



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
March 19, 2017

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## TODAY

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

**NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR:** Confirmation Sunday, *Meet the Confirmands and celebrate with cake*, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**LITURGIST:** Lisa (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Alice, Agnes (8:30); Steve (10:30); Laura, Tracy, Jonathan, Jonathan, Mark (Tech Crew)

**AS PART OF THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**, members of the 2017 class will be assisting in worship throughout the year. This morning's Confirmand leading worship is Peter (10:30)



**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Ben and Clarence in memory of Ben's mother, Linda. The flower arranger is Adair.

**THE RED ROSE** in the pulpit today is in celebration of the birth of Samuel Gray, son of Paul and Christie, born on March 4.

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember Bill, husband of Nancy, who died on March 23, 2016.

**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, who normally attend The Worship Bridge will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

**WORSHIP BAGS:** Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. 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.

**EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY** - Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Tending Our Gardens: Gardens, Gardening, Enough for All!**

**Time to Learn / Space to Grow**

Spring is coming--time to focus on yards and gardens. We've invited a host of gardeners, cultivators, and tenders of the earth to share their insights and advice with us. You will gain information and enthusiasm for things like bee-keeping, raising chickens, edible landscapes, attracting birds, caring for garden tools, creating beautiful flowerbeds and rain gardens, building bluebird boxes, and much more! There will be door prizes! There will be excellent munchies!

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017

**Please pray for:** Jeff, Joan, Burta, Dave, Reva, Dorothy, Jerry, Dottie, Gertrude, Jim, Bob, Stan, Shirley, Al & Beth

**Non-Resident Members:** Frank & Betty, Marion, Robert & Vivian, Russ & Barb, Virginia

**Bereaved:** Jean, Margaret, Joanne, Nancy and family, Christina and family, Maria, Shirley

**Recovering:** Web (Bayview), Bunny (Ellicott City Healthcare)

**Hospitalized:** Bette

**Births:** Samuel Gray, born on March 4, 2017, son of Paul and Christine.

**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: MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**Frederick McFeely Rogers** (March 20, 1928 – February 27, 2003) was a Presbyterian minister, and educator who created and hosted the children's television program *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* from 1968-2001. He was born and grew up in Latrobe, PA, and worked most of his life in Pittsburgh. He was a graduate of Pittsburgh Seminary and a member of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. He was ordained to a ministry of education and care for children. Unlike most children's television in the late 1960s, *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* was quiet and unpretentious. His soft, gentle voice was the show's trademark, and his daily call for us to be each other's neighbor. He wore a red sweater and tennis shoes, and in his gentle way did not shy away from difficult issues like death and divorce, but encouraged children to express their emotions in a healthy, constructive manner. His personal faith and spirituality undergirded his life, as he offered children unconditional love, and demonstrated compassion and kindness in all he undertook.

**We also remember:**

**March 24, 1989** was the day the oil tanker, the *Exxon Valdez*, ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, emptying more than 11 million gallons of oil. It is the second largest oil spill in US waters, (after the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* spill) in terms of oil released. The oil eventually covered 1300 miles of coastline and 11,000 square miles of ocean.

**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 *Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam*.

*Pray for:*

- *Those who clear landmines;*
- *Caregivers for those who have lost limbs;*
- *Women and children who are kidnapped and taken from their countries, forced to work in the sex industry.*

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

### OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2017

*We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ Emmitsburg Church – *Peter Keith, State Supply*
- ✦ Faith Church in Baltimore City – *Christa Burns, Pastor*
- ✦ Fallston Church in Harford County – *Kimberly Seacrist Ashby, Pastor*

## **2017 HOTTER THAN THOU CHILI COOK-OFF**

*TODAY Sunday, March 19, 12:30 p.m.* at Church of the Resurrection  
Bridges to Housing Stability Seventh Annual fundraiser to help fight homelessness in Howard County. The Taco and Bean Chili prepared by Larry and Nancy Rentkiewicz will represent First Presbyterian Church at the Chili Cook-Off. Plan to attend and vote for your favorite chili. The congregation with the most donations will win the coveted Golden Ladle!

## **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

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**

*Monday-Friday, July 24-28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

3 years through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Early Registration starts March 15-April 30** —\$10 per family

**Regular Registration begins May 1-July 7** —\$10 per child

Come explore our orchard and learn about different stories from the Bible about food and eating together. Learn about gleanings and its benefits for people all over the country in this year's mission project. We can't wait to see everyone this summer at Abundance Orchard.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Directors: [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org), or call the church office.

## **ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

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

### **MARCH ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL OPTIONS:**

*See Tidings March 2017 Issue 3 for detailed descriptions of each class.*

**Book Discussion – *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debbie Irving – with Paula & Erin**

*March 19, 26—Room 258*

**Singing Our Prayers: Chanting the Compline – with Clarence & Ben**

*March 19, 26, April 2 & 9—Branch Hall*

**Engaging the Bible – with DCE Virginia Callegary**

*March 19, 26, April 2 & 9—Room 252*

### **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*

### **GAMES & CONVERSATIONS – Room 205**

Out of high school and no idea what to do? Home on break? First job and lots of questions? Come join other post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults for a time of fellowship, conversations, and board games as we navigate the perils of being an adult! Facilitated by Brian & Ann.



**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*

We are studying Genesis and now reading the Jacob cycle. This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! All welcome!

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY**

**Thursday, March 23**

***Confirmation Class Dinner and Meeting with Session***

*6:00 p.m. Lyle Buck Hall*

**Sunday, March 26**

***Confirmation Sunday***

*10:30 a.m. Worship Service*

**CANDY NEEDED** - The Youth are collecting candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt put on for the children of the church Easter morning. All types of candy are welcome; the only requirement is that it must be individually wrapped. Peanut free candy is also appreciated. Collection runs through April 9. Look for the box in the Lower Commons.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**HOT STOVE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER** - *Saturday, April 1 from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.*

Amy and Pat Curran's home, 9553 Joey Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Help support our Guatemalan partners by coming to the Hot Stove Festival Fundraiser. These stoves provide a safe cooking environment which uses less wood and vents the smoke away from the home. There will be games and plenty of food and drinks. Everything is free (although you may have to pay for an adult drink cup) but we do hope to raise enough money to buy 36 stoves. The stoves cost \$155 each. Friends are welcome. Hope to see you (and your wallet) on April 1. Questions? Please call: Woody Collins 410-404-7660 or the church office.

**NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP** - *Sunday, May 7 – Friday, May 12*

North Carolina recently was stuck by significant storms with major damages to their communities. A team from First Presbyterian Church will be working with National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, [www.voad.com](http://www.voad.com)) and staying in Tarboro, NC at Saint James Church. Accommodations are available for men and women. If you are interested please contact Woody Collins or the church office by April 15.

**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.

## **VOLUNTEERS needed on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- ✦ NURSERY HELPERS at the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship services.  
*Contact:* Virginia Callegary, [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)
- ✦ GODLY PLAY helpers needed at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services.  
*Contact:* Virginia Callegary, [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)
- ✦ FIRE USHERS for the Sunrise Service on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org)

## **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

### **Table Talk: Food, Friends and Conversation**

**Wednesday Nights in Lent** - March 22, 29 & April 5

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

**Compline** (Service of Night Prayer) begins at 8:00 p.m.

*The Sign and The Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection*  
by Rowan Williams

### **2017 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. A sign-up sheet and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. *Cincinnati, OH. Better get moving!*

### **TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT**

The Lent 2017 daily reflection-action calendar, “Tread Lightly for Lent,” was created by the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices. Pick one up at the Welcome Desk or download it at [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)

### **LENTEN QUIET DAYS**

*Wednesday, March 29 & Thursday, March 30, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.*

*Friday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

Come, walk the labyrinth...meditate...write...read...color...consider...pray...

### **HELP NEEDED WITH LABYRINTH FOR QUIET DAYS**

Woody Collins could use some able assistants on *Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.* to set up the labyrinth and on *Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.* to restore our sanctuary. Contact Woody Collins, 410-730-3545 x12 or [sexton@firstpreshc.org](mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org), if you are able to lend a hand (and your back!).

**EASTER LILIES** - Order forms are at the Welcome Desk. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, April 2**. The cost is \$13 per plant. *Contact:* the church office

**EASTER BREAKFAST**, *Sunday April 16* – If you are available to help Woody Collins cook breakfast or serve on the clean-up crew, please contact him at [sexton@firstpreshc.org](mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org)

# 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, March 19<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages  
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Coffee Fellowship*  
Hannah Circle  
11:45 a.m. Guatemala Orientation Meeting  
12:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off at Church of the Resurrection  
2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

## Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. *Inspirit* Counseling Services Board Meeting

## Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
Mission Meeting  
Year Round Stewardship Meeting

## Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship  
Tidings Folded  
6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program – Supper  
7:00 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program – Study  
*Inspirit* Counseling Services Board Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Compline

## Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Dinner  
Session Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

- 11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 p.m. Cuba Potluck & Follow-up Meeting

## Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

COMMUNION AT 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

- 9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages  
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Confirmation Event*  
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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, April 13, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2017 Issue #5.