

SJUNews *FLASH*

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

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APRIL 14, 2023

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

Use this same link for EVERY SJU worship service!

[SJU Worship Service Livestream](#)

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

[SJU Website](#)

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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.

As of 4/13/23, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Howard County is 5.4%.

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

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

Hero Hotline

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 2023

9am-12pm

Join us at Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play!

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~ Romans 14:19

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Do you have a senior who is graduating from high school this year and is part of our SJU family? If you do, please contact Mary Lou Shippe by May 15 so we can congratulate and recognize them!
Mary Lou's email: propertyqueen13@gmail.com



A SEASON OF SPECIAL GIVING

During Lent, we are asking you to make a special gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

OGHS: For many years our Palm Sunday special offering has supported “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS). This is a great way to help both Presbyterian and Methodist agencies aid Ukrainians, other refugees and victims of disasters. We will welcome your additional gifts for that purpose through Sunday, April 23.

In addition to your checks, **with OGHS on the memo line**, we have added an option to support these ministries through Givelify during these weeks.

UMCOR SUNDAY (UM)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

PC(USA)

A message from UMCOR:

Originally founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II, The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries. Our goal is to assist the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE


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

- **Jennifer Wong** requests prayers for her parents, Rose and Gene Marciano in Florida, coping with several health matters.
- **Lynn and Gary Pakulla** request prayers for their travel to Florida to attend to matters so they may return fully to life here in Maryland.
- **Judy Miller** and family are celebrating her progress in rehab therapy following hospitalization. Judy hopes to return to her (new) home at Charlestown by the end of this week. Her updated room #: 719 Maiden Choice La **BR324**, Catonsville MD 21228.
- **Dawn and Nat Barnes** request prayers for Nat's call to political leadership in Liberia-for wisdom, discernment, and preservation of his well-being in these bold steps.
- Please continue to pray for **Angelo Farmer**, living with late-stage pancreatic cancer. Cards may be sent to: Angelo Farmer, 5861 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia, MD 21044. You can send text messages to: 443-832-8378.
- Also, please continue your prayers for Mrs. **Jean Gibson, Pamela Love's mother**, for general health and strength. She is at home now.
- Our hearts and voices continue to 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, and all around the world who are **affected by recent natural disasters**.

- 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.
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NEWS FROM THE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

2023 Easter Message from DS Dawn M. Hand (*as of today, no link to this on their website*):



MESSAGE FROM DS DAWN M. HAND

Creetings. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's presence, power and promise are fulfilled today - Jesus' resurrection.

We give thanks for traveling and tracing Jesus' path through Holy Week. It's a hard journey through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The crucifixion of Jesus propels us to the celebration of Jesus being raised from the grave.

Coming through the Lenten journey and now celebrating resurrection, I pray you have experiences of being raised from the graves of depletion and depression. Raised the graves of lamentation and loneliness. Raised from the graves of hauntings and hopelessness. I hope your heart is saturated with resurrection love.

Siblings, today we join with Christians worldwide giving thanks to God and proclaiming death does not have the final say. We rejoice in God's resurrection power with a resounding:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Siblings, I love you! Happy Easter!

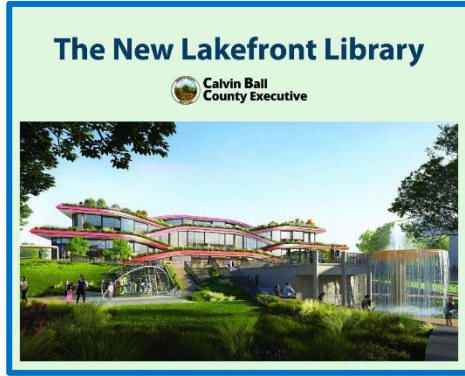
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dawn

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.

NEWS FROM HOWARD COUNTY

Unveiling the Lakefront Library Designs: “Heatherwick’s project will rise, fittingly, close to an earlier signature building in Columbia, the former Rouse Company headquarters, designed by Frank O. Gehry and Associates (now Gehry Partners), and opened in 1974. Rouse, who died in 1996, was an early patron of Gehry, who also designed a fire station and an outdoor concert venue, the Merriweather Post Pavilion, in Columbia.



The Maryland project will be the first public library designed by the London-based Heatherwick Studio. Other well-known U.S. projects by the firm include the Vessel in Hudson Yards; Little Island at Pier 55; and Google’s new campus in Bay View, California, in collaboration with BIG.”

Read more [here](#).

APRIL 19: The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is partnering with St. John Baptist Church (SJBC) to host a community event titled “Community Mental Health: It’s Time to Act” to engage students, parents/guardians, staff and community members regarding the mental health concerns impacting our students.

No registration is required to attend. For more information go here:

[Community Mental Health event](#)



BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY

Reimagining Good Health for All: Dismantling Systemic Racism in HoCo

Horizon Foundation to Host Community Summit on April 29 Featuring Soledad O'Brien

Soledad O'Brien, a prominent journalist and champion of diversity, has given voice to the underserved and disenfranchised in documentary projects including *Black in America*, *Latino in America*, *The Prison Breaker*, and *Disrupt and Dismantle*. Ms. O'Brien will visit Howard County for a **summit sponsored by the Horizon Foundation, on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 9 a.m.**

We hope you will join other members of the Bridges community to hear Ms. O'Brien talk about confronting issues of race, class, income inequality and opportunity – and how doing so will help us build a better future for everyone. We ask that you stay after her remarks through lunch (provided) and for small-group workshops that end at 2 pm.

Bridges will receive a small grant from the Horizon Foundation if we register at least 10 people for the full event. Please email [Jen Broderick](#) if you want to attend.

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

ANNUAL FRIENDS FLOWERS FUNDRAISER. The Friends & Foundation of HCLS are hosting their annual Flower Fundraiser again this Spring!

Make a \$35 (or more) donation to Friends and as a thank you, you will receive a beautiful 12" hanging basket of annual, sun-loving flowers. The fundraiser runs April 7- May 10, and you can pick up your flower basket May 11-13 (pick up times will be sent with a confirmation notice of your donation).

[DONATE HERE](#)

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

Make your check payable to **ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH**, 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.

[HEY! IT's 2023!](#)

KIDS ARE FASCINATED by ancient ruins. #history



CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 16 – APRIL 23

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:

Sun, 4/16	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Liturgist: Britney Kumchu)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 4/17	7:00 pm	COUNCIL MEETING
Wed, 4/19	6:30 pm	VBS PLANNING MEETING (<i>Room 10</i>)
Thu, 4/20	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sun, 4/23	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Pamela Love)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP

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.

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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