

St. John United Church  
United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Wilde Lake Interfaith Center  
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia MD 21044

*UNITED IN LOVE - UNITED FOR SERVICE*

## **SJU FLASH**

January 9, 2026



We will worship in person and online on Sunday, January 11, at 10:30 AM, on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

We livestream our [worship service](#) directly from the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center starting about 10:25 AM, with the service starting promptly at 10:30 AM. You may access the worship service via our [Facebook Page](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#). You may also access our worship service from our [website](#) by clicking on the 'Worship' drop-down menu and clicking on [online worship](#). However you worship with us, we welcome you with the love of Christ and a deep longing for a relationship with you.

If you experience difficulty accessing content on Facebook, YouTube, or our website, please contact Aleia Street, our Church Administrator by clicking [here](#).

This Sunday, Pastor Hyiwot Teshome will lead us in worship and Karen Hopkins will be the liturgist. The scripture readings are Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:4-11 and the sermon is entitled, "Set Apart".

The hymns selected for this Sunday are: (all from [Glory to God](#), unless specified)

1. Opening Song: "Baptized in Water" #481
2. Responsive Hymn: "Take Me to the Water" #480
3. Offertory: "Down To The River To Pray"  
[https://youtu.be/4GrzLWlc1LA?si=\\_kktvL5V15NYXMIv](https://youtu.be/4GrzLWlc1LA?si=_kktvL5V15NYXMIv)
4. Closing Hymn: "Up From The Waters"  
<https://youtu.be/ShNCsEtkmOg?si=p72ZgIN3cARKHLCF>
5. Postlude: Music for Reflection by Patty Hammer

**Announcements:**

**Communion - January 11, 2026**



Although our normal practice is to serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month, Communion will be served this Sunday, January 11th when Pastor Hyiwot returns to the pulpit.

**Upcoming Events:**



**Annual Congregation Meeting – Sunday, January 18, 2026**

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. John United Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, 2026 immediately following worship in Rooms 16 & 18. Please plan to attend.

Skip cooking and support BWES at the same time!

Join us on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at MOD Pizza (10000 Town Center Ave, Suite C) for a delicious fundraiser benefiting the Bryant Woods Elementary PTA.

Just show the flyer or use the code MODGIVES25 when ordering in person, online, or through the MOD app, and 25% of your bill will be donated back to our school.

Thank you for helping us raise some dough for BWES!

The flyer features a blue and red color scheme. At the top left is the MOD Pizza logo. The main title 'RAISE SOME DOUGH' is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, a blue arrow points to the text: 'Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support your school!'. A red circle highlights the text 'JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING' with a red arrow pointing to the organization name. The bottom section contains the fundraiser details: Organization Name, Fundraiser Date, Address, and Fundraiser Code. The bottom right corner has a red dotted background with icons of a lightbulb, a ruler, a planet, and an apple.

**MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISING**

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Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support your school!

**JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING**

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** BRYANT WOODS ELEMENTARY PTA

**FUNDRAISER DATE:** JANUARY 14, 2026

**ADDRESS:** 10000 TOWN CENTER AVE, SUITE C  
COLUMBIA, MD 21044

**FUNDRAISER CODE:** MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRaise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>



**\*Message from Pastor Hyiwot:\***

Members and friends of the church are welcome to visit with me at their convenience.  
You can book an appointment with me at this [LINK](#).