



Dec. 22, 2019

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Doug Crowe*

**Reader**

*Peter Frantz*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Tom & Emily Walton, Kris  
Walton & Chris Fullem*

**Media**

*Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**

*Peter Frantz*

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

*The McWilliams family*

**Reader**

*Riley McWilliams*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Dave & Gretchen LeKites*

**Music**

*JJ Beauvais*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott*

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*John Wachter*

**Reader**

*John Wachter*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Michael Hoppes, Mike &  
Ann Reier, Bob Breiner,  
Tara Lovett*

**Media**

*Ed Compher, Gino Liberati*

**Assisting Minister**

*Marjorie Espenschade*

welcome all  
tell the story  
grow as disciples

St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air  
we are so excited you chose to  
worship with us this morning!

**WELCOME ALL!**

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

**LIVE THE STORY**

There is a bookmark 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:

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

Advent is a season of anticipation. We have the tree, animals gathering, and the prophets helping us prepare like Ezekiel 34 for Act 4, Israel. The prophet prepares us for a vision of the new shepherd that brings safety for all creation.

**The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday for Baptism**

Splash Nursery available every week for 9:38 and 11:08.

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Sponsored by: The Church Council**

Church Council meets each second Monday of the month at 7 pm. A term on Church Council is 3 years. The council consists of 12 elected members (4 elected each year), the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and pastors. The treasurer and the financial secretary are appointed each year by the Council and are non-voting members.

**Update from the Congregational Meeting 12/8**

We are thankful to God for the gift of trust amid multiple transitions to be healthy, creative and pursue our strategic mission. The Congregation approved the revised Mission Plan 2020 with the following staff map:

- Lead Pastor for Mission (full-time)
- Director of Adult Discipleship (20 hours) OPEN
- Director of Young Discipleship (full-time)
- Director of Traditional Worship Music (20 hours)
- Director of Contemporary Worship (20 hours) OPEN
- Director of Communication (media) (20 hours) OPEN
- Office Administrators (32 hours +12 hours)
- Facilities Manager (30 hours)
- Children's Ministry Coordinator (20 hours)
- Intern 456 (5 hours)

**Offering Envelopes**

Pick up your offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall when they arrive or check your E-giving plan for 2020. 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 [stjohnnssweetair.org](http://stjohnnssweetair.org). It can also be changed anytime. -Cheryl Bitner, Financial Sec.

# YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

## Don't forget TODAY...

Christmas Eve rehearsal will be TODAY from 12pm-2pm with pizza for Christmas program "Jesus and the Grumpy Donkey" (3 pm December 24<sup>th</sup> in worship center).

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## NEW: ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

The Adult Forum meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall offering various programs and soup. On Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation "Making my wishes known." How do we find our voice? How can we make a creative plan for our legacy? Welcome a wonderful traveling speaker, Yvonne Lembo, who inspired us with accessible stewardship ideas. Sponsored by Adult Discipleship (formerly Senior Ministry).

## NEW Book Study: A Praying Life by Paul E. Miller

Connecting with God in a distracting world is easier than you think.  
(Jan-Feb) Tuesdays 7:30 -8:30 pm Lower Level Parlor. Book costs \$12 Bonus: hot drinks free!

## Adult Discipleship invites you starting Jan. 7, 2020:

12:15 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Adult Discipleship Forum (FH)
10:30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Amazing Grace Soup Kitchen
9:30 am	Sunday	Adult Discussion (Parlor)
7 pm	Monday	Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
10 am	Tuesday	Tuesday Men's Bible study (FH)
2 pm	Tuesday	Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Tuesday	Bible Insights (Parlor)
7:30 pm	Tuesday	Praying Life Book Study (Parlor)

## NEW POSITION: Director of Adult Discipleship

Council is forming a search committee for 2020 to look for a part-time servant leader who is organized, creative, and effective for engaging adults in various forms of adult discipleship that...

- Connects people for Adult Discipleship Teams
- Connects people for Local Mission Teams
- Connects people for Visitation Teams

Send resumes to office@Stjohnssweetair.org.

# WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

## Dec. 29, Unity Service 10am & Potluck Lunch

Bring a bell to RING in the new year and prayers for newly elected council members. Special highlights for children and a shout out to college students.

Stay for the 11 am potluck (staff will bring lasagna) with a special presentation of Christmas Karaoke.

**Last name A-L please bring salad.**

**Last name M-Z please bring appetizer.**

## Christmas Eve Schedule

**10 am Traditional Historic Chapel**

**1 pm Traditional Historic Chapel**

**3 pm Family Service in Worship Center**

**5 pm Contemporary in Worship Center**

**8 pm Traditional in Worship Center**

## Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Freda Flury whose funeral was yesterday.  
Given by her son, Tim Rader

## A Bouquet

is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Stacie Canapp's birthday  
By Janet and Earl Canapp

## Thank you

for our altar guild team member this week:  
Janet Grove

## Weather Policy

Remember that when Baltimore County Schools are closed, the office is closed and all meetings are cancelled unless a team leader notifies you directly. If major weather happens on Sunday, we will update our Facebook page and voicemail greeting (410-592-6565).

# MISSION + MINISTRY

## Council is looking for a co-treasurer to serve in 2020

Douglas Clark has faithfully served as Co-Treasurer since 2015. Join us in thanking Douglas. We are thankful Joyce Essel will continue as one of our co-Treasurers. You don't have to be a member of Council to serve as Co-Treasurer. Knowledge of Excel Spreadsheet and Quicken is helpful.

## Mission Haiti, December 14-21

Rev. Randy Terry is part of a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mission trip to Haiti Dec 14-21. This ministry involves building a new church and sharing Christmas with an orphanage.

## Informational Program on Order of St. Stephen's Deacon (OSSD)

December 28th 11:30 am-3 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church / 4301 Raspe Ave. 21206  
Sherman Canapp OSSD 443-904-7013  
scanapp@belairroadsupply.com

## RSVP to Office: All Leaders Meeting

Date: January 4, 2020  
New Time: Noon-4 pm  
Location: Hereford Library Upper Room  
16940 York Rd, Hereford, MD 21111

All leaders, staff and representatives from committees are invited as we review our Strategic Mission 2020 and Mission Plan. We will talk about worship, discipleship and property.

## Cleaning Party, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Sweet Air Connections is having a cleaning party in the kitchen Saturday 1/4. Our commercial kitchen gets used a couple times a week for ministry year-round! Come and join this sweet kick off.

## Thank you ...

for your prayers for the Jacksonville family affected by a house fire in November. So far \$400 has been donated by St. John's and St. James Episcopal sent \$300 to help the family in short term transitions! Thanks be to God for love for your neighbor!

## Sweet Air Connections...

loves to connect with others in the sweet spirit of God in worship, fellowship, and mission.

Please thank our 8:08 am Sunday coffee starters who help us get off to a good start: Phyllis and Bob Schott, Sandy and Bob Wagner, Liz and Mark Everts, Emily and Tom Walton, and Jane Felter.

We also give thanks to our Welcome Center greeters: Betty Ann Wolfe and Paula and Doug Waire. We are looking for 2-3 more people to help on the 2nd, 4th or 5th Sunday of the month from 9-11 am. Email office@stjohnssweetair.org.

## Little Free Library...Coming 2020

Property Committee approved Confirmation student Kristin DeBolt and three of her fellow Girl Scouts for a silver award project to build, install, and register a Little Free Library at St. John's Playgrounds for Peace (which was also a girl scout project!).

## Expanding our Welcome Update

We are in the final stages of details prior to final drawings. Because of significant historic drainage issues, we have a contract amendment authorizing a storm water management study. Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II are working with architect WBCM and property committee to get the drawings in January.

## Consider our Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Our June 20-27, 2020 mission trip partners with a local church led by Pastors Mercedes and Isaias Nelson. We are hosted by a school with dorm style housing with showers. Meals are prepared each day for us. When we go out, volunteers can choose our traveling medical clinic or Children's Ministry or House of Blessing (distribution of food, clothing, shoes, sunglasses, work gloves and prayer!). During the week we attend a Dominican church service and take a half day of fellowship with our Dominican friends at the beach. Cost is usually \$1300 for travel, housing, food etc. Mark a pew card.

## The following people have accepted the nomination for the 938 Search Committee

John Phelps CHAIR  
Jay Cuccia  
Chris Ritchie  
Jamie Loomis

Joyce Essel  
Gretchen LeKites  
Aaron Haslinger

Brad Houck  
Jeremy Morelock  
Pastor Lisa Arrington (AD HOC)

We are interviewing two candidates in the worship Center this month.

## NEW POSITION: Director of Contemporary Worship and Communication

Join a team of leaders at St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air to *welcome all, tell the story and grow as disciples* giving leadership to all music and technology aspects of the Contemporary Worship, as well as all the communications ministries. The Director leads a team to create dynamic and engaging worship and is responsible for executing strategies to keep the congregation and community informed of the ministries and stories of the church. (send resumes to office@stjohnssweetair.org).



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#SingandPray365

**Lead Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Partee Boliek

**Director of Adult Discipleship**

Rev. Sarah Wright

**Director of Music & Organist**

Michael Chambers

**Director of Young Discipleship**

Jeremy Morelock

**Children's Ministry Coordinator**

Megan McBee

**Pier456 Intern**

Sophie Bates

**Nursery Leader 938/1108**

Leah Hunt

**Nursery Helpers**

Sarah Bartlett  
Katie Koerber  
Jessica Pumilia-Hafner

**Facilities Manager**

Rev. Randy Terry

**Office Manager**

Laurie Krieger

**Assistant Office Manager**

Julie Pickett

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

**This week we pray for:**

John Abendschein  
Linda Arrington  
Jack Arsenault  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Partee Boliek  
James Brunner  
Wendy Caffrey  
Diane Corkran  
June Dodson  
Gertrude Fox  
Mitchell Greene  
The Hobbs family  
Anna Koerber  
Ray Lawson  
Jackie Lober  
Jim Marshall  
Sandy Matthai  
Howard Matthews  
Bill Moesinger  
Tony & Valerie Montone  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Charles Napfel  
Ernie Nuetzel  
Claire Sigwart

Katy Stevens' Family  
Wayne Stolins  
Warren & Ann Theill

**Special needs:**

- . All those devastated by natural disasters
- . Pastor Sarah & Mychael Wright in this time of transition to a new sense of call.
- . Rev. Randy Terry & mission team to Haiti 12/14-12/21
- . Welcome Alexandra Joy Douglas, born 12/20/19. She's the granddaughter of Hollyn Svingos.

**Condolences:**

- . Family of Ron Lewis, who has been in hospice care.
- . Family of Terry Taylor, son-in-law of Pat Schmidt, was taken off of life support following a heart attack.

**Our mission partners:**

- ◆ Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
Revs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
- ◆ Dominican Republic  
Revs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
- ◆ New Orleans St. Bernard Project  
Rev. Tyrone Smith
- ◆ National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- ◆ Delaware Maryland synod  
Bishop Bill Gohl
- ◆ Guatemala Missionaries  
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr
- ◆ Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA  
Rev. Josh Knipple
- ◆ Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

**This week we pray for:**

- † Small Group Ministries
- † Monday Night Bible Study
- † Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

**Members of the week:**

Gail Cairns  
Greg & Stacie Canapp,  
Bryan, Ella  
Janet & Earl Canapp

*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 Attendance (12/15/2019)**

8:08...75 9:38...103 11:08...82  
Children's Ministry...25 Adult Discussion ...15  
TOTAL...285

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$6,995**

**Members:**

Total members: 382 households  
New members : 37  
New members by Baptism: 9

**Treasurer's Report: through 11/30/2019**

	Current Month	YTD	
Unified Budget Offering:	\$61,500	\$675,358	Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall
Designated Offering	\$18,381	\$139,645	Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage)
Net Operating Income	\$43,120	\$535,713	
Operating Expenses:	\$45,085	\$563,942	Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.
Net Operating Income	(\$1,965)	(\$28,229)	<b>*Unable to meet normal expenses.</b>

**Remember Your Offering Provides A Blessed & Bountiful Harvest**