

# SJUNews \*FLASH\*

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

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**MAY 5, 2023**

**\*Reminder: have your juice and bread/crackers prepared for holy communion on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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 11:00 A.M. AT THE INTERFAITH CENTER IN ROOM 1. THERE WILL BE A  
RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE AND ALL ARE WELCOME.**

## 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.

**IF by chance you have not accepted your invitation to complete the assessment yet**, you have just one more week to make your voice heard. HOW ABOUT TODAY! 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.

Questions? Please contact a team member below:

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

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### NEWS FROM THE BWES PARTNERSHIP TEAM

**BWES Career Day is coming on June 7th.**

You can sign up directly with the school to share your career story with a classroom of kids here: [BWES Career Day Signup](#). Hope to see you there!

The BWES Team

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## Recently posted on INDEEDSJUNEEEDSU.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](mailto: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](mailto:tleeperez@gmail.com)

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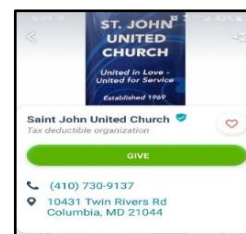
## **YOUR CONTINUED GIVING IS APPRECIATED!**

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.

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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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## **DENOMINATION NEWS**

### **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. 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.

### **Presbytery of Baltimore**

**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](#)

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## NEWS FROM HOWARD COUNTY

**Books in Bloom Festival Set for May 13:** The seventh annual Books in Bloom Festival, hosted by the Downtown Columbia Partnership and The Howard Hughes Corp., is set for May 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Color Burst Park, Merriweather District, in Downtown Columbia. The theme of this year's Books in Bloom is "Building Community Through Empathy and Understanding." The celebration serves as a platform for meaningful dialogue and aims to highlight activism with a focus on race, gender, diversity, and freedom. The festival and all associated events are free and open to the public. Authors and details will be announced later this month. Guests are encouraged to [RSVP in advance](#). For more information, visit: [www.booksinbloommd.com](http://www.booksinbloommd.com)

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**HEY! IT'S 2023!**



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### CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MAY 7 – MAY 14

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, 5/7	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) (Liturgist: Patsy Nwagbaraocha)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Tue, 5/9	4:00 pm	FINANCE TEAM
	6:00 PM	A/V TECH TEAM REHEARSAL
	7:00 PM	COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY TEAM
Wed, 5/10	2:00 pm	CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE
Thu, 5/11	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL ( <i>Room 4</i> )
Sat, 5/13	11:00 am	<b>BETSY HUDSON MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> <b>(Room 1; reception follows in foyer)</b>
Sun, 5/14	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>led by Pamela Love; in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) (Scheduled liturgist: Andy Love)
<b>Mother's Day</b>	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.

[SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com)

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