

DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

2017 Historic Houses of Worship Tour



Docents Will be Available for Historical and Architectural Interpretations

Refreshments, Music, Art, History, & Garden Creations will be available at several locations. See Map. Shuttles will run continuously through City Center. Compliments of: Christ's Reformed, Church of the Nazarene and Trinity Lutheran.

Call for Photographers

2017 Historic Houses of Worship Tour Photo Contest

DEADLINE: January 13, 2017 @ Noon

Winner will receive \$200.

For details visit:

www.washingtoncountysarts.com/holiday-worship-tour



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1. **Saint Mark's Lutheran Church** 🎵 ☕
601 Washington Avenue ♿
2. **Washington Square United Methodist Church**
538 Washington Avenue ♿ (in rear) 🎵 🖌️
3. **First Baptist Church** 🎵 ☕
15 High Street ♿ 🚐
4. **Saint John's Episcopal Church** 🎵 ☕
101 South Prospect Street ♿
5. **The Presbyterian Church of Hagerstown** ☕ 🖌️
20 South Prospect Street ♿ 🚐
6. **The Miller House** ☕ 🖌️ 🎵
135 West Washington Street ♿
7. **Saint Mary Catholic Church**
224 West Washington ♿
8. **Congregation B'nai Abraham**
53 East Baltimore Street ♿ 🚐
9. **Otterbein United Methodist Church** 🎵 ☕
108 East Franklin Street ♿ 🚐
10. **Zion Reformed United Church of Christ** ☕
201 North Potomac Street ♿ 🚐

11. **Trinity Lutheran Church** 🎵 ☕
North Potomac Street & Randolph Avenue ♿
12. **John Wesley United Methodist Church** ☕
129 North Potomac Street ♿
13. **Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church** 🎵
141 South Potomac Street ♿ 🚐
14. **Asbury United Methodist Church**
155 Jonathan Street ♿ 🚐
15. **Christ's Reformed Church** 🎵
130 West Franklin Street ♿ 🚐

KEY CODE

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| 🎵 Music on Site | 🌿 Garden Creations on Display |
| ☕ Refreshments on Site | ♿ Handicap Parking |
| 🖌️ Art on Display | 🚐 Van Stop* |
| 📖 History on Display | |

*Specific van stops are noted on applicable church listings above, however all locations are accessible via van stops.

2017 Historic Houses of Worship Tour

This annual event is **FREE** and open to the public. The Historic Houses of Worship Tour is made possible through the generous support of:



City of Hagerstown, MD
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Historic Houses of Worship Tour is hosted by the Hagerstown Area Religious Council.
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Historic Houses of Worship Tour



A SELF-GUIDED TOUR DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND



Tuesday, December 26, 2017
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



301-797-8782 • Snow date: December 27

2017 Historic Houses of Worship Tour

1 SAINT MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH

601 Washington Avenue

Founded in 1889 in the western Enterprise Firehouse on Washington Square, the church later moved onto the square with the first church building which was replaced with the present 1929 gothic Revival sanctuary. Features include a three manual Moller organ, a depiction of Christ ascending on the altar wall, German Paint decorations and pristine wood work. Organ and piano will be played throughout the tour.



2 WASHINGTON SQUARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

538 Washington Avenue

Washington Square was a mission church started under St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church- the people met in an orchard beginning in 1885. A small chapel was built in 1886. In 1888 the land was purchased and a wood frame church was built. The church building was dedicated in 1889.



3 First Baptist Church

15 High Street

First Baptist Church is the only church in Washington County that has had two presidents attend a worship service. President Lyndon B Johnson and President Jimmy Carter. The church belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention.



4 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

101 S. Prospect Street

Neo-gothic in style, St. John's was built in 1872. Notable features include a high Gothic altar, the reredos, a wrought iron rood screen separating the sanctuary from the congregation and beautiful stained glass windows (one of which is a Tiffany). Holiday music will be presented during the tour. The church houses a 61 rank, 3499 pipe Moller organ including a newly installed Trompette en Chamade.



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5 THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAGERSTOWN

20 S. Prospect Street

Founded on November 15, 1817 on Potomac Street, the church moved to Prospect Hill in 1872. Originally constructed in the center pulpit and table style, the sanctuary was renovated in 1949 into a split pulpit with raised communion table. The church also has a smaller Chapel, which is used weekly for worship services. During the tour, there will be a variety of music in the Sanctuary and a 200th Anniversary display of pictures, news articles and a variety of memorabilia in the Fellowship Hall.



6 THE MILLER HOUSE

135 W. Washington Street

REFRESHMENTS SERVED HERE
Built in 1825, the Miller House Museum serves as the headquarters of the Washington County Historical Society and a local history museum. The house exhibits period decor and furnishings, as well as collections of pottery, silver, clocks, dolls and toys and Civil War and War of 1812 artifacts. The kinship Center, located in the basement, houses church records and other documents from the history of Hagerstown. Special holiday decorations created by county garden clubs enhance the current exhibits, and a selection of photographs from 2016 Historic Houses of Worship contest will be on display during the tour. Light refreshments will be provided.



7 SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

224 W. Washington Street

Beginning as a log chapel in the 1700s, St. Mary Catholic Church is known as the area's "Mother Church" to seven other Washington County Parishes. The cornerstone of the present building was laid on July 4, 1826 on the same site as the log cabin chapel. The great crucifix in the center of the sanctuary, circa 1870, was imported from Munich, Bavaria. In the early 1900's, six stained-glass windows with jewel-like tones, were installed, depicting scenes from scripture. The three Breccia Violetta marble altars were imported from Italy and added during the 1961 renovation.



8 CONGREGATION B'NAI ABRAHAM

53 E. Baltimore Street

Congregation B'Nai Abraham is a reform Jewish Congregation and the only synagogue in Hagerstown. It was founded in 1892 and has served as a loving, caring center of Jewish life in Western Maryland and surrounding areas ever since.



9 OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

108 E. Franklin Street

Otterbein was founded in 1790 as St. Paul's United Brethren in Christ Church, originally meeting in a building on West Washington Street. Items of note include the reredos and stained glass windows. The current Moller pipe organ, recently digitally enhanced, was installed in 1969 to replace the original 1898 Moller. Look for the Zimbelstern-a star shaped "toy" stop which produces unique Baroque style overtones. Music and treats offered during the tour.



10 ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

201 N. Potomac Street

The church first gathered in 1766, and Zion was founded in 1770. During the Civil War, the bell tower was used as a sniper post by General Custer. The cemetery bears the remains of veterans from the Revolutionary War, French and Indian War, War of 1812, and our city's founder, Jonathan Hager. It has beautiful Tiffany Stained glass windows throughout. It is the oldest church building in Washington County and in 2016 this congregation celebrated its 250th year.



11 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

N. Potomac Street & Randolph Avenue

Trinity's congregation was founded in 1859. The cornerstone for the present building was laid in 1909 and was completed and dedicated on March 19, 1911. It is built from granite from Port Deposit, Pa. The stained glass windows were added in 1948, and the sanctuary windows tell the story of the Apostle's Creed. The baptismal font by Bertel Thorvaldsen weighs 3,000 pounds. The original Moeller organ was replaced by a Schantz and now has 56 ranks and 3,650 pipes. Refreshments will be served and seasonal music will be provided by organ, piano and harpsicord. There will also be a display of Nativity sets from around the world contributed by the congregation.



12 JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

129 N. Potomac Street

Construction of this gable fronted Gothic style limestone sanctuary, seating 540, was completed in 1885 at a cost of around \$50,000. Note the beautiful stained and painted glass side windows and the large rose window to the rear. A three manual, 43 rank Moller pipe organ is located behind the pulpit and contains 2,512 pipes.

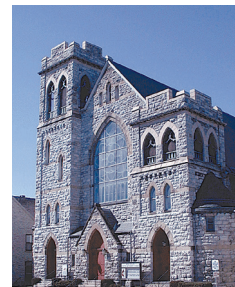


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13 SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

141 S. Potomac Street

Founded in 1770, St. John's is the oldest Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. The church is known for its soaring 134 foot steeple used for reconnaissance during the Civil War, it's three Tiffany stained glass windows and a restored 1931 four manual Moeller organ. Plenty of parking is available. Music on the Moller organ will be played throughout the tour.



14 ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

155 Jonathan Street

Founded under the supervision of St Paul's United Methodist Church in 1818, the Asbury Congregation is the oldest African American Church in Hagerstown. The Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church congregation built their first church on the present site in 1864. The church, rebuilt in 1879, was gutted by fire in 1973. The church bears a strong resemblance to the Ebenezer African Methodist Church's 1840 building.



15 CHRIST'S REFORMED CHURCH

130 W. Franklin Street

Christ's Reformed Church is an old historic German Reformed church, formed in 1854. Notable architectural elements include the crown on the spire, the Rose Medallion window fronting Franklin Street and the Reredos behind the altar with it's representation of each of the 12 disciples. There will be seasonal music offered each hour on the hour.

