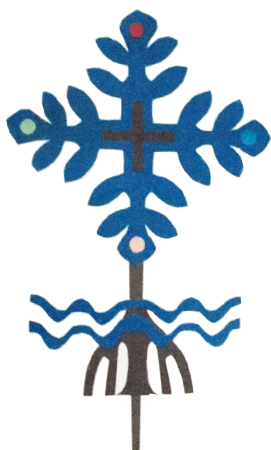


ST. JOHN'S WAY



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



Wait for it ... Wait for it ...

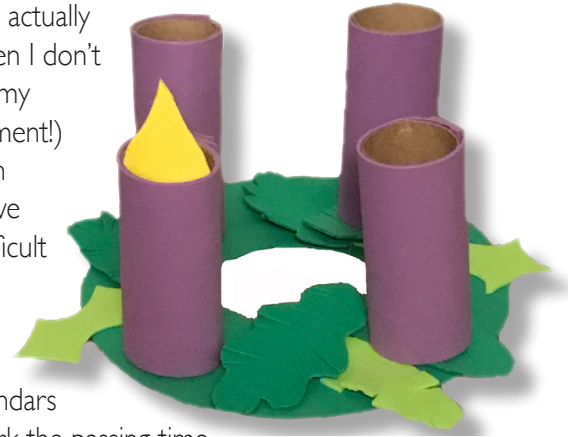
The days leading up to Christmas seem to involve a lot of waiting. Standing in line at the store or post office. Watching for a UPS delivery. Counting the minutes until the cookies come out of the oven. Waiting is hard. Waiting is holy work.

In Christian traditions that follow a liturgical calendar, like the Episcopal Church, there is an entire season devoted to waiting – to prayerful anticipation. We call this season Advent. The name derives from a Latin word for “coming.” During Advent we wait while we are waiting. We wait to celebrate our annual remembrance of the birth (coming) of God-with-us, Jesus the Christ, all the while we are waiting for Jesus to return (come again) and to rule over creation. We are waiting for the Kingdom of God (God’s plans for creation) to be fully realized. God’s plans for creation were revealed in the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Stories in the Bible tell us what God’s Kingdom might look like – there will be peace and justice for all of creation – the lion will lie down with the lamb.

When my children were very young, I quickly discovered that learning to wait was one of the most important skills I could teach them. Truth be told, we learned how to wait together. Eric’s military career had us relocating very frequently – we rarely stayed in one location longer than two years. We were ALWAYS waiting for what was next. In order to thrive as a military spouse, I had to learn how to be fully present to where I was and to what I was doing...while I waited.

I carried a bag of quiet toys and good books that only came out when we were waiting (at the doctor’s office, at the gate in an airport). We created some fun traditions around waiting – like going to 711 for a Slurpee every time we got lost in a new town. Getting lost became a cause for celebration as

my children waited for me to learn my way around our new location. I deploy these practices with myself to this day. I have “fluff books” that I read only when I am waiting somewhere. (Sometimes, I am actually disappointed when I don’t “get” to wait for my doctor’s appointment!) Our forbearers in the faith must have found waiting difficult too. They created traditions like Advent Wreaths and Advent Calendars to help them mark the passing time.



Waiting can be filled with dread, especially around the holidays. The “hap-happiest season of all” can be very sad for some people. For many, the holidays are a reminder of absent loved ones and broken relationships. In a season that focuses on togetherness, there are too many people who feel isolated. We can get ourselves stuck thinking about the “could haves,” “should haves,” and “would haves” of life. When you talk with others about what you are feeling, you will discover you are not alone in the dread of waiting. If you are feeling lost, come see me. I will get you a Slurpee!

**Ready or not, Christmas is coming.
Sink into Advent and savor the wait.**



The Rev. Sarah Dodds Oddersiel



SARAH'S KINDNESS CHALLENGE

On Christ the King Sunday, November 26th, Pastor Sarah issued everyone in attendance a "KINDNESS CHALLENGE." Kindness is what makes St. John's a special place. The buildup to Christmas can be a time that feels devoid of kindness for many people. Consequently, this is a great time to be intentional about sharing kindness. Being kind is good for you. **Being kind makes the world a better place for everyone.**

Kindness is inextricably linked to happiness and contentment – both at the psychological and spiritual level. Performing an act of kindness produces the single most reliable increase in well-being of any exercise that has ever been tested. Compassion and kindness also reduce stress, boost our immune systems, and help reduce destructive emotions such as anxiety, and depression. One small act of kindness can release an enormous chain of positive events. The miracle of kindness is that kindness is contagious – something you want to share with everyone!

You can participate in SARAH'S KINDNESS CHALLENGE too! Here is the challenge:

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

I challenge you to find one wholly unexpected kind act to do – and simply do it!

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Pay for the coffee/fast food of the person behind you in the drive-thru line.
- Slip money into a book at a bookstore or library.
- Tape money on a vending machine with a note stating, "This snack is on me!"
- Hang out in the baby aisle and offer to contribute towards the diapers/wipes.
- Pay the toll for the car behind you.
- Take the homeless person that frequents the corner by your office a wrapped gift.
- Have pizza delivered to your local police or fire department.
- Go to a local nursing home and ask to visit someone who does not receive many visitors. Bring flowers!
- Serve coffee for folks waiting in line at your local food pantry.

- Put \$ in the RedBox movie when you return it with a note that says, "The popcorn is on us!"
- Take a bottle of hand sanitizer and a box of tissue to your child's teacher.
- Send someone you miss a \$5 gift card for coffee with a note that says, "Wishing we could enjoy a cup of coffee together!"

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS – being kind doesn't need to cost you a thing!

- Write chalk messages on the sidewalk.
- Become an organ donor.
- Write a handwritten note to someone.
- Encourage someone you see working really hard at the gym or at school.
- Leave random notes of happiness and encouragement.
- Leave the closer parking spot for the car behind you.
- Visit someone who is sick.
- Help someone load groceries into their car
- Dry the slides at a park after it rains.
- Record a video love-note and text it to your grandparents or distant friends or relatives.
- Hug somebody like you mean it.
- Offer to put up Christmas decorations for your elderly neighbor. Promise you will help take them down too!

HAVE FUN. BE CREATIVE. TELL YOUR STORY!

If you feel so moved, sign your notes: "A friend at St. John's Episcopal Church – Broad Creek"

Please share your experiences on our Face Book page or by emailing me at pastorsarah@stjohnsbroadcreek.org.

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

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Ruth Anne Cumberland, Worship
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The word "advent," from the Latin *adventus* (Greek *parousia*), means "coming" or "arrival." The Advent Season is focused on the anticipating the arrival of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King).

The worship, scripture readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (his first coming), but also for his eventual second coming. This is why the Bible readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' second coming as judge of all. Also, passages about John the Baptist, the precursor who prepared the way for the Messiah, are read. All of these themes are present in Catholic worship during Advent, which The Catechism succinctly describes:

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease".

Since Advent looks forward to Christ's birth and Incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the

Church Year. However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, Catholics do not sing Christmas hymns, or use Christmas readings, in Mass until December 25th, the first day of the Christmas season.

The official color for Advent is violet (except for the Third Week of Advent, often called *Gaudete* Sunday, in which rose may be used), and the season is somewhat penitential, similar to Lent, although not so explicitly so. The character of worship during Advent is solemn, quiet, and less festive than during other times of the year. In the Catholic Church, for example, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used. The use of violet reflects the general themes of Advent: penitence (generally expressed more in terms of expectant hope) and royalty. Some prominent feasts fall within the Season of Advent, including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Secular culture and many non-Catholic churches celebrate the day of Christmas, but take it outside of the context of Advent and Christmastide. However, Christmas is not meant to be an isolated day, but a festival of the Incarnation in the midst of the Church year. Christmas is only properly understood after having the preparation provided by Advent.

In the midst of the secular excesses leading up to Christmas, Advent provides a welcome solace and an opportunity to continually re-orient ourselves to God's will as we expectantly wait with patriarchs, prophets, and kings for the true meaning of Christmas: the Incarnation of God the Son.

ADVENT HISTORY

The New Testament identifies Jesus as the expected Jewish Messiah, although Jesus was not the Messiah most Jews at the time expected, a warrior who would forcibly overthrow the Romans. The gospel writers are clear that Jesus did not come to establish an earthly kingdom, or deliver the Jewish people from the Romans, but rather he proclaimed a heavenly kingdom available to Jew and Gentile alike. Even though early Christians understood that Jesus reigned in the Church, they knew that all things had not been subjected fully to him, so Christians understood that there existed a future finalization of his kingdom (see Catechism 680). Thus, early Christians eagerly awaited the return of Jesus in glory "to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil," when he would judge the living and the dead (Catechism 681, 682). These prominent Scriptural themes form the basis of our Advent season.

**THE ADVENT SEASON** continued ...

The first clear reference to a celebration of Advent occurs in the 6th century. Prior to this time, there were celebrations and fasts resembling our current Advent season. St. Hilary of Poitiers (d. AD 367) and the Spanish Council of Saragossa (AD 380) spoke of a three week fast before Epiphany. Pope St. Leo the Great preached many homilies about "the fast of the tenth month (i.e. December)" prior to Christmas. The Gelasian Sacramentary (AD 750) provided liturgical material for the five Sundays before Christmas as well as Wednesdays and Fridays. The Western Church eventually settled on 4 Sundays of Advent, which has the season beginning at the very end of November or the very beginning of December, starting immediately after Ordinary Time. Until the 12th century, in many geographical areas, Advent had a more festive tone, and white vestments were still occasionally used. However, Advent became more closely related to Lent as Christ's second coming became more and more a prominent Advent theme, as especially seen in the seventh century Bobbio Missal. Advent proper is unknown in the East, although the Eastern Churches have a long fast before Christmas. This fast lasts longer than the Western Advent season and begins in mid-November. Advent, or the Eastern equivalent fast, is celebrated in all Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

During the Reformation, some Protestants attacked or de-emphasized many Christian holy days and seasons, disconnecting their churches from the rhythms of the Church Year. However, some Reformation churches, like the Anglicans, retained Advent. Possibly because of the liturgical movement, or maybe as a reaction to the excesses of secular Christmas values, celebrating Advent has become more popular in non-Catholic and non-Orthodox churches. Lutherans, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and even many evangelical groups have incorporated Advent into their worship service to varying degrees. However, some churches have fallen short of celebrating the true meaning of Advent, treating the season as more of an early extension of Christmas. As non-Catholics and non-Orthodox begin to rediscover the Church year, Advent (like Lent) is one of the first results, flowing naturally from churches looking to fill in the gaps around Christmas and Easter.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on November 1.

All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism.

It is our custom to include in that day's Eucharistic Prayer the names of our parishioners, relatives, and friends who have died.

The St. John's Family celebrated the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed.

**JESUS' BIRTHDAY GIFT**

(St. John's Annual Christmas Gift to Charity)

St. John's Vestry invites you all to make a financial gift to the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. Special envelopes will be available in the rear of the church from Sunday, December 3, 2017 to Christmas 2017. Cash and checks made out to St. John's Episcopal Church, with Family Crisis Center written in the memo of the checks, will be combined and given by check to the Family Crisis Center in Brentwood, Maryland. Last year, St. John's Jesus' Birthday Gift amounted to \$425.00. Please give generously so that we can exceed last year's total.

The Family Crisis Center operates a critical 24-Hour Crisis Center Intervention Hotline (Phone number (301.779.2100) for victims of domestic violence. Victims are literally rescued from dangerous situations (often in the middle of the night) and provided safe emergency housing for up to several months. Legal assistance and transportation to work, school, court appearances and medical appointments are facilitated. Counseling is provided. The Center separately provides counseling to the perpetrators of violence, often at the order of the courts, in anger management and peaceful dispute resolution.



THIS IS US

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

SEE WHAT THE ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB HAS PLANNED FOR US



ST. JOHN'S WINE TASTING AND CHEESE EVENT

Saturday, December 30 • 3-6 p.m.
Bayne Hall

Tickets: \$10 per person



ST. JOHN'S "A Taste of Ft Washington"

Saturday, April 7 • 3-6 p.m.
Bayne Hall

Tickets: \$10 per person (subject to change)

We are trying to get food trucks to provide the food.



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, Becky Coleman, Jean Gunter, Carolyn Jones, Gayle Lacy, Anthony Lee, Lana Neil, Alexis McCann, John Novotney, Joan P, Loretta Penn, Mildred Sawyer, Mary Shue, Elizabeth White, Walter Woodall.

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



FINANCE



Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"

The St. John's Finance Committee meets 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.

We welcome our four new board members:

Sarah Odderstol, Barbara Duncan, George Stevens, and Sandra Bouchelion.

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.

Please get to track with your pledges.



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.

PARISH LIFE

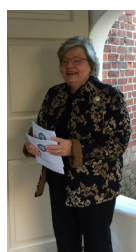
We are looking forward to providing soup and bread for the Advent Series. Soup will begin at 6 p.m. and Advent study at 7 p.m. starting on December 6.

On December 10 we will be decorating Bayne Hall. An enhanced coffee hour will be after each service. We will be making some ornaments to put on the tree – so come and help us and get in the Christmas Spirit.

Watch your bulletins for information about the Men's and WOW group.

Wishing all of you a

*Very Merry Christmas
And A Healthy And
Happy New Year.*



Pam Ritter

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING/RETRAINING

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



REPORTS



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Join the Odderstols at the Rectory for Cookies and Conversation.

Eric's "famous" eggnog will be served!

Please park at church and walk up to the rectory. Also, please be careful, as the walkway is uneven. Very limited parking will be available at the rectory for those with mobility limitations.

**Friday, December 22
6-9 p.m.**

RSVP:

pastorsarah@stjohnsbroadcreek.org

REMINDERS





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.

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.

S.O.S. SING ON SUNDAY!

Sing on Sunday is a special time for our youngest members to experience God through music and art. We gather on the First and Third Sunday of every month at 9:15am in the Parish Hall. Join Libby and Pastor Sarah for Sing on Sunday! Open to the young and the young at heart. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Advent 1

- Learn some Christmas Carols
- Make an Advent Wreath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Advent 3

- Sing some Christmas Carols
 - Stir something up!
- (Learn about "Stir up Sunday")

MESSIAH CONCERT

St. Barnabas Church
Sunday, December 3
4 p.m.

ADVENT SERIES

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20
Soup and Bread
6:30 p.m.
Bible Study
7 p.m.

FREE TICKETS FOR EUDORA BALLET DANCE RECITAL "Follow the Star"

For complimentary tickets, contact the church office.

Recital:

Saturday, December 9
4 p.m.
Crossland High School
6901 Temple Hills Rd., Temple Hills, MD 20748

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

NEW: Sunday, December 10
Family event with a potluck supper and recreation of celebrations and traditions of the period.

DECORATE BAYNE HALL

Sunday, December 10

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Bayne Hall
Tuesday, December 12
7 p.m.

VESTRY MEETINGS

Thursday, December 14
6 p.m.

DECORATE CHURCH

Sunday, December 17

OPEN HOUSE

At the Rectory (see page 7)
Friday, December 22
6-9 p.m.



Geneva Bubes

Michael Lacy

Kathy Mierke

ONE SERVICE

For Advent 4
Sunday, December 24
9 a.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

4 p.m.

FAMILY EUCHARIST AND GATHERED PAGEANT – an early service for those who don't want to be out late! Come early to pick out a costume so you can play a part in a Christmas Story pageant. There will be angel, sheep, and shepherd costumes! Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!

10 p.m.

CAROL SINGING AND FESTIVE EUCHARIST – a traditional Christmas Eve service with all the sights and sounds of Christmas worship! Invite your friends and neighbors!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

9 a.m.

Breakfast hosted by the Odderstol Family in the Parish Hall. Come as you are! First annual slipper contest! (Sarah will have a "very special prize" for the contest winner.)

10 a.m.

Casual Eucharist with Carols!

DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 2

Office Closed

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Stephenie Ratty at 301.248.6665.

ST. JOHN'S 2018 CALENDARS

Calandars are \$10 each.
Please see Sandra Bouchelion.

ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

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



Companion Diocese Committee
Episcopal Diocese of Washington

November 2017

Dear Rector,

As December approaches, we in the Church aim to keep the true meaning and spirit of Christmas alive in the midst of holiday excess and distraction.

Over the past 10 years, thousands of people in the Washington area and beyond have touched the heart of Christmas through the National Cathedral's Simulcast Service with Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine. There, a dwindling population of Christians whose ancestors were among the first followers of Christ, continue to practice their faith in spite of hardships.

They tell us that being linked with worshipers in Washington D.C. and via livestream with others around the US and the world, is an incalculable boost to their spirits and faith.

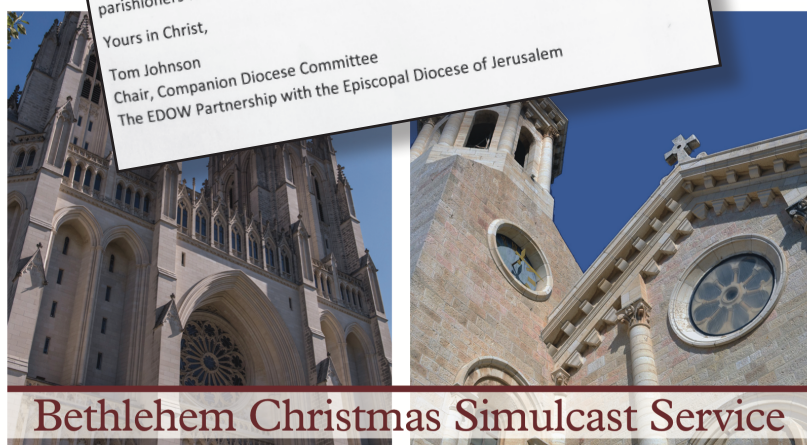
And for us, celebrating the coming of Christ with them in the place of His birth brings unique and special meaning and joy to the holiday.

Enclosed are flyers about the Service. Please post them on your bulletin boards and include ongoing announcements about the Service in your newsletters and calendars.

We hope that you will be able to join us, in person or online, for an unforgettable Christmas experience at 9:30am on Saturday, December 16, and encourage your parishioners to do the same.

Yours in Christ,

Tom Johnson
Chair, Companion Diocese Committee
The EDOW Partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



Bethlehem Christmas Simulcast Service

*On Dec. 16, 2017, share the heart of
Christmas with the people of Bethlehem.*

Palestinian Christians, whose ancestors date back to the first followers of Christ, continue to bear witness to their faith in Bethlehem, Palestine, this Christmas.

Join with congregations at Washington National Cathedral and Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem for this 11th annual Simulcast Christmas Service celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

- Readings, prayers and carols in both English and Arabic alternate between Washington, DC and Bethlehem via live simulcast
- Open to the public and to people of all faiths
- For additional information, please contact:
jerusalem@edowmail.org

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 16

9:30 AM
WASHINGTON

4:30 PM
BETHLEHEM

JOIN US ONSITE

Washington National Cathedral
3101 Wisconsin Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20016

WATCH LIVE ONLINE

cathedral.org
youtube.com/wncathedral

PHOTOS: EXTERIOR, WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL. D. THOMAS EXTERIOR, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS CHURCH, BETHLEHEM. REV. MUNTER ISAAC.

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 PROGRAM IS WORKING...

...thank you - **Peter M. Persell**, Chairperson of the St. John's Outreach Commission!



October 31, 2017

St. John's Broad Creek Episcopal Church
Peter M. Persell, Chairperson of Outreach Commission
9801 Livingston Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Dear Peter:

Thank you for the generous donation of 100 School Kits and \$200.00 to assist with the processing and shipping the kits. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster, displacement, hunger and poverty the tangible evidence that they matter. That someone cares. And they are not alone.

School kits provide the basic tools of learning to children in refugee camps, impoverished schools, homeless shelters and other difficult settings. Since January, over 23,600 school kits have been distributed in the Dominican Republic, Syria, Venezuela, Georgia and the United States.

Joel Edward, General Coordinator at Project Hope, said, "We are so thankful for the donations from Church World Service. During our back to school event, a young girl gave me a hug after I handed her a CWS School Kit. She said that was exactly what she needed to start the school year."

Learn more about the power of your compassion at cwskits.org.

Here at home or around the world, your donations give hope that there is "Enough4All" and ensure that help is never far behind.

With deepest gratitude,

Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO

cc: Rev. Sarah Odderstol, Rector
Mr. Michael Lacy, Senior Warden

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**We make a living
by what we get
but we make a life
by what we give.**

Winston Churchill

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



Save the date for a weekend of celebration festivities:

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

Kick-off event:
Sunday, December 10
the 2nd Sunday in Advent

ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK 325TH ANNIVERSARY!

Barbara Duncan

DID YOU KNOW?

As recorded, the Church had been in existence several years when the Vestry ordered a new roof be put on the Church and seats and benches to be placed therein.

In June of 1699, the Governor issued a proclamation authorizing the chief of the Vestry in each Parish to grant marriage licenses, charging 2 shillings or 100 lbs. tobacco before the license would be issued by the Governor or someone authorized by him.

REVEREND GEORGE TUBMAN

In September, Rev. Mr. Tubman was summoned and appeared before the Governor and Council to answer charges of bigamy, drunkenness and horse racing. On bigamy, the most serious charge, he alleged that he was not married to his wife in England, but lived with her in a state of concubinage.

As to his marriage in Maryland, he received a marriage license from Mr. Coney the incumbent of St. Ann's, Annapolis, but to whom Governor Nicholson denied. The case was laid over.

On October 30th, the Rev. Messrs. Nobbes of St Mary's, Jones of Calvert, and other clergymen being in town, they were requested by the Council to have Mr. Tubman before them and discourse with him. They accordingly did so.

He made confession to what he was accused – touching the license, but said that Mr. Coney gave him a blank marriage license, and he himself filled it up. But so unsatisfactory was the result that the Governor suspended him from officiating. He had no authority for doing so, as the canon law of England placed such authority in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Court only. The Parish was without ministerial service.

In November, it was ordered that Abraham Ford, clerk of the Church, be paid 1500 weight of tobacco for reading divine service on Sundays for the year.

In May of the following year it was ordered that the Vestry House be built. About this time, the Rev. Dr. Bray, the Bishop of London's Commissary for Maryland, had arrived from England and held his visitation of the clergy at Annapolis. On that occasion Mr. Tubman's case and a full account of the proceedings was brought up. Mr. Tubman having manifested his penitence, his suspension was removed. In December of 1701 it was ordered that Rev. Mr. George Tubman preach in this Parish the ensuing year and paid 8000 lbs. tobacco - about 212 dollars. The following entry was recorded at the end of February 1702. "Ordered that Mrs. Tubman, widow of the late George Tubman, deceased, be paid 500 lbs. tobacco."

Historical notes of St. John's Parish, pp.8 -10; from manuscript of Rev. Ethan Allen, 1890.

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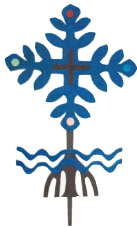
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