

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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AUGUST 11, 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](#)

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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.

**Weekly deadline for submitting SJUNews *FLASH* articles
is Thursday by 12 NOON.**

**Send via email to SJUColumbia@gmail.com
Please include "FOR THE FLASH" in your subject heading.**

PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

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

- Please pray for **Izetta Cooper** who had a fall and was hospitalized. She is recuperating at home.
- And keep **Dave Douds** in our prayers, who also fell and was hospitalized. Dave is recuperating at the Rehab Center on the campus of Charlestown Retirement Community.
- 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.

BWES SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

REMINDER: This Sunday, **August 13th**, is the deadline for the collection of school supplies for Bryant Woods Elementary School! Please refer to the list below for the needed supplies.

Thank you from your BWES Partnership Team: Lisa Cooper-Green, Pastor Mary Ka Kanahan, Andrew Love, Trena Perez-Powell, Karen Randall, Mary Lou Shippe, and Alvin Thompson.



Supplies list: 8-pack markers (thin & wide; Crayola preferred), crayons (box of 24; Crayola preferred), #2 pencils (Dixon Ticonderoga), large pink erasers, glue sticks, pencil cases, blunt scissors, regular scissors, highlighters, marble composition books, wide-rule spiral notebooks and notebook paper, 12" clear plastic or wooden rulers, and Ziploc snack/sandwich/gallon size bags.

2023 VBS: HERO HOTLINE

Support your Local Heroes! Hero Hotline VBS, that is!

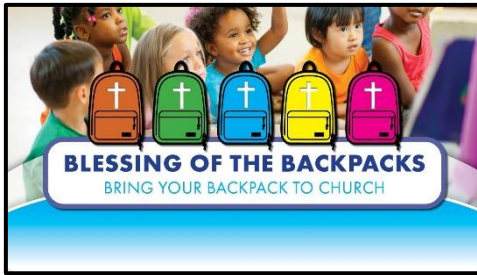
If you would like to make a monetary contribution to offset expenses for Vacation Bible School this year, please plan your gift between July 16th and August 13th. Your gift can be contributed through the Givelify app on your phone, or by sending your contribution to the church, and made payable to SJU with memo: VBS. Funds will offset expenses for curriculum purchase, crafts and activities, snacks and refreshments, and other expenses for the youth and volunteers. Thank you for your support and generosity!



The Finance/Investment Team approved directed donation opportunities for both **BWES AND Vacation Bible School**. BWES donations will help purchase school supplies. VBS donations will help offset this year's expenses. **These special collections run through Sunday, August 13.**

Specially-designated envelopes have been set up in Givelify. If you write a check, be sure to **designate 'BWES' or 'VBS' on your memo line**, so that our counters can account for your donation properly. Thank you for your generosity and support!

REMINDER: the last day for these special collections is Sunday, August 13th. And be sure to join us in worship on August 13th as we celebrate VBS 2023!



#blessingofthebackpacks
#backtoschool

Mark your calendars for August 27 and join us for our special back-to-school service for Blessing of the Backpacks! All students, teachers, administrators and even those going to the office, bring your backpacks, briefcases, computer bags, etc. to be blessed. Let's come out and encourage everyone to have a great year!



SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:30 am – 12:00 noon
Wilde Lake Interfaith Center

2023 Congregational Assessment Results and Brunch

More information to follow by the end of August.



NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy any other needle craft? **Come join the SJU Needlework Group on August 13th**, after worship, at one of the cafe tables. Bring a snack and your current project. Beginners and needlework-curious folks welcome!
~ Thanks! Ingrid

DENOMINATION NEWS

Baltimore/Washington Conference

Mission Center & District Office: The BWC Mission Center is closed every Friday through September 1.

[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

[Saturday September 16, 2023](#) – 900th Meeting of Presbytery! – In-person at Mt. Paran Presbyterian, 10 am – 2 pm

NEWS FROM OSILIGI/HOPE FOUNDATION – KIKANAE PUNYUA

August 7, 2023:

I would like to share good news that we have completed our big project that we have been working on since 2018 the Osiligi Medical Complex. It's ready to go! Very exciting! Attached are pictures of the interior floor tiled and ready to go! Also, we met with the Governor of our County and he agreed to staff and equip the facility immediately.

It has been God's grace. I want to thank Pastor Mary and the church congregation for the support and prayers. Thank you, Yvonne, for always being there for us.

Please pass our gratitude and appreciation to the church family and I miss them so much. God Bless!



Keep up with the latest accomplishments of the Osiligi/HOPE Foundation:

[Osiligi HOPE Facebook Page](#)

[Osiligi HOPE Official Website](#)

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

August 15 at 7 pm: Budgeting During a Crisis (East Columbia)

This interactive session will provide you with the tools you need to assemble a crisis budget and provide you with valuable take-away resources to help you and others. While every individual situation is different, the goal is to provide you with crisis-budgeting best practices, ideas on creative income streams, and information about resources available to help you during this time.

Learn more and register here: [Budgeting during a crisis](#)

2023 HOWARD COUNTY Farmers' Markets

- HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY- EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH FARMERS' MARKET**
6920 Goodrock Pike, Columbia, MD
Thursdays, May 4 - November 16
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY- MILLER BRANCH FARMERS' MARKET**
9421 Providence Rd, Beltsville City, MD
Saturdays, May 13 - November 4
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- MAPLE LAWN FARMERS' MARKET**
1400 Maple Lawn Blvd, Fulton, MD
Saturdays, May 13 - November 4
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- CLARKEVILLE COMMONS FARMERS' MARKET**
12750 Clarkeville Pike, Clarkeville, MD
Saturdays, May 13 - November 4
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Participating in the Maryland Money Market Program
- DARLAND HILLS VILLAGE CENTER FARMERS' MARKET**
1461 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD
Sundays, May 14 - November 12
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

See For More Information
www.hceda.org

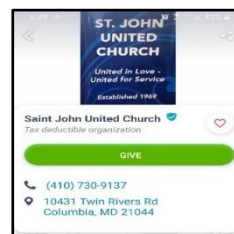
YOUR CONTINUED GIVING IS APPRECIATED!

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.

ONGOING SJU NEWS / LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Music The popular concert series, Amped in the Park, features jazz pianist [Emmet Cohen](#) on Aug. 17, jam rock group [Better Off Dead](#) on Aug. 31 and Go-Go band [Rare Essence](#) on Sept. 6. The music starts at 7 p.m. at Color Burst Park, Merriweather District, Downtown Columbia. Register [here](#).

More Music The [Columbia Association](#) continues its free [Lakefront Live](#) Headliner events with [Ramona](#) on Thursday, Aug. 23, 7-9:30 p.m. The band called its offering "romantic psychedelic rock." Offshore will provide curated food and beverages for sale to attendees.

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 (updated on 5/8/23), go here: <https://sjunited.org/new-to-sju/>

HEY! IT's 2023!

August already?? September is practically next week. Time to pick out a Halloween costume and start your Christmas shopping. Happy New Year, everybody.

CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 20

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, 8/13	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE/ VBS 2023 CELEBRATION (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Liturgist: Guy Moody)
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 8/14	3:00 pm	COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: MISSIO MONTHLY MEETING
	4:00 pm	FINANCE TEAM
Thu, 8/17	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM REHEARSAL (<i>Room 4</i>)
Sun, 8/20	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE (<i>in-person & streaming</i>) (Scheduled liturgist: Alvin Thompson)
	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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