

# 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)*

SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

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

**Send via email to [SJUColumbia@gmail.com](mailto:SJUColumbia@gmail.com)  
Please include "FOR THE FLASH" in your subject heading.**

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## PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

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

- Please add to your prayers **Mary Snow, Debra Snow's** mother, who is a resident at Lorien Encore in hospice care. Nothing imminent is on the horizon. She is just being supported with a level of comfort that gives her the widest range of options for living each day!
- Please pray for **Trena Perez's** sister, Dr. **Tammy Watts** who recently experienced a medical emergency. Trena is very grateful for the church and its prayers for her family. Your prayers for a successful outcome that remedies Tammy's condition and sets her on a road to full recovery are requested. At this time, no additional support is needed for the Perez-Powell family.
- Continue to keep **Dave Douds** in your prayers. He is continuing to improve in Charlestown Rehab, and hopes to be back in his apartment by the end of this month. Send your emails, text messages, phone calls of encouragement! 443-326-1904.
- Please pray for **Izetta Cooper** who had a fall and was hospitalized. She is recuperating at home.
- **Pamela Love** requests prayers for her **brother Brad Gibson**, living with a serious chronic health condition. Please pray for the stabilization of his health and the effectiveness of treatments he is receiving.
- 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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## MEMBER NEWS

Debra Snow

Hello friends and family. As you all know me and my family have been impacted by the Alzheimer's/dementia crisis. In honor of the day mom gave birth to me, and because she is dealing with dementia, I am reaching out to ask for your support in my Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraiser on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Let me know if you have any questions.

**Here is the direct link to Debra's fundraising page:**

**[Debra Snow's Walk to End Alzheimer's Page](#)**

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## DENOMINATION NEWS

### Baltimore/Washington Conference

- **Bishop LaTrelle Easterling's** podcast, "**[Thursdays at the Table](#)**," begins its second season with a conversation with the Rev. Willie Jennings, a professor at Yale and the author of *[The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race](#)*. Go here to [Listen](#).
- **The Gender, Race, and Ministry study** is a two-year effort by the BWC's Board of Ordained Ministry to explore how one's race and gender impact one's experience of ministry. The final report offers a window into ministry experiences in our conference as well as key recommendations for strengthening our collective capacity to flourish in ministry. BOOM invites all members of the annual conference to learn more about the study and its findings through an online presentation, which will include time for questions and discussion. Join the conversation on **Oct. 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a webinar presentation of the report findings**. [Register now](#).

**Presbytery of Baltimore**

- In 2022, the members of the Cabinet began to lead the Presbytery in its first comprehensive Strategic Plan in over a decade. Not wanting this to be a mere exercise, we insisted on a searching and thorough process designed to address hard questions, discern the future mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Baltimore, and align our collective life in the Body of Christ more clearly with our values. Learn more here: [Message from Cabinet](#)
- **Saturday, September 23 - Women of the Bible**, Hosted by **Knox Presbyterian Church @ 2 pm**. There is no charge to attend. [Download flyer](#) or contact Karen Garrett for more information: 443 226 5587.

**UUC AND REV. GETTY CELEBRATE 20 YEARS TOGETHER!**

View the evite and RSVP here: [UUC EVENT](#)

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia invites you to join them for an outdoor ceremony to mark our shared commitment to our beloved community for the past 20 years. We will have a brief ceremony and some light refreshments. Children are welcome! We ask that folks who are able to walk from the parking lots near the Owen Brown Interfaith Center do so, and reserve the small lot on Broken Land Parkway for people with mobility issues. Please see this link for more information about location and parking:

<https://uucolumbia.net/events/celebrating-20-years-with-rev-paige-getty/>

**NEWS FROM PATH**

**WE NEED YOU! HoCo By Design Hearing with County Council**  
**Date: Wednesday, September 20 • Time: 7:00 PM**  
**Location: George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City**

HoCo By Design will define our housing policies for the next 10-20 years. It is an important opportunity for us to support affordable housing in Howard County for the next 10-20 years. Thank you to all of the PATH leaders who showed up in June and July to show your support and testify! This is the last hearing, the one that will make the most impact before the Council holds the final vote.

We need people to show up and hold signs (bring your own or use one of ours or from the Housing Affordability Coalition) OR to testify. Please contact Cynthia at [cynthia@actioninmontgomery.org](mailto:cynthia@actioninmontgomery.org) if you plan to attend or are willing to testify.

\* \* \* \* \* Also on September 20<sup>th</sup>:

The Jewish Federation of Howard County and Howard Community College's Social Justice and Equity Center proudly presents

**# AN EVENING WITH MATTHEW BERGER**  
 Senior Advisor for the **Foundation to Combat Antisemitism**

Come hear Mr. Berger speak about the work the Foundation is doing nationally and how you can be a defender and supporter for Jews in Howard County.  
**September 20, 2023 - 6:30 PM**  
 Smith Theater at Howard Community College

Matthew Berger serves as Senior Advisor for the recently created Foundation to Combat Antisemitism. He has been instrumental in the execution of the 200 million anti-racism and anti-Semitism Campaign that has launched a movement to see the Blue Square as a leading national hub for Jewish life in America. This campaign was designed to also increase Jewish awareness and to encourage all people, especially non-Jews, to join and share the Blue Square to stand up against antisemitism. Mr. Berger is a veteran non-profit leader who will share his experience in organizing and in writing and presenting the broader DEI issues. It is hard to know what to do as business people in the legal system, education, and the private sector to take awareness about bias and prejudice and bring change.

\*\*\*Registration required for space and security: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anti-semitism-2023-tickets-704444444444>

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## FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

Until now, EMS clinicians have been limited in their treatment of critically injured patients suffering from significant blood loss. The best method of treatment has been to stop the hemorrhaging before arriving at a hospital. Unfortunately, this has led to loss of critical time and even deaths. However, through this pioneering medical initiative, the [Whole Blood Program](#), [announced](#) this past week, we can save time and save lives.

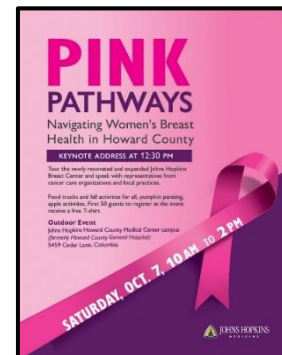
While not every trauma patient will need a blood transfusion, the ability to provide whole blood to critical patients increases their chances of survival even before they reach the hospital. We are the first ground-based EMS department in Maryland to administer this groundbreaking medical initiative.



**MAP, it's Not Just Something You Use for Directions:** MAP, formerly known as Maryland Access Point, a free aging and disability resource center, is your link to health and support services in Howard County. Call MAP at 410-313-1234 or email us at [map@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:map@howardcountymd.gov), and our Office on Aging and Independence experts will provide guidance and information to residents of all income levels in need of assistance to remain in the community and lead full lives.

### ONGOING SJU NEWS / LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center** has some exciting events coming up. First, we have our annual **Latino Health Fair September 30<sup>th</sup>** and new event called **Pink Pathways event on October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Both events are free to the community. Both events focus on health screenings, education, and community resources.



The Columbia Association is **showcasing local talent**. “We’re in awe of the creativity on display at [the 2023 Student Faculty Exhibition](#) at Columbia Art Center, featuring more than 260 artworks now through October 6.”

### 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/>

## **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.

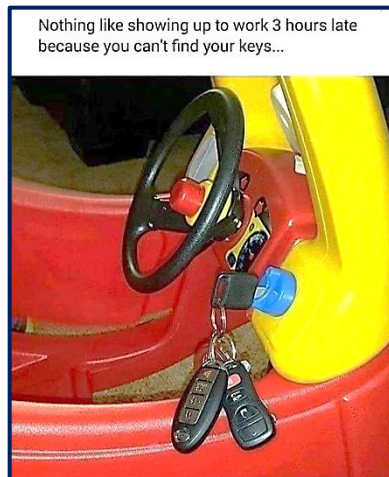


### **Donate by mail.** Yvonne checks the mail for contributions, and makes weekly deposits.

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!**  
**(OR IS IT?)**



## **CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 24**

**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, 9/17	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) (Liturgist: Kaylee Wong)
	12 noon	SAVING GRACE SMALL GROUP MEETING ( <i>admin ofc mtg rm</i> )
	7:00 pm	SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP
Mon, 9/18	7:00 pm	COUNCIL MEETING
Thu, 9/21	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM & CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL ( <i>Room 4</i> )
Sun, 9/24	10:30 am	WORSHIP SERVICE ( <i>in-person &amp; streaming</i> ) (Scheduled liturgist: Karen Hopkins)
	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.

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