

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST.JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# 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.

**FEBRUARY 2019**

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# FROM THE PULPIT



# *Who do you say that we are?*



*The Rev. Sarah Dodds Oldershaw*

In three of the four gospels, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do the people/the crowds/you say that I am?" (Matthew 16.14, Mark 8.27, Luke 9.18, Matthew 16.15) Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell many of the same stories about Jesus' life; biblical scholars refer to them as the Synoptic Gospels. Synoptic means to see with one eye.

The synoptic gospels tell and order the stories of Jesus' life in much the same way. Biblical scholars believe that Matthew and Luke likely used Mark's gospel as source material for their own work. Still, when I see this kind of consensus, I get excited and curious!

All three of the synoptic gospel writers use this story in the middle section of their Gospels. The disciples have been following Jesus for some time and have had an opportunity to form an opinion. I think Jesus was doing more than testing his disciples' (and the people's) understanding. I imagine this was an opportunity for Jesus to assess his own leadership and ministry. How are we doing? Do they get it?

If you talk to the monks who study leadership and organizational development, they will tell you that those leaders and organizations that thrive – that are successful at the work they set out to do – regularly engage in assessment and reflection. They are also willing to change and redirect based on the feedback they receive. Thriving leaders and organizations are always asking questions: Are we living into our mission? Is what we do reflective of who we say we are? Who/What do others say that we are? It is a new year and a good time to enter into some reflection and assessment.

Who do you say that St. John's is? In the catechism in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP 845-862) the question is asked: "What is the mission of the Church?" The answer offered states: "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (BCP 855) What does that mean to you? I hear this saying that we are to bring people together by sharing the love and mercy and justice of Jesus.

William Temple was the Arch Bishop of Canterbury from 1942-1944. (The Arch Bishop of Canterbury is the head of the worldwide Anglican Communion of which the Episcopal Church is a part. Our Presiding Bishop does not work for the Arch Bishop of Canterbury, but rather takes advisement from Canterbury.) Temple famously said of the church, "The Church is the only (organization) that exists for the benefit of those who are not yet its members."

As a leader in the church, I regularly need to remind myself that not only are we here to build relationships, but also that we are primarily concerned with reaching out to those who are not yet Christians and/or a part of our community. This is called evangelism, my friends! The Episcopal Church tends to struggle with Evangelism because we are often more concerned about how we do things (Rite I, Rite II, high church, low church...) than we are about why we do things (introducing others to the love we have found in Jesus Christ).

## **So how are we doing? Where do you meet Jesus at St. John's?**

In the coming months there will be opportunities to participate in self assessment and in reflection on St. John's mission and ministry. I hope that you will avail yourself to the process! **Who do you say that we are?**

*A Glimpse  
of Winter  
Wonderland*





## 124th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Washington

January 26, 2019 • Washington National Cathedral, Washington D.C.

# “Holy Interruption”



*Diocesan Convention is the yearly legislative meeting presided over by the bishop and consisting of clergy and elected representatives of its congregations. It considers the diocesan budget and other matters regarding the mission and ministry of the diocese.*

*For detailed information, visit*

[\*https://www.edow.org/about/diocesan-governance/convention.\*](https://www.edow.org/about/diocesan-governance/convention)



**Tony Morgan,**  
Chief Strategic Officer  
at The Unstuck Group



Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde

*Attendees from St. John's Episcopal Church, Broad Creek: Sarah Odderstol, Pastor; Joan Crittenden, Deacon; Sandra Bouchelion, Vestry Member; Sandra Rivera, Vestry Member; Shelley Kallop; and Charles E. Day, Sr.*



Nancy Beach, Speaker



Paul Cooney Award for Retirement



Adrian Dunn and Gospel Choir



## PRESIDENTS' DAY (HISTORY)

SOURCE: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Presidents-Day>

Presidents' Day, officially Washington's Birthday, in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honouring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

The origin of Presidents' Day lies in the 1880s, when the birthday of Washington—commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and the first president of the United States—was first celebrated as a federal holiday. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year, but it has been opposed by those who believe that those holidays should be celebrated on the dates they actually commemorate.

During debate on the bill, it was proposed that Washington's Birthday be renamed Presidents' Day to honour the birthdays of both Washington (February 22) and Lincoln (February 12); although Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in many states, it was never an official federal holiday. Following much discussion, Congress rejected the name change.

After the bill went into effect in 1971, however, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name, due in part to retailers' use of that name to promote sales and the holiday's proximity to Lincoln's birthday. Presidents' Day is usually marked by public ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.

## VALENTINE'S DAY (HISTORY)

SOURCE: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day>

Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. The holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love.

Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that the avian mating season begins in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day. Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.



**IT'S A  
BEAUTIFUL  
WORLD!**

GREETINGS!  
A New year - A New Topic.

Starting this February, I added a "travel topic" to our newsletter. Every month, ONE page will be dedicated to the travel photos you want to share. Email only high resolution photos (jpgs) to [bsbrevard@yahoo.com](mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com) by the deadline date for the newsletter. Don't send paper copies or flash drives. Only the name(s) of who provided the photos and the name of the destination will be listed. NOT listed will be captions, specific titles, addresses, narratives.

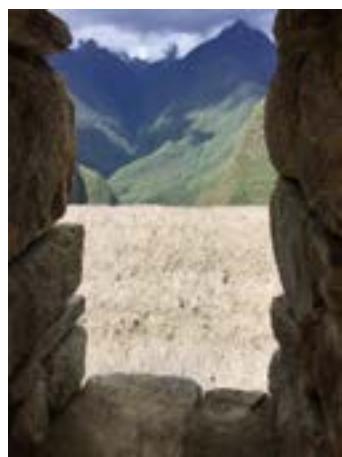
Enjoy this month's destination: Machu Pichu.



# IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

*Enjoy a different destination every month: **Machu Picchu***

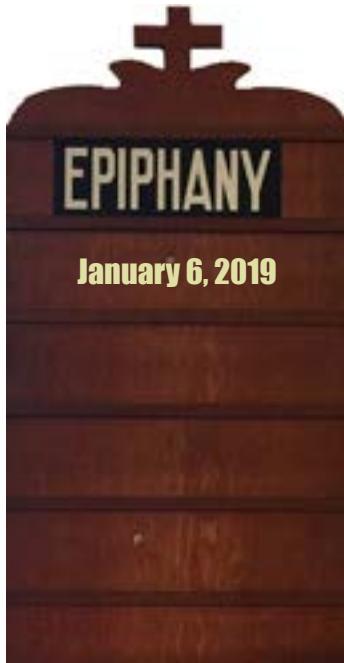
Machu Picchu, also spelled Machupicchu, site of ancient Inca ruins located about 50 miles (80 km) northwest of Cuzco, Peru, in the Cordillera de Vilcabamba of the Andes Mountains. It is perched above the Urubamba River valley in a narrow saddle between two sharp peaks—Machu Picchu ("Old Peak") and Huayna Picchu ("New Peak")—at an elevation of 7,710 feet. One of the few major pre-Columbian ruins found nearly intact, Machu Picchu was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1983.



PHOTOS: Birgitt and Rudy Brevard



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# REPORTS



We are seeking volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR**

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!**

**THE ST. JOHN'S  
BROAD CREEK  
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*We are here for you*

**VESTRY**

**ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS**  
 Barbara Duncan, Senior Warden  
 Karen Herbert, Junior Warden  
 Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary  
 Sandra Bouchelon  
 Winston Godwin  
 Erica Kallop  
 Michael Lacy  
 Sandra Rivera  
 Betsy Winters

Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman  
 Peter Persell, Outreach Chairman  
 Bea James, Treasurer  
 Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard,  
 Pledge Clerks



**<http://rawartists.org/mikaylasphotography>**

**CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION CLASS IN FULL SWING**



**JOYFUL NOISE**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## MONEY MATTERS



*Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"*

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.



**BARELY SELF-SUSTAINING? BRING FINANCES UP TO PAR?**

**How?** Raise your pledge.

**Have an idea for fundraising?** Great - step up - take charge - do it.

## SELFIE TIME WITH SARAH



Better listen carefully to Sarah's sermons - or you may be "called out" like Birgitt (newsletter editor) for not remembering...



Jana Grymes, St. John's Choir, and husband Jay helped stage recording of their young 12 years old girl, Aaliyah, student at Potomac Landing Elementary School, in skit narration for play using St. John's Choir actors Marcia Jones and Charles Day.



### "The PEACE" Huddle



**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 February 24, 2019. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

**Pray for** Lois, Jay, Tammy, Darrell, Vincent, Faith, Rachaa, DeHaven, Linda, Sabra, Kit, Earlyn, Patti, Barbara, and Henry.

The following names are to be prayed for during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until March 31, 2019. 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, Lana Neil, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, and Kay Trotter.



# THIS IS US

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

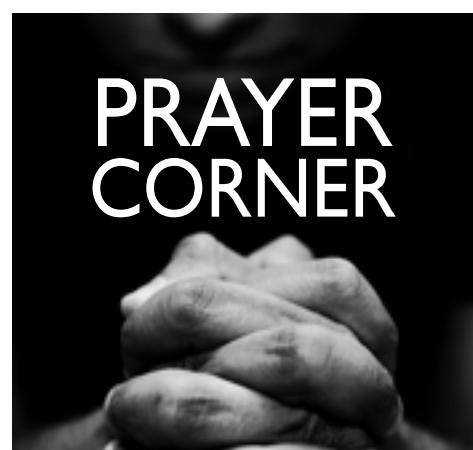


Peter Persell

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 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.





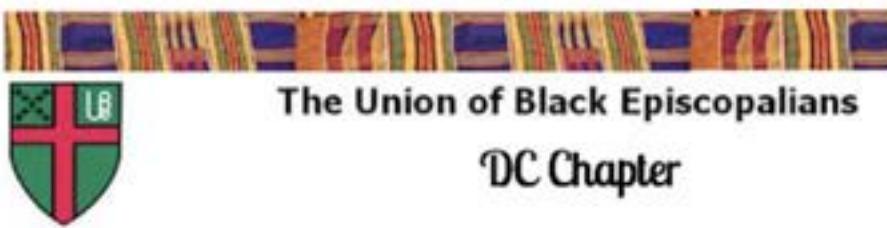
# *"The Joy Of Serving"*



Betsy Winters, Returning Vestry Member (not in photo)

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING: Reports, Statements, Opinions, Appointments, and Food





The Union of Black Episcopalians  
DC Chapter

For more details, email Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart at [rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net](mailto:rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net)  
or call 301.996.4102 or ask Pastor Sarah.



**Wanted! 50 Pilgrims to Journey to the National  
Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, AL**

May 20 - May 25, 2019

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"Pilgrimage means being willing to court holy disruption, to become profoundly aware of our inner movements, to claim responsibility for our choices about how we respond to this place we find ourselves in and welcome discomfort and strangeness as carrying the possibility of new revelation."

- Christine Valters Painter, Ph.D., from *The Soul of a Pilgrim: Eight Practices for the Inner Journey*

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Become an "Ambassador of Healing" and join the DC Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians as we journey to Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

**Day 1 (Monday, May 20)** -- Travel on own to Birmingham, AL, and meet at group hotel

**Day 2 (Tuesday, May 21)** -- In Birmingham: 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park

**Day 3 (Wednesday, May 22)** -- Travel to Montgomery: Legacy Museum, National Memorial for Peace & Justice (Lynching Memorials)

**Day 4 (Thursday, May 23)** -- Travel to Montgomery: Rosa Parks Library and Museum, SPLC Civil Rights Memorial, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, King Parsonage/King-Johns Garden

**Day 5 (Friday, May 24)** -- Travel to Selma: Lowndes Interpretive Center, Brown Chapel AME Church, Edmund Pettus Bridge and Selma Interpretive Center, National Voting Rights Museum

**Day 6 (Saturday, May 25)** -- Travel home on own to continue the work of healing

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**Cost** (includes hotel, entry fees, and bus transportation [5/21-5/24] in Alabama)

**\$860 pp (single occupancy)**

**\$540 pp (double occupancy)**

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\*Pilgrims are responsible for personal travel to/from Birmingham, AL

\*The group hotel is the Comfort Inn-Irondale in Birmingham (near airport)

\*Airport: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

\*Lunch/Dinner on own (free breakfast at hotel; lists of local eateries will be distributed)

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Email **Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart** ([rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net](mailto:rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net)) to reserve your space now. A deposit of \$100 is due by January 10, 2019. Pilgrimage information, payment schedule and reminders will be sent once space is reserved. Make checks payable: **Union of Black Episcopalians.**

The Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart

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# 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.

## **SALE! 2019 CALENDARS**

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

## **SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS**

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

## **SALE! ST. JOHN'S BRICK PROJECT**

FINAL DUE DATE TO ORDER BRICKS:  
Sunday, February 24, 2019  
See Karen Chapman for details.

## **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: 301.248.6665.

## **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

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

## **HOMEWORK HELPERS**

Tuesdays  
7 p.m.

## **CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION CLASSES**

Classes started Sunday, January 6  
and will be held each week for six weeks  
(Jan. 6, 13, 20, Feb. 3, 10, 17)

*Bishop Mariann will receive all attendees on Sunday, April 7, here at St. John's during her annual visit. Contact Pastor Sarah, if you are interested.*

## **SOMD SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, 3 February  
1 - 2 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Leonardtown, MD

*This is an informational meeting for all Episcopal SOMD peoples (14+ yrs) about a Mission Trip from 7-12 July to North Carolina to help rebuild from the hurricane.*

## **SOMD SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, 10 February  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waldorf, MD

*This is an informational meeting for all Episcopal SOMD peoples (14+ yrs) about a Mission Trip from 7-12 July to North Carolina to help rebuild from the hurricane.*

*There are roles for all people: builders, painters, cooks, lay worship leaders, fun activity planners, nurses, doctors, drivers, etc.*

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact Iman Green Syler, SOMD Missioner for Discipleship and Faith Formation at [Imansyler@gmail.com](mailto:Imansyler@gmail.com) or 704.408.1027.*

## **FINANCE MEETING**

Thursday, February 14  
7 p.m.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY**

Thursday, February 14

## **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Monday, February 18  
Schools Closed

## **BOOK CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, February 19  
7 p.m.

## **BOOK SELECTION:**

*"The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama"*  
by Roland Merullo

## **VESTRY MEETING**

Thursday, February 28  
6 p.m.

## **NEWCOMERS WELCOME**

Sunday, February 24  
4 p.m.  
Rectory

## **WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL**

Saturday, March 2  
3 - 6 p.m.  
Bayne Hall

## **W.O.W. MEETING**

Tuesday, March 12  
11 a.m.  
Bayne Hall



## **FEBRUARY**

Claudia Brooks  
Jan Kohout  
Allen Neely  
Lana Neil  
Diann Puzon  
Trevor Sampson, Jr.



## **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 March 2019 issue of "St. John's Way" is Monday, February 25.

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 February 25 deadline.

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