

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018
ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Mother Church of the Diocese

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KING GEORGE'S **PARISH** (Also known as Broad Creek Church)

In 1692, when the Church of England was formally established in Maryland, the colony was divided into thirty parishes. One of these was Piscataway, now King George's Parish, whose boundaries stretched from Mattawoman Creek to the ill defined Pennsylvania border, including the future District of Columbia and northwestern Maryland.

History of the Church Buildings

In 1694, the vestry ordered that Capt. John Addison of Oxon Hill purchase land and obtained a contractor to build a church. A 78 acre parcel known as "Little Hall" was conveyed to the Vestry by George Athey on December 3, 1694. A wooden church building was completed there in 1695.

The building now standing is the fourth on this property. The first is said to have been destroyed by fire after a few years. William Tyler, a carpenter, started the second in 1707 with a contract price of 50,000 lb. of tobacco. The Vestry was also to supply much of the material and help to raise the frame.

Several years were required for completion. In 1722 the Vestry contracted John Lane to build a church with brick, and one of the vestrymen, Capt. Thomas Middleton, to shingle the roof. In 1765, the Vestry of King George's Parish, as it was now known, contracted with Thomas Cleland to enlarge the brick building by extending the north and west walls and, building new walls on the east and south. Ten months later, he was authorized "to have the whole of the old brick taken down" and to build a completely new building.

This structure, completed in 1768, is the one now standing. The church building was extensively refurbished starting in 1914 which added a baptistery alcove at the front center of the gallery. Stained glass windows were introduced, and asbestos shingles in a diamond pattern were laid on the roof in place of the cedar or cypress shingles previously used. The congregation began an extensive program of preservation and restoration in 1969. The most visible results of this program are in an open interior plan, the plastering of the interior walls and the ceiling, restoration of windows and gallery, new roofing, and the removal of a brick chimney. New pews were installed in 1990.

Notable Clergy in Parish History

John Fraser was the first rector, although at least three men had been engaged to hold services during the years before his installation. Fraser served from 1710 to 1741. The next incumbent. Henry Addison, served even longer, from 1742 to 1789, although he, like many Anglican clergy, was exiled to England during most of the Revolutionary War. Walter Dulany Addison, Henry's nephew, was rector from 1801 to 1809. He was notable as an early social activists in a period when this was a highly exceptional activity for Episcopal clergy. He fought vigorously against the practice of dueling, even riding to the White House on one occasion in an attempt to induce President Thomas Jefferson to stop a dual. He publicly opposed slavery and freed those slaves, which he had inherited. He also actively assisted the founding of several Episcopal parishes in the District of Columbia, and assisted a congregation of black Methodists to establish a church in the vicinity of Oxon Hill. As a young newlywed, he lived for a short time at Battersea (Harmony Hall).

CLERGY IN	ST. JOHN'S HISTORY
1710 – 1741	John Fraser
1742 – 1789	Henry Addison
1789 – 1801	Unknown
1801 – 1809	Walter Dulany Addison
1835 - 1836	John Woart
1836 - 1879	Unknown
1879 – 1889	William L. Hyland
1889 – 1895	Unknown
1895 – 1904	Richard T. Kerfoot
1905 – 1907	George C. Groves
1907 – 1925	Unknown
1925 – 1927	Gerald V. Barry
1927 – 1937	Dr. William Hurst Heigham
1935 – 1958	Robert Henry
1958 – 1965	Jack Harris
1965 – 1971	Charles Gill
1971 – 1979	William A. Opel

(Sabbatical: August 12, 1979 - July 6, 1980)

1979 – 1980 Marge Kenney (During Sabbatical) John Coleman (Interim)

1980 – 1981 1981 – 1987 John A. Baldwin

1987 – 1988 Robert D. Herzog (Interim)

1988 – 1997 Lauren A. Gough

1997 – 1998 Susan Gresinger (Interim)

1998 – 1999 John A. Frizzell (Interim)

1999 – 2014 Marc L. Britt

2014 – 2017 Stephen Rorke (Interim) 2017 -Sarah Dodds Odderstol

St. John's Today

Presently, St. Johns is a lovely, partially wooded eight-acre tract containing about five acres of open space with three buildings, and a variety of small ancillary structures. Throughout the year, the campus is ablaze with color as the Kwanzan cherry trees, daffodils and dogwood trees welcome Spring and Summer and is celebrated with the brilliant colors of the crape myrtles which form a canopy over the brick walkway to the Church.

But most importantly, St. John's is the spiritual home for many residents in its surrounding communities. It continues to grow in grace and maintains its place as a vibrant and contributing part of the Washington Diocese and the metropolitan area.

The Church – 18th century Colonial-era structure is the spiritual center of St. Johns and is the principal space for worship and music. Restored in the 1970s, the church regularly undergoes upgrading and repair. New windows were installed in 2013, and a new south door will be replaced. The sanctuary contains three keyboard instruments: a historic tracker organ built by Jacob Hilbus in 1817, a large twomanual custom Allen Digital Organ installed in 2006, and an electronic Kawai piano.

Bayne Hall – Built in the mid-1960s, Bayne Hall houses church religious education, meeting and education spaces, and is the principal social space for the parish. Some spaces have been renovated including the Addison Room, the Parish offices, the Rector's office, the Nursery, and Sunday School room.

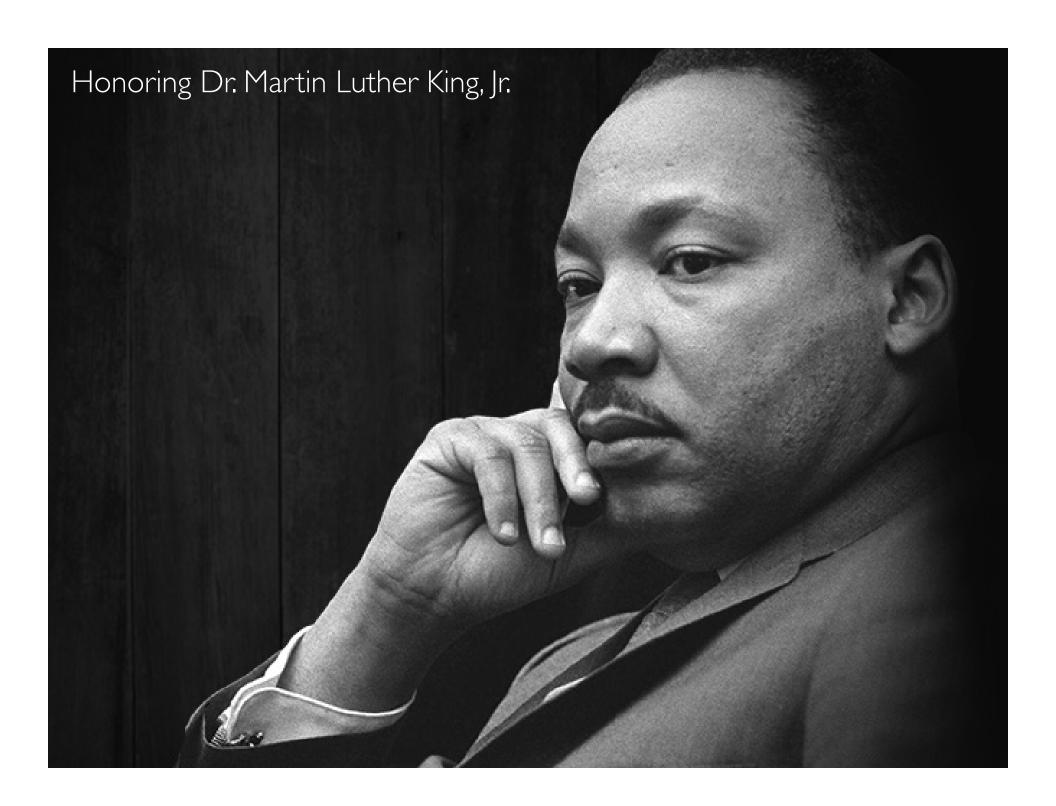
The Rectory – Built on grounds outside the original church boundary, this 1960s-era structure has been home to all our Rectors. The large 4-level home provides welcoming spaces for entertaining as well as a library and meeting room. It was refurbished in April 2015 in preparation for its next occupant.

The Graveyard – The Saint John's church graveyard contains several hundred grave markers dating from 1800 to the present day. Homemade concrete crosses, colonial scroll-top markers, picturesque 19th century allegorical markers, and contemporary granite markers (one with a Saturn V rocket!) surround the church on all sides.



Peace be with you...





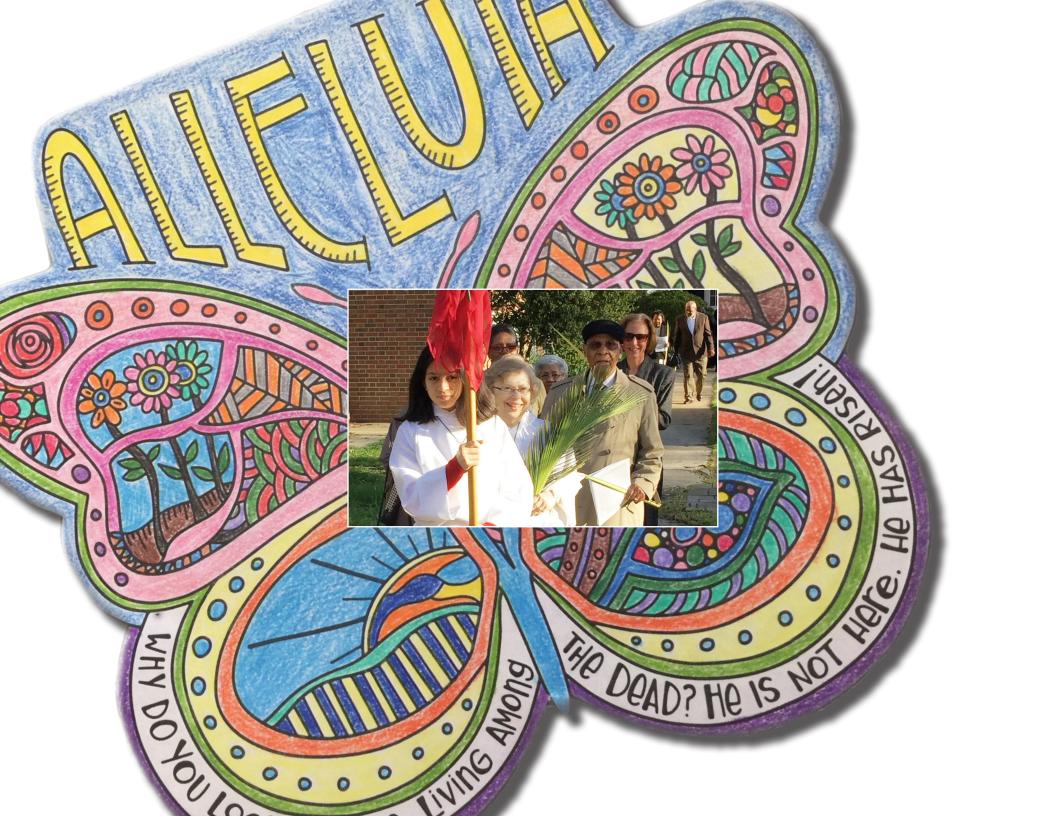
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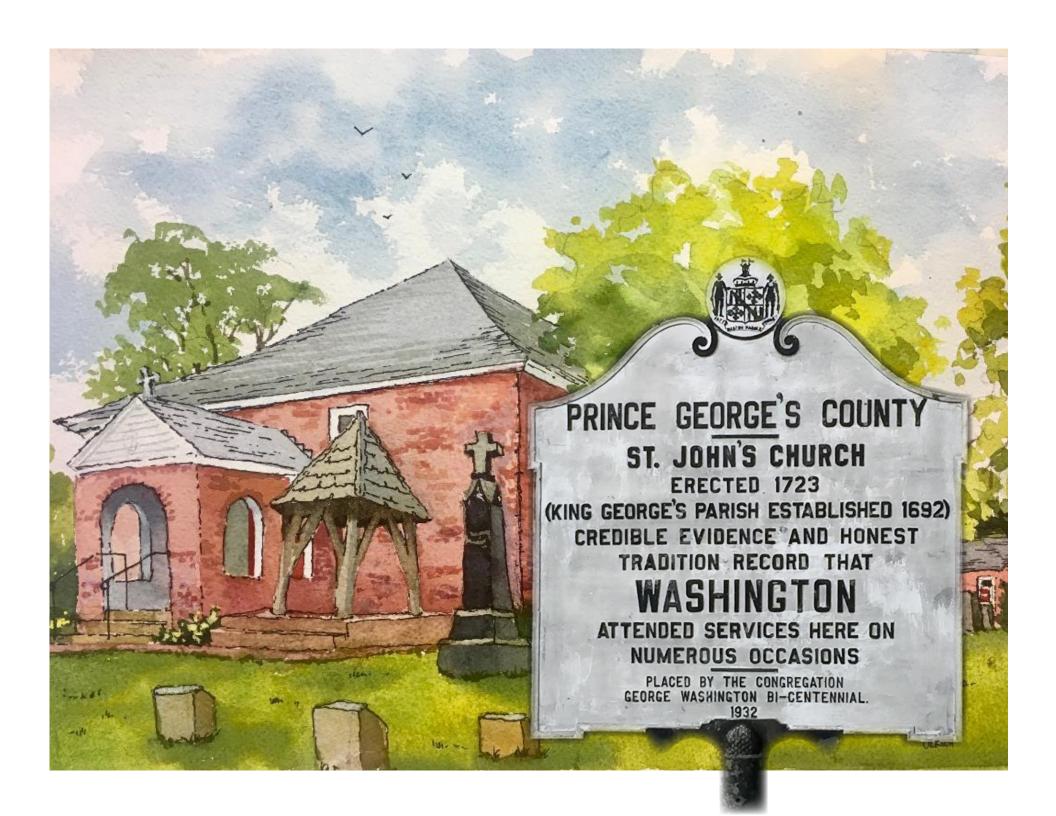
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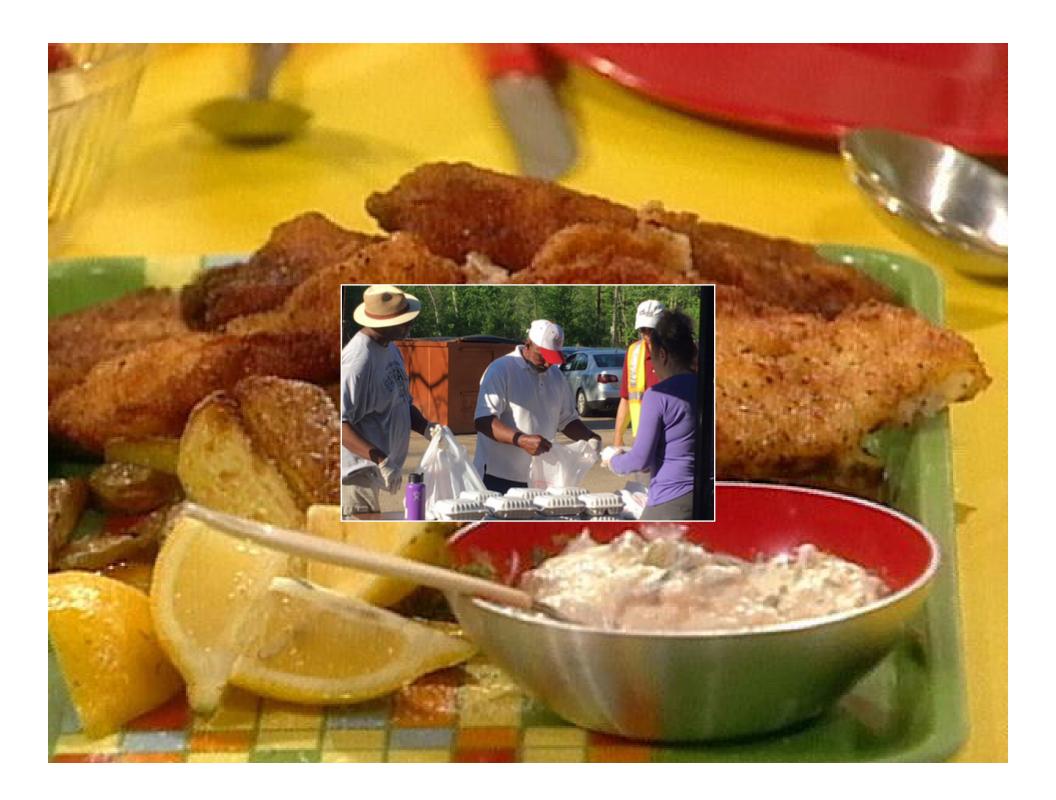
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July 2018

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September 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	,
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
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Labor Day							
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October 2018

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November 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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			Thanksgiving Day			
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December 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
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24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	
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New Year's Eve							

