



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
March 13, 2016

TODAY



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: Meet the Confirmands and Celebrate with Cake, following the 10:30 a.m. service, in Lyle Buck Hall. All are welcome!

Next week's Discipleship Hour: CWS Debriefing and Thank You Breakfast, following the 10:30 a.m. service, in Lyle Buck Hall.

LITURGIST: Sara (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Ron, M.J. (8:30); Craig, Melanie (10:30); Laura, Jonathan, Brian (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 2016 Confirmation Class.

The flower arranger is Jan.

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

At 8:30 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 10:30 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.

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. During the 10:30 a.m. service, members of this year's Confirmation Class will make their professions of Christian faith. We rejoice with these young people and all those who love them for this important milestone in their Christian journey. See the extra insert introducing the 2016 Confirmation Class.

MESSY CHURCH

Today Sunday, March 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Worship doesn't always happen in a Sanctuary or even in a church building. It isn't always on a Sunday morning and it has no dress-code or guest list. Worship is our joyful expression of love for the God who created us in all our loud, dirty, confusing, and messy glory. We are God's imperfect children and are invited to worship God as we are. On *Sunday, March 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.* we will play, pray and eat together in family-friendly, intergenerational worship as the whole people of God. Come as you are to praise the God who loves us as we are.

YOUTH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER AT TINO'S

Tomorrow Monday, March 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

at Tino's Italian Bistro, 8875 Centre Park Drive, Columbia - For the full day, 10% of the proceeds for the entire restaurant will be donated First Presbyterian Church to benefit youth ministries trips and activities. This includes ALL carry-out, delivery, dine in, wine sales, etc., No flier is needed, so please spread the word! For carry-out or delivery, call 410-730-8466. The menu is available at <http://www.tinositalianbistro.com>. On behalf of the church's youth, thank you.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13

Please pray for: Joan, Burta, Dave, Jean, Phil, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Gertrude, Jim, Paul, Robert & Vivian, Pam, Paula, Dean, Maria, Jonah, Bunny, Stan, Bette, Murray, Shirley & Betsy, Shirley, Al & Beth

Recovering from Surgery: Jeff, Richard, Jeff

Friends & Family: *Darla's mother-in-law, Frances; Jimmy's mother, Marie*

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan with the Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO) along the US-Mexico border; 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

Patrick, died 461. Born of Christian parents in Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates at age sixteen, taken to Ireland and sold into slavery. After six years he escaped and returned to his family in southwest Britain. Soon he had a dream in which he was told to return to Ireland. He did, but only after twenty-one years of training in France. He became a most successful Christian missionary bishop. We have his own accounts of his confrontations with hostile authorities in power as he founded churches, monasteries and schools. On March 17, Patrick is celebrated as the one who, in twenty-nine years, made Ireland Christian. He has been described as the perfect blend of prayer and action. His baptismal hymn to the Trinity, also called *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, continues to be sung and prayed today. Our Closing Responses for Lent are based on this prayer.

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 we pray for *Myanmar, Thailand*.

Pray for:

- *Children in Myanmar, especially the child soldiers, orphans, refugees, and those forced into labor and prostitution;*
- *Those who deliver humanitarian aid and supplies, so that they will be blessed, protected and empowered in sharing God's love and hope;*
- *Give thanks for Thailand's support of refugees from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.*

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 2016

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Churchville Church – *Stephen Melton, Pastor*
- ✦ Covenant Church in Hagerstown – *Renee Mackey, Pastor*

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

TABLE TALK: FOOD, FRIENDS AND CONVERSATION

Wednesday Nights in Lent

March 16

Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. — Study begins at 7:00 p.m.

We wrap it up between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m.



Holy Worship, Holy Week

We'll walk through the days of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. What events does scripture describe taking place during this last week of Jesus' life? Not all the gospels agree about this, as it turns out – and that's worth thinking about!

Child care is available. Call the Church Office if you will need childcare. Thanks.



QUIET DAYS

Wednesday–Friday, March 16, 17 & 18, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 pm.

Come, walk the labyrinth ... meditate ... write ... read ... color ... consider ... pray
The canvas labyrinth will be laid on the floor in the sanctuary. There will be other places around the labyrinth for you to read, pray, light candles, draw, - simply time to find peace, light and courage this season.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

Next Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

“ENOUGH, TOO MUCH AND NOT ENOUGH”

featuring

Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, *Author and Environmental Activist*

Rebecca Rehr, *Maryland Environmental Health Network*

Come and listen as Rabbi Cardin explains, *“Enoughness: a faith based perspective on using the power of consumers and their impact on the climate.”* Then expand the story with Rebecca Rehr, public health advocate. Consider the effects of living with too much pollution and too little public awareness, as Rebecca shares inside stories of impairments to the health, well-being, and livelihood of people living in climate-degraded communities in Maryland.

Following the program, enjoy tasty and nutritious refreshments, and view interesting information tables. Then participate in Emphasis/Action groups to learn more.

The Earth Forum is free and open to all. Child care is provided if reserved by noon, Friday, March 18. E-mail us at earthforum@firstpreshc.org or call 410-730-3545. Information at www.earthforumhc.org. See us on Facebook.

STUDENT MINISTRY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

TODAY Sunday, March 13, 2016

Confirmation Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate with cake and meet the Confirmands, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 20, 2016

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

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Easter Egg Preparation, 10:30 a.m.



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR - 9:30-10:25 a.m.

Bible in Depth – taught by Doyle

Continues all year – all are welcome to join in at any time - Clark Parlor

This is a lively conversational study of four Old Testament texts: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job.

Help! I have a Teen!

Continues through June – Library

A class for parents of youth. Come join us to discuss topics related to guiding our children through the tumultuous teen years. Each week will feature a different topic with either guest speakers or member facilitated discussions.

NEW CLASSES DURING LENT - through March 20

Practicing Faith in Everyday Life – taught by Virginia Callegary – Room 252

Through personal reflection, journaling and discussion we will experience some of the central practices of the Christian faith, such as Prayer, Food, Money, Community, and Service.

Cuba—taught by Morton Harris— Room 258

In this class we will learn a bit more about Cuba—its history, its people, life there, the church there, and about the covenant hermanamiento (partnership) between our two congregations.



GRAB AND GO COFFEE is available at the *Wake Up Station* on the second floor across from the Parlor. Get a cup of coffee and head to class! Please return the cups to the drop off bins. Enjoy!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every week in the Parlor

This year's text: The Gospel of Matthew. Come join in the discussion.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

DEBORAH CIRCLE is collecting ethnic hair-and-skin-care products for *HopeWorks*, formerly the Domestic Violence Center. A list of suggested products can be found at the Welcome Center. The collection box will be located in the Lower Commons through today, Sunday, March 13. Contact the church office with questions.

CAN YOU HELP MOVE THE PEWS FOR THE LABYRINTH?

Woody Collins could use some able assistants on *Tuesday night March 15th* at 7:00 p.m. and again on *Saturday, March 19th* at 12:00 p.m., to set up and restore our sanctuary for Quiet Days. Let him know you are able to lend a hand (and your back!) by calling 410-730-3545 x11 or emailing sexton@firstpreshc.org

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There is lots to do to get the Woodlands Chapel ready for Sunrise Service! We need your help! Contact: Strengthening the Church Elders for more details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is returning to First Pres as a week long summer program this year! Save the dates of *Monday, July 25-Friday, July 29* from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and come join us for an exciting adventure. Look for more information in the April Tidings. Contact: the church office with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS needed on Easter Sunday, March 27th:

- ✦ NURSERY HELPERS at the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship services.
Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org
- ✦ GODLY PLAY helpers needed at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services.
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- ✦ FIRE USHERS for the Sunrise Service on March 27th, between 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. tend the fire, carry chairs, stay with the fire and put it out, hand out bulletins, etc. *Contact:* Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org
- ✦ LOTS OF HELP NEEDED DURING HOLY WEEK - carry ladders, make breakfast, etc. Are you able to help? *Contact:* Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 5K FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE!

Runners, walkers, and volunteers can sign up today in the Lower Commons. The Run for Coffee is *Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.* at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Visit the web site at <http://www.firstpreshc.org/familyrunforcoffee> for more information. Online registration will begin within the next week.

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

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. Please leave your regular contribution - plus boxes of cereal and oatmeal - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 20

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Return Fish Banks

Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Simple Meal in Lyle Buck Hall

7:30 p.m. Long Table Communion in the Sanctuary

Nursery Care available

Good Friday, March 25

12:00 noon Middy Prayer in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, the Service of Shadows, in the Sanctuary

Nursery Care available

Easter Sunday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel - Bring bells to ring!

7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Lyle Buck Hall

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Identical Easter Worship Services

No Church School

Childcare in our Nursery & Godly Play available at 8:30 & 10:30

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.



Easter Monday, March 28 - The Church Office and Building will be closed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School – The Education Hour

Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services
The Worship Bridge (grades 2 – 5) during 10:30 a.m. service

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour

Backpack Project Packing in Branch Hall

Sunday, March 13th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | BAPTISM
HANDBELLS | MOVEABLE FEAST | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages
- 11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: Cake for Confirmands
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Monday, March 14th

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER AT TINO'S – 11:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 15th

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- Set-up Quiet Days

Wednesday, March 16th

QUIET DAYS - 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE
- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Mary Martha Circle
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
Tidings Folded
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program

Thursday, March 17th

QUIET DAYS - 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 18th

QUIET DAYS - 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- 9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle
- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, March 19th

QUIET DAYS - 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- 9:00 a.m. Church Workday
- 12:00 p.m. Take down Quiet Days

Sunday, March 20th

PALM SUNDAY | HOLY WEEK BEGINS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

- 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages
- 11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: CWS Thank You Breakfast
- 2:00 p.m. Earth Forum
- 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle
Mid-High Fellowship
Senior High Fellowship

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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: execasst@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, April 14, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2016 Issue #5.