



ST. JOHN'S WAY



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

JANUARY 2019

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The Curious, The Cautious, & The Committed Confirmation Reception, and Reaffirmation at St. John's



The Rev. Sarah Dredds Oldenstol

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Bishop Mariann Budde will be coming for her scheduled visitation to St. John's Broad Creek on April 7. As a part of her visit, we are offering the opportunity to be Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church or to publically reaffirm your Episcopal faith.

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation are all rooted in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. When an infant or child is baptized, parents and Godparents make promises on behalf of the child. Confirmation is the sacramental rite through which youth and adults make an informed decision to claim the promises, which others made for them at their baptism, for themselves. Confirmation also makes you an official member of the Episcopal Church! (When you are baptized, you are welcomed into the church as a Christian. The church/denomination in which you were baptized does not matter – we recognize any Christian baptism.)

Let's say you were baptized AND confirmed in another denomination but have decided you would like to be a member of the Episcopal denomination...the sacramental rite of Reception is for you! If it has been a while since you were Confirmed or Received and you would like to publically reaffirm your Christian faith and Episcopal membership, you might consider the sacramental rite of Reaffirmation.

Only a bishop can preside at Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations; these sacramental rites connect the bishop to every member of their diocese! As your rector, I am responsible for presenting "well prepared" candidates to the bishop. To that end, I will be offering The Curious,

The Cautious, and The Committed – a six-session class to prepare for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. The class is open to curious, cautious, and committed youth and adults. We will gather Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 in the Education Room.

- January 6** **Getting Wet!**
Baptism and the Apostles' Creed
- January 13** **What DO we believe?**
Theology in the Episcopal Church and some Prayer Book history.
- January 20** **Just Say the Word!**
A deeper look at the Bible.
Where did it come from? How do we use it?
- January 27** **ANNUAL MEETING – No Class**
- February 3** **What is that Voo Doo that You Do?**
The other sacrament – Holy Communion!
- February 10** **More than a paperweight!**
Using your BCP and hymnal "outside" church and other spiritual disciplines.
- February 17** **What would Jesus do?**
Using our faith as a moral compass...
how does our faith inform our lives?

A word about attendance: If you are thinking about being confirmed, received, or reaffirming your faith on April 7, attendance is mandatory. We are covering a lot of material in six-sessions. If you have to be away, please see me and we will negotiate! I encourage curiosity and welcome you to attend whenever you can if you are simply interested in an introduction or a refresher!



EPIPHANY (HISTORY)

SOURCE: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_\(holiday\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday))

Epiphany may have originated in the Greek-speaking eastern half of the Roman Empire as a feast to honor the baptism of Jesus. Around 200, Clement of Alexandria wrote that, "But the followers of Basilides celebrate the day of His Baptism too, spending the previous night in readings. And they say that it was the 15th of the month Tybi of the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. And some say that it was observed the 11th of the same month." The Egyptian dates given correspond to January 6 and 10. The Basilides were a Gnostic sect.

The reference to "readings" suggests that the Basilides were reading the Gospels. In ancient gospel manuscripts, the text is arranged to indicate passages for liturgical readings. If a congregation began reading Mark at the beginning of the year; it might arrive at the story of the Baptism on January 6, thus explaining the date of the feast. If Christians read Mark in the same format the Basilides did, the two groups could have arrived at the January 6 date independently.



Adoration of the Magi by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 17th century

The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in A.D. 361, by Ammianus Marcellinus. The holiday is listed twice, which suggests a double feast of baptism and birth. The Nativity was assigned to the same date as the birth because Luke 3:23 was misread to mean that Jesus was exactly 30 when he was baptized.

Epiphanius of Salamis says that January 6 is Christ's "Birthday; that is, His Epiphany" (hemera genethlion toutestin epiphanyon). He also asserts that the Miracle at Cana occurred on the same calendar day. Epiphanius assigns the Baptism to November 6.

The scope to Epiphany expanded to include the commemoration of his birth; the visit of the magi, all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including the Baptism by John the Baptist; and even the miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee.

In the Latin-speaking West, the holiday emphasized the visit of the magi. The magi represented the non-Jewish peoples of the world, so this was considered a "revelation to the gentiles." In this event, Christian writers also inferred a revelation to the Children of Israel. John Chrysostom identified the significance of the meeting between the magi and Herod's court: "The star had been hidden from them so that, on finding themselves without their guide, they would have no alternative but to consult the Jews. In this way the birth of Jesus would be made known to all."

In 385, the pilgrim Egeria (also known as Silvia) described a celebration in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, which she called "Epiphany" that commemorated the Nativity. Even at this early date, there was an octave associated with the feast.

In a sermon delivered on 25 December 380, St. Gregory of Nazianzus referred to the day as "the Theophany" (ta theophania), saying expressly that it is a day commemorating "the holy nativity of Christ" and told his listeners that they would soon be celebrating the baptism of Christ. Then, on January 6 and 7, he preached two more sermons, wherein he declared that the celebration of the birth of Christ and the visitation of the Magi had already taken place, and that they would now commemorate his Baptism. At this time, celebration of the two events was beginning to be observed on separate occasions, at least in Cappadocia.

Saint John Cassian says that even in his time (beginning of the 5th century), Egyptian monasteries celebrated the Nativity and the Baptism together on January 6. The Armenian Apostolic Church continues to celebrate January 6 as the only commemoration of the Nativity.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

SOURCE: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/martin-luther-king-jr-born>

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a Baptist minister. King received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 helped organized the first major protest of the African-American civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott. Influenced by Mohandas Gandhi, he advocated civil disobedience and nonviolent resistance to segregation in the South. The peaceful protests he led throughout the American South were often met with violence, but King and his followers persisted, and the movement gained momentum.

A powerful orator, King appealed to Christian and American ideals and won growing support from the federal government and Northern whites. In 1963, Bayard Rustin and A. Philip Randolph led the massive March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; the event's grand finale was King's famous "I Have a Dream" address. Two hundred and fifty thousand people gathered outside the Lincoln Memorial to hear the stirring speech.

In 1964, the civil rights movement achieved two of its greatest successes: the ratification of the 24th Amendment, which abolished the poll tax, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited racial discrimination in employment and education and outlawed racial segregation in public facilities. Later that year, King became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In the late 1960s, King openly criticized U.S. involvement in Vietnam and turned his efforts to winning economic rights for poor Americans. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.





Home for the Holidays 2018



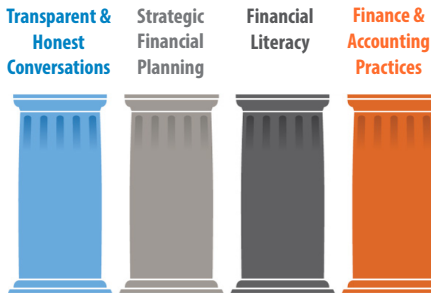
"Home for the Holidays" continued on next page...





REPORTS

4 PILLARS



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).**



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.

SELFIE TIME WITH SARAH



Three Wise Women from St. John's.



THIS IS US

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

A Prayer For Healing For Our Sisters Faith, Kathy, And All Others Who Are In Need.

Hear my prayer, O Lord. In time of trouble I call You, for You will answer me. When pain and illness are my companions, let there be room in my heart for strength. When the days and nights are filled with darkness, let the light of courage find its place. Help me endure the suffering and dissolve the fear; renew within me the calm spirit of trust and peace. Hear my prayer, O Lord.



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

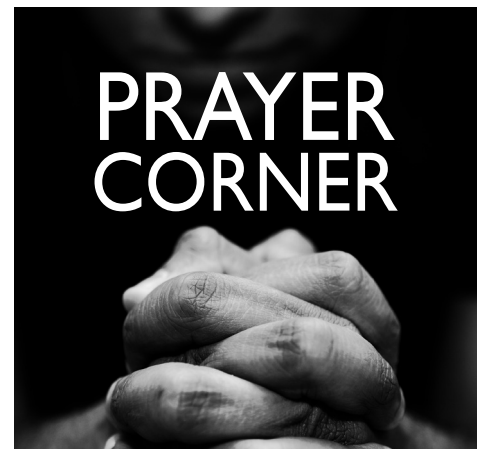
Pray for the President, the Armed Forces of the United States and our Allies, and for the people and emergent leaders of Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, and all the countries in the world that are in turmoil, as well as for our enemies and those who wish us ill. Pray for our Parish, especially our Staff, 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 January 27, 2019. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Lana, Mary, Larry, Jay, Tammy, Darrell, Vincent, Walter, Faith, Charles, Francine, Barbara, Kathy, Rachaad, Linda, Asher, Ezra, Sabra, Kit, Earlyn, Patti, Henry, Dick, 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 January 27, 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, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter.





The Union of Black Episcopalians
DC Chapter

For more details, email Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart at rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net
or call 301.996.4102 or ask Pastor Sarah.



The National
Memorial for Peace
and Justice

Wanted! 50 Pilgrims to Journey to the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, AL May 20 - May 25, 2019

"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*

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

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

\$860 pp (single occupancy)

\$540 pp (double occupancy)

*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)

Email **Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart** (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.**

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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 for changes/updates.

SALE! 2019 CALENDARS

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

SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

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

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 Stephanie Ratty: 301.248.6665.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

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

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays
7 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2

CONFIRMATION, AFFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION CLASSES

Classes start: 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, January 6
Rite I Eucharist: 8 a.m.
Rite II Eucharist: 10:30 a.m.
Pot Luck Dinner: 5 p.m.

FINANCE MEETINGS

Thursday, January 10
7 p.m.

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Accepted through Sunday, January 13

Checks **must be dated December 31, 2017** and identified
in the memo line as a 2018 contribution.

Contribution envelopes for 2019 are in the back of the church.
Please pick up your envelopes on Sunday. For questions,
contact Rudy Brevard, Carol Thomas, or the church office.

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, January 17
6 p.m.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, January 18

Must pre-register to receive special member pricing and first
choice of appointment times. Let them know you are a member
of St. John's.

CALL 1.877.380.143 or

VISIT www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or

TEXT the word "circle" to 797979

MLK JR. HOLIDAY

Monday, January 21
Schools Closed

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27
After 9 a.m. Service (only one Service this morning) in
Bayne Hall.
Please bring fruit, breads, pastries, etc. for a pot luck brunch
prior to the meeting.

ABOUT THE MEETING: Election of Wardens and Vestry
members, and for transactions of other Parish business.
Absentee ballots for election are available. Voters' list is posted in
Bayne Hall. Please check your name for any corrections - make
corrections on the posted list or contact the church office.



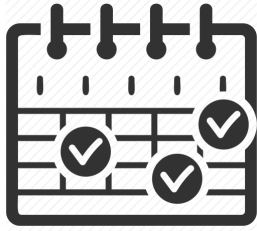
JANUARY

Anjola Akintoba	Bea James
Sandra Bouchelion	Thomas James
Rudy Brevard	Roberto Rivera
Michael Chapman	Jeanne Ulrich
John Dearing	Brady Vereen
Jana Grymes	Beverly Wise
John Horton	



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 February 2019 issue of "St. John's Way" is Monday, January 28.

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 January 28 deadline.

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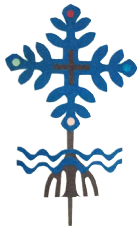
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