

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
February 20, 2026



We will worship in person and online on Sunday, February 22, at 10:30 AM, on this

First Sunday in Lent.

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 Dawn Barnes will be liturgist. The scripture readings are Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11 and the sermon is entitled,

“Beating Back Temptation”

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

1. Opening Song: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #611
2. Responsive Hymn: “Seek Ye First” UMH #405
3. Offertory: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” video
https://youtu.be/huXrTXnl2aY?si=vrQPtyOHnLT_nu3-
4. Closing Hymn: “Take Time to be Holy” #395
5. Postlude: A Musical Selection by Patricia Hammer

Upcoming Events:



Please join us for fellowship, food and fun as we celebrate

100 Years of Commemorating Black History

This Sunday, February 22, 2026 immediately after Church Service
WLIC Rooms 16 & 18

Announcements:

Please join us in welcoming another child of God
into our SJU family.

Baby Ajanae Luna Sampson

was born on Monday, February 16th, 2026
to parents Adriane Sampson and Duane Ferron.



Baby Ajanae is the newest grandchild of our Choir Director, Ingrid Sampson.
Please join us in congratulating the parents and Ingrid, and in praying for the family and
the new baby.



SJU has mailed year end giving statements for your tax preparation and bookkeeping needs.

If you have not received yours, please contact Aleia Street, our church admin for assistance.



PATH Candidate Forum, March 8

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Sunday, March 8, 3–5 pm

St. John Baptist Church, 9055 Tamar Dr, Columbia



Join PATH on March 8th as Howard County candidates for office will be asked to work with PATH on issues of housing, immigration, healthcare, food security, and inclusion.

This isn't just any candidate forum—hundreds of people will be together in targeted action for meaningful change.

Need more information? Reach out to Karen Hopkins or Susan Moody by email or phone.



Firearms Safe Storage Workshop

The Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (HCLHIC), in partnership with Tactical 52, will be hosting an in-person Firearm Safe Storage Workshop focused on responsible ownership and community safety.

Community members are invited to learn practical, hands-on steps to help keep children, families, and our community safe.

This interactive workshop will cover:

- ✓ Safe firearm storage options
- ✓ Preventing unauthorized access
- ✓ Practical tips from trained professionals
- ✓ A respectful space to ask questions and learn

📅 Date & Time: Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 11:00 AM–12:30 PM

📍 Location: Historic Oakland Manor

5430 Vantage Point Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

📄 Registration required — space is limited

🔗 Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hclhic-and-tactical-52-firearms-safe-storage-workshop-tickets-1982435838960?aff=oddtcreator>

🕒 Registration deadline: March 8, 2026

Please feel free to share the attached flyer with your contacts and community members who may be interested in attending.

There will also be a resource table at the event—if you would like to provide informational materials or resources to share with attendees, please don't hesitate to contact me.

👤 5th Annual Light the Night 5K

The 5th Annual Light the Night 5K raises awareness for suicide and suicide prevention resources in our community. With participation and support from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Maryland Chapter, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, the Howard County Department of Health, the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, and Bullseye Running, this event is more than just a race—it is a countywide acknowledgment that we support and care for those impacted by suicide.

📅 Date & Time: Friday, March 27, 2026 | 7:00–8:00 PM

📍 Location: Oakland Mills High School

9410 Kilimanjaro Rd, Columbia, MD 21045

🔗 Click here for more information and to register: <https://www.bullseyerunning.com/event/5th-annual-light-the-night-5k/>

****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](#).

*******Just a reminder*******

