



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
March 1, 2015

TODAY

Please join downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall for coffee fellowship following the 8:00 a.m. service (from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) and following the Contemporary Service (from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.)



If you can help with this ministry please contact discipleship@firstpreshc.org

LITURGIST: Doyle (11:00)

As part of their confirmation preparation, members of the 2015 class will be assisting in worship throughout the year. This morning's Confirmand leading worship is Brian.

USHERS & GREETERS: Jim, Angela (8:00); Craig (11:00); Elaine, Jonathan, Brian (Tech Crew)

AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Angela (8:00); Amanda (9:30)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Caroline, Cheryl and Nathan in celebration of Martin's 60th birthday on March 6th.

The flower arranger is Jan.

WE WILL LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning to remember The Rev. Lyle Bruce Buck, who died on March 3, 2013.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 8:00 a.m.: After Welcoming One Another: Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to *Godly Play*. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

At 11:00 a.m.: After the Children's Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to *Godly Play*. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to *The Worship Bridge*. They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

"MOVEABLE FEAST" MINISTRY needs home-baked or bakery-purchased desserts. Please bring your dessert donation every second Sunday of the month to the church kitchen before 12:30 p.m. Be sure to label them for "Moveable Feast." Items MAY be individually wrapped and should contain no nut products. For more information about this ministry, contact Discipleship & Caring Ministries Elders.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Burta, Ethan, Barb, Jean & Richard, Pat, Andy & Carolyn, Blessing & Richard, Dorothy, Tom, Gertrude, Lou, Vivian & Robert, Kim, Bob, Dean, Bunny, Stan, Milton, Murray & Shirley, Al & Beth

Upcoming Surgery: *Jowin*

Family and Friends: *Bob & Carol's son, Mark*

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan in Guatemala; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru.

Please contact the church office, 410-730-3545, or Parish Visitor Ruth Bell, 443-668-1804 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

Saint David (c. 520-c.589) When England fell to the Angles, Saxons and Jutes, some Celtic Christians escaped to Wales. David, a well-educated monk and accomplished educator and preacher, became their leader. He helped build several monasteries there, and despite hostility, they began serving as cultural centers – providing services to the poor, education for all, and advocacy for social justice everywhere. David, known as *Dewi Sant* in Welsh, is the patron saint of Wales.

We also remember: February 6 is Independence Day in Ghana. Ghana was the first place in sub-Saharan Africa where Europeans arrived to trade – first in gold, later in slaves. It was also the first sub-Saharan African nation to achieve independence from a colonial power, in this instance Britain.

THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE focuses the prayers of Christians week by week, so that over the year all the countries of the world are prayed for.

This week: *Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland*

Pray for:

- *Leadership and institutions involved in struggles against the neo-Nazi movement in these countries;*
- *Those who struggle with poverty in the midst of great wealth, particularly immigrants, workers in the tourist industry, and expatriates.*

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org

OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2015

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Church

Rhashelle Hunter is the Director of this ministry area. The work of this area includes: congregational support for all women in the church; African-American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino-a, Middle Eastern, Korean, Multicultural, Native American, and New Immigrant congregations; the Church-Wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women; cross-cultural ministries; gender-justice ministries; Presbyterian Women; racial justice ministries; racial-ethnic colleges; women's leadership development; and young women's leadership development.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Bible in Depth

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Clark Parlor

“Bible stories you didn’t learn in Sunday School.”

a Bible study, led by Carl

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

For the next couple of months we will be reading the Book of Amos. We’re in Chapter 7!

Our snow policy: If school is delayed opening, we try to meet. If school is cancelled, turn over and go back to sleep! Come and join in this conversation! All are welcome!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

TODAY Sunday, March 1

Mid-Highs & Mid-High Parents, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Remember to mark your calendars for Fellowship on March 1 when Dr. Margot and Linda will be presenting “Healthy Relationships” for our Mid-High youth.

Thursday, March 5

Confirmation Class, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

Mid-High Fellowship, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Confirmation Class Dinner & Meeting with Session, 6:00 p.m.

MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA, NEW YORK, Friday evening, March 27 – Thursday mid-day, April 2, 2015 – this is during Spring Break! – Youth and Adults! Sign-up deadline is Sunday, March 15. Cost is \$150. Mission Work Days: Saturday & Monday-Wednesday. Free Day in New York on Sunday. Contact the church office for more information and to sign up.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND with Dr. Brian Blount,
President and Professor of New Testament
at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.

Education Forum on Saturday Morning, March 14, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Revelation: News of the Lamb, the Dragon, and the Witnesses for the Lordship of Christ!

Sunday Worship, March 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
with Dr. Blount preaching at all three services.

Plan to come! Tell your friends!

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Table Talk: Food, Friends and Conversation

Wednesday nights in Lent, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Simple Supper at 6:30 p.m. Study at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:15 p.m.

First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God

This Lent we'll begin a study of the historical Jesus and Jesus' own teaching about the Kingdom of God, guided via DVD clips by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg.

Childcare is available. Please contact the church office.

Journey to Jerusalem – 17,000 miles – six weeks – The Long Way Around!

*Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies has started. **Everybody can participate!** 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. 2,000 steps equals one mile. A sign-up sheet, equivalent chart, and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. Return your report slips to the Welcome Desk.*

2015 Lenten Photo Challenge - BorrowedLens@firstpreshc.org

Lend your eye to others as we #takeuplent together.

Focus on this verse of scripture and reflect on the questions to inspire your photography. Share your photos on social media!

Second Week in Lent – March 1-7

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ~Mark 8:35

Reflection question: What gets in the way of the gospel message?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the Cold Weather Shelter this month.

The Mission Committee invites you to enjoy refreshments in Lyle Buck Hall between worship services and tell us about your involvement with the shelter. We want to learn from your experiences; we'd like to hear what went well and what we might think about doing differently for future shelters. Even if you don't want refreshments, we'd like to hear from you. So if you can't join the discussion between worship services, please let one of the mission elders know if you have feedback on this project.

JUST ONE CAN... PLUS! – March – BREAKFAST ITEMS

Let's help the hungry start the morning right with a good breakfast. Our special request for March is donations of cereal (including instant oatmeal), which is the most requested food item month after month in food pantries. There is a limit of one visit per family per month to the Howard County Food Bank, where the quantities given out must be strictly rationed to meet demand. Please leave your regular contribution - plus boxes of cereal and oatmeal - in the wooden "Just One Can" bin in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

BLOOD DRIVE, Saturday, March 21, in Lyle Buck Hall

"Be someone's hero—in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation. Plus you get free juice and delicious Keebler® cookies." Sign up in the Lower Commons or contact the church office.

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL DANCERS. We will be preparing for a Palm Sunday dance Wednesdays in March at 5:30 p.m., before the Lenten Suppers. No experience necessary. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the church office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

STITCHING MINISTRY – Everyone is invited to the Stitching Ministry on **Sunday, March 8th** at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Alice will give a short presentation and answer any questions about her trips to Cuba. The Cuban Women also participate in a stitching ministry but find it very difficult to get yarn. We have sent yarn and have written a letter to them this past year. Join us to hear more about the Cuban Ministry and also our local projects. We always welcome others. Any questions please call or email the church office.

NEW ZENTANGLE® MINISTRY AT FIRST PRES!

Eight of our members recently took a class and became Zentangle® artists. And now a new caring ministry is beginning! A small group of tanlgers (Zentangle® artists) will meet at the church during Lent to create cards with Zentangle® art (*Friday, March 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.; Friday, March 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.*) If you are a Zentangle® artist, you are welcome to join us! Contact: the church office.

REMEMBER!! Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday morning March 8!

Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night or you'll be attending a different worship service than you meant to attend! And if your smoke detectors use batteries, this is a good time to change them: "Change your clocks, change your batteries."

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY - Waters of the Chesapeake

Sunday, March 15, 2015 2 - 4:45 p.m.

Dr. Beth McGee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will detail the science and policy surrounding work to restore the Chesapeake Bay. She will also explain how a clean Bay could be an economic engine and produce more seafood. Come, enjoy tasty refreshments and interesting conversation. Join us at the Earth Forum. More information about this community free program see www.earthforumhc.org; or see us on Facebook. Contact 410-730-3545 or email earthforum@firstpreshc.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY'S CHILI COOK OFF

NEXT Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 12:30 p.m

Church of the Resurrection, 3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD

Help – Raise money for Bridges' programs for homeless and at-risk families

Learn – Learn about homelessness in Howard County through our video presentation

Win – 18 Congregations will compete for the coveted Golden Ladle! Guests sample and vote by 'tipping' their favorite entry. The congregation with the most tips, wins the Golden Ladle!

Bring your 'tips' and friends to the hottest competition in town!

You are invited to bring baked goods or other treats to sell at our table at the event. Contact discipleship@firstpreshc.org about the baked goods.

For more info go to <http://www.bridges2hs.org/>



Weekly Calendar

Every Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services
The Worship Bridge (grades 2 – 5) during 11:00 a.m. service
9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages & First Forum 📖
10:30 a.m. Backpack Project Packing

Sunday, March 1st

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Cold Weather Shelter Thank You
10:30 a.m. Cold Weather Shelter Thank You
6:30 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship
Senior High Fellowship
Ruth Circle

Tuesday, March 3rd

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, March 5th

6:30 p.m. The Spirit Project Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 6th

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded
Earth Care Team Meeting
2:00 p.m. Earth Forum Team Meeting

Saturday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park

Sunday, March 8th

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MOVEABLE FEAST

9-11 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
12:30 p.m. Bridges' Chili Cook Off at Church of the Resurrection
2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry



For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check the calendar on our website at www.firstpreshc.org, the current issue of *Tidings*, or call the church office 410-730-3545.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for *Tidings*, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, March 12, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the April 2015 Issue #4.