

# DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

# 2024 HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR



*Docents Will be Available for Historical and Architectural Interpretations*

Refreshments, Music, & History will be available at several locations. See Map.

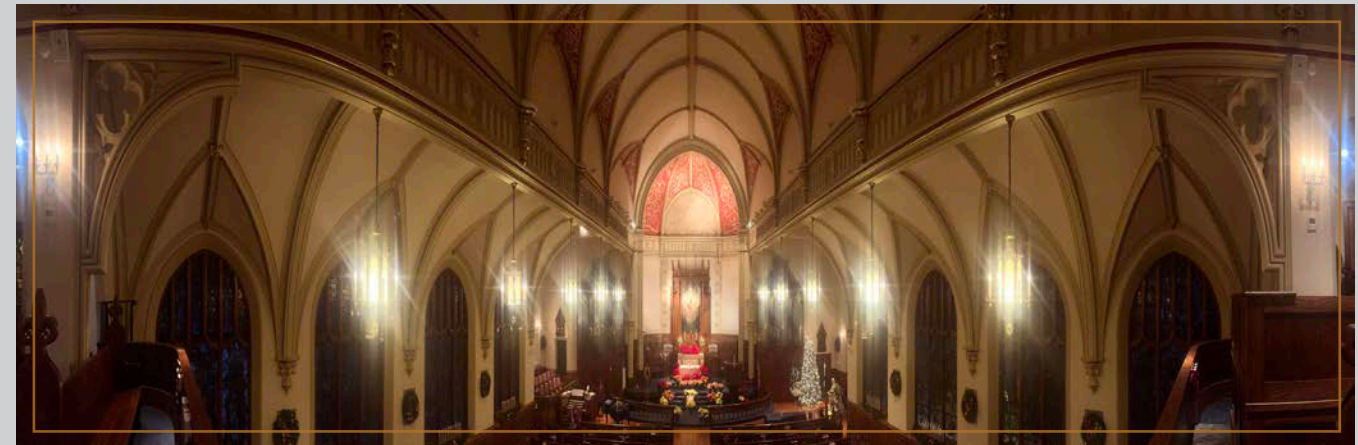


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| <p><b>1. Grace United Methodist Church</b><br/>712 West Church Street<br/>♿ 🎵</p> <p><b>2. Washington Square United Methodist Church</b><br/>538 Washington Avenue<br/>♿ (in rear) 🎵 📖</p> <p><b>3. Hagerstown Church</b><br/>15 High Street<br/>♿ ☕</p> <p><b>4. Saint John's Episcopal Church</b><br/>101 South Prospect Street<br/>♿ 🎵</p> <p><b>5. Congregation B'nai Abraham</b><br/>53 East Baltimore Street<br/>♿ 🎵</p> <p><b>6. Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church</b><br/>141 South Potomac Street<br/>♿ 🎵</p> | <p><b>7. Otterbein United Methodist Church</b><br/>108 East Franklin Street<br/>♿ 🎵 ☕</p> <p><b>8. Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>North Potomac Street &amp; Randolph Avenue<br/>♿ 🎵 ☕ 📖</p> <p><b>9. Zion Reformed United Church of Christ</b><br/>201 North Potomac Street<br/>♿ 🎵 ☕ 📖</p> <p><b>10. John Wesley United Methodist Church</b><br/>129 North Potomac Street<br/>♿ 🎵</p> <p><b>11. Christ's Reformed Church</b><br/>130 West Franklin Street<br/>♿</p> |
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### KEY CODE

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| ♿ Accessible Parking | ☕ Refreshments on Site |
| 🎵 Music on Site      | 📖 History on Display   |



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## 2024 HISTORIC Houses of Worship Tour

A Self-guided Tour in Downtown Hagerstown, Maryland

**Thursday, December 26, 3-7 PM**

[www.harccoalition.org](http://www.harccoalition.org) • Snow date: December 27



# 2024 HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

## 1 GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

712 West Church Street

Grace UMC traces its beginnings to 1896 when the congregation at Otterbein UMC decided that a mission church was needed in the West End. A store front at the corner of Church and Norway Streets served as the first meeting space. In 1898 the congregation moved to its current location. Featured is a recently restored Moller Pipe Organ and sanctuary.



## 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 HAGERSTOWN CHURCH

15 High Street

Hagerstown Church, a church planted in 2019 out of Martinsburg WV merged with First Baptist Church in 2021. The congregation dates back to 1882; the sanctuary was constructed in 1891, which houses a Moller organ installed in 1940. Over its history, the congregation has seen 4 additional churches planted out of its body.



## 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 Trompette en Chamade.



## 5 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.



## 6 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.



## 7 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. Our first Moller organ was installed in 1898. It was replaced in 1969 by the current Moller, featuring 1,778 working pipes. Controls are now computer-driven following a rebuild in 2010. Look for the Zimbelstern-a star shaped "toy" stop which produces unique Baroque style overtones. Music and treats offered during the tour. Parking available onsite.



## 8 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 Moller 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 harpsichord. Hagerstown Choral Arts to play 4-5pm. Harry Potter Train Display.



## 9 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. A 1928 Moller pipe organ that has 39 ranks and 2,140 pipes. It is the oldest church building in Washington County. Light refreshments and music will be provided from 3-4pm.



## 10 JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

129 N. Potomac Street

Construction of this gable fronted Gothic style limestone sanctuary, seating 400, was completed in 1885 at a cost of around \$50,000. Note the beautiful stained 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.



## 11 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.



In the event of inclement weather check the HARC website [www.harccoalition.org](http://www.harccoalition.org), or WJEJ Radio Station.