



Feb. 2, 2020

8:08 am

Communion Team

Celaine Montague, Doug Crowe, Linda Peper, Karen Donoho

Reader

Boy Scouts

Ushers/Greeters

The Frantz Family

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Joel Grove

9:38 am

Communion Team

Boy Scouts

Reader

Boy Scouts

Ushers/Greeters

Douglas & Lisa Clark

Music

Judy Lapinski, Rob Sliwka

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Noel White, Janet Grove, Kathy Cathell, Susan Liberati

Reader

Noel White

Ushers/Greeters

Charles Leedy, Heinz Oest, John & Rylan Wachter, Heinz & Eleanor Oest

Media

Mike Bitner, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Joel Grove

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

Today's Worship Reading Mark 5

Epiphany is the season of light revealing who Jesus is. Our liturgy for traditional worship is ELW setting 1. Today we hear a dramatic reading of Jesus receiving and healing for a man known as Legion. What kind of healing do we need? Can this healing be shared in a community?

The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday

We celebrate Baptism on the last Sunday of every month at all worship services. Splash Nursery available every week for 9:38 and 11:08. The next splash workshop about Baptism in 2020 will be held 11 am, March 29th.

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall is sponsored by:
Music and Worship**

This team aims to provide meaningful and spiritual experiences for all who worship. The team members celebrate our greeters, ushers, readers, lay ministry assistants, communion assistants, altar guild and banner makers. Contact: Nancy Murray 443-307-3306 or nancjmurray@yahoo.com.

St. John's NOLA Mission Feb. 8-15

In 2007, St. John's sent its first team to help with Hurricane Katrina relief. We developed a partnership with **St. Bernard's Project** to help families rebuild their homes. All skill levels welcomed. Project leaders help us work on a house Monday – Friday. We worship on Sunday and share a meal with the church during the week. We also partner with a local congregation for mission: **Original Morningstar Full Gospel Baptist Church of the Next Generation of New Orleans**. The church invited our team to the dedication of the **Mary Knott's Learning Center**, 2/9/2020 at 3 pm. Mary Knott was a beloved member of St. John's and was one of the first to sign up for our NOLA team. Mary died from cancer in 2014. Thank you for prayers for her family and the team.

*Teresa Barrett
Joe Connell
Jay Cuccia*

*Loren Garfolo
Ann Haight
Dan Knott*

*Mike Knott
Judy Lapinski
Noel White*

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

WELCOME Jason Collier, Director of Contemporary Worship and Communication

From his earliest memories, Jason has been making music. Born into a family of musicians, he and his brothers began learning instruments before they started school. From the very beginning, church was the primary outlet for that music-making - paving the way for a lifelong passion.

Jason studied piano at Eastern University where he also graduated from the Templeton Honors College. While there, he began to pair his passion for music with his faith in real ways. Upon graduation, he began his career in church music - eventually serving with both The Salvation Army and the United Methodist Church.

Jason has had the privilege of traveling the world as a performer. These opportunities have helped formulate deep-seated convictions about the creativity of God and God's heart for all of humanity. Reaching the community for Christ is at the core of Jason's heart, and he is excited to be on the team at St. John's. When Jason is not involved in music or church activities, he can be found singing Disney songs with his nearly three-year-old daughter, Lydia.

BIG Summer Announcement

Council approved a proposal from Worship & Music to launch a summer worship schedule Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day: One traditional worship 9 am and one contemporary worship 10:30 am (both in Worship Center). The goal: Stewardship of people and unity.

Coming Soon for Lent: One Word

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26th (Noon and 7 pm worship) marks the beginning of a 40-day season of preparation and renewal for the journey to the cross. We are each invited to look for One Word that helps us focus on faith. Will your word be "balance"? "prayer"? "health"? "listening"? We will offer Tuesday Word groups all day so you can discern with others. We are also looking for very short stories on your word and why it is a focus for you. Email your stories and word to Office@stjohnssweetair.org

You are invited: Assisting Minister Workshop/Prayer Breakfast 10 am Feb. 15th

Come and share appreciation or learn more about assisting in worship. We had new people join us last year and would love two new people this year!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

NEW POSITION: Director of Adult Discipleship

We are looking for a part time servant leader who is organized, creative, and effective for engaging adults in various forms of adult discipleship. Send resumes office@stjohnssweetair.org Council approved a search committee for 2020. Ali/Tony Zeno, co-chair, Jim Dowl, Lu Ann Lundell, Aaron Pilius, Tom Walton, Gail Jothen, Bill Kessler, Angela Bushman

Senior Ministry Adult Forum Presents: "More Than Just Prescribing Medicine"

Feb. 16th 12:15 pm Fellowship Hall. All Welcome, Light Lunch
with St. John's Members: Dr. Malik Kelly, Dr. Linda Walsh, and Dr. Park Espenschade

NEW Pilot Project: Lay Preaching Team 2020

Meet 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
1st Tuesday of the month starting February 4th

Register for the 2020 Sip and Paint

"Indescribable" 2 pm February 22nd
Word + Wonder= Wonderful.
Bring a friend. Free will offering.

Black and white photograph in our lobby

is by Scott Mutter 1944-2008: "we live under a vast canopy woven by the ages." Before technology made this kind of work relatively simple, Mutter spent hours in the darkroom merging two or more images to create a scene that couldn't possibly exist, but looked so natural that it inspired double-takes.

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).

What do in an emergency?

Reminder that we have three exits from the worship center. In the event of a fire or emergency, use all doors and head to the playground for reunification and safety. Thanks for helping us to welcome all safely and grow as disciples too!

MISSION + MINISTRY

Super Bowl Party Orders Available Today

Pick up is available today in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

Caring Hearts Outreach

9:30 am Meeting Tuesday, February 4th

Come learn more about this great team ministry where you can make a call or visit once a month.

February topic:

10am Everyone Welcome... Breathwork as a tool to manage stress, increase energy, reduce anxiety, etc. in the Fellowship Hall.

Presenter: Cindy Hilbert-Rayme.

New Date & Location...St. John's Book Club

St. John's Book club is meeting February 15. The book discussion is "Nothing is True and Everything is Possible" about the surreal heart of the new Russia. Learn about Russia's strange culture! 12noon at Gail Jothen's home, 14206 Sawmill Court, Phoenix, MD. Everyone welcome.

Thank you for Supporting the Italian Dinner

benefiting Dominican Republic Mission. Over \$3,000 was raised to cover things like medicine, prescription glasses and mattresses.

Consider our next Mission Trip June 20-27. Deadline to register is March. We partner with local churches and 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, Children's Ministry or House of Blessing (distribution of food, clothing, shoes, sunglasses, work gloves and prayer!). During the week we attend a church service and take a half day to enjoy fellowship with our Dominican friends at the beach.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras

5- 7pm Feb. 25th in Fellowship Hall

NEW: Popsicle pancakes and origami Lent box station
Free will offering benefits Dominican Republic Mission.

Amazing Grace Lunch Mission

Tuesday, February 18th meet at St. John's at 10:30 am and return about 2:30 pm. Email loop has sign up link to donate food. Place items in the food pantry box in Fellowship Hall.

Caring Paws Dog Therapy Class

7 week class begins 2 pm Sunday April 5 in Chapel Hall
Register now for our Dog Therapy Class of 2020
Cost: \$175 Made out to "St. John's". Graduation celebrated at our Blessing of Pets and Stuffed Animals Fri. 7pm July 26.
Contact LuAnn Lundell.

Caring Paws Outreach

The first Sunday of each month, a St. John's Therapy Dog will be in the back of the Fellowship Hall 9-11 am for meet and greet. The comfort dog and handler will remain in the back of the hall for those who may have allergies or fear of animal concerns. We are very proud of this group of eight therapy dogs who make visits to many of our members who could use some cheering up.

LuAnn Lundell, coordinator.

Expanding our Welcome Update

Check out the floor samples at the welcome center. The final drawings are out to bid. The estimate for restrooms, lobby and ramp will hopefully start this Spring. We are relying on pledges (\$350K+) in addition to what was approved with the Emma Carroll Endowment and St. John's Endowment.

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Voyagers (Pre-K-3rd Grade)

Meet in the Lower Level Children's Theater for Sunday morning Children's ministry during 9:38 worship.

Pier 456 (Grades 4-6)

Each Sunday at 9:38 am, youth can join "Pier 456" where they can hang out, have conversations on topics of faith and pray for each other. Intern Sophie Bates.

2/20 Splash Play Date

10:30 am in the Church Nursery we will explore all the ways God builds us up!
Activities to include block towers, LEGO Duplos, and other fun "building" activities. All ages welcome. Snack provided. In the event of snow, the play date will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 27th---check your email for any changes due to weather. Contact Megan@stjohnssweetair.org



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#SingandPray365

Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

**Director of Adult
Discipleship**
Open

**Director of Music
& Organist**
Michael Chambers

**Director of Young
Discipleship**
Jeremy Morelock

**Director of
Contemporary Worship
& Communication**
Jason Collier

**Children's Ministry
Coordinator**
Megan McBee

Pier456 Intern
Sophie Bates

Nursery Leader
938/1108
Leah Hunt

Nursery Helpers
Sarah Bartlett
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
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
Wendy Caffrey
Diane Corkran
Honora Fullem
Mitchell Greene
Lynn Habicht
Mary Haley
Kim Hinegardner
The Hobbs family
Gail Jothan
John Kuchar
Ray Lawson
WynShauna LaVere
Michelle Lizardo
Jackie Lober
Sandy Matthai
Howard Matthews
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Nancy Murray
Heike Neisius
Allyson Pipher
James & Pearl Plummer
Chris Rasmussen
Linda Owens-Smith

Family of Ross Smith
Katy Stevens and family
Warren & Ann Theill
Vicki Thomas
Dean Watkins
Bob Weyforth
John Zelek
Sheila Zimmer

Special needs:

- Prayers for our Jewish siblings in the midst of anti-Semitic attacks.
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
- Prayers for the distress in Puerto Rico, Australia and the Middle East
- Prayers for the violence in Baltimore and the rest of the state
- Prayers for those with addictions

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:

- † Voyagers
- † Pier 456
- † 360 Club

Members of the week:

Jon & Allison Cook,
Adeline, Laine
Doug & Ann Crowe
Sal & Gwenn Crupi,
Madeline, Alex

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 (1/19/2020)

8:08...69 9:38...90 11:08...80
Children's Ministry...9 Adult Discussion ...13
TOTAL...248

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$7,281

Members:

Total members: 382 households
New members : 0
New members by Baptism: 0

Treasurer's Report: through 12/31/2019

	Dec 2019	2019
Unified Budget Offering:	\$94,785	\$770,144
Designated Offering	\$12,987	\$152,633
Net Operating Income	\$81,798	\$617,511
Operating Expenses:	\$55,729	\$615,017
Net Operating Income	\$26,069	\$2,494
		Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage) Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.

Project Welcome Expansion Approved

Estimated Cost as of 2019: \$700,000
Funding Plan for Expanded Welcome Project:
\$ 195,000 Existing Faith & Hope Fund
\$ 260,000 Portion of Endowments
\$ 250,000 Capital Campaign Goal
\$ 705,000 Total
Pledges to date \$301,166
No pledge but made donation \$31,275
Pledges + Memorials + No pledge w/donations \$379,602

Your Generosity Shows In Everything We Do!