

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

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February 27, 2026



We will worship in person and online on Sunday, March 1, at 10:30 AM, on this

Second 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.

You may revisit last Sunday's service below

https://www.youtube.com/live/gm8_5h7u3hE?si=vxQXhgFxacRGABVF

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

“A New Lease on Life”

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

1. Opening Song: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #286
2. Responsive Hymn: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582
3. Offertory: “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” #718
4. Closing Hymn: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS #2129
5. Postlude: A Musical Selection by Patricia Hammer

Upcoming Events:

Please join Pastor Hyiwot and other religious leaders for
**“Voices of Faith, Journeys of Healing:
A Discussion on Mental Health”**

at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Sanctuary C,
on Wednesday, March 25
6:30-8:30 pm.

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Najwa Awad,
LCSW-C, PMH-C,
Amanah Family
Counseling



**Assistant Rabbi
Amanda Weiss,**
Temple Isaiah



Rev. Hyiwot Teshome,
Pastor, St. John
United Church

Join us for dinner
and an inter-faith
panel discussion
covering:

- Faith, Theology
and Mental
Health
- Stigma and
Cultural
Dynamics
- Lived
Experiences,
Care and
Support

Questions? Email dgiuliano@namihowardcountymd.org



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Registration is required so please use the convenient QR code on this flier to reserve your space.
Pastor Hyiwot looks forward to seeing you there.

The Men's Group will be meeting
Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 9:00 am.

@The Bagel Bin

Come out for fellowship and enriching morning conversations.



Announcements:



PATH Candidate Forum, March 8



PATH Candidate Forum

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.



We want to thank everyone who organized and attended our Black History Month Celebration last Sunday. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun, delicious food and reflection. A special shoutout to Mrs. Pamela Brown and Mrs. Patsy Nwagbaraocha for all their hard work.



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time.

We are the ones we've been waiting for."

-Barack Obama



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******

