



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

8:08 am

Communion Team

Dave & Carolyn
Mummert, Louisa
Rettew

Reader

Louisa Rettew

Ushers/Greeters

Bill & Ruth Ann Langlotz
Bob & Johneva Mickey

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

9:38 am

Communion Team

Joyce Essel, Michael
Hoppes

Reader

Michael Hoppes

Ushers/Greeters

David & Gretchen LeKites

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Ellen Bruck, Dolores Klass,
John Derwart

Reader

Dolores Klass

Ushers/Greeters

John Bruck, Douglas Clark,
Bob Shaff, Rick Jones,
Betty Ann Wolfe, Marilyn
Habicht

Media

Ed Compher, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Linda Walsh

Advent Conspiracy & Preparation

November 18, 2018

WELCOME ALL! Find a yellow card to share in the offering plate to share a prayer or a question or an update! Visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

Join the Story

There is a new book mark in the pew Bible for you to take home. Our readings in worship will journey through the Bible. St. John's has focused on a story each week, not just in worship, but also in children's ministry, youth ministry, and adult groups. There are seven main acts of the Bible:

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| 1. Creation | | |
| 2. Fall | 4. Israel | 6. The Church |
| 3. Promise | 5. Jesus | 7. Restoration |

TODAY we Join the Story on Act 4 ISRAEL: Esther 4: 8-17

Last week we heard about the prophet Nathan challenging King David. This week we hear a story about God's people in 5th century Persian captivity. Mordecai, a Jew, brought up Hadassah, also known by her Persian name, Esther, and adopted her as his own daughter. Esther wins a beauty contest to become the new queen. There are forces at work to destroy the Jews. How does God place us here "for such a time as this"? Will you risk something great (and what might that be?) for others?

Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Meeting November 11th

Seek out and thank our newly elected council members -
Jim Ritchie, Adam Drescher Jr., Gwenn Crupi, David Bycoffe!

- ◆ Routine Constitutional Updates were updated to match our Bylaws.
- ◆ The Mission Plan 2019 was adopted and copies are available at the welcome center.
- ◆ We thank God for those who have completed their 3 year term:
Susanne Kaufmann, Kim Hinegardner, John Phelps.

Today's Coffee Hour hosted by the Oasis High School Ministry

Like a pool of cool water in the middle of a desert, Oasis is a place to come and be refreshed. Life can be difficult, especially when you're a teenager. There are a million different pressures, a million different voices telling you who you should be, what you should do, and where you should be. Oasis is a place to escape that; it is a place to meet with friends, support each other, and hear talks about topics that actually matter. We also do retreats, mission trips, service projects, and other fun stuff. Contact Jeremy Morelock jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org.

This Week @ St. John's

Amazing Grace Mission

Volunteers needed to serve and cook. Meet at St. John's 10:30 am.

Nov. 21 (new date)
Dec 18

Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jeanette Smith's birthday
Given by Ross Smith



WEB PAGE MAKE OVER

Thank you Jeremy Morelock for improving our web design so it is easier to use with cell phones. Almost done!

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Monday, November 19

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Oasis Leadership (LR)
- 7:00 pm Country Fair Day Wrap Up (FH)
- 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study (P)
- 7:00 pm Finance (Rm. 1)

Tuesday, November 20

- 2:00 pm Tuesday Bible Study (P)
- 6:00 pm Community Choir Practice (FH)
- 6:00 pm Comm. Thanksgiving Potluck (FH)
- 7:00 pm Comm Thanksgiving Worship (FH)

Wednesday, November 21

- 10:30 am Amazing Grace Mission
- 7:00 pm Contemporary Reh. (WC)
- 7:00 pm Troop 818 (CH)

Thursday, November 22

Office Closed—Thanksgiving
8:00 pm AA Mtg. (FH)

Friday, November 23

Office Closed—Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 24

4:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (WC)

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| C ~ Chapel | N ~ Nursery |
| CH~ Chapel Hall | P ~ Parlor |
| CR~ Choir Room | WC~ Worship Ctr. |
| FH ~ Fellowship Hall | YC ~ Youth Ctr. |
| LR ~ Leadership Room | OS ~ Outside |
| PO ~ Pastor's Office | FP ~ Fire pit |
| Rm 1- Theater Rm. | Rm 4/RR- Resource Rm |
| Rm 2/Pier- Pier 456 Rm | Rm 5- Voyagers K-1 |
| Rm 3—Voyagers Begin. | Rm 6- Voyagers 2-3 |

About the artwork in the lobby Narthex...

We celebrated Reformation 2018 with a painting by Ron Rucker, thanks to our Partnership with Amazing Grace, East Baltimore. Ron Rucker's murals appear around East Baltimore with his vision of inclusivity for God's children, both men and women, black and white, young and older, rich and poor. Ron often describes God helping him capture a universe within a universe within a universe. Take a closer look at his latest painting: *Road To Emmaus* (Luke 24) in the lobby narthex. What do you see?

Playdough, Potluck, Pies, and Worship in Community Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, November 20/ 6:15 pm potluck/ 7 pm worship
St. John's Fellowship Hall**

- ◆ Bring play dough to benefit pre-k students and teachers in Baltimore County
- ◆ Donate pies for dessert. Buy a pie for your thanksgiving.
- ◆ Offering benefits teachers and students of Hawthorne Elementary special needs.
- ◆ Community Choir 6 pm rehearsal
- ◆ "God the provider" confirmation sponsored message
- ◆ Sponsored by churches from the Four Corners Ministerium of Greater Jacksonville.

Thanks to everyone who cheered on our first Chili Cook off!

Here's who you need to take on next year:

1st Place Greg Canapp 2nd Place Tony Bartlett 3rd Place Andy Essel

Over \$1000 was raised for the kitchen maintenance. There were many guests and all ages.

Thank you April Freitag and Sweet Air Connections for this project.



MISSIONS IN MOTION

Dec. 10th 10 am Caring Hearts Outreach Workshop & Gathering

New people welcomed to Parlor. Special guests: Cindy Hilbert Rayme on “the healing power of safe touch.” Caring Hearts Outreach makes connections by phone or visit with shut ins and those who are recovering from illness. We meet quarterly to share about phone calls and visits. Your work is so appreciated. --**LuAnn Lundell**



Boy Scout Troop 818 will be conducting its annual cash and carry Christmas wreath sale at the church entrance on November 26th and December 3rd from 8AM to 12:30PM. This is a major fundraiser for the boys to help pay for tents and other equipment needed to keep the troop going strong. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Thrivent Choice Dollars? Thrivent is a faith-based non-profit financial organization. There are many products. Members are invited to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have Thrivent, click on “log in” at the top and enter your user ID and password. Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on right side of screen. You can direct from there!



Join us for Music, Feasting and Fun on December 15th; 12-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost \$15. RSVP by 12/8/18 to church office or Welcome Center. Bring a friend!



INVITATION from St. John’s MOMS to collect toiletry items

Our St. John’s MOMs group will be adopting two children through an organization called SARC in Harford County. This organization stands for Sexual Abuse Recovery Center. It supports persons in rehabilitation and also supports the families as well. St. John’s will also be donating all **toiletries** collected though food pantry this month to the organization. MOM’s invite all moms to meet 3rd Thursday 11 am in the parlor (with nursery available)!



- Nov 20 6:15 pm Community Thanksgiving Potluck @ St. John’s Fellowship Hall
7 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship St. John’s Fellowship Hall
- Dec 1 St. John’s Bronze Trinity Episcopal Long Green’s Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar and Carol-Ring to shut-ins
- Dec 15 11:00am St. John’s Bronze at Sweet Air Senior Center train garden
12-4 pm Senior Ministry Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve 10 am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
 1 pm Traditional Worship (Chapel)
 3 pm Family Worship (Worship Center)
 5 pm Contemporary Christmas (Worship Center)
 8 pm Traditional Christmas (Worship Center)
- Dec 30 10 am Ring your Bell Unity Service
- Jan 5 9:15 am Staff, Leader and Council Retreat, Hereford Library Upper Room



Children’s Ministry 9:30 am. Check-in at the station downstairs and then gather in the new Children’s Theater. NOTE: The last Sunday of every month will be Splash into Worship, Welcoming Children and Baptism.





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This Week's Prayer List

Those with illness:

Jace Badros & family
Carolyn Bengel
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Scott Clem
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Trudy Fox
Benton Gatch
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Brad Houck
Vera Huggins
John Kuchar III
Jean Mace
Jo Morrison
Linda Nabb
Sally Snell
Richard Spahr
Ruth Welkner
Sophie
Wittlesberger

Current ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy
Spirit in:
† Veteran's Ministry
† Children & Family
Ministries
† Splash & Nursery

Special needs:

Violence in our society
California wildfires

The bereaved:

Comfort for the family of
Eve Spangler (wife of Ernie
Nuetzel's cousin)

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church –
Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
(Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth
Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod
Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr,
serving Central America
Crucified Church in Johnstown,
PA – Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Hans & Laura Kefauver
Malik & Josilane Kelly,
Andrew, Aaron
Tim & Elizabeth Kinser,
Van, Austin, Jenna

Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. Visitation: Please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$5,953

Prior Week's Attendance (11/11/18)

8:08am.....68

Total: 235

2018

New Members...52

9:38am.....143

2018 YTD Average...264

New Members by

11:08am.....Meeting

Baptism... 13

Children's Ministry...24

YTD Financials thru 10/31/2018

	October	Year-To-Date
Unified Offering	\$51,168	\$525,662
Operating Expenses	-\$47,516	-\$512,236
Designated Offering	\$2,638	-\$20,622
Net Op. Income	\$1,014	(\$7,196)

Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall
Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Benev.
Designated To Non-Op. (e.g., Expansion)

"Giving Thanks And Thankfully Giving"