



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

December 30, 2018

Unity Service 10am

Communion Team
The McWilliams Family

Reader
Park Espenschade

Ushers/Greeters
Jack & Susan Arsenault

Media
Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

Assisting Minister
Joel Grove

NEW:

“Gifts of Christ”

An 8 week
Tuesday series in
the Parlor starting
Jan. 8 at 7pm
with Pastor Lisa.

Jan. 13th Baptism of our Lord

Celebrating all
those baptized in
2018

NEW: Everyone
invited to bring a
loved one's mementos
for baptism display
table 9-11am

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

Find a bell to ring! Today is the unity service to ring in the new year, which was a goal of our strategic mission to bring our church family together quarterly. Christmas is a twelve-day season, so we continue to celebrate our various gifts together and we welcome home especially our college students.

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 1

This week the genealogy of Jesus shows us quite the family tree! It's as if the writer of Matthew did ancestry.com and found Jesus' family is not perfect. God is in the story of our family, warts, blessings and all! God knows everyone by name. Names are important. Let's see how Jesus fits into the larger story of Israel and therefore the larger story of God.

Welcome in Splash Baptism

Name: Samuel Jennings McDonald
 Born: September 25, 2016
 Parents: Danielle and Patrick McDonald
 Sponsors: Rachel Smith, William McDonald, Matthew Wilson



Today's Coffee Hour hosted by Monday Night Bible Study

Every Monday at 7pm, the Monday night Bible Study meets in the Parlor. Please join us! Contact: Bill & Lois Collinge 410-666-3699, office@stjohnssweetair.org



Did you know we have devices for hearing impaired in the back of the church?

This Week @ St. John's

A Bouquet
is given to
the Glory of God
and in honor of
Joan Matthews
on her
80th birthday.
Given by
her family.



**The 2019
NOLA
mission team**
sends our sincere
thanks for the tre-
mendous support
with our cookie
dough fundraiser.
We filled over 325
orders and added a
few extras giving
us a total of
\$3,060 to donate
to the rebuilding of
lives, homes and
hope in
New Orleans.

**The Sunday
message** is now a
part of our
webpage
stjohnssweetair.org
under "NEWS"
... good news that
is!

Monday, December 31
4:00pm Oasis Leadership (LR)

Tuesday, January 1
New Year's Day—Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2
6:00pm 9:38 Rehearsal (WC)
7:00pm Troop 818 (CH)

Thursday, January 3
7:15am Men's Ministry (FH)
10:00am Synod Conference (St. John's Parkville)
6:00pm Daisy's (Rm. 5)
7:37pm Oasis (YC)
8:00pm AA mtg. (FH)
8:00pm On-line Small Grp. Series

Friday, January 4
9:00am Prayer Group (P)

Saturday, January 5
9:00am All Leaders Retreat (Hereford
Library)

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

Jan 5th All Leader Epiphany Retreat
"Upper" meeting room Hereford Library
16940 York Road, Hereford, MD 21111, 9 am-1:30 pm

Please RSVP office@stjohnssweetair.org or mark a yellow pew card by Jan. 3rd.
For council, staff and committee reps .

Agenda:

- Epiphany Devotion
- Entrances Concept Drawings.
- Sharing Payers/Initiatives for 2019

We have new dumpsters!

Two new dumpsters were donated to St. John's that will save us \$1300 in our trash expenses for 2019. The blue dumpster is our recycling dumpster. When using the blue cans around the church, remember: NO PLASTIC BAGS, STYROFOAM OR DIRTY ITEMS should go into blue containers. Thank you for helping us with stewardship!

Reminder for New Year: How to share a thought or opinion?

We do appreciate ideas and feedback but remember that Sunday morning is worship time for everyone. Please consider sending a prayerfully written email or make note on a yellow card for the appropriate pastor, committee chair, council member or church staff member. We are so grateful for all our volunteer committee and council leaders. You can also call or arrange a visit during the week too!

TOTALS for Advent Conspiracy 2018. Thank you to everyone who made a donation for an ornament! These gifts give others LIFE!

Chickens = \$1,567 (104 chickens)
Sewing machines = \$2,313 (17 sewing machines)
Home repairs = \$683 (\$675 also given in Home Depot Cards)
Meals = \$989

Advent Conspiracy Total to Date: \$5,552

MISSIONS IN MOTION

Pick up your offering envelopes or check your Ez-giving plan for 2019

E-Giving helps us maintain a consistent cash flow through the summer months. You can visit our web page for secure e-giving sign up stjohnssweetair.org. It can also be changed anytime. –**Cheryl Bitner** Financial Secretary



Jan. 15th 7 pm Everyone invited to Caring Paws Outreach Graduation

Congratulations Sampson (Kim Hinegardner), Skylar (Dana Hoppes), Jake (Teresa Barrett) and Bailey (Cheryl Bitner)! After a 7-week class this summer, our first class of ministry dogs passed the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and Therapy certifications. The certifications are provided by Humane Domain. Come to learn more about the program

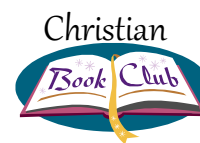


Jan 11th Garden Planning 6 pm with veggie pizza

A garden of pumpkins? A garden of sweet air sweet potatoes? Adopt a plot? Come help build a plan for summer! We have two volunteers from the Connection Guide sign up and are looking for more!



The Book Club meets Thursday, January 24, 10am, in the Parlor. The book is *The Rending and The Nest* by Kaethe Schwehn. It's at the Baltimore County Public Library. Everyone welcome! Questions, contact Gail Jothen, gjothen@comcast.net.



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.

Children's Epiphany Party resumes January 6th.

SPLASH: Baptismal Informational Workshop January 27 at 11 a.m. in Children's Theatre (Room 1). All are welcome--Baby Bumps, Babies, Grandparents, Godparents/Sponsors, Siblings! Baptisms will be celebrated the last Sunday of any month so all of our children can gather in worship together.



Looking Ahead

- Jan 5 9 am Council Staff Retreat (Hereford Library)
- Jan 11 6 pm Garden Planning Kick off (FH)
- Jan 13 9:15 & 10:45 New Member Breakfast tour
Baltimore Campus Ministry Pr. Laura Sinche
Baptism of our Lord and Celebrating Baptisms of 2018
DR Interest Mtg 12:15
- Jan 15 7 pm *Grrraduation* & Informational Caring Paws Outreach
- Jan 27 11 am Splash Workshop on Baptism (Children's Theater)





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This Week's Prayer List

Those with illness:

Shirley Alexander
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Grace Caldwell
Ruth Chicknoski
Cindy Christopher
Scott Clem
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Tom Dreisch
Benton Gatch
Mitchell Greene
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Mary Johnson
Emma Knicely
Vicki Kalabokes
John Kuchar III
Kelli M. Miller
Fred Meise
Jo Morrison
Bob Rigger

Hitch Roland
Richard Spahr
Melanie Vohs
Ruth Welkner
Sophie Wittlesberger

Current ministries:
Empowerment of the Holy
Spirit in:
† Assisting Ministers
† Communion Assistants
† Christopher's Place

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

Special needs:

Violence in our society

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Charles & Bixie Leedy
Karen Leimbach
Luella Leimbach

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: \$18,616

Prior Sunday's Attendance (12/23/2018): 8:08 ~ 45, 9:38 ~ 121, 11:08 ~ 78 Total ~244

Christmas Eve Services

10am..... 65
1pm..... 85
3pm.....308
5pm.....160
8pm.....184

Christmas Eve Total...802

Total:

2018 YTD Average...265

2018

New Members...52
New Members by
Baptism... 14

YTD Financials thru 11/30/2018

	November	Year-To-Date
Unified Offering	\$43,040	\$568,702
Operating Expenses	-\$44,844	-\$557,080
Designated Offering	\$685	-\$21,307
Net Op. Income	(\$2,489)	(\$9,685)

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

Unable to meet normal expenses!

"Joyfully Giving To The Church"