

SJUNews *FLASH*

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

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APRIL 11, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 AM **LIVESTREAM FROM THE INTERFAITH CENTER**

Use this same link for EVERY SJU livestream 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](#)

SUNDAYS AT SEVEN (PM!) FELLOWSHIP – 7:00 PM – VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 835 8748 4349

Password: 940379

Join online: [Sundays at 7pm Zoom link](#)

Or by phone: +1 301 715 8592 US

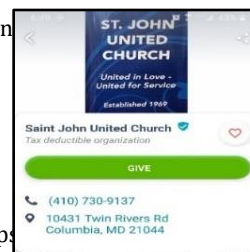
YOUR CONTINUED GIVING IS APPRECIATED!

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.
2. Donate online through this direct link: [Donate Today](#).



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.

Dear Friends, here is the new schedule for St. John from now until Pentecost Sunday June 8. We are doing a "12 Revival". Grace and Peace, Rev. Steve Nofel

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 – PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

St. John is going to pray!

Personal Prayer at 6:00am

I am going to pray for the people and leadership of St. John, the leadership of our Catholic siblings, the leadership of this center by name.

Holy Stop – Twice-Daily Quiet Time

9:30am to 9:45am and 2:15p to 2:30pm

Set an alarm and if possible, take a holy stop with me. If you can't stop, as the alarm rings, take 10 seconds and say a quick prayer. We won't be in contact with one another, but we will know we are praying together.

St. John is going to do In-Person Prayer Gatherings in Room 4

- Tuesdays from 10:30am – 11am

- Thursdays from 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Our focus will be the Six Great Ends of the Church – The Historical Six Great Goals of Christian Ministry

St. John is going to Study!

- Three written posts on Facebook, each under 60 words.

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday; also available in FLASH section of website)

They will take about a minute to read. They will be based on the following week's Sunday worship scripture. The Saturday post will be a sermon preview.

- Three video posts on Facebook, each under two minutes.

(Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; also available on our YouTube page)

St. John Questions / St. John Answers. Just who are we as the Children of God?

- During Lent, we have been invited to be a part of Granite PC's weekly "Soup & Scripture at Granite PC". Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

- Zoom Bible Studies (PLURAL)

Using the link for Bible Study that is already in the Flash or email me for the link.

- Mondays @ 1:15pm – continue with scriptures for following Sundays

- Mondays @ 7:00pm – WDJJ?- A Crash Course in His Life and Times

- Saturdays @ 9:00am – the Letters to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation (St. John's pastoral letters)

St. John is going to Worship!

- Attending noon Mass on Tuesdays

- Thursdays from 6:30pm – 7:00pm (Communion service in Room 4)

- Morning Prayer 9:20am – 9:35am (180-degree Sunday Morning U-Turn to Jesus!)

- One-Room Church School for all ages 9:45am -10:15am

All while the choir practices, the A/V Team does its thing, Mary Lou & Judy do their thing. It is going to be loud, great fun, and wild!

Format: based on the Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23. We are going to:

- sing

- pray

- have a memory verse

- have a short lesson (that will be a lot like Time with Young Disciples)

- do crafts

- closing prayer

- Worship 10:30am – 11:20am

- Informal Fellowship 11:20am – 11:40am, Room 4 *(No food or drink. You are invited to stay and visit.)*

PASTOR STEVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Bible Studies

- **Mondays at 1:15 – 2:15 pm.**

Each week we will study the following Sunday's worship scriptures.

March 10: Psalm 27 and Luke 9:28-43

March 17: Psalm 63:1-8 and Luke 13:1-9

March 24: Psalm 32 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 31: Psalm 126 and John 12:1-8

April 7: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40

April 14: John 20:1-18 and Luke 24:1-12

- **Mondays @ 7:00pm** – WJD? - A Crash Course in His Life and Times

- **Saturdays @ 9:00am** – the Letters to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation (St. John's pastoral letters)

Join Zoom Meeting Online: [LENT BIBLE STUDY](#)

Meeting ID: 840 8865 1149

Passcode: 328055

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH CUMC (*in-person & Zoom*)

at Christ United Methodist Church – Owen Brown IFC - 7:00 pm

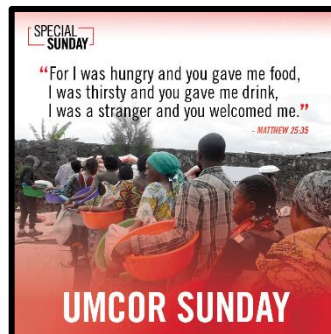
To join via Zoom please [click here!](#)

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A SEASON OF SPECIAL GIVING

As we approach Easter, we are asking you to make a special gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Your gift will help support both Presbyterian and Methodist agencies that are providing relief to those affected by catastrophic events, giving sustainable food resources to the hungry, and changing the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

We welcome these gifts **now through Friday, April 25**. In addition to your checks, **with OGHS on the memo line**, there will be an **option in Givelify** for OGHS to support these ministries through Givelify during this time.



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.

Good Friday Worship Service

A Presbytery-wide service is planned for **Friday, April 18th, at 12 noon**. It will be led by the Dismantling Racism Team, with Elder Charese Jordan Moore & Rev. Cat Goodrich preaching. The service will be hosted by **St. John United Church** (10431 Twin Rivers Rd., Columbia, MD) and **livestreamed**. (Use the Sunday worship service link.)

[Visit the presbytery website for more information, and to register online.](#)



[NEEDLEWORK GROUP](#)

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

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

Learn more about Critical Race Theory: The BWC's United Women in Faith will host a Critical Race Theory Workshop on **April 26th** at 1 p.m. at the BWC Mission Center in Fulton. [Learn more and register.](#)

[HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE](#)

April is Financial Literacy Month, and Howard County is here to help educate our residents. This month, we're excited to offer a wide range of free events—both virtual and in person—to help you build stronger money habits and financial confidence.

From learning how to manage your money and budget smarter to understanding how to safely use payment apps, there's something for every age and stage of life.

Take control of your financial future and join us for a month of learning, empowerment, and practical tools to help you thrive.

Learn more and register at ["Financial Literacy Month 2025" webpage.](#)



[HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM](#)

VOLUNTEER FOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS! Howard County Library System and Howard County Public School System's annual Battle of the Books (BOB) is only a few weeks away! Celebrate a lifelong love of reading and sign up to volunteer - you can see the volunteer options and sign up here. We can't wait to see you there. [VOLUNTEER](#)

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Happy Earth Month, Columbia! Here's how to celebrate:



Go to GreenFest. Howard County's largest celebration of Earth Month is on **Saturday, April 12** at Howard Community College. Say hi to CA's sustainability team at this free event! [Click here](#) for more details.

PRAYER MINISTRY AND PASTORAL CARE

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

- **Tom Buckingham** is doing well at home and receiving physical therapy after a recent fall.
- Keep **Pamela and Andy Love** in your prayers following the recent death of Pamela's mother.
- **Dave Douds** is now home and asks for prayers for his continuing recovery. Cards and notes are still appreciated at this time: 719 Maiden Choice Lane BR231, Catonsville MD 21228.
- Prayers for **Jean Weller's sister**, Barbara Paulson, undergoing radiation treatments.
- Continued prayers for **Lynn Pakulla**.
- Prayers for **Morris Range**.
- Continue to pray for **Roy Ferguson's** care, comfort and recovery at home. He welcomes phone calls (410-730-0484) and emails (royaferguson@yahoo.com).
- Prayers for all those affected by the multiple wildfires and the New Orleans terror attack.
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and throughout the world.
- Prayers for the families and friends of the three victims killed by gunfire recently in Columbia. We pray for Columbia, and for an end to gun violence.
- We pray for our neighborhood, county, region, and our nation. We pray for peace, healing, justice, and people working together.
- Prayers for the Pastor Nominating Committee and for all the pastor candidates.
- And pray for one another.

*If you would like to be added to or removed from the prayer list, please email the office:
SJUColumbia@gmail.com*

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ONGOING SJU NEWS / LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Local Event

First Lutheran presents the Raleigh Ringers on **Saturday, April 26th** at 3pm. Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon filled with beautiful music and mesmerizing performances by the renowned Raleigh Ringers. Don't miss this opportunity to experience their incredible talent live in person.

The Raleigh Ringers handbell ensemble has dazzled and amazed audiences since its inception over 30 years ago. Showcasing precision handbell ringing, the Raleigh Ringers shatters the handbell choir stereotype, with its fun-filled and energetic performances. The group augments traditional handbell music with arrangements of popular songs, even classic rock n' roll pieces!

Tickets: \$25 are available [HERE](#).

Columbia Community Care



Bring your singing voice in support of Columbia Community Care! We are partnering with The Periodic Table for a fun night of fundraising on **April 24th**. The music starts at 8pm, but come any time for dinner and drinks, with 10% of proceeds donated to CCC. Save the date! Go here for tickets: [CCC Karaoke Fundraiser](#)

VISIT THE WEBSITE for donation and volunteer information.
[Columbia Community Care](#)

Most-needed items (pic):

Link to our Amazon wish list: [CCC Amazon Wish List](#)

VOLUNTEER TRANSLATOR DISPATCH SIGN-

UP: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf1s98A.../viewform>

VOLUNTEER SHOPPER SIGN-

UP: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf1fNWZeX.../viewform...>

[Columbia Community Care website](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/columbia.community.care> (Columbia Community Care-CCC - organization page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/807588256400584/> (Columbia Community Care - public group)

Collection bins are available at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center as well as Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church.

Monetary donations link: <https://columbiacommunitycare-bloom.kindful.com/...>

Amazon wish list for our Amazon Angels: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GZ09AG7QWLME...>





Howdy, 2025!

Some call it
multi-tasking. I call it
doing something else
while i try to remember
what I was doing in the
first place. 😊

CALENDAR: SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF APR 13 – APR 20

All meetings are via Zoom (unless otherwise noted).

All meetings are open to the members and affiliates of SJU unless otherwise noted. Members are encouraged to connect to, engage, and invest 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, 4/13	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	9:45 am	ONE-ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL (Room 4)
	10:30 am	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (in-person and livestream) (Liturgist: Jen McClurg)
	11:20 am	FELLOWSHIP (Room 4)
Mon, 4/14	1:15 pm	LENT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday Scriptures
	4:00 pm	FINANCE TEAM
	7:00 pm	BIBLE STUDY – WDJJ?
Tue, 4/15	10:30 am	PRAYER GATHERING (Pastor's Study)
	6:00 pm	A/V TECH TEAM REHEARSAL (Room 4)
	7:30 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Room 4)
Thu, 4/17	2:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT CHARLESTOWN (in-person)
	5:00 pm	PRAYER GATHERING (Room 4)
	7:00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH CUMC (in-person & Zoom) at Christ United Methodist Church – Owen Brown IFC To join via Zoom please click here! ID: 154 431 655 Password: 856698
Fri, 4/18	12 noon	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (Room 4) (in-person and livestream) Led by Dismantling Racism Team of the Baltimore Presbytery
Sat, 4/19	9:00 am	BIBLE STUDY – Revelations-St. John's Pastoral Letters
Sun, 4/20	8:30 am	CHRISTIAN APPLICATION
	9:45 am	ONE-ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL (Room 4)
	10:30 am	EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE (in-person and livestream) (Scheduled liturgist: TBD)

REMINDER: HOLY STOP: twice-daily quiet prayer time / 9:30-9:45 am and 2:15-2:30 pm.

Set an alarm to take a holy stop with the pastor wherever you are. If you can't stop as the alarm rings, take 10 seconds and say a quick prayer. Although we will not be in contact during this time, we will know we are praying together.

Check the website "**Member Resources**" page periodically for updated contact information.

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.

ADMIN OFFICE AND PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS: Yvonne is in the office as necessary during the week, but mainly on Thursdays. Pastor Steve's hours are normally Tuesdays and before and after worship on Sundays. It might take a day or two before they can retrieve phone messages, so please **send an email instead to both email addresses below** with any questions you have, for help you may need, or to make an in-office appointment.

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