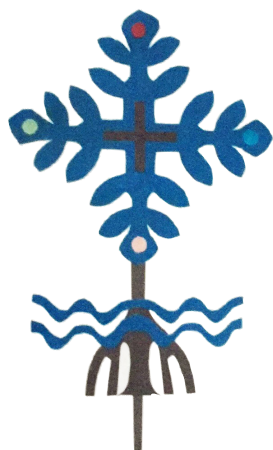


ST. JOHN'S WAY



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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FROM THE PULPIT



How many of you look forward to each year's STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN?

Please, don't everybody raise your hands at once!

It is pretty easy to create a list of why we don't enjoy this process. We don't like being asked for money. We don't like feeling guilty for not giving enough. Many of us don't even like talking about money. This list could go on and on.

But I would argue there might be a deeper reason for our indifference to the annual stewardship ritual: Over the past decades, our campaigns have been budget driven. How much does St. John's need in the coming year to open its doors? Pay its wonderful staff? Keep the lights on? While we hopefully all agree these necessities are just that, they are not always inspiring. What inspires generosity?

I propose that community is what turns ordinary people into good givers. It is in the community that the Holy Spirit suffuses our giving with hope; we hope because we are a part of a community of hope. It's in the community that the Spirit molds our character; we display a life of virtue because we live in a community that values and fosters virtue. And how does the Spirit energize and direct our talents? We allow the community's needs to lay claim on us, and we seek the community's wisdom to help us discern what we are good at. We don't receive the Spirit's hope and the Spirit's gifts... on our own as isolated individuals. They are ours as we are members of a community of giving, whether that community is a family, a circle of close friends or a church.

Community inspires generosity!



**FROM THE PULPIT** continued ...

After our own church was destroyed by the hurricane, the parish I served in Mississippi leased space from a small Presbyterian Church that had not succumbed to the storm. Not only did the two congregations share this space, but it was also home to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Every week teams of anywhere from 20 to 150 volunteers would pass through our shared space. It did not take long to notice that there were people who kept coming back... some came and stayed. As I got to know these "repeat offenders", I asked them about why they kept coming back. What inspired their generosity?

All of them told me that the incredible need that they had seen on TV or heard about had prompted their initial visit. Yet it was the sense of community that they found working and worshipping together that kept them coming back. Everyday they labored to help people who had no way to repay them, still all the volunteers had this sense that they were receiving far more than they were giving.

What inspires you to give? That is a deeply personal question of course. Maybe it is turning on the TV and seeing scenes of devastation and suffering caused by recent natural disasters and wanting, needing to do something. Maybe it is passing by the line of homeless people every day on your way to work and feeling like there has to be a better way to help. Maybe it is seeing a doctor or nurse comfort a friend in their final hours, regardless of how good their insurance is.

Whatever the trigger, the resulting generosity can be powerful for both the giver and the recipient! Hurricane Katrina volunteers kept coming back again and again because they were receiving far more than they were giving. So imagine this: What if this sort of generosity took hold at St. John's? What if our giving wasn't dictated by the budget's necessities, but instead was inspired by new possibilities?

For example, if every pledging person/family at St. John's adopted the practice of budgeting their pledge as a percentage of their income, (let's use 5% of income), our annual pledges would increase by over 50%! If every participating person/family pledged at 5%,

our annual pledges would double! Think of the new missions and ministries such a pledging base could support. I can think of several ideas: A substantial boost to outreach. A part time Christian Formation Minister and increased hours for Jean and Libby. A third service. Work on our property's "curb appeal." Newly renovated bathrooms. This list could also go on and on.

I am not one who does things just because I should. I need to be compelled or inspired. The specter of further dental work compels me to go to the dentist regularly. I would imagine there are those who believe I should tithe to St. John's because I am your rector and that is what I should do. I tithe of my income to St. John's because I am inspired.

I am particularly proud of your vestry. At our last meeting, every vestry member committed to pledge of their first fruits by building St. John's into their budgets. Your vestry inspires me! Children who want to come to church inspire me. Acolytes who step forward to assist in worship and altar guild members who have been volunteering their time for countless years inspire me. Inspiration comes from all corners at St. John's: the W.O.W. Tea, the Food Pantry, Homework Helpers! When our vestry members, treasurer, finance committee, pledge clerks, and administrative assistant prayerfully and carefully take care of the business of our parish, I am inspired. I give because I am a part of a hope-filled community of giving.



The Rev. Sarah Dodds Oldersol

St. John's inspires my generosity!**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*





We all at Saint John's are happy to welcome the talented Ms. Libby Wiebel as our new Minister of Music.



About Libby:

"A number of people I know have been talking to me recently about the idea of 'speaking your truth,' and the more I think about it, the more I've realized that that's what I want to do with my music. It's what I've always wanted. I want to speak my truth... and yours... and the woman who lives down the hall's. I want to tell our stories -- all of our stories."

And Libby has accumulated lots of stories. Born in Iowa, raised in Wisconsin, and currently living in Northern Virginia, Libby's spent time living in Chicago, London and Williamsburg, Virginia and has traveled and met people from all over. While she actualized her dream of performing as a singer-songwriter about ten years ago, Libby had been performing for many years earlier.

Libby plays and teaches classical piano, has performed with several jazz bands, has sung in choirs and on stage, and has been writing songs since she was a child. She picked up the guitar in high school and her copy of Joni Mitchell's "Blue" in college, and the rest was history. Libby loves many genres of music but feels at home with folk music, stating that, "I need the lyrics to mean something. I need what I'm listening to to reach out and touch me, and I can only hope that the music I'm writing will do the same for someone else."



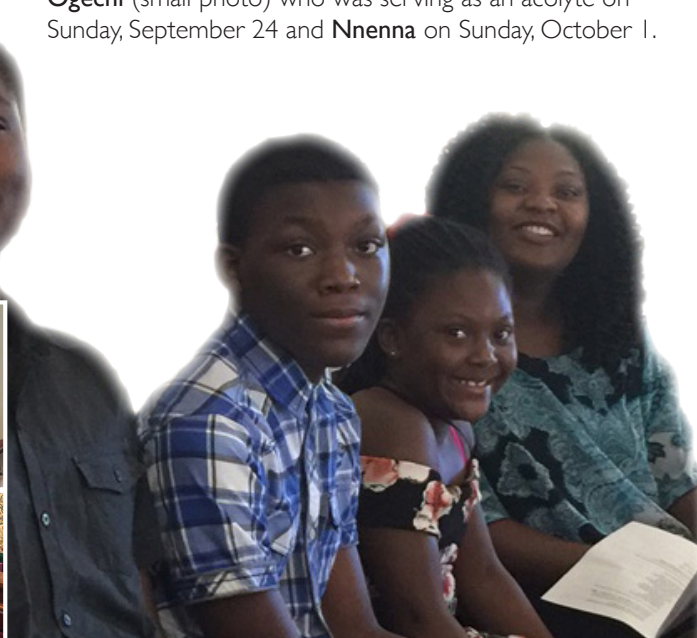
Libby has performed in numerous coffee houses and restaurants from Williamsburg to Richmond and all over the DC area. She's performed at the National Cherry Blossom Festival and has opened for Christine Kane and Emma's Revolution. Her full length album, "The Wait-a-While Estates," came out in 2003, and her EP, "Erasing Yesterday," came out in 2001.

She's got most of the music written for another full length album and after a long wait, is in the planning stages for this new project. She splits her time between performing, teaching, and a job as a computer programmer.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Birgitt Brevard

Sunday worship at St. John's is certainly a Family Affair for the **Enwughala's**.



Looking beautiful, all smiles, and always involved - just like **Ogechi** (small photo) who was serving as an acolyte on Sunday, September 24 and **Nnenna** on Sunday, October 1.



FINANCE



Alan Ritter, "Mr. 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.

PARISH LIFE

It's October, where did September go!

W.O.W. was hosting the popular Annual Tea (more on the Tea in the November issue).

In the next month we will have a new cabinet and sink in Bayne Hall (replacing the old

one that is falling apart) and four new upper cabinets over the butcher block table. Look in your bulletin for a meeting date for the Men's Ministry and for the Parish Life Committee.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION October 22: ADULT FORUM

Between services – extended coffee hour.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- We have received donations and commitments of enough crayons and pencils to fill 100 CWS School Kits. We have received commitments of scissors and notebooks to cover some of our needs.
- We still need a minimum of 12 blunt scissors and 20 100-page notebooks OR 30 70-page notebooks.
- All other contributions are most welcome.
- For more information, check out the flyer on page 7.

PASTORAL CARE

- If you know of someone who is ill, in the hospital, or unable to get to church and would like a pastoral visit, please leave their name in the little wooden box in the back of the Church or contact Diann Puzon or the Church Office.

ACOLYTE TRAINING/RETRAINING

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



Roberto Rivera,
New Acolyte

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.

REMINDERS





THIS IS US

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

"IT'S NOT FAIR"

Birgitt Brevard

One penny, two pennies, five pennies - it does not matter how many we have - God loves all his children equally.

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:1-16)



WORSHIP MINISTRIES TRAINING

Jean Anderson-Jones

Do you serve as a LEM (Lay Eucharistic Minister), Chalice Bearer, or a Lay Reader?

Would you like to be responsible for reading and occasionally crafting the Prayers of the People?

If you are not already involved in these Worship Ministries at St. John's, would you like to be?

Pastor Sarah has scheduled training to talk about the theological significance of Worship Ministries, to refresh skills, set expectations, and to train new LEMs, Chalice Bearers, and Lay Readers.

Please RSVP to the parish office to let us know which training (see dates on calendar of events) you will attend: **301.248.4290** or **stjohns1692@verizon.net**.



325TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Barbara Duncan

Save the date for a weekend of celebration festivities:

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

Kick-off event:

Sunday, December 17
the 3rd Sunday in Advent,
also known as "Stir up Sunday"
(Family event with a potluck supper and recreation of celebrations and traditions of the period.)

325 YEARS OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BROAD CREEK



New painting by Peter Ulrich

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 Sarah Ballard, Nancy Bloomenshine, Richard Bowden, Francie Briddell, Claudia Brooks, Vincent Carter, Carole, John Dearing, Jane Hudnall, Donita and Mark Jefferson, Anthony Lee, Lana Neil, Alexis McCann, Caitlin Elizabeth Meyers, John Novotney, Loretta Penn, Mildred Sawyer, Mary Shue, Elizabeth White, Harry Whitehead, and Walter Woodall.

Sylvia Blake, LaDeborah Boozer, Randy & Edie Burgess, Tony Carter, Barbara Drake, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter, and the Uniake family.



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
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cwskits.org

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.**



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.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Tickets available for October 1
See Edith Pulsacak.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 1
2 p.m.

S.O.S. SING ON SUNDAY

Music for Children and the Young at Heart
Beginning Sunday, October 1 and
continuing on the FIRST and THIRD
SUNDAYS of every month in the
Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. Children must
be accompanied by an adult.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES TRAINING LAY READERS

Sunday, October 1
• After 10:30 a.m. worship
12 p.m. in the Church
Tuesday, October 3
• 7 p.m. in the Church

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday, October 8
• After 10:30 a.m. worship
12p.m. in the Addison Room

VESTRY MEETINGS

Thursday, October 19
(Monthly on 3rd Thursday)
6 p.m.



ADULT FORUM "PARISH STORIES"

Sunday, October 22
9:15 a.m.

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For information, contact
Stephenie Ratty at 301.248.6665.

ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

Shirts are \$20 each.
If you are interested, call Karen Herbert
at 301.440.4294.

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you wish to donate to help victims of
the recent hurricanes, please use the
form on page 9 of the newsletter or,
you can 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. More in the
next newsletter.

325 YEARS ST. JOHN'S

Anniversary Celebrations
Friday Evening, April 20 through
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OCTOBER

Alan Ritter,
Jean Anderson-Jones,

Poss Tarpley,
Mary Ann Tyrrell,

Gayle Lacy

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.

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

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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The deadline for the next issue of "St. John's Way" is Thursday, October 26, 2017.

Submissions can be left in the newsletter box in the church office; either as hard copy, on CD, or on a flash drive. You also have the options to mail or email your submission, as well as sending it via fax to 301.248.7838.

Please email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, and questions to Karenlynn47Herb@yahoo.com.

Always remember the October 26 deadline.

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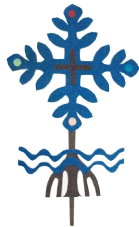
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