



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
October 23, 2016

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Fall Festival*, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall.

Come and enjoy fall crafts and games at the October 23rd Fall Festival Discipleship Hour.

Grab a warm cup of cider, some popcorn and apple slices, and decorate a card for a homebound member, make a pine cone bird feeder, decorate your pumpkin, or try your hand at the pumpkin ring toss. All are welcome!

Next Week's Discipleship Hour: *Coffee Fellowship*, hosted by Ruth Circle, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall.



LITURGIST: Janet (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, Alice (8:30); Margot, (10:30); Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Elaine, in memory of Marjorie Cook.

The flower arranger is Janet.

ZENTANGLE® ARTIST: Thanks to Elaine for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Howard, husband of Maria, who died on October 21, 2015.

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.

WORSHIP BAGS: Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. The bags are separated into two different age groups, 3-6 year-olds and 7-12 year-olds. You can tell the difference by the writing on the outside: *green for 3-6 and purple for 7-12*. Please return everything to the bags (except the chenille stems/pipe cleaners) and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.



PUMPKIN PATCH IS OPEN!

Support the Student Ministries Program!

Buy your pumpkins here through October 31, 2016

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – dark

Monday-Friday: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

Please pray for: Millie, Jon, Jeff, Darlene, Virgie, Virginia, Joan, Burta, *Dave*, Jean, Margaret, Paula, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Gertrude Lamer, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Christina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline and Nancy and Mike, Maria, Bunny, Shirley, Shirley, Al & Beth

Extended Care: Jim, Lorien; Stan, Charlestown

Hospitalized: *Bob, Nancy*

Recovering from surgery: Phil, Cheryl

Family and Friends: Morton's mother, Martha

Memorial Garden: We remember to God, Melvin, May 5, 1930-September 5, 2014, whose ashes were placed in the Memorial Garden, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in a Committal Service. The church extends prayers and warm support to his family: Barbara, Margo and Chuck, Matthew, and Michael, all members of the church, and to all of Mel's family and friends.

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

Elias Boudinot, Jr. (*May 2, 1740 – October 26, 1821*) was a devout Presbyterian who was active in the civic life of the American Revolution and in the mission of the Presbyterian Church. Born in Philadelphia, his next-door-neighbor was Benjamin Franklin. He studied law at Princeton, and served in New Jersey's colonial assembly. He was *Commissary General for Prisoners* in the Revolutionary Army, and a delegate to the Continental Congress. In 1782 he served as a President of the Continental Congress, and signed the Treaty of Paris – which made him the first *President of the United States in Congress Assembled!* He went on to serve three terms in the newly formed US Congress. He became the third director of the US Mint, and was the first lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court bar. Throughout his life he was passionate about the mission of the church. He was the first President of the Presbyterian Board of Trustees, which became the Presbyterian Foundation. He was a trustee of the College of New Jersey (Princeton University) for 50 years, and was instrumental in the founding of Princeton Seminary. He was an outspoken advocate for the rights of Native Americans, and a strong supporter of Indian mission schools. A generous financial supporter of the church's mission in his lifetime, he left the bulk of his estate educational and mission activities of the church.

We also remember: Today is United Nations Day. On this day in 1945, the UN Charter was ratified. The original charter was signed by 51 nations. By 1963, 60 additional nations had joined.

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 *India, Pakistan Sri Lanka*. Pray for:

- *Thanksgiving for devotion and faith of those who work for the poor refugees, orphans, the dying and the hungry;*
- *Those who must cope with grinding poverty;*
- *An end to the threat of nuclear war.*

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Corn Maze Trip – Mid-Highs & Senior Highs

TODAY Sunday, October 23, leave church at 12:30 p.m., return at 4:30 p.m.
Summer's Farm in Frederick MD
Bring \$12.00 plus snack money and signed permission postcard

Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 27, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship - Dinner and a Conversation for Youth

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 3, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Youth Fall Retreat - Mid-Highs & Senior Highs

Friday-Sunday, November 4-6 - Camp Hanover, Richmond, VA
Registration materials available in Branch Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN.

Ark & L.I.F.E. – will start in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning

CROSSROADS

NEXT Sunday, October 30 at 9:30 a.m.

And now for something completely different...an intergenerational activity. All ages will join together to sing, read the Bible, do an activity, mingle with kids, act like kids. Be part of the fun!



CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE

Children in elementary school are invited to gather for a meal after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, October 30th*. Afterwards we will learn about Communion, practice holding the cups and plates, and learn what to say and do during the sacrament. Please RSVP to Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org, if you are able to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs – facilitated by Doyle

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

Mission in the Church Today – Mission Area Team – Room 205

Today, October 23—Guatemala/Scholar-Stoves-Coffee – lead by Becky

Video Game Stuff for Inquiring Parents – taught by Bill

October 23—Room 252

Book Discussion – *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander – led by Reggie

October 23—Room 258

See Tidings November 2016
Issue 10 for next month's
Adult Ed classes!



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 – on Wednesday! In the Parlor

This year's text: Genesis - Genesis is a book about beginnings. This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! All welcome!

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE meets on the Second Sunday of the month

Sunday, November 13 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor

Topic: Race in the sports world. Contact: Reggie and Paula

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHURCH WORKDAY – BLUE JEANS SUNDAY!

Wear your blue jeans or work clothes to church next *Sunday, October 30* and plan to stay from 12:15-3:00 p.m. to work on projects around the church property. Lunch will be served. *Contact: STC Elders or Woody*

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE Today is the last day to contribute to the Guatemala Scholarship Fund Drive for the 2017 school year, which will begin in January. We have funded 67 of our goal of 75 scholarships, which will enable all of our current students to continue their studies. But we also hope to make scholarships available to new students to replace those who are graduating. The cost to send a student from our partner presbytery to middle school or high school is \$440, but contributions of any size will help us to reach our goal. All donors are requested to fill out a pink card, available at the Welcome Center. We hope that each donor will take pleasure in knowing that your scholarship gift has enriched the life of a young person. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: This year the Deacons Thanksgiving Food Collection Project hopes to provide 20 food baskets to families from Bridges to Housing Stability and 5 to community families. They will also provide food cards for 25 families from the Foreign-born Information and Referral Network (FIRN). The collection will begin on *Sunday, October 23* and end on *Wednesday, November 13*. A complete list of suggested foods is in the November Tidings and in the insert in today's bulletin.

A DELEGATION WILL BE TRAVELING TO GUATEMALA *January 12-17, 2017* to install Onil Stoves in homes of members of our partner presbytery. The trip is limited to 12 people and the cost will be no more than \$1300 per person. Financial aid can be provided. Want to be part of the delegation? The deadline for joining the trip is *Today Sunday, October 23, 2016*. A \$200 deposit is required. *Contact: the church office.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bridges to Housing Stability invites you to JUST JAZZIN': FALL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Our congregation has 2 tables sold and we'd love to make it 3 or 4.

Tickets are \$65, which includes one drink and light fare.

For more details, talk to Pastor Sue, Angela or Amy.

AN INVITATION TO REMEMBER: All Saints Sunday is November 6th

We would like to remember family members, friends, mentors and leaders who died in the past year (November 2015-present). Please contact Caroline Smith at 410-730-3545 or email fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by *Monday, October 31st*

ABIGAIL CIRCLE is meeting the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor from 6:00-7:30 p.m. while the Senior Highs are having fellowship. We will be reading *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* by Adam Hamilton. Feel free to bring dinner! Contact Paula or the church office with questions. All are welcome!

Annual Response Program (ARP)

CELEBRATE YOUR SHARING

Please pick up your Annual Response Program (ARP) stewardship campaign packets today in the Upper Commons after the church service.

Remember that your church is essentially self-funded annually. Your generous sharing sustains all the good works done in Jesus' name. Celebrate the love you share with your gifts. By making an annual pledged gift estimate now, you will allow the Church to effectively plan for the coming year as pledged gifts are the largest source of funding (80%) for the church and therefore impact many church areas and activities.

Complete & submit your Estimate of Giving Card on our before Commitment Sunday 11/6 by placing it in the Joash Box in the sanctuary. You can also take it to the church office or mail your response. As another option, you can send an Email with your giving estimate to the secure Email address pledges@firstpreshc.org. This Email should include your name, address, phone number, and pledge amount per week/month/quarter/or year. You will receive an automated response once you send the email to provide instant assurance that it was received by the church.

Your generous giving provides the resources for our church to thrive and grow. God is generous! Let us return a portion of what God has given us, enthusiastically, earnestly and joyfully.

Important Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 6:	Commitment Sunday
NOVEMBER 13:	Thank & Tell Sunday

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

~Colossians 1:11-12

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

Ages 2 through Adult 📖

Ark is for children, Age 2 through Grade 1

L.I.F.E. is for children, Grade 2 through Grade 5

Mid High is for students, Grade 6 through Grade 8

Senior High is for students, Grade 9 through Grade 12

And a variety of changing classes for Adults

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

Sunday, October 23rd

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 2ND SUNDAY ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

MINUTE FOR MISSION – DEACONS HOLIDAY PROJECTS

PUMPKIN PATCH – 10:00 A.M. – DARK

9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Fall Festival*

12:30 p.m. Student Ministry Corn Maze Trip

5:30 p.m. Ruth Circle – Assemble College Care Packages

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

Monday, October 24th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

7:00 p.m. Diabetes Type I Support Group

Tuesday, October 25th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 26th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 12:00 – 6:00 PM | BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

Thursday, October 27th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 28th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

9:30 a.m. Deborah Circle

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, October 29th

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN – 10:00 AM – DARK

Sunday, October 30th

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 3RD SUNDAY ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

INSTALLATION OF ELDER & DEACON | PUMPKIN PATCH – 10:00 A.M. – DARK

9:30 a.m. Crossroads Intergenerational Church School

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Coffee Fellowship*

Communion Education

12:30 p.m. Blue Jean Sunday – Work Day

5:30 p.m. Ruth Circle – Assemble College Care Packages

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

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: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, November 10, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. for the December 2016 Issue #11.

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County Thanksgiving Food Drive 2016

*The Deacons Thanksgiving Food Collection Project
Sunday, October 23 - Wednesday, November 13*

We are collecting food items to provide 20 food baskets to families from Bridges to Housing Stability and 5 to community families. They will also provide food cards for 25 families from the Foreign-born Information and Referral Network (FIRN). Your generous support and donations to this project are greatly appreciated. The collection point for food will be the *Just One Can* bin located in the Upper Commons (near the Tech Center).

Suggested non-perishable food items for the baskets:

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Evaporated milk
Canned pie fillings
Cranberry sauce
Yams
Boxes of stuffing mix
Rice
Pasta
Gravy Packets
Jell-O
Fruit Juices
Biscuit mix
Cornbread mix
Brownie mix
Cookie mix
Cake mix
Coffee
Flour
Sugar



*Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Church's
Thanksgiving Project!*

**First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County**

Christmas Stockings

***The Deacons Christmas Stocking Project
Sunday, November 27 – Sunday, December 11, 2016***



Share the spirit and joy of Christmas with families in need in our community through FIRN, The Salvation Army and Head Start. The Deacons will provide Christmas Stockings or Christmas Gift Bags for children.

Stockings and Gift Bags will be distributed in the Lower Commons starting Sunday, November 27th and continue through Sunday, December 11th.

Stockings for the Salvation Army must be returned by **Sunday, December 4th**; all others must be returned by **Sunday, December 11th**.

If you would like further information, please contact the church office.

*Thank you for sharing the Spirit of Christmas
by providing Christmas Stockings
for these families.*