



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
March 26, 2017

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## TODAY



**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY:** Confirmation Sunday, *Meet the Confirmands and celebrate with cake*, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome!

**NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR:** Coffee Fellowship, *hosted by Ruth Circle*, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**LITURGISTS:** Evelyn (8:30); Linda (10:30)

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

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Melanie in memory of her beloved brother, Marty; and by Jan in remembrance of her parents, Blair and Betty. The flower arranger is Janet.

**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 2017 Confirmation Class.*

**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. Please return everything to the bags (except the pipe cleaners) and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**VANTAGE HOUSE:** Pastor Sue leads worship at Vantage House on the second Sunday of every month. The offering collected goes towards the Backpack Project.

**URGENT!** Two slots have opened up for the *mission trip to Guatemala June 28-July 8, 2017*. Please contact the church office as soon as possible. The slots must be filled by noon on Tuesday, March 28, or the airline tickets will be cancelled. The cost of the trip is \$1600; financial aid may be available.

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

Runners, walkers, and volunteers can sign up today in the Lower Commons. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Coffee is **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Visit the web site at <http://www.firstpreshc.org/familyrunforcoffee> for more information or to register online.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2017

**Please pray for:** Jeff, Joan, Burta, Dave, Reva, Dorothy, Jerry, Dottie, Gertrude, Jim, Bob, Stan, *Bette*, 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)

**Family & Friends:** *Phil, former member*

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Jeff and Eileen and family, in the death of Jeff's mother, Bernadette "Bunny" on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.*

**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

**John Donne** (January 22, 1572 – March 31, 1631) was a distinguished Anglican preacher known as the first and perhaps the greatest metaphysical poet. His profound poems came late in life, and with struggle. In his early years he gave the appearance of a carefree and reckless spirit, possessing an appealing personality and a gift with words. Yet this youthful popularity cloaked a deep anxiety. His conversation was characterized by the same intensity that haunted his restlessness. He saw in his wife, Anne, glimpses of the glory of God and a human revelation of divine love. In 1615 he was ordained, and seven years later was named Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. His sermons from that pulpit became classics of faith and of literature. He was a master of powerful images, as seen in his prose work Devotions upon Emergent Occasions, which contains the famous lines "no man is an island" and "for whom the bell tolls," and Holy Sonnets, which has the line "Death be not proud."

**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 *China, Hong Kong, Macau.*

*Pray for:*

- *Christians meeting in house churches;*
- *The rural poor, and those forced to labor in the countryside;*
- *Those who struggle for human rights against great odds.*

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 mission of our congregation.*

**La Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery:** *Iglesia Horeb in the village of Chocola*

**FIRN** is a Howard County mission partner that empowers immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them to access community resources and opportunities. FIRN provides immigration counseling and citizenship classes, interpreting and translation services, employment counseling, English tutoring, information and referrals, and a variety of workshops. Cara Lamberty is the youth representative on the Board of Directors! [www.firnonline.org](http://www.firnonline.org)

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**MARCH ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL OPTIONS:**

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

*March 26—Room 258*

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

*March 26, April 2 & 9—Branch Hall*

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

*March 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 - Facilitated by Brian & Ann**

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!



**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!

## 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 (potty trained) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Early Registration is open, now through 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)

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**Sunday, April 2**

*Mid-High Fellowship & Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Lyle Buck Hall*

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

*Senior High Fellowship Dinner & Conversation at 6:00 p.m.*

**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: the church office

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

- ✦ NURSERY & GODLY PLAY HELPERS needed at the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship 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)
- ✦ EASTER BREAKFAST HELPERS needed to cook, serve or clean-up 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)

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

North Carolina recently was struck 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 contact 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Corner Stable* in King's Contrivance on **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. Retirees and empty nesters are invited to enjoy some time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Sign up in the Lower Commons or email [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org)

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES

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

**Wednesday Nights in Lent** - March 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

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. WHERE ARE WE? *Going east – entering the north Atlantic, off Newfoundland. Going west – in eastern Colorado*



#### LENTEN QUIET DAYS – THIS WEEK

*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** - The deadline for ordering is **NEXT Sunday, April 2**. The cost is \$13 per plant. Order forms are at the Welcome Desk.

Contact: the church office



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### Palm Sunday, April 9

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Return Fish Banks*

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

#### Maundy Thursday, April 13

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, April 14

12:00 noon Midday Prayer in the Sanctuary


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

# 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 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

## Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Staff Lunch

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

## Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

QUIET DAYS – 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program – Supper

7:00 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program – Study

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

8:00 p.m. Compline

## Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

QUIET DAYS – 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

QUIET DAYS – 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Sleepover at Melanie's

## Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT

9:00 p.m. Take Down Quiet Days

5:00 p.m. Hot Stove Festival Fundraiser



## Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG SUNDAY

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

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

5:00 p.m. Mid-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.firstpreschc.org](http://www.firstpreschc.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@firstpreschc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for *Tidings*, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org) by **Thursday, April 13, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2017 Issue #5.



# Confirmation Class 2016-2017

Confirmation Sunday, March 26, 2017

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*The Confirmation Class* is designed to help youth learn how to experience active and meaningful participation in the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County and in the larger Body of Christ. The youth explored the meaning of church membership, considered confirmation of the vows made on their behalf at baptism or dedication, and are here this morning to be commissioned to serve in Christ's name. Our time together and our special activities were planned to help the youth understand the expectations of church membership and to explore how they can fulfill those expectations.

Over the course of this year, the students of the Confirmation Class have studied, thought, questioned, joked, volunteered, argued, created, snacked, and prepared a personal written statement of faith giving a glimpse of each student's interpretation of the meanings of faith and church membership. In the Upper Commons are the banners that the class created to creatively illustrate their beliefs. Each young person chose a parable of Jesus to illustrate, and to interpret.

It has been our pleasure to accompany these young men and women on this step in their ongoing faith journey.

Amy Curran, Virginia Callegary,  
Pastor Sue Lowcock Harris, Pastor Morton Harris

