

• FRIDGE NOTES •

Advent & Christmas 2026

(plus other Dec.'26 and Jan.'27 events)

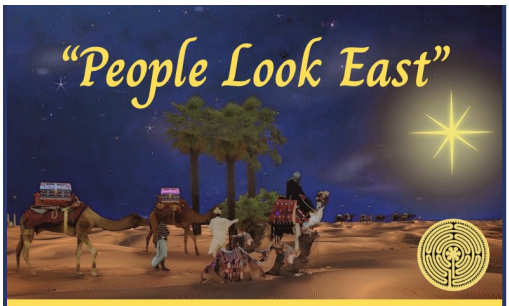
SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



for ARC of Howard Co. & The Kirk P. Gaddy Youth Ctr.

SIGN-UP
NOV. 29 ~ DEC. 13

Email Cindy Dyer, Debbie Lieberman, & Diane Standeven at Outreach@stjohnsec.org.



Advent Labyrinth Walks

Candle-lit, docent-supported walks

Dec. 5, 12, & 19, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Or walk as your schedule allows anytime on the weekends of Advent. Meditations will be available at the Labyrinth kiosk.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY BASKET COLLECTION

Monies purchase grocery gift cards to be included with our Holiday Baskets for ARC of Howard Co. & The Kirk P. Gaddy Youth Ctr.

Donate online now at https://bit.ly/SJEC-GiveNow
Fund=Outreach Ministry Memo=Special Collection

Donate online now or at services on
Sat., Dec. 12; 5 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 13; 11 a.m.



Remember, honor, or give thanks for a loved one at Christmas while helping St. John's decorate the Historic Church & All Saints Hall

$50 DONATION

- Use a flower offering envelope (in the pews or at the Welcome Center) and place it in the offering plate); or
- Donate online at https://bit.ly/ChristmasFlowers-26

Respond *no later than* Dec. 14 to have loved ones' names listed in the Christmas bulletins.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S PRESENTS

SOUNDS OF THE SEASONS

Sun. Dec. 20
4:00 p.m.
Historic Church.

Free admission; Donations welcome

The Living Crèche at St. John's: December 24th ~ 30th



Gather family & friends and bring the crèche to life and keep the animals company on the front lawn.

Look for details and sign-up coming soon.

Christmas Services (see reverse)



Christmas 2026 at St. John's

We advise that you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the service time in order to get your desired seat, with your desired people, and to enjoy the prelude music.

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. | All Saints Hall | Preparing the Crèche Service with Holy Eucharist

Wonder at the mystery and meaning of Christ's birth in this worship offering designed especially for families with young children and open to all. Children will bring to life the Crèche for Christmas.

5:00 p.m. | Historic Church & Livestream | Festal Holy Eucharist

Rejoice at the message of the angels as the Good News of Christmas is proclaimed through scripture and music. Traditional Christmas carols and special music are featured.

5:30 p.m. | All Saints Hall | Celtic Christmas with Holy Eucharist

Celebrate Christmas through Irish, Scottish, and English carols and traditional instruments.

10:00 p.m. | Historic Church | Festal Holy Eucharist

Traditional Christmas music by the Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and Instrumental Ensemble. Music begins at 9:30 p.m.
(*This service will include light incense.*)

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. | Historic Church | The Holy Eucharist with Carols

The Feast of the Nativity celebrated with carol singing.

Sunday, December 27: Christmas I

10:00 a.m. | Historic Church | Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist & Baptism

(*There will be no other services on the weekend of Dec. 26 & 27.*)

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Additional December '26 & January '27 Events

SUPER SATURDAYS

Family Potluck & Game Night

DEC. 5 • 6-8 p.m.

Auditorium

We'll share a short prayer, dinner, games, and time together. Bring a ready-to-eat dish to share and a favorite game. Friends are welcome! Parents stay with their children; no drop-offs. Questions? Contact Scot Millen at smillen@gmail.com.

NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Welcome!

JOIN US FOR A NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

Sun., Dec. 6
12:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Meet members of our clergy, vestry, and parish community and learn more about St. John's.

RSVP to Newcomers@stjohnsec.org (or just show up!)

ANNUAL GIVING 2027

Be Known Be Loved Belong

Support St. John's Ministries with a 2027 Pledge

Download a hard copy form or pledge online at www.stjohnsec.org/give



St. John's

Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk

Candle-lit, docent-supported walks

Mon., Dec. 21, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Meditations will be available at the Labyrinth kiosk.

Are you grieving a loved one?

Walking the Mourner's Path

is an 8-week series of grief workshops led by St. John's trained lay facilitators and a clergy member.

This program is geared toward individuals who are at least 6 months post-loss. All are welcome.

Next series

Wednesdays,
January 13 ~ March 10
7:00 ~ 8:30 p.m.
Zoom

Details: stjohnsec.org/pastoral-care

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

There is so much news to share at St. John's. If you aren't receiving our e-news, *Blessings*, each Friday, please sign up using this QR code.