

# SJUNews \*FLASH\*

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

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APRIL 21, 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](#)**

**[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.

**As of 4/18/23, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Howard County is 5.2%.**

## **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

### **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 today, 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.

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

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## PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

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

- Please pray for recovery for **Susan Moody's** mother, **Mrs. Marie Kellenberger**, who, at age 100 and in frail health, has COVID.
- **Jennifer Wong** requests prayers for her parents, Rose and Gene Marciano in Florida, coping with several health matters.
- **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

### Urgent Request for Central Maryland District Youth Members at Large (YMAL)

At every Annual Conference, each district has the opportunity to send 3 youth to serve as district youth members at large (YMAL) to represent the youth voice/opinion of the district! Serving as a YMAL means that the youth are an integral and important part of holy conferencing. **Youth members at large should be between the age of 12-18.** YMAL are expected to arrive on Wed, May 31 (preferably in time for dinner) and they stay and participate in the full Annual Conference event until Saturday, June 3. Expenses are completely covered – hotel room and all meals during their stay. YMAL will share a hotel room with another YMAL of the same gender. YMAL all stay on the same floor at the hotel and there are adult chaperones on the floor with them. The chaperones shepherd the youth from arrival on Wed until their departure on Sat. YMAL have full voting privileges and the opportunity to speak at the microphones on issues that are important to them and their district. Voting will be done with personal devices this year, so YMAL should bring a cellphone, tablet or other personal device that they can connect to WIFI and use for voting purposes. *If you know of a youth that would be interested, please send contact information for them and their guardian to [samer@bwcumc.org](mailto:samer@bwcumc.org) (Sophie Amer) as soon as possible. Also, please email Sophie if you have questions.*

**Registration is open for Annual Conference** scheduled for May 31 through June 3, at the Hilton Hotel, 401 West Pratt St. in Baltimore. The theme of the conference is “All About Love.” A **late-fee** to [register](#) for the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference goes into effect after April 26. Registration closes May 17. Click here for registration information: [2023 Annual Conference](#)

[Read the E-Connection](#) to learn what's happening in, around and beyond the Baltimore-Washington Conference. And, if you have not already done so, [subscribe to receive](#) the weekly e-newsletter.

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## 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.

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## 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!

So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that can build each other up.  
~ Romans 14:19

Online Registration COMING SOON!

For info: Email [sjucolumbiavbs@gmail.com](mailto:sjucolumbiavbs@gmail.com)

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## HCDRUGFREE

Our next drive-thru medication and sharps collection will be held on **Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot.** We will accept prescription and over-the-counter medications, sharps (needles, syringes, EpiPens, etc.), vapes, inhalers and more. Teen, adult and medically-trained adult volunteers wanted!!!



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## NEWS FROM HOWARD COUNTY



**Innovative Food Connections:** Every resident in Howard County should have the means to locate healthy and low-cost food resources no matter their socioeconomic status. We know that with inflation driving up food prices, more of our neighbors are struggling with food insecurity. Through the development of our innovative interactive Food Connection Map, we're ensuring that our residents have the means of finding healthy and low-cost, accessible food and nutrition resources in the County. Together, we will continue to provide our residents with easy access to a variety of resources and the Food Connection Map is one innovative way to make that vision a reality. **Visit the interactive map [here](https://www.hclic.org/foodmap).**

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## 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!\*\*](#)

### **CRAB SEASON IS HERE**

When out-of-state restaurants serve "Maryland-style" crab cakes...



## **CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23 – APRIL 30**

**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](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com) if you wish to receive meeting and contact information on anything below:

Sun, 4/23	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) ((Leader: Guy Moody; Liturgist: Pamela Love)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 4/24		OFFICE CLOSED
Thu, 4/27	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL ( <i>Room 4</i> )
Sat, 4/29	9:00 am	SJU MEN'S GROUP
Sun, 4/30	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) (Scheduled liturgist: John Telis)
	11:45 am	VBS SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING ( <i>Room 10</i> ) AWARD RECEPTION FOR JOHN TELIS ( <i>Room 16/18</i> )
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP

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**Prayer Group Ministry:** Anyone in the church may submit a prayer concern to a group prayer chain. Contact Judy Miller ([quiltjudy@gmail.com](mailto:quiltjudy@gmail.com)), or Evelyn Chesnutt ([lchesnutt@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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