



# ST. JOHN'S WAY

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*The Rev. Becky Zartman  
will be with us  
on Sundays while  
Pastor Sarah  
is away.  
THANK YOU!*



### 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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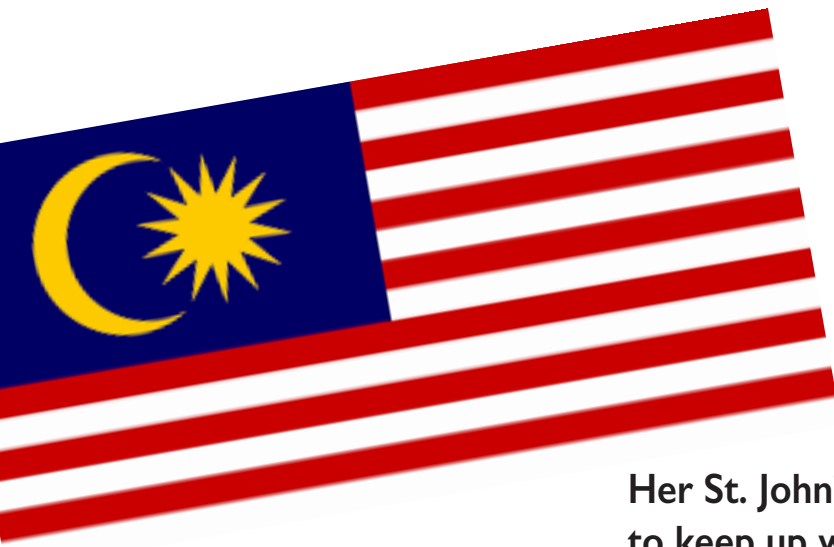
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# Where is Sarah?

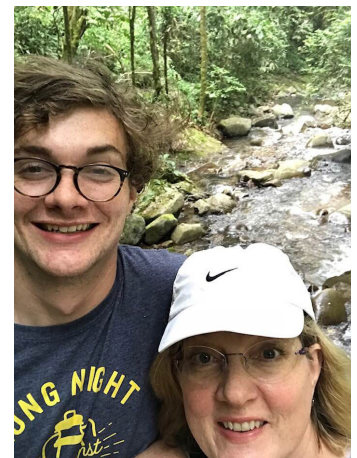
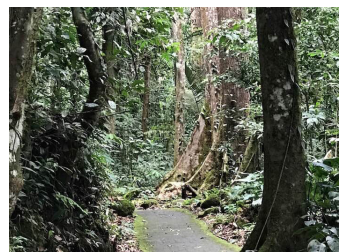
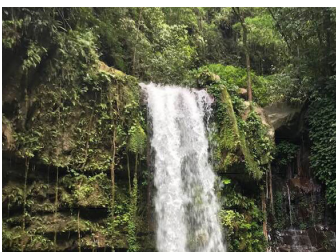
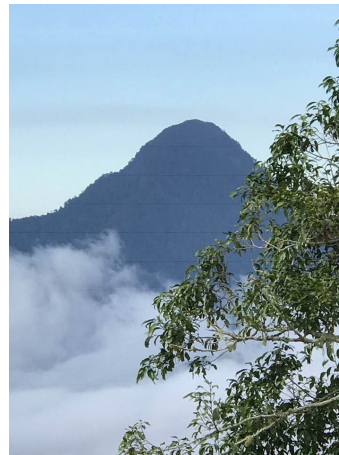
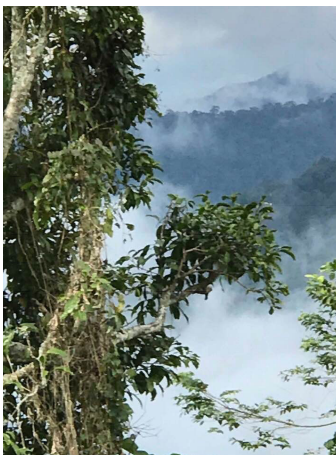


Her St. John's Fan Club is trying to keep up with her ...

Evening in Kota Kinabalu. Fishing boats returning ...



On the drive down from Keningau: misty mountains, waterfalls, another beautiful sunset, and dinner at the fish market ...



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Visiting Gibson's school, and meeting his students, mentors, and fellow teachers was a treat.



Nasi lemak - the national breakfast of Malaysia



In Borneo - walking the markets along the bay - enjoying the beautiful local colors.

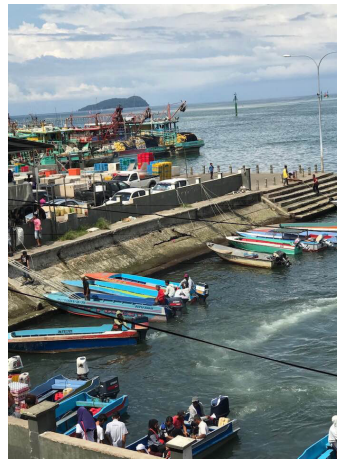


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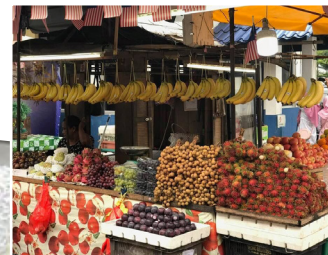




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Enjoying the beauty of The National Mosque, the Islamic Arts Museum, Merdeka Square, and Central Market



To follow Sarah and her family any further, check her out on Facebook at Sarah Odderstol.





# 219 ALL STARS BAND

## concert

### THEY SURE GOT INTO THE SWING OF THINGS ...

On Sunday, October 14, The 219 All Stars Jazz Band had everybody moving. The event was a great success - a high caliber treat for all who attended and a real loss for those who could not make it. *Thanks to the organizers. Keep it coming!*



Sandra Bouchelon and  
Connie Duncan  
Best friends meeting up again after  
long separation due to illness.



Faith Chisholm  
You will never find this lady  
wearing non-matching clothes and/  
or accessories - NEVER.



### Sarah's Children's Message on October 14 included music.

Thank you Libby, Sebastian, and Robbie  
for participating.



### Thank You For An Afternoon With Brahms & Mozart

Soothe Our Souls!  
Beautiful music,  
presented by  
world-class musicians,  
made this event  
memorable for all  
guests on Saturday,  
October 13.







SOURCE: <http://mayflowerhistory.com/thanksgiving/>

## Brief History of Thanksgiving

The tradition of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving is steeped in myth and legend. Few people realize that the Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving the next year, or any year thereafter, though some of their descendants later made a "Forefather's Day" that usually occurred on December 21 or 22. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several Presidents for the creation of Thanksgiving as a national holiday, but her lobbying was unsuccessful until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday.



Sarah Josepha Hale

Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November. This was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941), who changed it from Abraham Lincoln's designation as the last Thursday in November (which could occasionally end up being the fifth Thursday, and hence too close to Christmas for businesses). But the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving began at some unknown date between September 21 and November 9, most likely in very early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by Lincoln to somewhat correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which occurred on November 21, 1620 (by our modern Gregorian calendar—it was November 11 to the Pilgrims who used the Julian calendar).

There are only two contemporary accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving: First is Edward Winslow's account, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621. The complete letter was first published in 1622.



*Our corn [i.e. wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very*

*well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.*

The second description was written about twenty years after the fact by William Bradford in his History Of Plymouth Plantation. Bradford's History was rediscovered in 1854 after having been taken by British looters during the Revolutionary War. Its discovery prompted a greater American interest in the history of the Pilgrims. It is also in this account that the Thanksgiving turkey tradition is founded.



*They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty. For as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were*

*exercising in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty here to their friends in England, which were not feigned but true reports.*

The primary sources above only list a few items that were on the Thanksgiving "menu", namely five deer; a large number of turkeys and waterfowl, cod, and bass; plus the harvest, which consisted of wheat, corn, barley, and perhaps any peas that survived the scorching. To that list, we can probably add a few additional things that are known to have been native to the area and eaten by the Pilgrims: clams, mussels, lobster, eel, ground nuts, acorns, walnuts, chestnuts, squashes, and beans. Fruits and berries such as strawberries, raspberries, grapes, and gooseberries were available growing wild. Pilgrim house-gardens may have included a number of English vegetables and herbs, perhaps things like onions, leeks, sorrel, yarrow, lettuce, carrots, radishes, currants, liverwort, watercress, and others. It is unlikely much in the way of supplies brought on the Mayflower survived, such as Holland Cheese, olive oil, butter, salt pork, sugar, spices, lemons, beer, aqua-vitae, or bacon. It appears the Pilgrims may have had some chickens with them, so likely had access to a limited number of eggs. No mention of swine is found in any account of the first year. They did not yet have any goats or cattle: the first of those arrived on the ship Anne in 1623.

The "Popcorn Myth" would have us believe the Indians introduced the Pilgrims to popcorn at this Thanksgiving: but the Indian corn they grew was Northern Flint, which does not pop well. It was parched to make a simple snack, and the Indians sometimes ground it up and mixed it with strawberries for a cake-like desert. Potatoes and sweet potatoes had not yet been introduced to New England.







# WWW.STJOHNSBROADCREEK.ORG

We are so proud to announce that the new St. John's website is up and running. After the hard work of many people, we were able to go "live" in the week of October 13. Our goal was and is to create a fresh, inviting, and informative site. "Good things take time" and we hope you are pleased with our work.

A website is never "finished" - there is always room for additions and updates. If you have any input, suggestions, thoughts, please send your input to [bsbrevard@yahoo.com](mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com). We promise to carefully take all your thoughts into consideration.

We are also looking for few dedicated people who will help us with posting updated material on the website. Life gets in the way and we need backup to keep our new website running. If you are interested, please talk to Sarah, Betsy, or Birgitt.

Please don't hesitate to explore the new website - that is the best way to get accustomed to it.

Following are a few images and examples from our website.

Looking for something - use the SEARCH link.

Find out what's behind this buttons ...

Sign into REALM by using this link

**ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK**  
SUNDAY SERVICES: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. • JULY/AUGUST ONLY: 9 a.m.

**CREATE. CONNECT. CELEBRATE.**

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**Events Calendar**

| Date/Time            | Event   |
|----------------------|---|
| October 30<br>7:00pm | Homework Helpers<br>St. John's Episcopal Church - Broad Creek<br>Fort Washington MD |
| October 31<br>9:30am | Worship<br>St. John's Episcopal Church - Broad Creek<br>Fort Washington MD          |

[View the Full Calendar >](#)

**Blog - "This Is My Story"**

**Stewardship is a way of life! ~ The Way of Love.**  
by mwelmer | Sep 17, 2018  
"Our annual giving theme this year is Stewardship is a way of life! ~ The Way of Love. We are using The Way of Love, the seven spiritual practices that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry introduced at General Convention, as the foundation for our campaign. Read up here..."

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**Worship Times**

| Worship      | Time    |
|--------------|---------|
| Oct 31, 2018 | 9:30am  |
| Nov 4, 2018  | 8:00am  |
| Nov 4, 2018  | 10:30am |

**Food Pantry** **Ministry Partners** **EDOW** **Resources** **Volunteer**

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[enquiry form](#)

If you want to sign up to volunteer - use this link. All interests are collected by Barbara Duncan.

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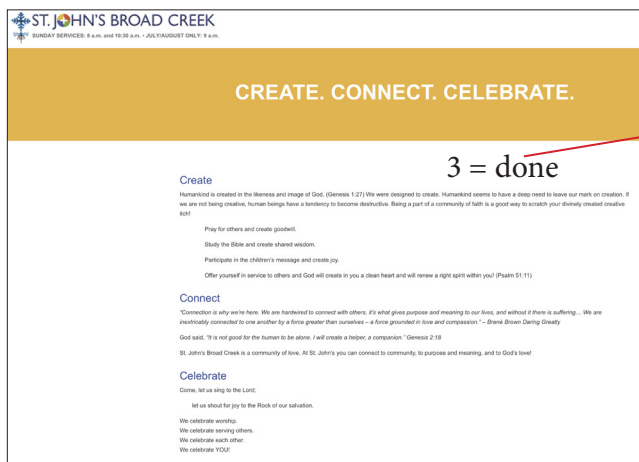




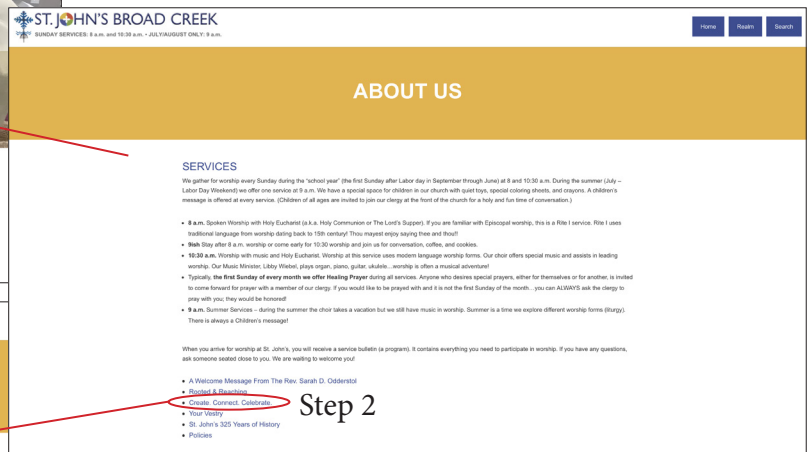
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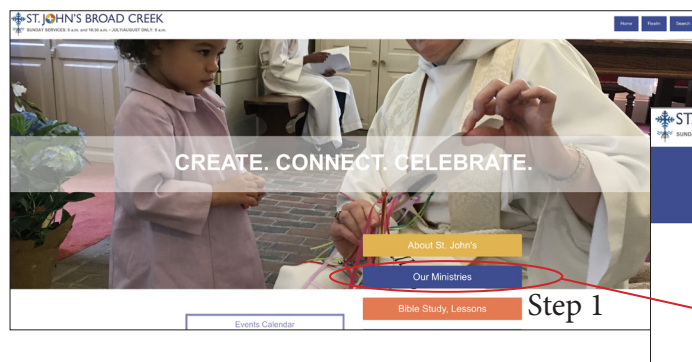
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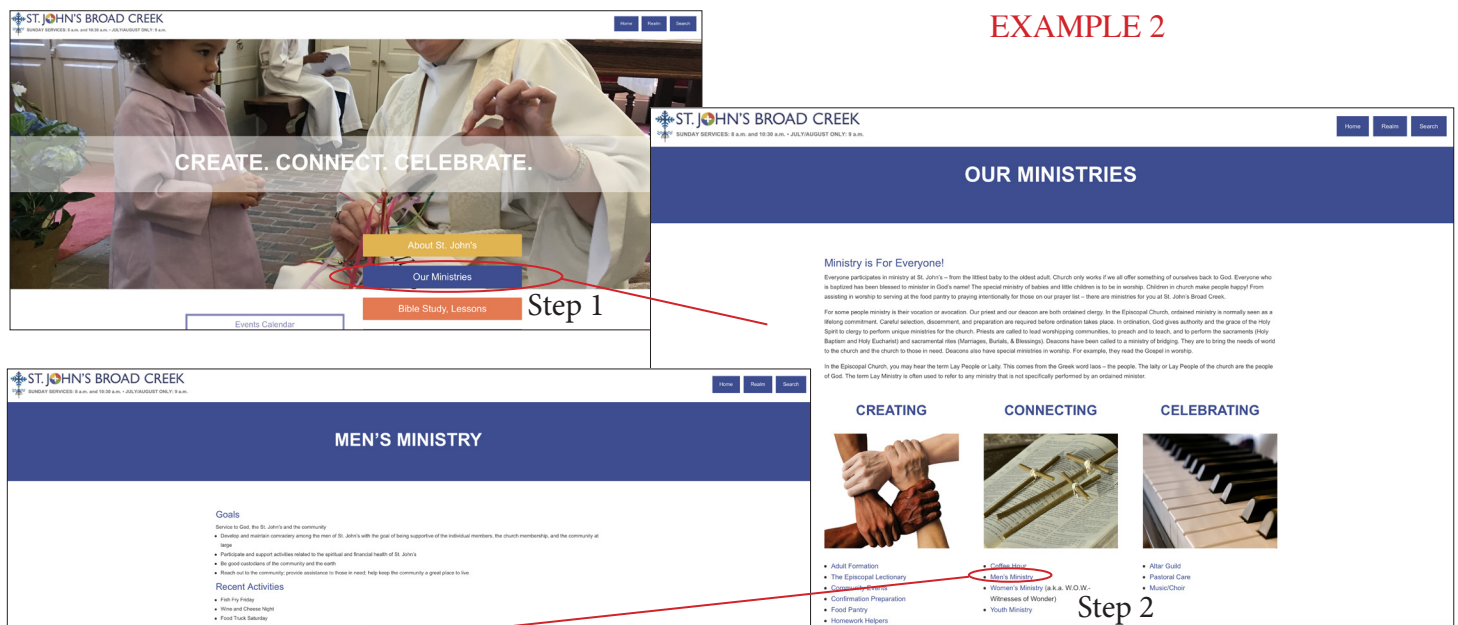
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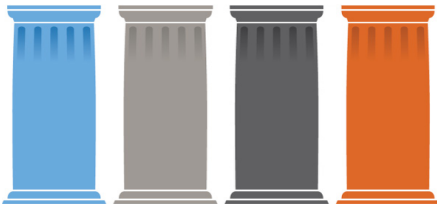
### 4 PILLARS

Transparent &  
Honest  
Conversations

Strategic  
Financial  
Planning

Financial  
Literacy

Finance &  
Accounting  
Practices



St. John's is one of six parishes selected to participate in a pilot study designed to help at-risk parishes become thriving parishes. The focus of our work will be on strengthening our financial position (graphic above).

The work will be done with the support of St. John's vestry, leadership, and congregation: Strategic Financial Resource Commission (SFRC).

### TOP 10 REASONS WHY VOTING IS IMPORTANT:

The ability to vote allows citizens to say their opinion and choice on a variety of issues. In the American political system, voting allows registered citizens to cast their choice for the political leader that they believe can accurately make the choices that will better the country. However, there are thousands upon thousands of individuals who have the ability to vote, and yet do not. Below are the key reasons why voting is important.

1. The Millennial generation accounts for one-third of the electorate.
2. Less than 50 percent of eligible young voters ages 18 to 29 cast a vote in 2012.
3. 19 percent of all votes cast in 2012 came from young voters.
4. In 2012, 4 percent more young women voted than young men.
5. Young voters are more likely to support issues such as legalizing same-sex marriage, supporting a pathway to citizenship for immigrants and legalizing abortion than other age demographics.
6. 40 percent of millennials identify as non-white, making them the most diverse voting generation in history.
7. In most communities, the turnout for voting is less than 50 percent.



8. Every vote matters. There have been several cases in U.S. history where this has been seen. A New Hampshire Senate race was decided by two votes out of 223,363 in 1974. A Massachusetts gubernatorial election was decided by two votes out of 102,066 in 1839. And the Alaskan congressional race was decided by a single vote out of 10,035 cast in 2008.
9. Through voting you have the opportunity to influence the government.
10. In most state and national elections, you need to be registered to vote anywhere from 10-27 days before the actual election. That is why it's important to regularly check if you are eligible to vote in your district.

In all, voting is a constitutional right and privilege that Americans have. It's best to make use of that right instead of squandering it and disregarding what our Founders stood for.

—Alysha Biemelt (<https://borgenproject.org/voting-is-important/>)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR** for both Sunday Services. This would involve bringing an item to share for coffee hour. For example, coffee cake, cookies, or cheese & crackers. (*Nothing elaborate, just something simple, however, you may be as creative as you like.*) The volunteer for the 8 a.m. service would be responsible for set-up and the volunteer for the 10:30 a.m. service would be responsible for the clean-up. The sign-up sheet is available in Bayne Hall.



**Your participation would be greatly appreciated!**

"We as a country have to cross our dividing lines and find a way forward together. Democracy requires a certain level of civility in order for it to work, and it has definitely broken down, no question about that. If we truly love our country, we can't let it go on in this way in terms of the breakdown of civility and the breakdown of our relationships."

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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### THE ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

### VESTRY

#### ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Barbara Duncan, Senior Warden  
Willy Alexander, Junior Warden  
Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary  
Sandra Bouchellon  
Sandra Rivera  
Betsy Winters  
Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman  
Peter Persell, Outreach  
Bea James, Treasurer  
Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard,  
Pledge Clerks

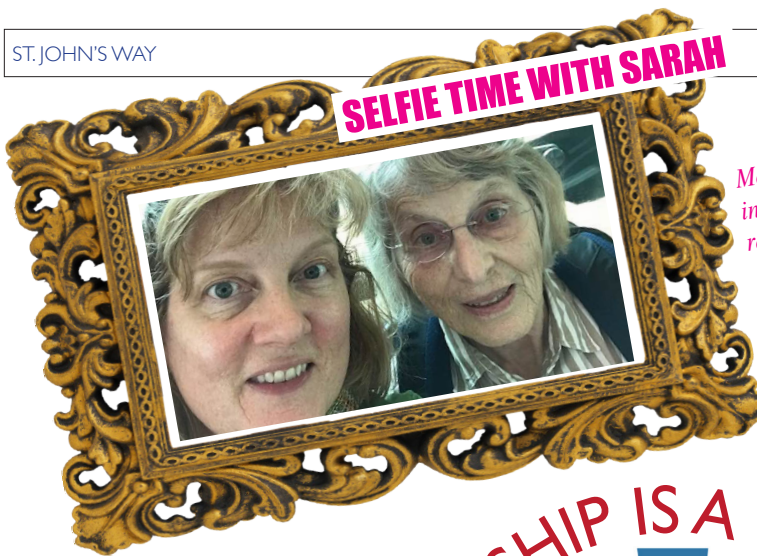
Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"



### MONEY MATTERS

Your St. John's Finance Committee is made up of volunteers who are responsible of planning, advising, executing, and reporting of financial information and processes benefitting St. John's. We meet on the second Thursday each month. All parish members are invited to any meeting and are encouraged to join us. **Free coffee and snacks at every meeting.** For questions, call ALAN at 301.292.3490.





*Mother and daughter  
in Kuala Lumpur -  
ready for adventure.*

## STEWARDSHIP

As you know, our theme for 2019 is "Stewardship is A Way of Life! The Way of Love".

On September 23, we shared our goals to maintain our current conditions next year. Total number of pledges 60, and pledge revenue \$200,000. As of October 28, 2018, 35 pledges were received totaling \$135,842 for 2019.

For those who have pledged, what an expression of gracious generosity as you Live the Way of Love! We Thank You.

For others, as you continue to pray about your pledge, consider all the ways you experience God's Love in your own life especially here at St. John's. No matter how small, committed financial giving helps us budget and plan for our worship and outreach ministries.

We thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you need a pledge card, pick one up at the back of the church or you may contact me.

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# THIS IS US

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



- 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 PGC 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 the 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!**

### YOU ARE NEEDED!

*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.*

**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.

*The following names will be prayed for aloud during the Sunday Service, and during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until November 30, 2018. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.*

**Pray for** Bob, Carolyn, Becky, Connie, Jane, Marian, Lana, Mary, Larry, David, Jay, Vincent, Francine, Tammy, and Brianna.

*The following names are to be prayed for during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until November 30, 2018. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.*

**Pray for** LaDeborah Boozer, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, and Kay Trotter.

# PRAYER CORNER







# 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](http://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org) for changes/updates.

## ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

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

## REALM

Remember to log on & set up your profile.

## BIBLE STUDY\*

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

## FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays  
9:30 a.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.

## BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Stephenie Ratty at  
301.248.6665.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Every Thursday  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays  
7 p.m.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, November 4  
Set the clocks back ONE hour

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4

## VOTE!

Tuesday, November 6

## FINANCE MEETINGS

Thursday, November 8  
7 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order deadline: Sunday, November 11  
\$15 each. Contact Jan Kohout.

## ALPACA FARM SHOPPING TRIP

Monday, November 12  
Contact Edith Pulscak at 301.292.5759

## VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, November 15  
6 p.m.

## VETERANS' DAY

Sunday, November 11

## THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22

## BLACK FRIDAY

Friday, November 23

## CYBER MONDAY

Monday, November 26



### NOVEMBER

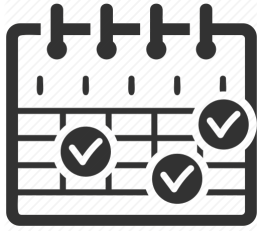
Faith Chisholm  
RuthAnne Cumberland  
Karen Herbert  
Edith Pulscak



## 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.





## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

**The deadline for the November issue of  
"St. John's Way" is Tuesday, November 27, 2018.**

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. **The preferred way to receive your submissions is as a Microsoft Word document, via email.**

Please email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, questions to [bsbrevard@yahoo.com](mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com).

**NOTE:** Dates, times, locations mentioned in this newsletter are subject to change. All information has been edited to the best of our abilities. Be kind and understanding. PEACE!

**REMEMBER** the November 27 deadline.

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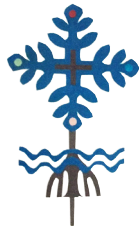
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