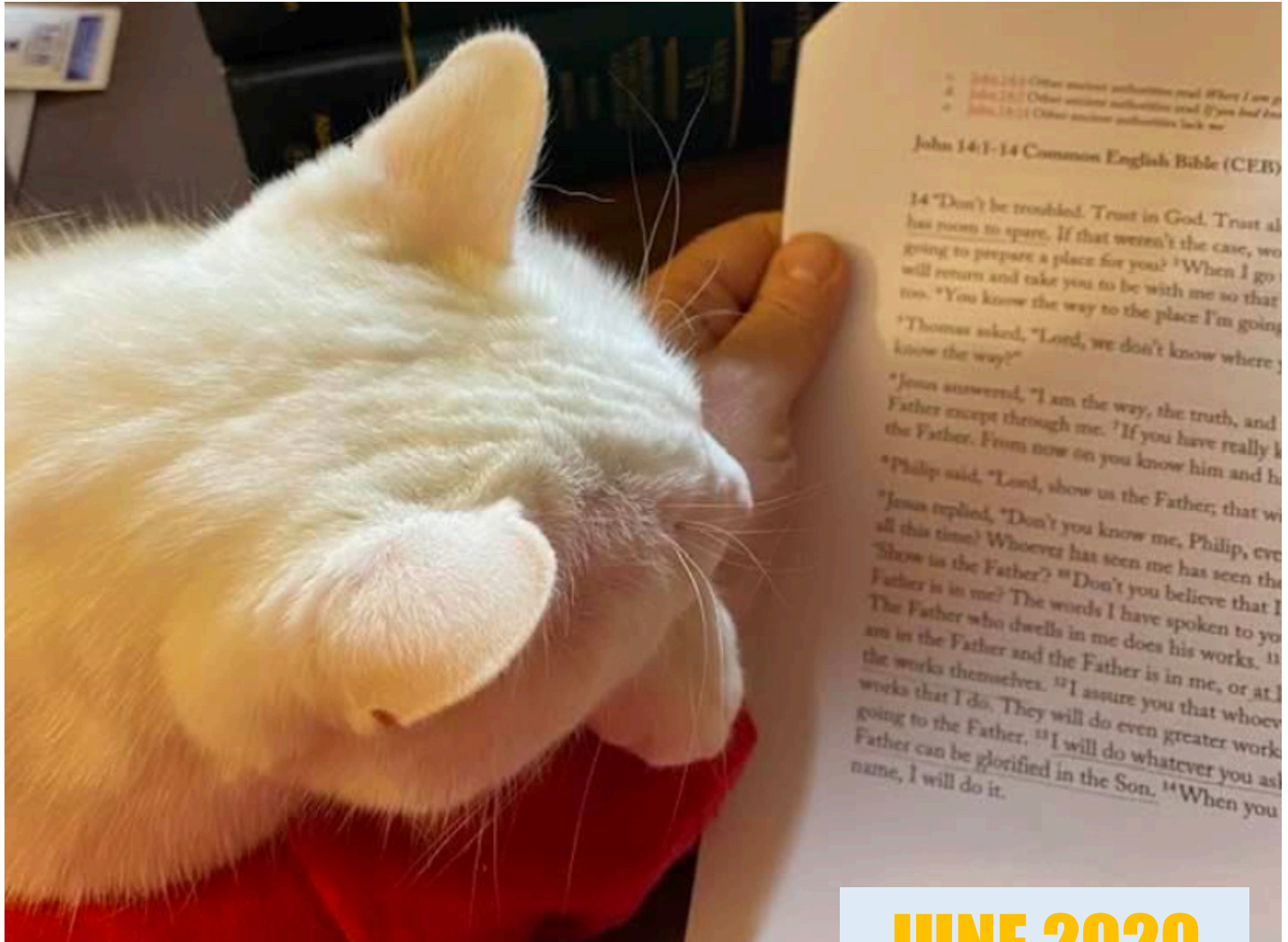




# ST. JOHN'S WAY



## 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



# Day 85 Of Our Creativity



The Rev. Sarah Dodds Oldenrod

Several years ago there was a blog that I used to read that was "written" by a snarky cat named Howard. Howard began every blog post with the words "Day \_\_\_\_ of My Captivity..." Howard wrote things like: "Day 1846 of my captivity. I tried to kill Pat again today by walking in circles around his feet while he carried groceries up the stairs into our apartment. He didn't buy the cat food I like...again! Perhaps if I tried doing this while Pat is walking downstairs I'd be more successful."

During these months of self-isolation, there have been times when I have felt captive in my own home. That said, I have found myself struck by what a richly creative time this has been. I have enjoyed the problem solving and learning new technology skills. What fun it has been to see what Libby and the Slaterry family can do with digital resources and music!! All of you in ways large and small are learning new ways to do things. If feel like the Holy Spirit is with us working overtime!

Prince George's County is scheduled to begin Phase One reopening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW) has given us very detailed "phased" requirements that we must meet in order to reopen St. John's buildings. As clergy around EDOW have studied the requirements together with our bishops and talked about strategies, we have almost unanimously decided to move very cautiously. We will wait until EDOW moves into Phase 2 to begin our move back to gathering in our buildings. We are likely looking at a September time frame...around Day 177 of our Creativity.

September feels forever away, I know. However, we do not want to physically gather again until we can comply fully with all the CDC and EDOW requirements. If we open now, we cannot celebrate Holy Communion, we cannot sing, and social distancing limits our church to 10-12 individuals/family units. Worship will not be what you want it to be. I am not willing to take risks with your welfare.

In the meantime, we will be looking for creative ways to "enhance" our connectivity! On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> we will observe the National Day of Mourning that ++Bishop Curry has asked us to

set aside to honor whose lives have lost in the global pandemic. (See your email for details!) Consider meeting a friend at the church site to socially distance (wearing your mask) and walk around the graveyard or do some weeding or just bring your chairs and sit six feet apart in the shade!

**We have come this far...we will make it the rest of the way...with God's help!**

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### MORE POSTLUDE SLIDE SHOWS PLEASE

The "postlude slide shows" that Libby put together for worship were a HUGE hit. They are also a huge "time sink" for Libby at a time when we are busy with other worship details. Karen Chapman has offered her skills to put more slide shows together for upcoming worship dates! Thank you, Karen!! Details about where to send your pictures will be sent via email. We are thinking every other week or so. Here are the proposed themes so you can be looking for pictures:

- June 7: Honoring our Graduates! Send your graduation pictures. (We will also have "catch up" Mother's Day pics.)
  - June 21: Father's Day! Show us your dad and the men in your life who were fathers to you.
  - July 5: Photo Scavenger Hunt (Stay tuned for details!)
  - July 19: Stay-cation/Vacation pictures. What are you doing for fun this summer?
  - August 2: We love our pets! Send us pet pictures!!
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### SAVE THE DATE!

- June 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Becca Stelle will be installed as the Pastor of Grace Lutheran we are invited to celebrate with Grace on Zoom. Invite to follow.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Grace Lutheran to join us for our Zoom worship. Pastor Becca will be taking some well-earned time off. (St. John's will be joining Grace Lutheran for worship while I am on vacation in July!)





# On My Mind ...

Author: [Beth OCallaghan](#)

For days I have been trying to find something to say.  
Here goes:

I am white  
I am ashamed  
I am sorry  
I am angry

I am worried that I am complicit  
I am afraid that nothing I can say or do is enough or  
makes any difference;

AND

I have spoken up  
I have acknowledged my own racism  
I have asked for forgiveness  
I have protested  
I have advocated  
I have preached

about [#blacklivesmatter](#) and [#Icantbreathe](#) and Eric  
Garner and Amhaud Albert and others

I have taken Anti-Racism Training  
I have promised to "respect the dignity of all human  
beings" and "work for justice, freedom and peace";

AND

I feel it's not enough  
I feel I'm not enough  
I feel impotent  
I feel powerless  
I feel sad  
I am disgusted  
I am sorry  
I have your back

I know we are all connected

I see you  
I hear you  
I love you;

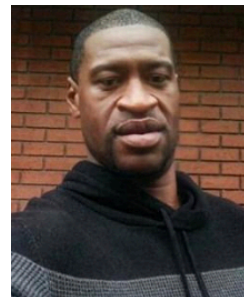
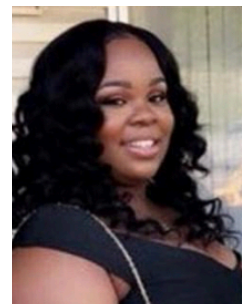
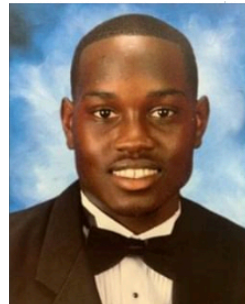
AND

I want to be part of the solution  
I want to work for justice and equality  
I want us to be equal.

## A Prayer for these Turbulent Times

*Breathe on us, breath of God.* O God, creator of the universe, we offer our prayers for the state of this nation and the world as we deal with a pandemic that has taken so many lives and has caused so much suffering. And today we lift up the life of George Floyd, a 46-year-old African-American man, who was murdered by a police officer. We also remember the lives of Ahmaud Arbery, who was killed while jogging in Georgia, and Breonna Taylor who was shot when police raided her home in Louisville, Kentucky. We remember all of those who have suffered similar unjust and violent deaths. We thank you for those who bear witness in these times, and lift up Darnella Frazier who recorded the video of George Floyd. We pray for her healing and protection. Gracious God, you know the source of our sadness, anger, grief and frustration. We pray that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to inspire love, compassion and justice. As we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, breathe on us, breath of God. Amen!

*Rev. Joseph M. Constant  
May 30, 2020*





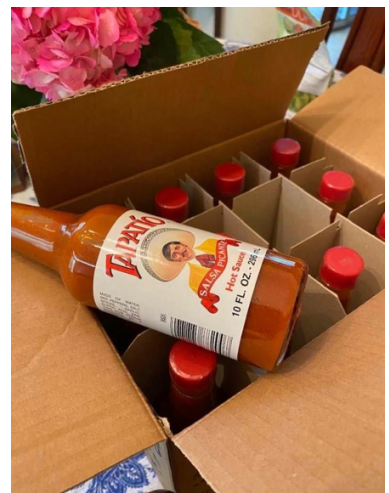
# ZOOM WITH ST. JOHN'S







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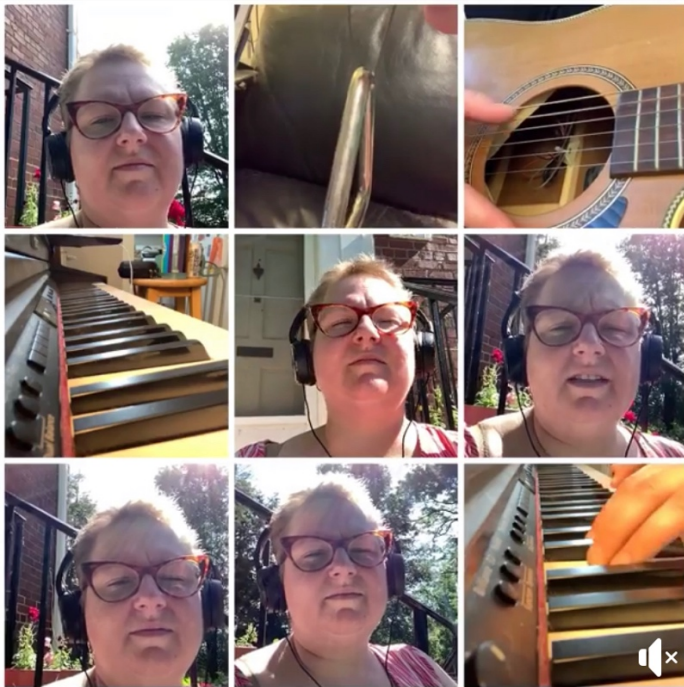
You needn't worry Mr. President. People of faith have never stopped praying. You are welcome to join us in any Episcopal Church of the **Episcopal Diocese of Washington** on Sunday from the safety of your home.



YOU are invited to join St. John's for church tomorrow morning! Worship begins at 10am EDT.



Veni Sancte Spiritus for Pentecost!



Thank you Slattery Family for the beautiful music this morning! It was so much fun to see the "family band!"







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

*We are here for you*

# VESTRY

**STAND UP & Deliver**  
Proud to Provide...

In collaboration with **FOOD BANK**

Prince George's County will be distributing groceries to go at the following locations. Groceries will be distributed Fridays at 12:30pm, while supplies last. One (1) box per car. Please remain in your car.

**~ Friday, May 29 Locations ~**

<p><b>BELTSVILLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist 4220 Ammendale Road Beltsville, MD 20705</p>	<p><b>Community of Hope A.M.E. Church</b> 3737 Branch Avenue Temple Hills, MD 20748</p>	<p><b>Mount Ennon Baptist Church</b> 9832 Piscataway Road Clinton, MD 20735</p>
<p><b>Reid Temple A.M.E.</b> 11400 Glen Dale Boulevard Glen Dale, MD 20769</p>	<p><b>St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church</b> 410 Addison Road South Capitol Heights, MD 20746</p>	<p><b>Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church</b> 7201 16th Place Hyattsville, MD 20783</p>

# HOW TO DONATE ONLINE! NEW INSTRUCTIONS!

1. If you have a Realm account, sign into realm. If not, skip this step ... or better yet, email Betsy Winters ([betsywinters@gmail.com](mailto:betsywinters@gmail.com)) to get you signed up!
2. Go to **[www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org/give](http://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org/give)** -- you can also get there via the St. John's Homepage by clicking "Donate Online" at the top right menu.
3. Fill out the form to submit your one-time or regular donation! Some options on the form:
  - A) Recurring donations: You can set it to give once per week, once every two weeks, once per month, or once per quarter!
  - B) Funds: Right now we have everything going to General Funds with this new system, but feel free to write details on the MEMO line if you'd like to designate monies for other funds or just to write details.
4. Click "Continue" and complete the steps to process your payment! You will have a couple more options:
  - A) ACH or Credit Card: ACH Bank Transfer is now available -- the exact same thing as writing a check, and less fees.
  - B) You will also have the option to offset the fees for the online banking service, which St. John's would greatly appreciate!

## Then you're done! Hooray!

If you've logged into Realm, this donation will be automatically entered into your account. If not, we'll post the donation to your account as quickly as possible.

## How To Donate via Text!

St. John's is excited to introduce giving via text! Text **StJohnsBroadCreek \$50** to **73256** and replace the \$\$ amount with the amount of your choosing! Then follow the instructions when you receive a text back.

## Then you're done! Easy as pie!

*NOTE: Standard text message rates apply.*

## ONLINE GIVING VIDEO





# 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)**.

## Join us for Online Worship on Sundays at 10 a.m!

Please join us in Sunday Worship! You will find the link on our [YouTube Channel](#), on our [Facebook Page](#), and on the [Virtual Worship Videos section of the website](#), where you can also find all previous Sunday worship videos!

Due to COVID-19, all public worship services and normal parish operations are cancelled until further notice.

**SALE! 2020 CALENDARS = \$10 EACH** - Please see Sandra Bouchelon.

**SALE! PERSONALIZED BRICKS** - Please see Karen Chapman for details.

**SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS = \$20 EACH** - Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

### STEWARDSHIP GARDEN

Our stewardship garden needs you. Thank you to all who planted seeds for growth and vitality by pledging to support St. John's financially in 2020. Erica Kallop created a beautiful poster for the parish hall as a visual representation of how you can extend your support of St. John's. The flowers represent items/areas of need at St. John's. You can indicate your intention to underwrite that need by placing a butterfly on a flower or by contacting the parish office.

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, May 6, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Karen Salmon announced that all Maryland public schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. A letter from CEO Dr. Monica Goldson is forthcoming with more information.

Check [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) for more information.

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit information to be considered for inclusion in the "St. John's Way" newsletter, email your information DIRECTLY to [bsbrevard@yahoo.com](mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com) at least one week in advance\* of the newsletter's distribution date (which is usually on the first day of the next month). Inclusion in the newsletter is **NOT** guaranteed.

### ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION(S)

- Articles which are selected for publication will be proofread for content, spelling, and grammatical errors.
- Articles should be submitted in Word format and discuss subjects relevant to the St. John's community.
- Articles should include section headings.
- Illustrations, tables, sidebars are encouraged to illustrate and emphasize the message.

### STRUCTURE OF YOUR ARTICLE(S)

- News items and announcements - short, topical, news oriented
- Major Articles
  - in depth discussions of topics of interest

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\* Deadlines for submissions can also be found on the last page of the newsletter



### JUNE

Richard Blair, John (Jay) Grymes, Rachaad Gunter  
Crystal James, Johnnie Jones, Sabra Montgomery  
Peter Persell, Sarah Odderstol, Trevor Sampson  
Josephine Sawyer, Chris Sherard, Finn Slattery  
Tremel Faison-Spaulling, Derek Vereen  
Betsy Winters

### JUNE IS

- National Give a Bunch of Balloons Month
- National DJ Month
- African-American Music Appreciation Month
- National Zoo and Aquarium Month
- LGBTQIA Pride Month
- Men's Health Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
- National Candy Month
- National Camping Month
- National Caribbean American Month
- National Country Cooking Month
- National Dairy Month
- National Great Outdoors Month
- National Homeownership Month
- National Iced Tea Month
- National Papaya Month
- National Pollinators Month
- National PTSD Awareness Month
- National Safety Month
- National Soul Food Month
- Rose Month
- Turkey Lovers Month

### FATHERS' DAY

Sunday, June 21

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m. in ZOOM

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

7 p.m. in ZOOM

### NEW!! ONLINE GIVING TUTORIAL VIDEO!

Thank you, John and Kristen Slattery for producing this How-To Video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smho3aZ0Wq8>

### JOIN US FOR "READING ACTS IN EASTER"

We will gather on Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m. in Zoom now through June 2.

### CONNECT WITH ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK

Send your contact information to

[info@stjohnsbroadcreek.org](mailto:info@stjohnsbroadcreek.org) or leave a message at **301.248.4290**.





# 2020-21 PGCPs STUDENT REGISTRATION

## 2020-21 PGCPs STUDENT REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs) online registration for the 2020-21 school year will open Monday, June 1, starting with Early Childhood Programs.

Parents and guardians may register children online following the timetable listed below.

### June 1: Early Childhood Programs

- Infant and Toddler, PreK Special Education and Prekindergarten (for children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1)
- Kindergarten (for children who will be at least 5 years old on or before Sept. 1)
- Early entrance to Prekindergarten (for children who will be 4 years old between Sept. 2 and Oct. 15)
- Early entrance to Kindergarten (for children who will be 5 years old between Sept. 2 and Oct. 15)

### June 4: Specialty Programs and Charter Schools

- Talented and Gifted (TAG)
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Language Immersion
- Montessori
- High school specialty programs
- All charter schools

### June 8: Transitional Students

All rising middle school 6th or 7th graders and rising high school 9th graders must register, including those attending a boundary school.

### July 1: New Students

All registrants who are new to a comprehensive boundary school or PGCPs.

*The following documents are needed for registration:*

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Last report card
- Proof of residency
- Government-issued ID

Register online: [pgcpsmdc.scribder.com](https://pgcpsmdc.scribder.com).

La matrícula virtual a las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Prince George (PGCPs) para el año escolar 2020-2021 abre el lunes, 1 de junio, comenzando con los Programas de Primera Infancia.

Los padres y tutores pueden inscribir a los niños por internet siguiendo el siguiente calendario.

### 1 de junio: Programas de Primera Infancia

- Programas para Bebés y Niños Pequeños, educación especial para prekínder y prekínder (para niños que cumplan 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre).
- Kinder (para niños que cumplan al menos 5 años de edad a más tardar el 1 de septiembre).
- Admisión temprana a prekínder (para niños que cumplan 4 años de edad entre el 2 de septiembre y el 15 de octubre).
- Admisión temprana a kinder (para niños que cumplan 5 años entre el 2 de septiembre y el 15 de octubre).

### 4 de junio: programas de especialidad y escuelas carácter

- Talentosos y Dotados (TAG, por sus siglas en inglés)
- Artes Creativas y Escénicas
- Inmersión lingüística
- Montessori
- Programas de especialidad en la escuela superior
- Todas las escuelas carácter

### 8 de junio: estudiantes en transición

Todos los estudiantes que ingresarán a 6.º o 7.º grado de la escuela intermedia y los estudiantes que ingresarán a 9.º grado de la escuela superior, incluidos aquellos que asisten a una escuela de área.

### 1 de julio: estudiantes nuevos

Todos los estudiantes que se van a matricular y son nuevos en una escuela de área integral o en PGCPs.

*Para las matrícula, se necesitan los siguientes documentos:*

- Acta de nacimiento
- Cartilla de vacunación
- Última boleta de calificaciones
- [Comprobante de domicilio](#)
- Identificación emitida por el gobierno

Insíbase por internet en [pgcpsmdc.scribder.com](https://pgcpsmdc.scribder.com).





## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A PLACE IN TIME CONTINUED...

With St. John's "A Place in Time" Brick Project, we are looking forward to adding your personalized brick "in memory of", "in thanksgiving for", you or your family member's baptism, an anniversary or a message of encouragement.

**St. John's bricks are \$50 each for a 4x8 brick. You may purchase as many as you wish. Engraving is included. If you wish to add a symbol to your brick, please add \$10 to your order.** Symbols can be email upon request or seen in the binder in the back of the church.

Yes, I would like to reserve a permanent brick(s). Please engrave my brick as follows:

Note: A PERIOD, COMMA, COLON, DASH, etc. IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

#### EXAMPLE

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#### 4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Brick 1

#### 4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

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Brick 2

Symbol (Brick 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Symbol (Brick 2): \_\_\_\_\_

(please write in what symbol you would like.)

\*\*\* A symbol takes up one (1) line leaving you three (3) lines for your text \*\*\*

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St. John's Church (MEMO: Brick Project) - 9801 Livingston Road – Fort Washington, MD 20744

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Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Bricks: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ If Cash check here ☐

If you have any questions, call Karen Chapman at (240) 515-0707 or Church Office at (301) 248-4290

You may email your form to [kcconnects01@gmail.com](mailto:kcconnects01@gmail.com)





## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

**The deadline for the June 2020 issue of  
"St. John's Way" is Tuesday, June 23.**

**Submissions may only be mailed or emailed.**

The preferred way to receive your submissions is as a  
Microsoft Word document, via email. More info on  
"Upcoming Events" page.

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 June 23 deadline.



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