



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 8, 2017

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 Conversations on Race Group, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall.

LITURGIST: Mike (10:30)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Melanie in loving memory of her mom, Dorothy.

The flower arranger is Jan.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, at the 10:30 a.m. service, for Paige Katherine, daughter of Kristina and Kyle, great-granddaughter of Dave and Jane.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST MUSICIAN: Douglas Lawler has been accompanying singers in theatre for over thirty years. He has recently performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Olney Theatre, Toby's Dinner Theatre, and the Kennedy Center productions of *Ragtime*, *Master Class*, *Follies*, *Side Show*, and *Gigi*. As a music educator, he is currently a faculty member at the University of Maryland and the Community College of Baltimore County.

TODAY WE SEND OUT our **2017 Guatemala Stove Project Team, January 12-17:** Joe, Pat, Woody, Pat, Sue, Debbie, Brett, Zach and Becky.

FUNDRAISER FOR GUATEMALA STOVES AT TINO'S RESTAURANT

8775 Centre Park Dr, Columbia

Today *Sunday, January 8, 2017* from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

Please pray for: Jon, Jeff, Darlene, Virginia, Joan, Burta, Jean, Margaret, Morton and Sue, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Dottie, Gertrude, Jim, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Bob, Christina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline, Maria, Bunny, Shirley, Stan, Shirley, Al & Beth

Hospitalized: Web, Dave

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Joanne, in the death of her father, Gruver on December 29, 2016*

Our prayers surround all the students, teachers and staff of Howard High School.

Family & Friends: 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 one of the Pastors:
Morton Harris, 443-824-3768 or Sue Lowcock Harris, 443-824-4305
with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

A.J. Muste (January 8, 1885 – February 11, 1967) Although the non-violent tradition of Christianity is strong, it has never been popular in North America. AJ Muste found in his faith the courage to advance the cause of peace through means of peaceful social action. Muste began his career as a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, but quickly found himself moving towards pacifism. Greatly influenced by the Quaker commitment to non-violence, in 1918 he enrolled as a minister in the Society of Friends in Boston. In 1937 he returned to his roots by enrolling in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. How's that for a journey! Time Magazine named him "America's Number One Pacifist" in 1939. He became the Executive Director for the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), and under his leadership, FOR stimulated the birth of the Congress of Racial Equality. James Farmer and Bayard Rustin, both staff members of FOR at the time, credit Muste as their mentor in non-violent action. His activism placed him at the center of the American labor movement, two world wars, the McCarthy era, the Civil Rights movement, the VietNam War, nuclear testing, and the emergence of African nations, particularly Zambia and Tanzania. Muste's pacifism was always focused on the call to achieve social justice. It is AJ Muste who wrote what has become a popular contemporary call to peaceful action: There is no way to peace. Peace is the Way.

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 *Arabian Peninsula: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq.* Pray for:

- *Christians who practice their faith in countries where they are a small minority; those who meet in house churches and those who provide links to Christians worldwide;*
- *The grieving, the families torn apart, the homes destroyed, and the businesses no longer functioning;*
- *An end to war, terrorism, lawlessness and state oppression.*

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.

- ✠ Ark and Dove Church in Odenton – *Tim Stern and Jonathan Nelson, Pastors*
- ✠ Ashland Church in Cockeysville – *Shannon Meacham, Pastor*
- ✠ Babcock Church in Baltimore County – *Harry Cahill, Pastor*
- ✠ Barrelville Church in Savage

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

JANUARY ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL OPTIONS starting January 8:

Histories and Mysteries of the Bible – with Bill

January 8-February 26—Room 258

A look at Hebrew Testament history and how it impacts that of the New Testament with a few stops along the way to look for lost arcs and lost tribes.

Book Discussion—*White Trash: The 400 Year Untold History of Class in America*, by Nancy Isenberg—taught by Paula and Erin

No class on Sunday, January 8

January 15, 22 & 29—in Room 252

In her groundbreaking bestselling history of the class system in America, Nancy Isenberg upends history as we know it by taking on our comforting myths about equality and uncovering... the truth about the enduring, malevolent nature of class as well. All are welcome.

TODAY, TRAINING AND INFORMATIONAL SESSION for anyone with questions about volunteering to help with the Cold Weather Shelter. Come to **Room 252** anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. or at 11:30 a.m.

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.



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!

ZENTANGLE® CLASSES: Experienced Tanglers will meet on *Saturday, January 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m.* Basic Class to learn The Zentangle® Method will meet on *Saturday, January 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.* Classes will meet in Room 258.

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, January 12, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the February 2017 Issue #2.*

DATE CHANGE: Folding and Mailing of Tidings Issue 2 will be on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | STUDENT MINISTRY

CHURCH SCHOOL meets every Sunday morning

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Mid-Year Parents Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 11:30 a.m.

We'll talk about the summer trips and conferences and take the opportunity for a mid-year look at the calendar.

Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 12, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Room 258

Senior High Fellowship - Dinner and a Conversation for Youth

Wednesday, January 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Senior High Ski Trip

Friday-Sunday, January 27-29

Permission slips and details are available in Student Ministry Center

GENERAL INFORMATION

2016 ANNUAL REPORTS were due **Friday, January 6, 2017**. Please send your reports by Monday, January 8, 2017 to fpadmin@firstpreshc.org

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on **Monday, January 16, 2017** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

HANNAH CIRCLE will be meeting next **Sunday, January 15, 2017** after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parlor. We will be discussing Ephesians, Chapter 3. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Child care can be provided if we know in advance.

PLEASE JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS ON RACE GROUP for fellowship during the Discipleship Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service **on Sunday, January 15**. Learn about the books we have read and some of the plans the group has for the coming year. We look forward to sharing our conversation with everyone!

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

Next Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Following the Flood – Shaping the Future & Waterways of Ellicott City

Featuring James Robey, *Former Maryland Senator* and Mark Richmond, *Chief, Howard County's Storm Water Management Division*



It happened again! Historic Ellicott City's home and businesses were destroyed or severely damaged by raging floods the night of July 30, 2016. Many wonder what can be done to prevent future flood damage and well as to restore an attractive business and restaurant destination.

Listen as two leaders involved in rebuilding the city, James Robey and Mark Richardson, share their work and insights as they present "The Ellicott City Flood: A Six Month Status Report". Learn more about the work being done, projects being developed, and the challenges that lie ahead in shaping a city that is sustainable, prosperous, and can withstand future floods.

Refreshments will be served and Emphasis Action Workshops will be scheduled.

Contact: www.earthforumfirstpreshc.org

JOIN US AT THE EARTH FORUM!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE MITTEN TREE With the cold weather approaching, please remember the children in Howard County who may not have adequate warm outer wear for the months ahead. The Mitten Tree located in the Lower Commons, is receiving donations of new or gently used hats, mittens/gloves and scarves for all ages. Donations will be collected through January 15, 2017 to be donated to Running Brook Elementary School.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING AND SO IS THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER!

First Presbyterian will host the shelter from **Monday evening, February 6, 2017 until Monday morning, February 20, 2017**. We need lots of volunteers to cook dinner, stay overnight, do laundry, clean the sleeping areas and provide company to our guests each evening. Please see the sign-up board and list of requested donations in the Lower Commons. For any questions, contact the church office.

(CWS Training is happening today, see Adult Education & Spiritual Growth)

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – January – DOUBLE UP

The Board of Deacons wants to increase our church's food donations in January to battle back against hunger in Howard County. Winter is here in earnest and too many of our neighbors are choosing between food and fuel. Let's redouble our efforts this month – give not just one can but two or more. Demonstrate in a very tangible way that the joy of giving is not just for a specific date on a calendar. *These are the most requested items from the Howard County Food Bank: Baby Foods, Beans – Dried or Canned, Canned Meat / Tuna / Chicken, Canned Soups, Cereal, Evaporated Milk, Infant Formula, Baby & Toddler Foods, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Pasta*

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM (ARP)

THANK YOU!!! for Celebrating Your Sharing!

You can still submit an estimate of giving card for 2017. And truly, your contribution is needed.

To impact the 2017 budget, it's not too late to turn in your Estimate of Giving Pledge so that your Church can thrive and grow in 2017.

The Session is finalizing the church budget for 2017 which will impact many church areas and activities. The Coordinating Council wants to present a balanced budget to the Session for final consideration. Each year, pledges from members and worshippers make up 80% of the budget, so having an accurate estimate of everyone's anticipated giving helps keep us from doing too little as a congregation. You can drop your pledge card in the offering plate, take it to the church office, or mail your response. As another option, you can send an email with your Giving Estimate to the password protected email address pledges@firstpreshc.org. If you've misplaced your card, just call the church office at 410-730-3545 to have a new one sent to you.

God is generous! Let us return a portion of what God has given us, enthusiastically, earnestly and joyfully.

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, January 8th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

BAPTISM | MOVEABLE FEAST

TINO'S FUNDRAISER FOR GUATEMALA STOVES, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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

Cold Weather Shelter Training

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

Guatemala Stove Trip: Participant & Elder

Blood Pressure Screening

Cold Weather Shelter Training

Mid-Year Parent's Meeting for Student Ministries

Nominating Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

3:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Monday, January 9th

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Consortium Training

Tuesday, January 10th

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission

Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, January 11th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting

Handbell Choir

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, January 12th

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP | TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE – FEBRUARY ISSUE #2

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

Friday, January 13th

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, January 14th

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

1:00 p.m. FPC Tanglers (experienced artists) Zentangle®

Sunday, January 15th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

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

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Conversations on Race*

Hannah Circle

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum