



# 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 to pick up a sweet treat!

### Join The Story?

There is a book mark in the pew 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. <b>Jesus</b> | 7. Restoration |
| 3. Promise  |                 |                |

### TODAY we Join the Story on Act 5 Jesus: Matthew 13

Jesus is teaching with parables about the Kingdom. What is a parable? What is the Kingdom? Matthew chapter 13 sets the scene: "That Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables."

### Today's Coffee Hour 9-11am hosted by 2 pm Tuesday Bible Study

The 2 pm Tuesday afternoon Bible study is honored to host coffee hour. This introductory Bible Study started 4 pastors ago and continues to be open to members and friends of St. John's. We meet in the parlor (Bibles in the room!) and it is currently led by Pastor Lisa.

### Bible @ Boordy ~ Adult Discipleship

On Sunday March 17th, in worship, we will be hearing the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). Join Pastor Sarah at 1pm after church at Boordy Vineyards to dive deeper into the Scripture and explore a vineyard in our own backyard! Must be 21 or older. We will engage in a conversational Bible study (with optional wine tasting and glasses for purchase), followed by an optional vineyard tour connecting our community with the biblical parables.

### UPDATE: The Mystery of the Painting in the Narthex

The winter scene pictured is of St. John's Chapel and Sweet Air Road. We were not sure of the origin of the painting, but the mystery has been solved thanks to Eva Hoffman! The painting was commissioned by Vera & Milton Price and after many years of enjoyment, the painting was donated to St. John's.

### Did you know today's Message will be online?

The Sunday message is a part of our webpage [stjohnssweetair.org](http://stjohnssweetair.org) under NEWS"... good news that is!

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

**February 17, 2019**

**8:08 am**

#### Communion Team

Marjorie Espenschade,  
Carolyn & Nelson Bengel

#### Reader

Marjorie Espenschade

#### Ushers/Greeters

Linda Peper, Gerry  
Peterson, Luella & Karen  
Leimbach,

#### Media

Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader

#### Assisting Minister

Linda Walsh

**9:38 am**

#### Communion Team

The Coleman Family

#### Reader

John Coleman

#### Ushers/Greeters

Tony & Lauri Bartlett

#### Music

Special Guest Leader ~  
Iris Saunders

#### Media

Rob Meloni, Dan Knott

**11:08 am**

#### Communion Team

Ellen Bruck, Kathy Cathell,  
John Derwart

#### Reader

Kathy Cathell

#### Ushers/Greeters

Michael Hoppes, Carolyn,  
Dan & Don Gutermuth

#### Media

Sharyn Kearney, Jason  
Jones

#### Assisting Minister

Noel White



**The calendar has moved!!** Please view the calendar on our website, [www.stjohnssweetair.org](http://www.stjohnssweetair.org), for the most up-to-date listings.

### Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carl Leimbach given by His family

### The Baltimore County Police and Faith leaders

will offer a session for those interested in opportunities to serve the local homeless population.

**Thurs., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10-11:30am**  
**Loch Raven Library, Towson**

### Snow Policy

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



# 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 1-1/2 hours. 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 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](mailto:Sarah@stjohnssweetair.org).

# YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

## Youth Mission Dinner

Supporting our Johnstown/Gainesville Mission Teams  
Saturday, March 9 at 5 pm @Long Green Fire Hall  
Tickets on sale through 3/3 in Fellowship Hall 9-11a or by calling the church office.

**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

## Applications for 2019 high school summer apprentices

Hurry! Now through the beginning of March, we will be accepting H.S. applications. The apprenticeship program was a new ministry last summer where 10 high school students joined our church staff over the summer and worked on innovative projects in a variety of ministry areas. We are aiming for 5-7 slots. Contact [jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Young Discipleship Calendar

- Feb. 15-18 **Kalos HS retreat**  
Our OASIS High School Ministry sends a handful of students to these ecumenical retreats twice a year to receive training for leadership in the church. This weekend we will have 8 students attending.
- March 3 11am **Child Protection Policy Workshop** for all volunteers register at: [stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com](http://stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com)
- March 3 9:38 am Charcoal Sidewalks for Ash Wednesday "remember you are dust"
- Mar 6 Ash Wed 7pm: "Kingdom Hope in a Rocky World" kick off.**  
Get your 40-day rock.
- March 9 5 pm **Youth Fundraising Dinner** (LGVFD Hall)
- March 16 9am First Communion Workshop register: [stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com](http://stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com) (older kids needed for bread, art and skit teaching)
- March 31 9:38am **Rock painting party!**  
Come join the Seniors & Children's Ministry painting kindness rocks at 9:38
- April 6 9am First Communion Workshop (older kids needed for bread, art and skit teaching)
- April 7 9:38am **Rock painting party**  
Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Last Supper Presentation
- April 14 9-11am Celebrate First Communion. Kindness Rocks Display in Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour (Palm Sunday)

# MISSIONS INVITATION

## JOIN THE STORY: Prom Dress Rack Collection Deadline March 10<sup>th</sup>

We are collecting prom dresses, cocktail dresses, and bridesmaid dresses that have been used but are in good condition (in style within the last 5 years). We are building up a "boutique" for underprivileged teens in the Baltimore area to visit and choose a dress for their prom. Please snap a photo of you and your donated dress and send to [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org). At the end of March, we will have a special reading featuring the *Parable of the Bridesmaids*. [Megan@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Megan@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Cemetery Stewardship:

Volunteers are invited to collect wreathes from our cemetery on Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am (3/9 rain make up).

## SAVE the Dates: Dominican Republic Mission

- Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5:30-7 PM) Free will offering.
- 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](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Did you know March is the time to till the rye?

### Did you know the Garden Ministry Team is reorganizing?

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

Anyone can join! It will be an organic garden planting ½ the garden 50X50

**Wanted volunteers** to till the soil **March 23 or 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## Amazing Grace Mission invitation

Join the Amazing Grace story THIS TUESDAY and every 3rd Tuesday of the month as St. John's hosts the Amazing Grace Bread for the Journey Soup Kitchen. Sign-up link is in the LOOP. Serve and donate food, serving items, financially sponsor Klein's famous fried chicken, or contact Pastor Sarah.

## Holy Land 2019?

Walk where Jesus walked: Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Consider joining St. John's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Open to St. John's and friends. For information on the planned September 18-28, 2019 trip please see the brochure at the Welcome Desk and/or call Fred Derrick at 410-627-8790.

## Eagle Scout Mission project: Gaga Pit

*Jonathan Everhart's project was approved by Property, Young Discipleship and Country Fair Day Parking leaders.*

**Gaga Pit** is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal *pit*. The more players the better!

Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, Jonathan would like to start this spring to relocate and replace current Gaga play area and install a concrete base. He made a lot of calls and got a lot of materials and labor donated including ground preparation from Joe Connell. Jonathan is hoping to raise \$600.

## March 10<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Sunday

All Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to church, sit with their troop, be recognized in prayer, and possibly take part in the service as ushers, greeters, or readers. We invite our troops that meet at St. John's, and any other parishioner's troops that would like to come.



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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 Chiralo  
Patty Clauser & family  
Scott Clem  
Diane Corkran  
Brian Crawford  
Norma Culbertson  
Ava Daniels  
Evan Davis & family  
The Evert family  
Benton Gatch  
Libby Gill  
Mark Habicht  
Tiffany Henning  
The Hobbs family  
Orville Hughes  
Mary Johnson  
Darryl Jones Sr.  
David Jones  
Vicki Kalabokes  
Ruth Ann Langlotz  
Lillie  
Susan Lynch  
Fred Meise  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Mark Oliphant

Bobbie Reier  
Kenny Shaver  
Claire Sigwart  
Joyce Truxel  
Caroline Wall  
Henry & Gloria Weaver  
Ruth Welkner  
Greg Weyrich  
Sophie Wittlesberger

Members of the week:

David & Laura McManus,  
Kierstyn, Sierra, Derek  
Irene McNally  
Stephen & Lisa McWilliams,  
Erin, Patrick, Riley

This week we pray for:

† Lydia Circle  
† Scholarship Team  
† Staff Support Team

Special needs:

Violence in our society  
New members of St. John's  
Prayers for family of Ann  
Smith displaced by fire.  
Thank you for children's  
clothes. To help adults,  
gift cards can be placed in  
OFFICE tub.

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

Condolences to

To the family and friends of Shirley  
Alexander on her passing  
To the family and friends Robin Cianos  
on her passing  
To the family and friends of Iona Dorn  
on her passing  
To the family and friends of Melvin Gray  
on his passing  
To the family and friends of Barry Kuhne  
on his passing  
To the family and friends of Bob McDaniel  
on his passing

*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.*

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Caring Paws Outreach Spring Invitation

A class (7 Sunday classes @2pm starting April 7<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org) for a form.

\$175 fee (St. John's) includes training, embroidered vest and certificate.

## ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (2/10/2019)

8:08...70  
9:38...138  
11:08...78  
Children's Ministry...31  
Adult Ministry... (7) TOTAL...317

Total members: 372 households

Treasurer's Report:

January Unified Budget Offering:	\$76,583
January Expenses:	\$48,673
Net	<u>+27,909</u>