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WASHINGTON COUNTY Arts Council



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Wishing you peace, joy, and all the best during this wonderful holiday season. May spending time with family and friends bring you happiness that lasts throughout the year.

Washington County Arts Council



Holiday Hours

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Close at 2PM

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas--Closed

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Open 2PM to 7PM---**Historic Houses of Worship Tour**--visit the Washington County Arts Council in the historic Walker House, 34 S Potomac Street in the heart of Hagerstown A & E District

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Close at 2PM

Friday, January 01, 2016

New Year's Day--Closed

Saturday, January 02, 2016

Closed

DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

2015 HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

Docents Will be Available for Historical and Architectural Interpretations

- Music provided at some locations
- Refreshments will be available at some houses of worship and at:
 - The Miller House: 135 West Washington Street
 - Washington County Arts Council: 34 South Potomac Street
 - Hager House: Key Street in City Park
- Artwork displayed at some locations
- Shuttle buses will run continuously through City Center and to the Hager House in City Park. Compliments of: Christ's Reformed UCC, Trinity Lutheran, and Celebration Ministries.

Join in on a carol sing at Zion Reformed from 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm

Dining
Restaurants that will be open:
Schmankerl Stube Bulls & Bears
Thai Zap El Paso

December 16, 2015, 7:00 pm, FREE
A very special lecture will take place at the Fletcher Library.
The Architecture of Hagerstown's Historic Houses of Worship, Dr. Paula Reed

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- Saint Mark's Lutheran Church**
601 Washington Avenue
 - Washington Square United Methodist Church**
538 Washington Avenue
 - First Baptist Church**
15 High Street
 - Saint John's Episcopal Church**
101 South Prospect Street
 - The Presbyterian Church of Hagerstown**
20 South Prospect Street
 - The Miller House**
135 West Washington Street
 - Christ's Reformed Church**
130 West Franklin Street
 - Asbury United Methodist Church**
155 Jonathan Street
 - Zion Reformed United Church of Christ**
201 North Potomac Street
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
North Potomac Street & Randolph Avenue
 - John Wesley United Methodist Church**
129 North Potomac Street
 - Bridge of Life Church**
14 South Potomac Street
 - Washington County Arts Council**
34 South Potomac Street (Entry off Artists Alley)
 - Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**
141 South Potomac Street
 - Hagerstown Church of The Brethren**
15 South Mulberry Street
 - Otterbein United Methodist Church**
108 East Franklin Street
 - Jonathan Hager House**
110 Key Street
- KEY CODE**
- Music on Site
 - Refreshments on Site
 - Art on Display
 - History on Display
 - Garden Creations on Display
 - Handicap Parking
 - Van Stop
- Shuttle buses will be on a continuous loop through City Center & to the Hager House in City Park. Specific van stops are noted on applicable church listings above.

2015 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:

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www.visithagerstown.com

City of Hagerstown, MD
www.hagerstownmd.org

Historic Houses of Worship Tour is hosted by the Hagerstown Area Religious Council. Our special thanks to the participating congregations and other non-profit organizations for their wonderful cooperation and hospitality in hosting this annual event.

Historic Houses of Worship Tour

A Self-Guided Tour
Downtown Hagerstown, Maryland

Saturday, December 26, 2015 • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
240-420-1740 • Snow date: December 27

1 SAINT MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH

601 Washington Avenue
 Founded in 1889 in the Western Enterprise Fire House 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, depiction of Christ ascending on the altar wall, German point decorations and pristine wood work. Organ and piano Christmas music throughout the tour.



6 THE MILLER HOUSE

135 W. Washington Street
 REFRESHMENTS SERVED HERE
 Built in 1825 and presented with period decor and furnishings, the house exhibits collections of pottery, silver, clocks, dolls and toys and Civil War and War of 1812 memorabilia. Special holiday decorations created by county garden clubs enhance the current exhibits.



7 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 its representation of each of the 12 disciples. There will be seasonal music offered each hour on the hour.



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 & President Jimmy Carter. Our 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. Vocal, piano and organ holiday music will be provided. Church houses a 60 rank Moller organ.



5 THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAGERSTOWN

20 S. Prospect Street
 Founded in 1817 on S. Potomac Street, the church moved in 1872 to Prospect Hill, a property donated by the Loose family. Originally constructed in the traditional center-pulpit-and-table style, the sanctuary was renovated in 1949 into a split-pulpit with raised communion table, which is the configuration still used today.



10 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

N. Potomac Street & Randolph Avenue
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, organized in 1859, is a historic setting with a wide variety of ministries including Worship (both Praise and Traditional), Community Outreach, Christian Education and Fine Arts. The cornerstone was laid in 1909, marking the beginning of her ministry to the people of Hagerstown, dedicated to sharing mission and ministry with all God's children in the name of Jesus Christ.



11 JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

129 N. Potomac Street
 Construction of this historic 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. If you look through the screen behind the cross you can see some of its 2,512 pipes.



12 BRIDGE OF LIFE CHURCH

14 S. Potomac Street
 Bridge of Life is housed in a 1914-15 structure that was originally the Colonial Theater. The facade is representative of the Baroque style of theater architecture popular in the early twentieth century. Bridge of Life has extensively remodeled the interior of the building. Local artists will have their work on display in the lobby.



WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

34 S. Potomac Street (entry off Artists Alley)
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED
 One of Maryland's 24 art councils, the WCAC has been a partner in the Hagerstown Washington County community since it was formed in 1967. The Exhibit Galleries and The Gallery Shop feature works of local artists. December will showcase the "Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015" juried by R. Benjamin Jones and Benita Keller.



14 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 noted for its soaring 134 foot steeple used for reconnaissance during the Civil War. Its three Tiffany stained glass windows, and a restored 1931 four manual Moller organ. Plenty of parking available. Music on the Moller organ will be played throughout the tour.



15 HAGERSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

15 S. Mulberry Street
 The German Baptist Brethren Church of Hagerstown was first recognized as a congregation in 1894. The congregation outgrew the chapel and on July 17, 1897 a new brick church on the corner of E. Washington and Mulberry Street was dedicated and known as The Church of the Brethren.



16 OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

108 E. Franklin Street
 Otterbein was founded in 1790 as St. Paul's United Brethren in Christ Church and originally met in a building on West Washington Street. Note the reredos and stained glass windows. The current pipe organ is a Moller, installed in 1960 to replace the original 1898 organ, also a Moller, and was recently digitally enhanced. Music and light refreshments provided during the tour.



Jonathan Hager House

110 Key Street, Hagerstown City Park
 Hagerstown's founder, Jonathan Hager, made his first land buy at this site in 1739. Moravian missionaries from Bethlehem, PA recorded in their journals "delivering sermons in German and English" from the home on three separate occasions. By 1774 Hager donated Potomac Street land plots for establishment of two different churches in town: at one of these he suffered fatal injuries in an accident while supervising the construction of the edifice in 1775.



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Historic Houses of Worship Tour Call for Photography

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