

SJUNews *FLASH*

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

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APRIL 7, 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 4/6/23, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Howard County is 3.4%.

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

Online Registration COMING SOON!

For info: Email sjucolumbiavbs@gmail.com



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NEWS FROM THE BWES PARTNERSHIP TEAM



Bryant Woods Elementary Partnership Team would like to thank the members of SJU who volunteered to read to the students at BWES on March 29th. They read to students from Pre-Kindergarten to Fifth Grade. The students were very attentive to our readers and excited about us reading to them.

Thank you to: Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan, Andrew Love, Pamela Love, Tony Powell, Dean Randall, and Karen Randall.

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 **from Sunday, April 2 through Sunday, April 23.**

In addition to your checks, **with OGHS on the memo line**, we will add 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

PC(USA)

A message from PCUSA:

**For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing
has connected us in God’s healing, tending and growing to create a world
where all needs are met.**

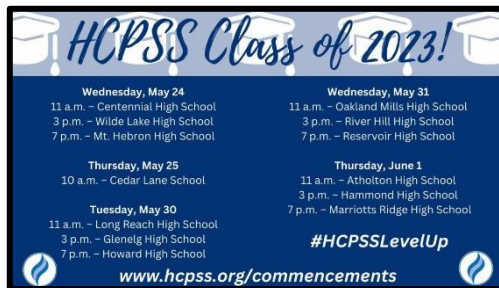
Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in more than 100 countries. Visit pcusa.org/oghsmap for locations and ministries.

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.

NEWS FROM HOWARD COUNTY



HCPSS Class of 2023!

Wednesday, May 24	Wednesday, May 31
11 a.m. – Centennial High School	11 a.m. – Oakland Mills High School
3 p.m. – Wilde Lake High School	3 p.m. – River Hill High School
7 p.m. – Mt. Hebron High School	7 p.m. – Reservoir High School

Thursday, May 25	Thursday, June 1
10 a.m. – Cedar Lane School	11 a.m. – Attolton High School
	3 p.m. – Hammond High School

Tuesday, May 30
11 a.m. – Long Reach High School
3 p.m. – Glenelg High School
7 p.m. – Howard High School

#HCPSSLevelUp
www.hcpss.org/commencements

ConGRADulations! The time has arrived! The Howard County Public School System announced commencement dates for our phenomenal Class of 2023. All ceremonies will occur at Merriweather Post Pavilion, with the exception of the Cedar Lane School, which will be held at the school. For more information regarding 2023 commencements, please click [here](#).

Youth Opportunity Fair: The Youth Opportunity Fair is back! Join the Howard County Office of Workforce Development and community partners for a job fair dedicated to our young people on **Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 11 am – 2pm at Oakland Mills High School**. This event is centered around networking and directly connecting youth and young adults to local community resources, volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities. Help us spread the word and engage youth in the workforce.



County Executive Calvin Ball invites you to:
Explore . Experience . Excel

Youth Opportunity Fair

Saturday, April 15th
11 AM - 2 PM

FREE Event
ages 14 to 24!

Oakland Mills High School
8419 Kilmanswara Road
Columbia, MD 21048

Find your opportunity...
THE DOOR IS OPEN

SPONSORED BY: [Logos for various organizations]

Youth Opportunity Fair:
Scheduling your job search starts here! 11:30 am with networking, resume distribution and job opportunities. Meet with employer representatives and learn about local resources in Howard County. Parents and job seekers are also welcome to attend. Career resources and information will be available.

So Much To Do!
• Dynamic Displays
• Showcase Presentations
• Great Giveaways

Get Connected To...
• Academics
• Business
• Arts
• Finance
• Government
• HR Opportunities
• Leadership
• Music
• Public Safety
• Science
• Theater
• Job Mgmt
• HR Opportunities

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

Bishop Latrelle Easterling's Easter message is available here: [Bishop's Easter Message](#)

[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.

[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.

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](#)



[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.

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!



CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APRIL 9 – APRIL 16

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, 4/9	10:30 am	EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Liturgist: Dawn Barnes)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 4/10		SJU & IFC OFFICES CLOSED
Tue, 4/11	7:00 pm	COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY TEAM
Thu, 4/13	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sun, 4/16	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Britney Kumchu)
	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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