



st. john's weekly

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

Find a yellow card to place in the offering plate to share a prayer or a question or an update! We invite visitors to visit the Welcome Center in the lobby for a sweet treat!

Join The Story?

There is a book mark in the Bible for you to take home. Since September, our readings in worship 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 | 4. Israel | 6. The Church |
| 2. Fall | 5. Jesus | 7. Restoration |
| 3. Promise | | |

TODAY we Join the Story on Act 5 Jesus: Matthew 7

This is the season of Epiphany and we are in Act 5 about Jesus. God gives us a standard for how we should live, which we follow by obeying God and seeking after God. Question: In what ways do you judge your neighbor?

February 10, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

Ken Ross

Reader

Park Espenschade

Ushers/Greeters

Armand & Angel

Christman, Brad Moore,
Will & Sandy Wagner

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Peter Frantz

9:38 am

Communion Team

The DeBolt Family

Reader

Tom DeBolt

Ushers/Greeters

Tony & Lauri Bartlett

Music

Doug Koerber,
George Koerber,
Judy Lapinski

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Gail Southern

Reader

Rae Neunaber

Ushers/Greeters

Adam Drescher II, Adam
Drescher III, Noel White

Media

Jay Cuccia, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Don Zurwelle

Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am hosted by Lydia Circle

The Lydia Circle meets on the third Thursday of each month (September ~ June) at 9:30AM in the Parlor. We engage in Bible study, go out to lunch four times a year and sponsor projects. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us. Contact: Kathy Cathell, 410.592.6836 kacurse81@yahoo.com.

Today we celebrate Scout Sunday lifting Troop 818 and pray for our New Orleans Mission team leaving this Saturday, February 16-23, 2019

Teresa Barrett
Loren Garfalo
Ann Haight
Rev. Randy Terry
Cheryl Bitner

Mike Bitner
Dan Knott
Donna Knott
Mike Knott
Jay Cuccia

Hailey Knott
Nicole Bandy
Judy Lapinski
Gino Liberati

Feb. 17 New Member Sunday

Thinking about joining St. John's? It's easy: we invite people to make St. John's their home church either by Baptism or Affirmation of Baptism. Pick up a *Disciple Data Form* from the Welcome Center and turn into office or offering plate.

Connections Guide 2019



Each Sunday we invite you to connect with a ministry. Get a sign-up sheet from an usher or tear off the back page of the CONNECTIONS GUIDE in the large pew rack. Drop your form into the offering plate.



The calendar has moved!! Please view the calendar on our website, www.stjohnssweetair.org, for the most up-to-date listings.

NEW: Altar Flower Chart

... is now located on the bulletin board outside the office. To sign up for flowers, select a date on the calendar and specify the type of flower (altar, bouquet or rose bud).

Fill out a yellow "Flowers" card and turn in the card and payment either to the office or place in the offering plate. Contact the church office 410-592-6565.

A bouquet is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Judy Lewis by her friends.



Snow Policy

When Baltimore County Schools close, the office will be closed and events are cancelled. For Sundays, we want everyone to be safe. We will announce changes by: e-mail, answering message, and web page.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Caring Paws Outreach Spring Invitation

A class (7 Sunday classes @2pm starting April 7th) can be available this spring if we get 5-7 dogs signed up. We have our first new student, Star, a lab, signed up. Open to all. Deb Winkler of Humane Domain has some of the highest ratings in Maryland. Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org for a form. \$175 fee (St. John's) includes training, embroidered vest and certificate.

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Ministry 9:30 check in 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

The Apprenticeship Program is recruiting now for summer 2019! Last summer our 10 high school apprentices joined our church staff. They worked with ministries, groups and leaders across the church to listen to needs, build projects and implement creative change throughout St. John's. Last year's apprentices did a bunch of projects including:

- Redesigning Room 1 to build the Children's Theater.
- Renovating the Pier456 room and redesigning the ministry programming to more closely match the needs of preteens and their families.
- Organizing and building new shelves in the music storage area.
- Connecting with senior ministry to open doors to intergeneration ministry.
- Redesigning our coffee section of the fellowship hall including adding fair trade coffee and eco-friendly cups and lids.
- Setting up our worship center media system to be able to live stream worship and other events.
- Creating a church Instagram to connect with young families and young adults.
- Developing a system to create easy graphics for worship and social media.
- Taking over 1,000 photos of different groups, events and ministries for use in marketing.

We are taking applications for 2019 apprentices now! High schoolers, talk to Jeremy for an application! jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org

Young Discipleship Calendar

- Sun. March 3 @ 9:38 am Charcoal Sidewalks for Ash Wednesday "remember you are dust"
- Ash Wed. March 6 @ 7 pm Kingdom "Hope in a Rocky World" kick off. Get your 40-day stone
- Sun. March 31 @ 9:38 am **Rock painting party!**
Come join the Seniors and Children's Ministry painting kindness rocks
- Sat. March 16 @ 9 am First Communion Workshop
(older kids needed for bread, art & skit teaching)
- Sat. April 6 @ 9 am First Communion Workshop
(older kids needed for bread, art & skit teaching)
- Sun. April 7 @ 9:38 am **Rock painting party!**
Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Last Supper Presentation
- Sun. April 14 , 9-11 am Celebrate First Communion
Kindness Rocks Display in Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour (Palm Sunday)

MISSIONS IN MOTION

Connection of Faith and Justice: Critical Conversations FREE. Feb. 26th, 7pm. Zion Lutheran Church, 400 E Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21202. Free parking available. baltimorezion@gmail.com. 410-727-3939.

Thanks be to God for the mission of our cemetery.

Ross Smith, Joyce Essel, Tom Walton, Earl Canapp, Karen Diehl, Celaine Montague, Audrey Stoll, Dale Pickett, Jr., Sally Frantz, Bill Langlotz, and Luella Leimbach.

During the past several years, you may have noticed how wonderful our cemetery looks. With the tremendous generosity of our gravesite owners and members of our congregation we have been able to maintain the cemetery property with grass cutting, fencing, tree removals, trimming, and headstone maintenance. The cemetery fund is not supported by the church's annual budget. Letters go out each year inviting donations on cemetery care.

Volunteers are invited to collect wreathes Sat., **March 2nd** 9am (3/9 rain make up).

Do you know where the cemetery display board is in the church? The number of full sizes graves left: 4 in the original section; 98 in the cremation section; and 48 in the memorial newer grave section.

SAVE the Dates: Dominican Republic Mission

- Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5:30-7 PM)
- April 21 Easter Pancake Breakfast (7:30- 11 AM)
- June 22-29 Mission Trip

If you always thought you might do an overseas mission but you're not quite sure of the details, please contact Linda Walsh office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Did you know the Garden Ministry Team is reorganizing?

Anyone can join! It will be an organic garden.

Next **planning meeting** will be Sun. **March 3rd** 11 am at Garden (FH if raining)

Tentative goal: plant ½ the garden 50X50

Wanted volunteers to till the soil **March 23 or 30th**

Summer Garden Volunteer Saturdays 8 am – 9am

Drivers will be needed Saturdays 9 am – 10 am to deliver to Hereford Food Pantry and other places.

If you are interested in using the other half of garden, contact us to set up your space. Request 25% of produce back donated back to church. Contact the office, office@stjohnssweetair.org

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Souper Bowl Sunday** to benefit the kitchen! Just under \$1,000 was raised from the event!! Thank you for all the preparation, teamwork and support!

Looking ahead...

Feb. 15-18 Kalos HS retreat
Feb. 16-23 NOLA mission trip
Feb 17 New Member Sunday
Mar. 3 I am Child Protection Policy Workshop for volunteers
Mar. 5 5:30-7 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)
Mar. 6 1 pm & 7 pm Ash Wednesday

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



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Discipleship**

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Rev. Randy Terry

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Laurie Krieger

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**Communications &
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Bethany Ingram

This Week's Prayer List

Lift up in prayer:

Mary Ann Bittner
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Dorothy Brittingham
Anthony Chiraló
Patty Clauser & family
Scott Clem
Diane Corkran
Brian Crawford
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Benton Gatch
Libby Gill
Melvin Gray
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Mary Johnson
Darryl Jones Sr.
Vicki Kalabokes
Barry Kuhne
Susan Lynch
Fred Meise
Tony Montone
Jo Morrison

The Murphy family
Mark Oliphant
Bobby Reier
Kenny Shaver
Claire Sigwart
Ross Smith
Joyce Truxel
Caroline Wall
Henry & Gloria Weaver
Ruth Welkner
Greg Weyrich
Sophie Wittlesberger

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 Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA – Pr.
Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Worth & Evelyn McKeithan
Mike & Jenny McKenny, Evie, Sara
Mary Stuart McKenzie

Condolences:

To the family of Brad
Moore, upon the death of
his mother, Lucy Hewitt.

Special needs:

Violence in our society

This week we lift up these

ministries:

† Friday Prayer Group
† Mutual Ministry
Committee
† Deborah Circle

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.

Worship & Music & Arts

Do you play an instrument?

If your answer is yes...have you considered joining the 9:38 Worship Team? We are in need of more instrumentalists to help lead our congregation in worship. On Wednesday nights, the team for the upcoming week rehearses for about an hour and a half. Rehearsals include a short Bible Study devotional to focus on the text for the week. Generally, musicians are scheduled to play about once a month on Sunday mornings for the 9:38 service! As our congregation continues to grow, so should our sound, Contact Pastor Sarah to share your gifts and questions!

Sarah@stjohnssweetair.org.

**Feb. 13th Media 101 Workshop, 5:30 pm
in Worship Center**

Two more people needed for our teams that rotate through 9:38/11:08. Contact Michael Bitner, letorthopper384@yahoo.com or Tim Rader, tim_rader@hotmail.com

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$6,588

Prior Week's Attendance (2/3/2019)

8:08am.....58	Total...251
9:38am.....100	
11:08am....66	
Children's Ministry...27	
Adult Discussion...(12)	