



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 7, 2017

TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: Happy Mothers' Day! Pause in the Upper Commons, enjoy coffee fellowship, and select a goody from our gift table before heading out to enjoy your day!

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Gloria in celebration of her grandchildren, Rylynn and Gage; and by Sue in celebration of Morton's birthday. The flower arranger is Jan.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TODAY: Chuck Yarbrough, Imtiaz Ullah, Saleema Bhatti, Nazir Masih, Asheraf Masih

TODAY WE SEND OUT OUR MISSION TEAM to Tarboro, North Carolina: Woody, Pat, Stacy, and Debbie.

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 pipe cleaners) and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017

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

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

Bereaved: Woody & Carol, Jean, Margaret, Jimmy, Joanne, Christina and family, Maria, Shirley

Recovering from Surgery: *Barry, Joanne, Darlene*

Hospitalized: Web (Bayview), Carol (University of Maryland Rehabilitation and Orthopaedic Institute)

Family & Friends: *Kathy's father, William*

May joy and hope abound for Hilda and Phil who were married in our sanctuary Saturday, April 29, 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

Julian of Norwich, *renewer of the church (1342-c.1423)* Julian was most likely a Benedictine nun living in an isolated cell attached to the Carrow Priory in Norwich (pronounced NOR-rich), England. Definite facts about her life are sparse. However, in May 1373, when she was about thirty years old, she reported visions that she later compiled into a book, Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love, in response to her prayer that she be so conformed to Christ's passion that she would experience bodily sickness. For twenty years she ruminated and recorded with impressive balance, her discernment of the meaning of these special revelations. She writes that love is the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love. Her writings are a classic of medieval mysticism, and she is increasingly recognized as a woman of extraordinary power and wisdom. Her feast day is May 8.

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 *Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda*. Pray for:

- *A just solution to the conflicts between Sudan and South Sudan;*
- *People affected by the severe famine in this region;*
- *Refugees who flee drought and violence.*

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 2017

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

Theology, Formation and Evangelism Ministries of the PCUSA

The Theology, Formation, and Evangelism ministry area of the PCUSA brings together several ministries that form and transform disciples, leaders, congregations, and new worshipping communities. Our ministries are diverse but each empowers a unique witness to Jesus Christ: 1001 New Worshipping Communities, the Company of New Pastors, Congregational Ministries Publishing, financial Aid for Service, Evangelism, New Beginnings, Theological Education, Theology and Worship, and Youth/College/Young Adult Ministries. The Rev. Chip Hardwick is the Director of this ministry.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC

THE ALLELUIA BANNERS were created using Celtic Hand letters and filled in with Zentangle® and Celtic designs. The Zentangle® designs used were: Crescent moon, Printemps, Hollbaugh, Waves, Tagh, Jonzal, Chillion, Growth, Swirls, Queen and King Crown, Keeko, Flukes, Web, Flying Geese, W2, Cadent, Cross Stich, Cruffel with Flux, Enyshou, N'Zeppel. Zentangle® is a registered trademark. The “Celtic Designs” were inspired by the coloring book from Studio Series by Peter Pauper Press. Other influences for designs came from our own artists: Syd, Julianna, Virginia, Evelyn, and Debbie. These include: Chinese Brush painting. A quick glance of a stained glass window in a program about historic places in England, and grape vine leaves. There is also a 3rd Alleluia on one of the letter “L” written in Hebrew, keeping with the tradition of repeating the praise to God in the Triune fashion. Thank you to our talented and creative artists who gave of their time to create these beautiful banners! ALLELUIA!

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

Book Discussion – *Custer Died For Your Sins, An Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria, Jr.

*Through May 21 – Room 258
with Genevieve and Sequoyah*

May 7 - Chapter 4: Anthropologists and Other Friends

Consider the limits of our knowledge, the consequences of those limitations, and what God’s intention is for us as we seek to understand our world.

Ecclesiastes 8:17 and Job 38:4-30

Sunday, May 14 - Chapter 5: Missionaries and the Religious Vacuum

Consider the impact when a culture is proselytized and what Christ’s commission means to you. Matthew 28: 18-20; Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:44-49, John 20:19-23, and Acts 1:8

Histories and Mysteries of Genesis:

A romp through the history and archeology of the first book in the Bible.

Through June 4- no class on May 28 – Room 252 - with Bill

Topics will include: A look at creationism, Sodom and Gomorrah, Noah’s Ark, the Bronze Age history of Egypt and Canaan, the Bronze Age collapse, and “who was that Joseph guy?”

CONTINUING ALL YEAR:

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs – facilitated by Doyle– *through June 4*

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

Bible Study will NOT meet on May 10, 17, 24 and 31. We will reconvene on Wednesday, June 7th for the month of June to finish Genesis!

There is a rumor that a lunch date is planned for Wednesday, May 17th. Watch this space for details.

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 – Abundance Orchard

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

3 years (potty trained) through rising 5th graders

Registration is open through 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. Interested in volunteering?

Contact Directors: vbs@firstpreshc.org,

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

TODAY Sunday, May 7, 2017

Mid-High Fellowship Dinner, at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

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



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION in worship will be on **Sunday, May 14, 2017**. Please send information *about* your graduate to the church office, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org, by TOMORROW Monday, May 8th. Please send pictures to vcallegary@firstpreshc.org, by Monday, May 8th.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

TEA ON THE TIBER - Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will support a re-opened (after the flood) Ellicott City business by going to Tea on the Tiber. So...since it is Mother's Day weekend, make plans with the "mom" or all the "moms" in your life to join us for this special afternoon. Bring your mom, aunt, the village of women that raised you. Cost: \$30.00 Sign-up by **TODAY Sunday, May 7** in the Lower Commons. Contact: the church office. All Women are invited!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC SUMMER GATHERING 2017

Thursday, June 15-Sunday, June 18, 2017

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. - Hebrews 12:1

Featuring The Rev. Denise Anderson and The Rev. Lynn Miller

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Gather with other Presbyterian Women in the Mid-Atlantic to worship, pray, engage in Bible study, workshops, mission and fellowship.

Pick up a brochure with a registration form at the Welcome Desk.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – April – BABY ITEMS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donation of baby items. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" cart in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

MOVEABLE FEAST is a charitable organization whose mission is to foster a community that cares for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries and providing nutritional counseling and other services. Our church provides home baked goods on the Second Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please leave your dessert in the kitchen and mark it Moveable Feast. For additional information check them out at mfeast.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

TODAY IS WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

As a church, we believe in planning for the future so we can meet people's needs in a few months, years, and even decades. Including a gift to First Presbyterian in your Will (also known as a bequest) can help us do that. With a bequest, you can strengthen our faith community and make a difference for the future. To include First Presbyterian Church in your Will, consider using the following language: "I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the % of), to be used for the general programs of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, in Columbia, Maryland."

More Information is available in the Church Office. Further information on Planned Giving may also be found at www.presbyterianfoundation.org or by contacting Olanda Carr at olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org.

2017 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies is on. Everybody can participate! 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. Reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. WHERE ARE WE? *Eastbound – We have arrived! Westbound – still in the Pacific, north of Wake Island.*


INTERESTED IN LITURGICAL DANCE? The dancers are preparing for our final dance of the Spring season and would love to have you join us. No experience necessary. Contact the church office for more information.

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, May 7th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY | WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

SENDING OUT: MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NC

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

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

5:00 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship

Tuesday, May 9th

SUPER TUESDAY | MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NC

6:30 p.m. Inspirit Counseling Services Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission

Wednesday, May 10th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NC

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel Meeting

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, May 11th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NC

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 12th

MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NC

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 13th

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

Sunday, May 14th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

MOTHER'S DAY

MOVEABLE FEAST

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

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: Mother's Day Goody Table

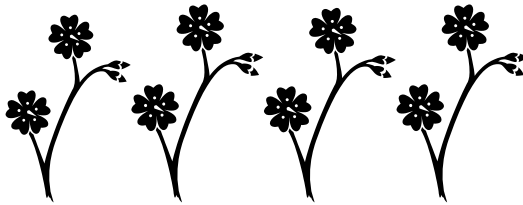
The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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, May 11, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2017 Issue #6.



Geraniums for Pentecost

Pentecost is Sunday, June 4, 2017

Help us decorate the sanctuary in red!

Please order a geranium!

\$5.00 per plant

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 21

Your Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount paid: _____

How paid: ___ check ___ cash | Date paid: _____

If you place your payment in an offering envelope
clearly mark it for geraniums. Thank you.

List my name in bulletin as: _____

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- Pick up plant(s) **after 10:30 a.m.** service on June 4th
 - Donate to church to be planted in church gardens
 - Call the church office to make other arrangements

**Please place the completed form in the offering plate, basket at
the Welcome Desk or in mailbox #4**

If you have any questions please call the church office, 410-730-3545
