

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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(best way to contact the office)

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.

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

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.

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.

Recently posted on INDEEDSJUNEDSU.com

(Not a real job-posting website! 😊)



JOB TITLE: Audio/Visual (AV) Team Member

LOCATION: Room 4, WLIFC (In person; minimal remote work allowed)

SALARY: Frequent thanks from a Grateful Congregation!

PART-TIME: 5-10 hours per month. Self-selected Thursday evenings (rehearsal) & Sunday Mornings (worship) plus occasional other days

➤ **Easily apply** 🔔 **Urgently Hiring** 👥 **Hiring multiple candidates**

TRAINING: On-site training provided. **Basic** computer skills helpful (Download files from email, move files from to and from USB/Flash drive)

JOB DESCRIPTION: In this role, you will support the mission of SJU by providing operation of Room 4 A/V and Livestreaming equipment for Sunday Worship, Memorial Services, and other congregational gatherings. This **ministry of connection** enables those who are unable to worship in person the opportunity to be included as part of the congregation.

HOW TO APPLY: Send an email to juworshipservice@gmail.com or contact any A/V team member - CJ Buche, Nigel Green, Rich Parker, Chris Robinson, or Alvin Thompson – or just stop by the “A/V Corner” of Room 4.

[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.

[PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!](#)

SJU recently decided to move forward with *HolyCow! Consulting* to help us plan our future. Many of you were selected to participate in the first step, which is to conduct a congregational assessment. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. If you received an invitation to participate, this is a reminder to please complete your online assessment as soon as possible, but before May 16, 2023. Questions? Please contact a team member below:



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[NEWS FROM THE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON CONFERENCE](#)

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.

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE

J. Herbert Nelson to step down as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA)

April 25, 2023 - Louisville, KY: After seven years as the chief ecclesial officer of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, has announced plans to step down from his role as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) effective June 30, 2023. The decision, he says, came after long conversations with his family and extended time in prayer. The announcement comes just days after he told the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly that he would not seek a third term as Stated Clerk. [Read more here.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday May 11, 2023 at 10:00 am! Meeting is on Zoom. For details and to register, go here: [899th Stated Meeting](#)

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

NEWS FROM HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING AND INDEPENDENCE

Donate your used computer & electronic devices May 15 - 19 / Various Howard County locations


Help OAI and [PCs for People](#) close the digital divide in Howard County by donating your used tech devices. Donated devices will be assessed, data-sanitized for security, refurbished and provided to families, individuals and nonprofits in need, or recycled. Accepted items include desktop PCs and accessories, laptops, tablets, smartphones, cellphones, monitors, mp3 players, game consoles/devices, speakers, digital cameras, LCD & plasma tvs, DVD players, cables, printers, fax machines, etc. Donations may be dropped off at the following locations during normal business hours:

- **Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services, [9830 Patuxent Woods Drive](#), Columbia 21046**
- **Ellicott City 50+ Center, [9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City 21043](#)**
- **North Laurel 50+ Center, [9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel 20723](#)**
- **Glenwood 50+ Center, [2400 MD-97, Cooksville 21723](#)**


For more information about the Tech Donation Drive, [visit our website](#) or contact Malarie Burgess, OAI's Digital Inclusion Specialist, at 410-313-6542 (voice/relay).

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
ACTIVITY DAY**

**St. John United Church
10431 Twin Rivers Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044
Sunday, April 30, 2023
9 am - 12 pm**



The Community Health Workers will be onsite with lots of literature (in English and in Spanish) and can provide information on services and resources for **Food, Health, Housing, Transportation, Education, Employment Assistance**, and more.

sponsored by:

African American Community Roundtable
Of Howard County, MD

HEY! IT'S 2023!



CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 30 - MAY 7

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, 4/30	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (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
Wed, 5/3	2:00 pm	CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE
Thu, 5/4	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sun, 5/7	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Patsy Nwagbaraocha)
	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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