritter

The raffle for the Dinner with the Bishop ended on Sunday, October 29.

The winners are: Bea James, Sarah Odderstol (2), Charles Day (3), Edith Pulscak, and Chris Sherard.

We want to hear all about it ...



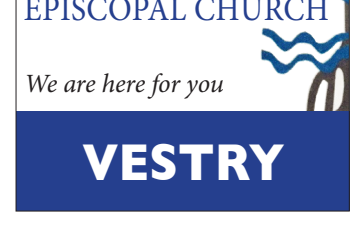
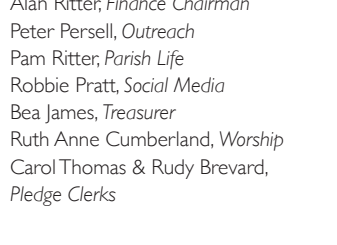
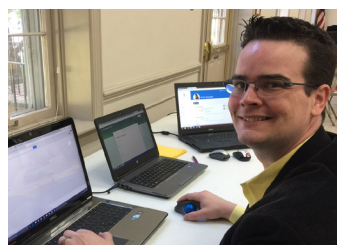
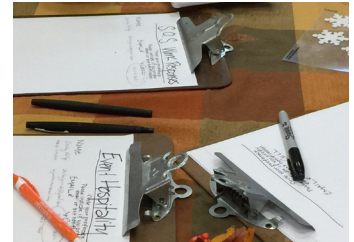
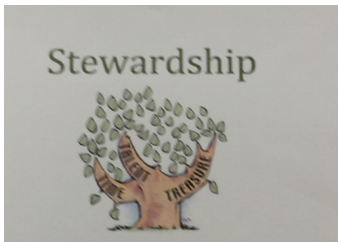
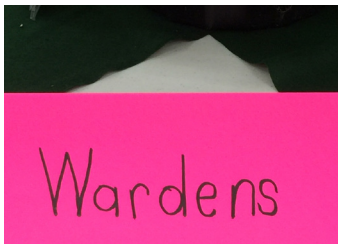
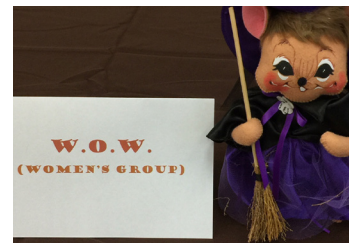
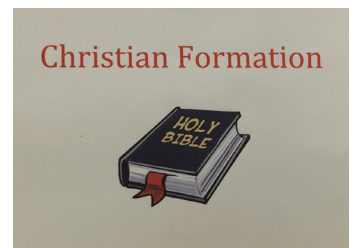
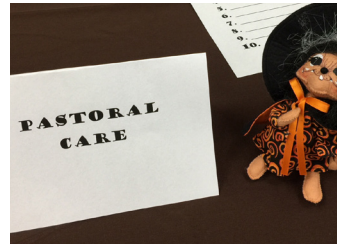


ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, October 22, vestry members, officers, and outreach leaders held the 1st St. John's Ministry Fair in Bayne Hall. All were invited to learn about opportunities available for starting or restarting one's SPECIAL SERVICE to St. John's mission.

Attendees discovered specific ways to serve matching personal talents, interests, and available time. As always, all enjoyed great food, activities for the kids and a chance to meet and greet people from both Sunday services.

Sign-up for services continues to be open, simply seek out a vestry member or any of the other leaders.



ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Michael Lacy, Senior Warden
 Willy Alexander, Junior Warden
 Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary
 Barbara Duncan, Administration
 Karen Jones Herbert, Communications
 Peter Ulrich, Christian Formation
 Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman
 Peter Persell, Outreach
 Pam Ritter, Parish Life
 Robbie Pratt, Social Media
 Bea James, Treasurer
 Ruth Anne Cumberland, Worship
 Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard, Pledge Clerks

THE ST. JOHN'S
 BROAD CREEK
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

VESTRY



FINANCE



THE FINANCE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU AND YOU!

The membership of St. John's Finance Committee is down to its bare bones.

We need some new members to share with us the work we do for St. John's.

We meet monthly on the second Thursday evenings of each month with occasional small work assignments in between meetings.

We do not just crunch numbers at every meeting; we have many spirited discussions and decision making.

Please contact ALAN RITTER with your interest at 301.292.3490.

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Community inspires generosity.

What inspires you to give? How much to pledge? What can you do?
Find out by talking to a vestry member.

2018 ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR COMING SOON

Look out for the new St. John's calendar - your picture may be in it.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Life has been very busy since the last newsletter.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care visiting those who are unable to make it to church. If you would like to take part in the wonderful ministry of St. John's, please contact Diann Puzon.

MEN'S GROUP

There will be a meeting on November 12 between services.

You are invited to come and help us plan for the next Fish Fry*. See more about the last event on page 10.

WOW ANNUAL TEA*

WOW had their Annual Tea which raised over \$5,000.

In the next few weeks you will see new cabinets and new sink Bayne Hall. This is just one of the projects that the proceeds from the Tea supports.

Look for more improvements in the future. Our next meeting will be on November 7 at 11 a.m. All are welcome. We will go to lunch after the meeting.

ACOLYTE TRAINING/RETRAINING

If you are an ACOLYTE or interested in becoming an ACOLYTE, contact stjohns1692@verizon.net.

Before we know it, the Advent Season will be upon us. Look in your bulletins for coming events.

RECYCLE FOR ST. JOHN'S

- **DON'T put your aluminum cans** (soft drink, beer, juice, etc.) in your county recycle bin! Small metal items, including aluminum cans may be dropped off at St. John's. Place items in the recycle bin or outside the kitchen door.
- **DON'T throw away scrap metal** (pipes, gutters, screens, aluminum siding, doors, etc.)!
- **DON'T let contractors take away old material** after having new gutters, siding, etc. installed! Call Kathy Mierke at 301.292.3624 for pick up.

Usual recycling pick-up is on Mondays and handled by Kathy and Jim.

ALL METAL, INCLUDING COPPER, ALUMINUM, BRASS, AND IRON, WILL BE COLLECTED.

All recycled material will be sold and all proceeds given to St. John's. For any questions, call Kathy at 301.292.3624.



Happy Anniversary!

48 years and going strong:
Pam and Alan Ritter



REMINDERS





THIS IS US

St. John's family members share their stories, accomplishments, trials, and tribulations

DOING UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

Peter Persell

1. Feed the hungry

Work at the Fort Washington Food Pantry for an hour a week or an hour a month.

2. Teach the children

Tutor a child with Homework Helpers on Tuesdays; Give school supplies for Church World Service School Kits.

3. Protect the vulnerable

Make a financial donation to Prince George's County Family Crisis Center

4. Help mothers, girls, and their children

Make a financial contribution to the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church Women

5. Support victims of natural disasters

Give to Episcopal Relief and Development and Church World Service

6. Treat refugees and immigrants as you would treat other Americans

Engage with refugees and immigrants; discuss among ourselves how to do this best.

7. Be polite, smiling and kind to everyone you encounter

8. Call, write, text, email and meet with elected officials to let them know that you expect them to feed the hungry, teach the children, protect the vulnerable, help women, girls and children and respond compassionately and effectively to natural disasters

9. You have many other great ideas. Share them!

Pastor Sarah, your vestry and those involved in these activities, are ready to provide practical advice on how you can get involved to help out.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

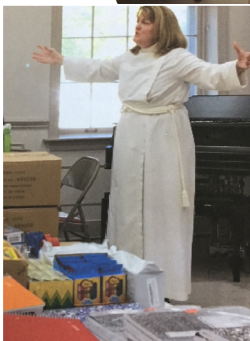
ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH

Peter Persell

Thanks to all who contributed to the CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS) School Kits.

We were able to send **100 completed kits** to the CWS warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland.

They have already been delivered.



CLEAN-UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Nothing beats the smell of freshly polished pews.



St. John's Clean-Up Day was Saturday, October 21. At 11 a.m., volunteers arrived, rolled up their sleeves, put on their work gloves, and brought any necessary items needed to get St. John's ready for the fall/winter season. Work was done in the buildings and on the grounds.

Thanks to all the volunteers - you make us shine!

ST. JOHN'S FISH FRY

Pam Ritter

"Finger-lickin' good"

The St. John's Men's Group just hosted another successful Fish Fry Drive-Thru on Friday, October 20 from 4-7 p.m. The cost per dinner was \$10.

The proceeds of \$300 will go to the James Herbert Memorial Fund.



The food was delicious and the customers happy: *"A full belly and a happy heart."*

Can't wait for the next catch!

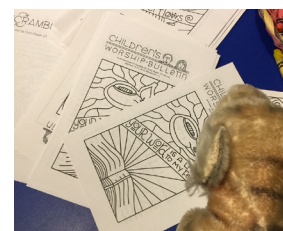
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children are very much a part of the St. John's worshipping community.

Before each Sermon, Rev. Sarah shares a "Children's Message & Sermon" with Children (young and old).

No child is too young to join the St. John's family.



PRAYER CORNER



HEAVENLY FATHER, GIVER OF LIFE AND HEALTH: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who Minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for Archbishop of Canterbury: Justin; Presiding Bishop: Michael; Bishop of Washington: Mariann; Rector: Sarah

Pray for the President, the Armed Forces of the United States and our Allies, and for the people and emergent leaders of Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, and all the countries in the world that are in turmoil, as well as for our enemies and those who wish us ill. Pray for our Parish, especially our Staff, our Vestry and its Officers, and our Ministries and Committees.

Pray for Claudette Brooks, Lucky Bubes, Vincent Carter, Carole, John Dearing, the Godwin family, Jean Gunter, Anthony Lee, Lana Neil, Alexis McCann, Caitlin Elizabeth Meyers, John Novotney, Loretta Penn, Mildred Sawyer, Mary Shue, the Thiers family, Elizabeth White, and Walter Woodall.

Pray for the Repose of Mrs. Godwin, mother of Winston Godwin; and Wolfgang Thiers, former member of St. John's.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jean Anderson-Jones

Dates and times are subject to change, please check with the office at **301.248.4290** or online at **www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org** for changes/updates.

BIBLE STUDY*

Wednesdays
10:15 a.m. after Wednesday Worship
and 7 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays
9:30 a.m.

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays
7 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monthly on 2nd Thursday
7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP

Wednesdays
9:30 a.m.
Eucharist followed by Bible Study*

Sundays
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

YOGA

Mondays
7 p.m.
\$10 per session

BALLET CLASSES

Ages 10-16
For information, call Ms. Batts
at 301.575.4465.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, November 5
Set the clocks back
ONE hour

S.O.S. SING ON SUNDAY

Music for Children and the Young at Heart
Children of all ages are invited to practice their faith through music and art! S.O.S meets on the First and Third Sundays of every month in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. We will meet on 5th and 19th of November. Please join Sarah and Libby to make a joyful noise and share some good fun!

WOW MEETING

Tuesday, November 7
11 a.m.
Lunch at Charlie's after the meeting

VETERANS' DAY

Friday, November 10
Office Closed

VETERANS' SUNDAY

Sunday, November 12
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Sunday, November 12
Between Services

VESTRY MEETINGS

Thursday, November 16
(Monthly on 3rd Thursday)
6 p.m.

INGATHERING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 19

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 23 and
Friday, November 24
Office Closed

READ & WINE ABOUT IT

Bookclub Meeting
Tuesday, November 28
7 p.m. (Addison Room)

ADVENT SERIES

Wednesday, November 29

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For information, contact
Stephenie Ratty at 301.248.6665.

ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

Shirts are \$20 each.
Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

MILLER FARMS PIE SALES

Pies are \$15 each
Place your orders on Sundays,
November 5 and 12. Delivery will be
November 19. Advance sales only.
Payment due with pie order.
See Alan Ritter for details.

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you wish to donate to help victims of the recent hurricanes, please use the form on page 8 of the newsletter or, you give your donation to St. John's and we will compile all to give one large donation.

KICK-OFF EVENT FOR 325 YEARS ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, December 17
Family event with a potluck supper and recreation of celebrations and traditions of the period.

325 YEARS ST. JOHN'S

Anniversary Celebrations
Friday Evening, April 20 through
Sunday, April 22, 2018



NOVEMBER

RuthAnne Cumberland
Karen Herbert

Faith Chisholm
Edith Pulscak



AS WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES ON ALL SAINT'S DAY....

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, I remember you.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, I remember you.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, I remember you.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, I remember you.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, I remember you.

When I am weary and in need of strength, I remember you.

When I am lost and sick at heart, I remember you.

When I have joys and yearn to share, I remember you.

As long as I live, you too will live, for you are a part of me and

I will always remember you and I will always love you.

RESPONDING TO HURRICANES



Credit NOAA

It has been a devastating hurricane season. While Hurricane Harvey battered communities in Texas and Louisiana, Hurricane Irma has caused destruction across the U.S. and the Caribbean.

Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us in prayer and support for communities affected by these terrible storms.

In partnership with the Episcopal dioceses of Texas and West Texas, we continue to respond to urgent needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Katie Mears, Director of the US Disaster Program, traveled to Texas to collaborate with church partners to assess damage and needs, check on current relief work and map out a strategy for impacted areas in both dioceses.

Episcopal Relief & Development is also in touch with Church partners affected by Hurricane Irma, to best support responses.

"We have been in regular contact with our partners in the affected areas," said Abigail Nelson, Episcopal Relief & Development's Senior Vice President of Programs. "Even as we face enormous communication challenges in some areas, we know our church partners have a deep presence in their communities which allows them to quickly and effectively respond and care for people. We are supporting them in this critical work."

Your contribution to the Hurricane Relief Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance for those affected by Hurricane Irma and future storms.

To help care for those affected, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

ST. JOHN'S IS REACHING OUT

St. John's is gathering new school supplies to assemble kits for children in refugee camps and for needy children in the U.S. We are giving the kits to **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS)**. All contributions, large or small, are greatly needed. Money contributions will buy missing items and cover shipping and CWS's handling costs (\$2 per kit). Please bring supplies to church any Sunday, beginning September 3. **For more information, contact Peter Persell at 301.742.3975.**

CWS KITS



PROVIDE HOPE FOR TOMORROW
School Kits • Hygiene Kits
Emergency Cleanup Buckets



SCHOOL KITS

Supplies needed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter, 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from package
- One box of 24 crayons
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color and kid-friendly fabric; no logos, reusable shopping bags, or backpacks)

This outreach initiative has no time limit - our children need support throughout the year.

Cut along this line

Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Relief Fund to assist those who are in need.

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500
☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Episcopal Relief & Development.

Mail to P.O. Box 7058
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

All gifts are tax-deductable.



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BLUE STAR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Poss Tarpley & Edith Pulsack

"St. John's thanks the Tanta-Cove Garden Club for the installation and continued care of this memorial garden. They just planted hundreds of bulbs in the garden – so look for them this Spring!"

The Blue Star Memorial Garden was established in 2005 by Tanta-Cove Garden Club. The graveyard at St. John's was the site chosen because of the many veterans who are buried there, including veterans of the American Revolution.*



Tanta-Cove continues to maintain the garden with periodic weeding and pruning. Previously Ajuga, which is blue-flowering, was planted around the memorial plaque. It has continued to spread and has been companion-planted with native ferns and Hellebores. This fall 300 Urginea maritima (Squill) bulbs, mostly blue, but with some white, were planted in the open areas in the bed and some dead branches were pruned from the Viburnum shrub that anchors the garden.

Tanta-Cove is grateful to St. John's for allowing the garden to be placed in such an historic spot.

*The Blue Star Memorial Gardens honor all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now National Garden Clubs, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens.

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The Vestry now were John Addison, William Hatton, William Hutchinson, William Tanneyhill, John Emmatt, and James Stodderd.

"Reverend George Tubman"

July 29, 1696, it is recorded: This day the Vestry did call Mr. George Tubman, minister, to preach at the Church of Piscataway the 4th Sunday of August next, and to continue preaching at his appointed times till the Parish is provided with a minister. The said Mr. Tubman being present did accept.

Mr. Tubman was incumbent of Port Tobacco Parish and Durham Parish, which adjoined Piscataway Parish on the south, so that he now thus supplied three parishes.

Historical notes of St. John's Parish, pp.6-7; from manuscript of Rev. Ethan Allen, 1890.

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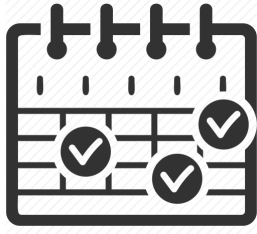
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