



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
October 30, 2016

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Coffee Fellowship*, hosted by Ruth Circle, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall.

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



LITURGISTS: Jan (8:30); Bruce (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, Angela, AnnaBeth (8:30); Margot, Mispa, Carter (10:30); Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God in memory of All the Saints. The flower arranger is Jan.

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

PRAY FOR OUR MISSION TEAM in Baton Rouge, LA, October 30-November 5: Luke, Woody, Pat and Brett.

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.

CHURCH WORKDAY – BLUE JEANS SUNDAY IS TODAY! – Lunch will be served. Plan to stay from 12:15-3:00 p.m. to work on projects around the church.



PUMPKIN PATCH IS OPEN! Last chance to buy pumpkins!

Support the Student Ministries Program!

Buy your pumpkins here through October 31, 2016

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – dark & Monday: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

REMEMBER!! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME comes to an end next Sunday morning November 6! Set your clocks back 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."

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

Please pray for: Millie, Jon, Jeff, Darlene, Virgie, Virginia, Joan, Burta, Dave, Jean,

Phil, Margaret, Martha, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Dottie, Gertrude, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Christina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline and Nancy and Mike, Maria, Bunny, Shirley, Shirley, Al & Beth

Extended Care: Jim, Lorien; *Nancy, Kernan*; Stan, Charlestown

Hospitalized: Bob

Family and Friends: *Cathy's father, J. David; Caroline's friend, Rennie.*

Deaths: ***May the peace of Christ be with Caroline and Martin, in the death of Caroline's aunt, Lenore, on October 18, 2016.***

May the peace of Christ be with Carolyn and Frank, in the death of their nephew, Daniel.

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

Today, we meet not a single person, but a movement of church leaders who opened the way of reform in the Western church. **Martin Luther** is credited with beginning the Reformation in Germany on October 31, 1517. Under his preaching, teaching and scholarship, the Lutheran Church began. The first generation of Swiss, English and Scots Reformers were preachers, teachers and scholars who continued to give shape to this new form of Christian witness – **John Calvin, William Farel, Theodore Beza, Martin Bucer, Ullrich Zwingli, John Knox, Thomas Cranmer and William Tyndale**. We give thanks for those who preceded Luther and Calvin in reforming the church in England and Bohemia: **John Wyclif and Jan Hus**. From the bold faith of the 16th Century leaders came the witness of the Protestant church in all the places from which we in our congregation have come: Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America.

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 *Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles. Pray for:*

- *The hope for a future where every citizen would live in the dignity of God's children;*
- *Good governance and leadership with a vision;*
- *Interfaith dialogue and cooperation.*

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 mission of our congregation.

Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership: *Iglesia Sinai in the town of Santo Tomas.*

The ACT Alliance: The PCUSA is a member of the ACT Alliance, a coalition of 143 Protestant churches and church-related organizations working together in over 100 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalized people regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality in keeping with the highest international codes and standards. ACT Alliance is supported by 25,000 staff from member organizations and mobilizes about \$1.5 billion for its work each year in three targeted areas: humanitarian aid; development; and advocacy.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

TODAY: Please attend the Crossroads Intergenerational Event in Lyle Buck Hall

NOVEMBER ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL OPTIONS starting next week:

Grief – taught by John Michalczyk and Meredith Barger of InSpirit Counseling

November 6, 13 & 20 – Room 252

November 6 – The Stages of Grief, with John

November 13 – Loss has Changed my World, with Meredith

November 20 – Living a New Life, with Meredith

Issues in the Modern Military – taught by Conrad

November 6, 13 & 20 – Room 258

A conversation about three areas of the modern military: the role of the US armed forces as a institution of socially progressive change; the role of the US armed forces as a “Projector of Soft Power”; the role of professional armed forces disconnected from the public they serve.

The Belhar Confession – taught by Sue Lowcock Harris

November 6, 13 & 20 – Room 205

The Belhar Confession (1986) arose in the context of apartheid in South Africa and is a statement of faith condemning racism, proclaiming the themes of unity, reconciliation and justice.

CONTINUING ALL YEAR:

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs – facilitated by Doyle

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

This lively conversational study probes the wisdom of the Book of Proverbs.

Sunday, November 27 - The Advent Festival at 9:30am in Lyle Buck Hall!



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 or the church office

STUDENT MINISTRY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

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 meets every Sunday morning

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

CROSSROADS

TODAY 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 *TODAY 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

2016 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS DRIVE

The Deacons are asking for your help to provide food baskets to Bridges to Housing Stability and community families.

Please bring non-perishable food items, a full list is in the Welcome Center.

Food donations can be placed in the *Just-One-Can* bin

located in the Upper Commons and a bin in the Lower Commons

Collecting through **Sunday, November 13th**

Contact persons: Judy & Merle, Deacons or the church office



THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!

We will be able to fund 77 scholarships for the 2017 school year beginning in January. Our partner presbytery in Guatemala was delighted to hear such good news. All current students will be able to continue their studies and there will be scholarships available for new students who have been dreaming of going to middle and high school. They are so thankful to every donor. A scholarship means more to them than tuition, fees, transportation, uniforms and school supplies. It signifies hope and love from one Christian community to another. The Guatemala Scholarship Fund is open for donations throughout the year and at the Alternative Gift Fair, this will give us a head start on the 2018 school year.

THE SUMMER 2017 MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA HAS BEEN FILLED. Instead of waiting until 2019 to do another "big" family-friendly trip that would include all the usual cultural activities, the Guatemala Project Leadership Team will consider putting another trip together for the Summer of 2018 if there is sufficient interest. If you want to express interest in a summer 2018 trip, or if you want to be on the waiting list for the 2017 trip in the unlikely event that a place opens up, please let Caroline Smith or Becky know.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 email fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by **tomorrow Monday, October 31st**

RUTH CIRCLE THANKS EVERYONE for their generous contributions for the college care packages. We were able to send packages to 39 students.

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!

THE PEACEMAKING GROUP will host a screening of **“Locked in a Box”** in Branch Hall on **Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m.** for those who will be unable to attend the screening on **November 27** after church.

“Locked in a Box” follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. immigration detention system and those who visit them. The film traces the lives of several individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up detained in U.S. prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement. “Locked in a Box” helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention. What is Immigration Detention? Every day the U.S. government incarcerates around 34,000 men, women and families in more than 200 facilities authorized to hold individuals detained for civil violations of immigration law. Refugees, asylum seekers, torture survivors and undocumented immigrants are among those detained while their immigration cases are processed; the very real potential for deportation lingers indefinitely. On any given night 1,000 or more people may be held in ICE custody in at least 3 facilities in MD and VA. For the sojourner in detention, feeling forgotten and invisible, one of the most important ways we can demonstrate compassion is through visiting. Through 30-60 minutes of regular visits, we can provide hope, strength and voice to the detained. Volunteers with DC Detention Visitation Network are committed to conducting regular in-person visits to detainees at Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill, MD, and Howard County Detention Center in Jessup, MD. We will host a training session on *November 30* for those interested in pursuing the visitation program.

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM (ARP) - CELEBRATE YOUR SHARING

Complete & submit your Estimate of Giving Card on our before Commitment Sunday November 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

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 30th

REFORMATION SUNDAY | 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

Monday, October 31st

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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

NAMES DUE FOR ALL SAINTS LIST



Tuesday, November 1st

ALL SAINTS DAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting

Wednesday, November 2nd

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior Highs Dinner & Fellowship
Abigail Circle

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, November 3rd

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 4th

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HANOVER

9:30 a.m. Deborah Circle

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, November 5th

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR FIRST PRES T-SHIRT

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HANOVER



Sunday, November 6th

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | COMMITMENT SUNDAY

COMMUNION | DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT AT CAMP HANOVER

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

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

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.