



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



PEACE

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.

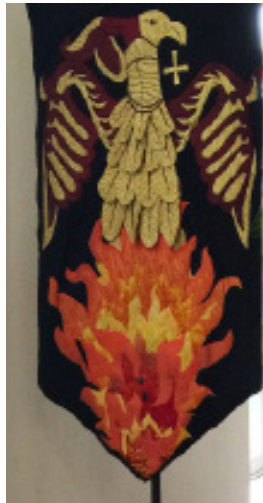
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Are You Prepared?

*Life is short
and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts
of those who travel with us.
So be swift to love
and make haste to be kind...*

I offer the same blessing at every service I preside over at St. John's. Recently, someone asked me why I am always reminding everyone that 'life is short'? I explained, "We never know how much time we have in this life. The blessing is not a reminder that we should live our lives dreading death, but rather it is a call to embrace the goodness that life has to offer...to squeeze all the joy we can into the time we have...to treasure our relationships." Every time I say the blessing, I am reminded to be prepared.

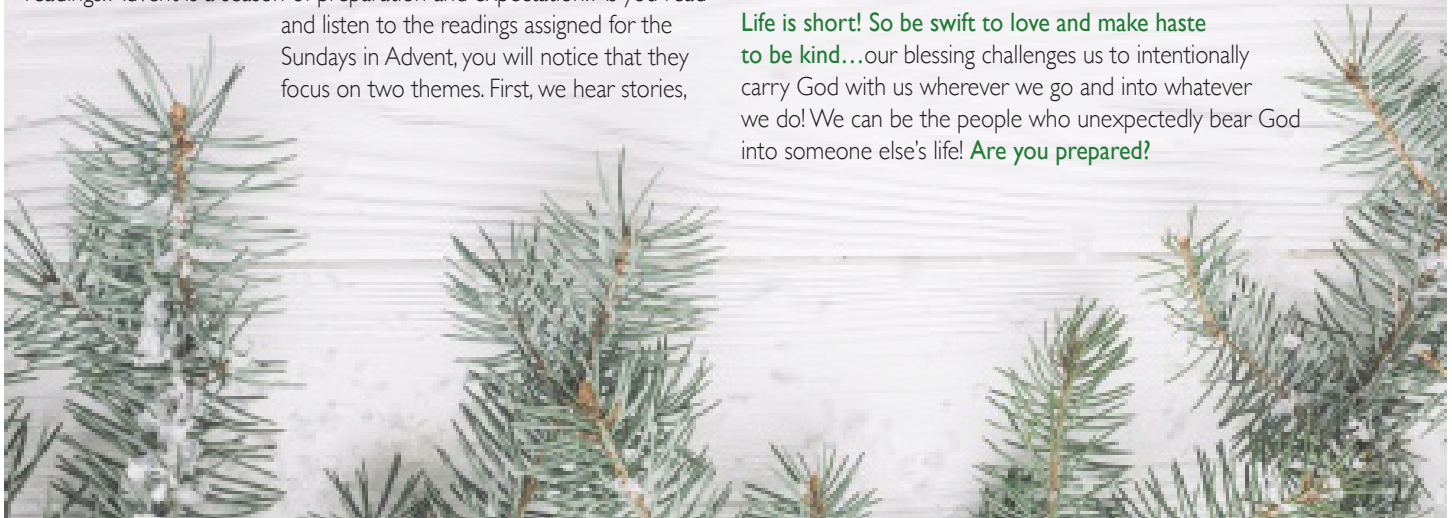
On December 2nd, we enter into the season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of a new church year and a new cycle of Sunday Bible readings. Advent is a season of preparation and expectation. As you read and listen to the readings assigned for the Sundays in Advent, you will notice that they focus on two themes. First, we hear stories,

poetry, and prophecies about the promised Messiah – about Jesus' birth. Second, we hear prophetic visions and parables about Jesus' anticipated return at the end of time.

The preparation of Advent has nothing to do with shopping, cookie baking, gift-wrapping, or tree decorating. Advent is about making room for Jesus. God surprised everyone by sending the Messiah among us as a tiny, vulnerable infant. Advent begs us to s-l-o-w down and to make ourselves available for God to do something new and surprising in our lives. We have to be prepared and expectant or we might miss seeing God in a stranger's smile or in a child's hug or in the words of a hymn.

Making a year round, lifelong discipline of looking for God in the everyday-ness of our lives (even in the scary places – God is there!) actually prepares us for the inevitability of end times, whether they be our own or Jesus' return. As a part of my work, I spend time with people in crisis. Those, who have honed their ability to see God in the unexpected, the unusual, and even in the tragic, are far better prepared to weather life's storms.

Life is short! So be swift to love and make haste to be kind... our blessing challenges us to intentionally carry God with us wherever we go and into whatever we do! We can be the people who unexpectedly bear God into someone else's life! **Are you prepared?**





The Christmas Story for Children

SOURCE: https://www.whychristmas.com/story/the_christmas_story.shtml

Long ago, about 2000 years, when King Herod ruled Judea (now part of Israel), God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman who lived in the northern town of Nazareth. The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry Joseph.

The angel Gabriel said to Mary: 'Peace be with you! God has blessed you and is pleased with you.' Mary was very surprised by this and wondered what the angel meant. The angel said to her 'Don't be afraid, God has been very kind to you. You will become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and give birth to a baby boy and you will call him Jesus. He will be God's own Son and his kingdom will never end.' Mary was very afraid but she trusted God. 'Let it happen as God chooses,' she replied to the angel. Gabriel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth who everyone thought was too old to have children, would have a baby boy whom God had chosen to prepare the way for Jesus.

Mary said goodbye to her family and friends and went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. Elizabeth was very happy to see Mary. She knew that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son. An angel had already told Zechariah that Elizabeth's baby would prepare people to welcome Jesus. He was to be called John. Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home to Nazareth.

Joseph was worried when he found out that Mary was expecting a baby before their marriage had taken place. He wondered if he should put off the wedding altogether. Then an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: 'Don't be afraid to have Mary as your wife.' The angel explained that Mary had been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son and told Joseph that the baby would be named Jesus which means 'Saviour' because he would save people. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had told him to do and took Mary as his wife.

At this time, the land where Mary and Joseph lived was part of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor Augustus wanted to have a list of all the people in the empire, to make sure they paid their taxes. He ordered everyone to return to the town where their families originally came from, and enter their names in a register (or census) there. Mary and Joseph traveled a long way (about 70 miles) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because that is where Joseph's family came from. Most people walked but some lucky people had a donkey to help carry the goods needed for the journey. Joseph and Mary traveled very slowly because Mary's baby was due to be born soon.

When they reached Bethlehem they had problems finding somewhere to stay. So many people had come to register their names in the census, that every house was full and every bed was taken in all of the guest rooms. The only place to stay that they could find was with the animals. People often kept animals in the house, especially at night, and used them like 'central heating!' People normally slept on a raised/upper level with the animals below to give them extra warmth.

So in the place where the animals slept, Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God.

In those days it was the custom to wrap newborn babies tightly in a long cloth called 'swaddling clothes'. Jesus' bed was the manger that the animals ate their hay from.

In the hills and fields outside Bethlehem, shepherds looked after their sheep through the long night. As the new day began, suddenly an angel appeared before them and the glory of God shone around them. The shepherds were very, very scared, but the angel said, 'Don't be afraid. I have good news for you and everyone. Today in Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you. You will find the baby lying in a manger.'

Then many more angels appeared, lighting up the sky. The shepherds heard them praising God singing: 'Glory to God in highest, and peace to everyone on earth.' When the angels had gone the shepherds said to one another: 'Let's go to Bethlehem to see what has happened.' So the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found

Mary and Joseph. The baby Jesus was lying in a manger as they had been told. When they saw him, they told everyone what the angel had said and everyone who heard the story were astonished. Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for sending his Son to be their Saviour.

When Jesus was born, a brand new bright star appeared in sky. Some Wise Men in faraway countries saw the star and guessed what it meant. They were very clever men that studied the stars and had read in very old writings that a new star would appear when a great king was born. They set out to find the new king and bring him gifts.

The Wise Men followed the star towards the country of Judea and when they got to the capital called Jerusalem they began to ask people: 'Where is the child who is born to be king of the Jews?' Herod, the king of Judea, heard this and it made him very angry to think that someone might be going to take his place as king. Herod sent for the Wise Men to come to him. He told them to go on following the star until they had found the baby king. He said: 'When you have found him, let me know where he is, so that I can go and worship him.' But Herod did not tell them that he really had an evil plan in mind to kill the new king.

The Wise Men followed the star towards Bethlehem (where it said that the king would be born in the old writings). It seemed to stop and shine directly down upon the place where Jesus was.



The Wise Men entered the house where they now lived and found Jesus with Mary; they bowed down and worshipped him. The Wise Men spread the gifts they had brought before Jesus. The gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Wise Men were warned in a dream, by God, not to go back to Herod. So they returned home to their countries in the East by a different way.

When the Wise Men had gone, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' the angel said, 'take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill him.' So Joseph got up, took Jesus and Mary during the night they left for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod died.

When Herod realized that he had been tricked by the Wise Men, he was furious and he gave orders to kill all the boys aged two or younger in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. This was to try and kill the new King, as his plan to find the location of the new king from the Wise Men had failed.

After Herod had died, Joseph had another dream in which an angel appeared to him. The angel said, 'Get up, take Jesus and Mary and go back to Israel, for those who were trying to kill Jesus are dead.'

So Joseph got up, took Jesus and Mary and they went back to Israel. But when he heard that Herod's son was now king of Judea, he was afraid to go there. So instead they went to Galilee, and lived in their old town of Nazareth.



SOURCE: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>



Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night; in some traditions, Christmastide includes an octave. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.

The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information.

Although the month and date of Jesus' birth are unknown, by the early-to-mid fourth century the Western Christian Church had placed Christmas on December 25, a date that was later adopted in the East. Today, most Christians celebrate on December 25 in the Gregorian calendar, which has been adopted almost universally in the civil calendars used in countries throughout the world. However, some Eastern Christian Churches celebrate Christmas on December 25 of the older Julian calendar, which currently corresponds to January 7 in the Gregorian calendar, the day after the Western Christian Church celebrates the Epiphany. This is not a disagreement over the date of Christmas as such, but rather a preference of which calendar should be used to determine the day that is December 25. Moreover, for Christians, the belief that God came into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity, rather than the exact birth date, is considered to be the primary purpose in celebrating Christmas.

The celebratory customs associated in various countries with Christmas have a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular themes and origins. Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift giving, completing an Advent calendar or Advent wreath, Christmas music and caroling, lighting a Christingle, viewing a Nativity play, an exchange of Christmas cards, church services, a special meal, pulling Christmas crackers and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. In addition, several closely related and often interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, and Christkind, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have their own body of traditions and lore. Because gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

God's Peace Throughout The Year

LOVE • JOY • BLESSINGS

To My St. John's Precious Family

Faith Elizabeth Chisholm

"The Best Gift Life Can Offer Is Meeting Folks Like You!"

*I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book,
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look.*

*And that is when I realized that these names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but of my own heart.*

*For each name stands for SOMEONE who has crossed my path sometime,
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.*

*And while this sound fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.*

*And while you may not be aware of my special "Link,"
Just meeting you has changed my Life a Lot more than you think.*

*For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase.
The memory of a pleasant word -- or a friendly face.*

*So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas List, forgotten in between.*

*For when I send this Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It's because you are on the List of folks I am indebted to.*

*For you are but the total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.*

*And whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.*

*And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,
The best gift Life can offer is greeting folks like you.*

*And may the Spirit of Christmas that forever endures
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours!*

EDITOR'S NOTE

Rush - rush - rush. Black Friday/Cyber Monday. Barely a moment to think. Christmas is just around the corner and 2019 is quickly approaching. I just have to make time to thank you all. Rudy and I had a few medical challenges. We are doing a lot better now - thanks to the obvious (doctors, nurses, medications), AND your support and prayers. And for that I am humbled and grateful. Your thoughtfulness is a gift my family and I will ALWAYS treasure! I wish you all a wonderful Christmas - be blessed, and take time to breathe.

Birgitt



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Honoring Those Who Have Served Our County

Only a few years ago, the Tanta-Cove Garden Club received permission from St. John's to establish a Blue Star Memorial Garden on the property. Tanta-Cove has continued to maintain this garden and has planted Ajuga (for its blue flowers) and other deer-resistant plants (at least it is hoped they are!) Recently planted were daffodils and blue and white quill. Since the Blue Star Memorial Program was started, there has been an addition to the Gold Star Program: golden daffodils are planted to honor Gold Star families of service members.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women who 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 adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway System that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

What we see today is a program that expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving, or would serve in the Armed Services of the United States. 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.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, and in churches and businesses. This Program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces and especially now.

THANK YOU

St. John's thanks the Tanta-Cove Garden Club
for adding to the beauty of our grounds.
Many bulbs were planted at the memorial
- so watch for them next spring.





You are cordially invited to join us for the
Fort Washington Community Choir
performance of
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
Guest Conductor, Nancia D'Alimonte

Sunday, December 2
4 p.m.
(Doors open at 3:15 p.m. - No reservations required)

Oxon Hill United Methodist Church
6400 Livingston Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

ADMISSION:
Non-perishable food items for the Oxon Hill Food Pantry
Cash donations also accepted for Food Pantry & FWCC

To join and for additional information, call 301.248.4290

COME AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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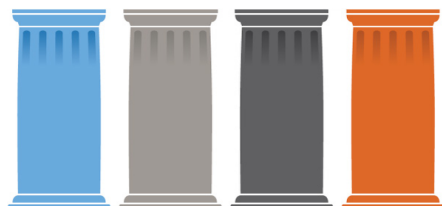
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St. John's is one of six parishes selected to participate in a pilot study designed to help at-risk parishes become thriving parishes. The focus of our work will be on strengthening our financial position (graphic above).

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

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. Checks made out to "St. John's Church" and cash can be placed in the envelopes which will be provided on the table at the entrance to church. If given in unmarked envelopes, please attach a note specifying "Jesus' Gift". Cash and checks will be combined and given by check to the Family Crisis Center in Brentwood, Maryland. Please give generously so that we can exceed last year's total. All donations go directly to domestic violence abuse survivors and their children.

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.

Please make a generous contribution by Sunday, December 30, 2018.



bringing an item to share for coffee hour. For example, coffee cake, cookies, or cheese & crackers.

We are seeking volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR** for both Sunday Services. This would involve

(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!

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.



Gibson is home!
Can you see how
happy mom is?

Impressions



NOT a lake - it's St. John's parking lot.



Listening.



Watching.



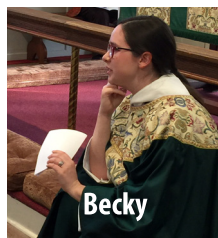
Stag
watching
who's
going to
church.



Hard at work.



Blessing of the Animals.



Becky



Barbara

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 December 30, 2018. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Connie, Lana, Mary, Larry, Jay, Tammy, Darrell, Vincent, Walter, Faith, William, Charles, Francine, Barbara, Kathy, 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 December 30, 2018. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.

Pray for LaDeborah Boozer; David Drake, Connie Duncan, Charles Gunter, Marian Humphrey, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke Family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter.

PRAYER CORNER





Boy Scout Troop 410 Christmas Tree Sale

Support Local Scouting

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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.

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

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& 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 Stephanie Ratty: 301.248.6665.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

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

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays
7 p.m.

SALE! 2019 CALENDARS

Calendars are \$10 each.
Please see Sandra Bouchelon.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday, December 2
4 p.m. (Doors open at 3:15 p.m.)
Oxon Hill United Methodist Church
See page ... for more information.

ADVENT STUDY & WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesdays
December 5, 12, and 19
Soup Suppers: 6 p.m.
Luke - Led by the Spirit
A three-week introduction
to Luke's Gospel.

SARAH'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 7
5 - 8 p.m.
Rectorry

ST. NICHOLAS' VISIT

Sunday, December 9

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

Sunday, December 9
9:15 a.m. (between services)
Discuss plans for 2019.

FINANCE MEETINGS

Thursday, December 6
7 p.m.

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, December 13
6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24
Family Eucharist and Gathered Pageant: 4 p.m.
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!

Carol Singing and Festive Eucharist: 10 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve service with all the sights and sounds of Christmas worship! Invite your friends and neighbors!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25
Breakfast: 9 a.m.
Hosted by the Odderston Family in the Parish Hall. Come as you are! SECOND Annual Slipper Contest! (Sarah will have a "very special prize" for the contest winner.)
Casual Eucharist with Carols: 10 a.m.

DONATION DEADLINE FOR JESUS' BIRTHDAY GIFT

Sunday, December 30
See page ... for more information.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, December 31



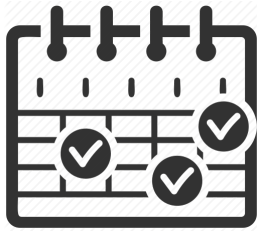
DECEMBER

Dottie Foggie
Geneva Bubes
Michael Lacy
Kathy Mierke



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 January 2019 issue of "St. John's Way" is Thursday, December 27.

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.

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 December 27 deadline.

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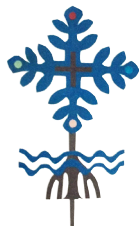
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