

SJUNews *FLASH*

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

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MAY 12, 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.

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.

**BETSY HUDSON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
AT 12 NOON AT THE INTERFAITH CENTER IN ROOM 4. THERE WILL BE A
RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.
USE THE WORSHIP SERVICE LINK ABOVE TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM.**

PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

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

- Please continue praying for **Susan Moody's** mother, **Mrs. Marie Kellenberger**, who, at age 100 and in frail health.
 - Please continue to pray for and send cards to **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**, and her **brother, Brad Gibson**, for general health and encouragement.
 - 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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PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Thank you to everyone who has completed the HolyCow! Consulting Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT)! We would love to personally thank you, but all responses are 100% confidential, including the names of respondents.

LAST CHANGE

IF you have not yet accepted your invitation to complete the assessment, you have just one more weekend to make your voice heard. TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Your response **before May 16 is needed to help provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. EVERY VOICE MATTERS!**

Questions? Please contact CAT team member below:

<u>Team Member</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Debbie Parker	rparker-temp@comcast.net	(410) 461-7414
Lisa Cooper Green	lisa.cooper@jhmi.edu	(443) 801-5723
Guy Moody	moodys@comcast.net	(301) 498-2208
Alvin Thompson	actnet@comcast.net	(410) 997-2286

A BLESSING BOX

Jean Weller has a blessing box of a set of 4 Mikasa Tivoli Garden China place settings free to a good and appreciative home! Contact Jean at jweller123@comcast.net.

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 sjuworshipservice@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.

SJU Church Picnic

and

VBS 2023 Kickoff

Sunday, June 4, 2023



Immediately after our church service

on the plaza at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center.*

Catered by Mission BBQ

Food • Music • Games • Lots of Fun!

Please bring your own chair. We will provide the rest!

Also, come ready to give “Every Praise” while doing the SJU Line Dance!

**If it rains, the picnic and kickoff will be held in Room 10.*

For more information, please contact Trena Perez:

Phone: 240-778-8000 Email: tleeperez@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE BWES PARTNERSHIP TEAM

BWES Recess Wishlist

Recess is vital to the well-being of children. It helps them develop social skills and learn how to interact with others in non-academic settings. Recess gives kids space to be active and have fun without the pressure of grades or competition, and it helps them build connections with other kids that last throughout their lives. Thanks to the *amazing contribution of our PTA and partner, St. John United Church*, we worked with the company Playworks to enhance the recess experience for our students.

Spring is here, and we are looking to revive our recess equipment! **Please look at our [Amazon Recess Wishlist and consider donating](#)**. We appreciate all contributions and donations!

BWES Administration

Bryant Woods Elementary is having a couple of events that SJU can donate their time to support the school, staff and the children. During the months of May and June BWES is having a **Field Day** and they are soliciting volunteers for the event. The date is **Thursday May 18th 9am -3 pm**. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, please sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BAAAC2FA7-2023>

Just a reminder you must complete the online volunteer training at : <https://bwes.hcpss.org/support>. BWES will provide food and drink for all volunteers.

You can also volunteer at the link below for **Career Day**. The date for Career Day is **June 7th**.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPCAi-OyWb5niGtMWTWIBKtrXf_V2m1Mmn8bAUUpj7yguE7A/viewform

If you have any questions about volunteering or either of the forms, please contact Karen Randall at karenrandall1@gmail.com. The BWES Team hopes that you can volunteer at either or both of these events. The staff, children and parents appreciate all our involvement at BWES.

The BWES Team



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

ASP 2023

For our week in Appalachia we are going to
Floyd County, Kentucky!

<https://asphome.org/centers/kyfloyd/>



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.

DENOMINATION NEWS

Baltimore/Washington Conference

May 19 (7pm)—Bayside Big Band Concert

Glen Mar UMC (4701 New Cut Road, Ellicott City) will hold a free outdoor concert, weather permitting. If it rains this event will be held inside Glen Mar's Spirit Center. Bring chairs and/or blankets, there will be two food trucks available from 5-7:30 pm. For more information, visit www.glenmarumc.org/summerconcerts.

[Read current and back issues of the e-Connection](#) to learn what's happening across the Baltimore-Washington Conference or [subscribe](#) to the weekly e-newsletter.

Presbytery of Baltimore

Greetings! There are some fantastic events that we thought merited your special attention. As you plan your summer months, please consider taking advantage of the following opportunities. Go here:

2023 Gathering of Presbyterian Women: For more information, including a schedule and registration, [visit the PW website](#).

Presbyterian Men's Conference: For questions & pricing contact Registrar: Paul Willbanks at pmwillbanks@gmail.com or call 410-829-9161. [Download flyer](#)

Baltimore-Dakota Learning Camps: This summer, the Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps will be operating three sessions. For details, visit the Baltimore-Dakota Learning Camps website at: <http://baltimoredakotalearningcamps.org>

ONGOING SJU NEWS / LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

UPDATED INFO 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, go here: <https://sjunited.org/new-to-sju/>

HEY! IT'S 2023!



CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MAY 14 - MAY 21

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, 5/14	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>led by Pamela Love; in-person & streaming</i>) (Liturgist: Andy Love)
<i>Mother's Day</i>	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 5/15	7:00 pm	COUNCIL MEETING
Tue, 5/16	7:00 pm	VBS PLANNING MEETING
	7:30 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sat, 5/20	8:00 am	A/V TECH TEAM REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sun, 5/21	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Evann Ridgeway)
	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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