

SJUNews *FLASH*

A weekly email to share important information
and to alert you to upcoming events.

Article submission deadline: Thursdays at NOON

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NOVEMBER 23, 2022 (Thanksgiving Week Edition)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 AM **LIVESTREAM FROM THE INTERFAITH CENTER**

Use this same link for EVERY SJU worship service!

<https://wildlakecenter.org/streaming-now/>

This worship service link is also posted on both our website and our Facebook page.

[SJU Website](#)

[SJU Facebook](#)

Our service also streams live on our Youtube page, beginning at 10:30 am.

[SJU YouTube](#)

We invite all persons back into worship on Sunday mornings at our 10:30 a.m. service in Room 4 of the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. We hope you have been able to receive all COVID vaccinations and boosters, and will assist you in doing so, if you wish. Guests are welcome to participate fully in the worship service prayers and singing. When COVID positivity rates and hospitalizations are increasing, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask and safely distance yourself at your comfort level.

However, we ask that you stay home and worship with us virtually via our livestream broadcast at <https://wildlakecenter.org/streaming-now/> if you or a member of your household:

- have any [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, loss of smell, shortness of breath;
- are awaiting COVID-19 test results;
- have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days; or
- have had [close contact](#) with a person who has tested positive for, or who has symptoms of, COVID-19 within the past 10 days.

We ask that if you have traveled where the COVID positivity rate is 10% or greater, you refrain from in-person worship for 5 days and/or have a negative rapid test result before returning to in-person events, regardless of the Maryland or Howard County COVID positivity rate. We recommend double masking or using the KN95 or N95 masks.

As of 11/22/22, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Howard County is 7.1%.

SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP – 7:00 PM – VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 835 8748 4349

Password: 940379

Join **online**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83587484349?pwd=MmhCampLL0tnMWhOc1hEWtBwQ29BQT09>

Or by **phone**: +1 301 715 8592 US



PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

This Week in Your Prayers (your prayers are felt and make a difference!):

- Continue to pray for SJU member **Pat Gordon**, who is resting quietly in her room at Lorien Elkrige in the supportive care of hospice. Pastor Mary Ka visited, prayed and talked with her briefly, and reminded her of SJU's deep love and appreciation for her and your continued prayers.
- Continued prayers for SJU member **Lynn Pakulla**. Her skin graft surgery was scheduled for this past Tuesday. After surgery, she was to remain at Hopkins for several weeks, then be transferred back to rehab for continued healing.
- Please continue to pray for the continued recovery of **Juliette Dixon and Glenn Gooding's** son, **Byron**. The family very much appreciates your prayers!
- Prayers for **Pamela Love's** mother, who seems stronger and more coherent as she heals from her hip surgery.
- Please pray for **Evelyn Chesnutt**, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- **Tom Buckingham** has recovered from his fall and is back to hiking again.
- Prayers for former member **Bob Jackson**, former member, recovering from surgery for a broken collar bone, due to a bike accident.
- We ask for general prayers of recovery for our member at Charlestown, **Maxine Behling**.
- Our hearts and voices join in prayer for the **people of the Ukraine** and all who are experiencing fear and violence as a result of a conflict with Russia.
- Pray for our **church worldwide, pray for SJU and its leaders and members**, pray for one another, our neighbors, and for yourself and often. Pray for what burdens your heart and mind for the world, our nation and our neighborhood.

Prayer Group Ministry: Anyone in the church may submit a prayer concern to a group prayer chain. Contact Judy Miller (quiltjudy@gmail.com), or Evelyn Chesnutt (lchesnutt@icloud.com). If you would like to be part of the Prayer Group Ministry, also contact Judy or Evelyn and let them know so they can add you to the distribution.

YOUR CONTINUED GIVING IS APPRECIATED!

Please continue helping us meet our need so that all of our ministries and missions can continue and be prepared for the fullness of service in the coming months. Here's how you can help:

Donate through GIVELIFY.

With Givelify, you have two options:

1. Download the GIVELIFY app (iphone or android), search for us by name (Saint John United Church) or phone number (410-730-9137), and follow the steps, or
2. Donate online through this link: [Donate Today](#) and search for us as explained above.



Donate through our Vanco payments processor.

With Vanco, you also have TWO options:

1. donate online: <https://tinyurl.com/SJU-online-donations> or
2. donate by phone at 800-675-7430. Vanco's Client Services team will take your donations over the phone.

Donate by mail. Yvonne checks the mail for contributions, and makes weekly deposits.

Make your check payable to ST. JOHN UNITED, and
mail it (with or without including your contribution envelope) to:
St John United Church, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd, Columbia MD 21044

Donate through your bank or credit union. Set up St. John United Church as you would any other bill through your bank's bill payment option.

DIRECTED DONATIONS

At this time, the Finance/Investment team asks that you please do not designate or direct your contributions to SJU toward a specific ministry unless asked. When SJU is aware that specialized ministries need funding, that need will be publicized in advance, and solicited for a specific time and use. The elected leaders of the Church Council are in continual discernment to guide all of SJU's human, financial and spiritual resources in responsible and impactful ways, for the transformation of the world.

CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH A WORD AND IN COLOR

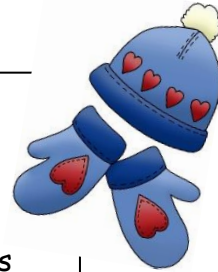
Susan Moody

Join a global interfaith community of prayer this Advent season focused on a different word each day. You can download the word list and/or sign up for an email with a short meditation on each day's word at adventword.org

If you'd like to pray in color, download one of the advent calendars here: [prayingincolor-advent calendar](http://prayingincolor-advent-calendar)

MITTEN TREE COLLECTION

The mittens, gloves and hats you bring to church will be shared with our neighbor students at Bryant Woods Elementary School. Please donate gloves, mittens and hats (adult/large sizes are needed for older children). And please remember the boys. Items will be collected **now through December 11th**.



CLICK ON THE LINKS FOR NEWS OF INTEREST

Baltimore/Washington Conference

[Bishop Easterling's Thanksgiving Message](#)

[Bishop Easterling's message-Colorado Springs shooting](#)

[Winter Drive Donation for Migrants](#) (Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14)

Presbytery of Baltimore

[Presbytery of Baltimore News 11-23-22](#)

More Light Presbyterians

[More Light Presbyterians-Colorado Springs shooting](#)

Howard County Executive

[HoCo Executive Weekly Newsletter](#)

Howard County Office of Aging and Independence

[HoCo Office of Aging and Independence](#)

Howard County Library System

[Howard County Library System](#)
(events, activities)

Columbia Association

[Columbia Association Festive Fridays](#)

Osiligi/Hope Foundation

[Osiligi HOPE Facebook Page](#) (activities; includes link to website)

ASP 2023

ASP WREATHS!!!

The St John Home Repair Ministry/ASP is happy to announce that we will be providing Christmas WREATHS this year!!! Wreaths will cost \$30 (payment by cash or check), and will be available for pick up at WLIFC from 8:30AM – 2PM on Sunday, November 27, December 4 and December 11. Questions can be sent to Mary Beth at mamalast3@gmail.com

You can begin placing orders online here:
<https://forms.gle/s3z5RzhypZbajifT6>

or through the QR code:



WLIFC LIBRARY RE-OPENING!

Exciting News! The Wilde Lake Interfaith Library is reopening on Sunday morning, November 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 6:45-8:00 p.m. Sunday evening. We will do a second shift on Sunday mornings as we get additional volunteers to staff the library.

Consider joining our great team. We have training and support for volunteers and it is a great chance to check out all of the books, music, and movies in our collection. We would love to hear your suggestions and ideas. Contact Marge at m.trenkle@verizon.net for more information. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Weekly deadline for submitting SJUNews *FLASH* articles is Thursday by 12 NOON. Send via email to SJUColumbia@gmail.com Please include "FOR THE FLASH" in your subject heading.

ONGOING SJU NEWS / LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

From Your Congregational Care Committee

With the current steps to re-entry, the Congregational Care Committee no longer sees a need for the Caring/Sharing Help list to appear every week in the SJU News FLASH. Therefore, if anyone wishes to request any of the following services (transportation, errands, or computer help), they should contact:

Evann Ridgeway (evann9@comcast.net) or
Andrea Barnes (awbarnes00@aol.com)

From Columbia Community Care

SPECIAL NOTE:

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of residents of Howard County the total number and selection of many non-perishable items has exceeded all expectations especially in areas such as canned goods.

For more information, see photo. 

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY CARE

(as of May 2022)

Currently there is an excess of items such as:

- Canned soups (all types)
- Canned green beans
- Canned potatoes
- Mac and cheese
- Ramen noodles

When making donations at the WLIFC it is requested that donors consider the following items which are in high demand:

- personal care items such as:
 - toothpaste
 - shampoo
 - bars of bath soap
 - baby diapers
 - baby wipes
 - sanitary napkins (rather than tampons)
- canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste (rather than jars and cans of spaghetti sauce)
- pasta, spaghetti (not macaroni and cheese products)
- canned meats including tuna, chicken, corned beef, ham, Spam, Vienna Sausages, canned salmon
- sugar, flour, masa, rice, cooking oil
- household items such as paper towels and toilet paper

Please Note:
At WLIFC we are only collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items for Columbia Community Care. We do not collect clothing, bedding, kitchen appliances, toys, medical supplies, books, magazines, mail, or other printed materials (cards and stationery). We also cannot collect food items that require refrigeration as there is no refrigeration available. These items may remain outside for a day or more creating problems with spoilage and contamination of other items placed in the totes.

Please do not leave home-made food items in the collection totes. Food items that are not properly packaged and placed in the closed totes may be consumed by animals.

Financial contributions are welcome by CCC and may be made directly through the CCC Facebook site or at <http://columbiacare.live>

The Columbia Community Care always needs volunteers to assist in distributing materials at the three pantries. Volunteers can assist in setting up the sites, sorting and working at distribution tables, or breaking down the site. See the CCC Facebook site for more information on how to volunteer.

Thanks to all for your generosity! Regards, Bud and Margaret Hunt

For current information on Columbia Community Care go to: [Columbia Community Care on Facebook](#) or <http://columbiacare.live>

How YOU Can Find the Daily COVID-19 Positivity Rate for Howard County

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19#cases-dashboard>

You can get the date for the latest shown positivity rate on the screen by hovering the mouse over the end of the line in the Positivity Rate graph to see the "as of" date.



IT'S ALMOST GOODBYE, 2022!

Listen, if you are going to someone's house for Thanksgiving, compliment their baseboards. That is what they are spending today cleaning.

CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 4

All meetings are via Zoom unless otherwise noted;

links to any open meetings are in this issue

All meetings are open to the members and affiliates of SJU unless otherwise noted. Members are encouraged to connect, be engaged and invested in the life and leadership of this Body of Christ, the church! Contact SJUColumbia@gmail.com if you wish to receive meeting and contact information on anything below:

Thu & Fri, 11/24-11/25		SJU OFFICE & WLIFC CLOSED
Sat, 11/26	9:00 am	MEN'S GROUP
Sun, 11/27	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Liturgist: Connie Lynch)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 11/28	4:00 pm	FINANCE TEAM
Tue, 11/29	7:00 pm	BWES TEAM
Wed, 11/30	10:00 am	WEBSITE TEAM
Sun, 12/4	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Robin Dietzway)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP

Pastoral Care: Self-Care in the Pandemic: Pastoral Care, Coaching and Spiritual Direction for Individuals or Households. Rev. Kanahan, a trained IFC Coach and Spiritual Director, is here to offer Pastoral Care, Coaching and Spiritual direction during this time. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11 am or 6-8 pm. All 50-minute appointments and interactions are confidential and customized for your needs. She is willing to listen, encourage, pray or offer resources according to your request. Schedule your self-care consult by contacting her at: pastorkanahansju@gmail.com or 410-428-8090.

ADMIN OFFICE AND PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS: Yvonne is in the office for a few hours ONCE A WEEK, normally on Thursdays, and Pastor Mary Ka is in as needed each week. Because it might be several days before they can retrieve phone messages, please send them an email with any questions you have, for help you may need, or to make an in-office appointment.

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