



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 20, 2017

TODAY



ROOT BEER FLOATS will be served after both worship services! See you on the lawn for yummy root beer floats, fellowship and FUN! Lemonade on the Lawn will return next Sunday, August 27.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT AT FIRST WORSHIP: AnnaBeth

LITURGIST: Lisa (10:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: Margot (9:00); Margot, (10:00); Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Jan in honor of her mom whose birthday would have been August 19; and by Ben in joyous celebration of Clarence's birthday.

The flower arranger is Adair.

THE ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are from the Memorial Service for Dorothy that was held in our sanctuary yesterday, August 19.

THE WHITE ROSE in the pulpit today is in memory of Bernadette "Bunny" and in thankful commemoration of her gift to the church through her bequest.

WE LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning to remember Murray, husband of Shirley and father of Betsy, who died on August 23, 2016.

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 10:00 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.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A BEQUEST: Bernadette "Bunny".

First Presbyterian Church is extraordinarily grateful to the estate for providing a major gift in the form of a bequest through her will. The bequest is restricted to use for mortgage debt reduction. It will serve as a wonderful and powerful legacy of her family.

WE ARE SENDING OUT church member Emma Warman with our prayers and hopes for a meaningful year of service, as she makes final preparations for a year in the Philippines as a Young Adult Volunteer. Emma is an ordained Elder in our church, and has recently graduated from Elon University in North Carolina. We rejoice with Emma's decision to answer God's call to service, and we send her out in love and respect, with prayers for God's blessing.

Visit her page, emmaYAVyear.wordpress.com, for information on the YAV program, the Philippines and her decision to serve.



GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2017

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Burta, Marvin, Paul, Jerry, Gertrude, Jim, Carol, Stan, Bette, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

Bereaved: Blessing, Vivian, Christina, Shirley

Upcoming Surgery: *Agnes*

Recovering from Surgery: Dave, Jimmy, Irina, Ginny, Sarah, *Doris*, Maria (former DCE), *Adeline*

Hospitalized: Web (Bayview)

Hospice Care: Dottie (home hospice)

Friends & Family: Carolyn's mother, Ruth, in home hospice; *Gloria's Mom*

Removed from the list with rejoicing: Bob, whose latest test showed no remaining trace of cancer.

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

William Booth (April 10, 1829 – August 20, 1912) was an ordained Methodist minister who resigned in 1861 to become an itinerant evangelist and helper of the poor in London's East End. One day in 1865 he found himself in the East End of London, preaching to crowds of people in the streets. The East End of the 19th century was a wretched slum. Outside the Blind Beggar pub some missionaries heard him speaking and were so impressed that they asked him to lead a series of meetings they were holding in a large tent on Mile End waste in Whitechapel. The first meeting was held on July 2, 1865. With his wife Catherine he organized the Christian Mission, later to be re-named the Salvation Army in 1878, of which he was the first general. With its basis in religious enthusiasm, a concern for the outcasts of society, and with an expansionist policy, it was organized along military lines. Booth also co-authored a book (*In Darkest England and the Way Out, 1890*) which proposed a social program for alcoholics, released prisoners, and the marginalized.

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 *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*. Pray for:

- *Churches that are experiencing a new vitality;*
- *The environment that has been severely degraded by heavy industrialization ;*
- *Large ethnic minorities who have found themselves marginalized.*

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Living Faith Fellowship is today merging with the Mount Parran church in Reisterstown. The new congregation (which will retain the name Mount Paran) will be served by three Commissioned Lay Pastors: Ed Terry, Anita Bishop-Johnson and Donna Lea.
- ✦ Light Street Church in Baltimore City – *Tim Hughes Williams, Pastor-Elect (begins in September!)*
- ✦ Lochearn Church in Baltimore City – *John Brewington, Commissioned Lay Pastor*

WAM SUMMER ART PROJECT: We're folding origami paper cranes! Folding cranes is a meditative practice. In many Asian cultures, the crane is a symbol of peace and wholeness. So we're folding cranes – as many as we can – all summer to be used in an art installation for World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday this fall. You can learn how to fold cranes, and fold a few every Sunday after worship. You can find the Folding Cranes table either in Branch Hall or outside under the trees near Lemonade on the Lawn. Young children (and others!) can help us create paper by watercoloring.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CALLING ALL NEW AND RETURNING ARK TEACHERS AND HELPERS!

On Sunday, August 27, after the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to a brief teacher orientation meeting. Sunday School starts on September 10 and we have just a few things to discuss and plan for before the start of a great year. If you have questions or are interested in learning more about working with the youngest in our congregation, contact the church office.

TAKE OUT CHURCH!

We try to remember that God goes with us wherever we go but sometimes that isn't so easy. Pick up a "Take Out Church" box from the Welcome Center before your vacation to help you stay connected with God and your church while you are away. The take-out-church pizza boxes are for families with children or youth and contain individual and family activities, prayers, games, and a few tools to help you worship. There are also red folders available for adults to try Take Out Church. Pick one up today and take First Presbyterian Church on vacation with you this summer!

TAKE OUT CHURCH



WORSHIP, ART & MUSIC INFO

PANSIES FOR AKWAABA!

Akwaaba Sunday is **September 10, 2017**

Help us decorate the sanctuary with colorful pansies!

Order forms are at the Welcome Desk.

\$4.50 each for a 4 inch pot. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, August 27th**.

Contact: the church office, 410-730-3545.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS - Call to Action!

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

100 Maryland Ave NE # 410, Washington, DC 20002

Now more than ever your voice is needed in the nation's capital! As our political leaders move to pass policies that would devastate the most vulnerable - both in our own country and abroad, it is critical that we speak truth to power. Come to Washington to demand a Faithful Budget!

Schedule for the day:

9:00 am: Briefing

11:30 am: Press Conference

12:30 pm: Meet at Congressional Offices

3:30 pm: Worship and Debriefing

To RSVP go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec_Et8inMR3tlq4wKx6F6FITzRiYr8lw rNS7OYXOTkrjkrkGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

Through Sunday, September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. – First Worship

Thirty good minutes of hymns, prayer and a Bible lesson – especially friendly for families with young children. Everyone welcome!

10:00 a.m. – Summer Worship

The best of First Presbyterian's worshipping tradition continues all summer long! Worship is the gathering of the whole church to enjoy God together through hymns and songs, prayers and praise, scripture lessons and a sermon.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of a wonderful summer experience!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR FIRST WORSHIP – Just 2 weeks left:

Pastor Sue and Pastor Morton invite children to assist them this summer during First Worship, 9:00 a.m. Here are some ways you can assist them:

- Light the Christ Candle during the Call to Worship
- Read the Scripture Lesson
- Help the ushers greet and take the offering

Please speak with Virginia Callegary if you would like to be a Worship Assistant. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for First Worship. If you sign up, Ms. Virginia will be in touch with you and help you prepare to be a Worship Assistant this summer.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN happens every Sunday during the summer schedule after both worship services. Meet everyone on the lawn for lemonade, refreshments and fellowship!

OFFERING OF FLOWERS: You are invited to bring flowers cut from your own garden to worship *Next Sunday, August 27.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

BLUE JEANS SUNDAY! CHURCH WORKDAY

Wear your blue jeans or work clothes to church on *Sunday, September 17* and plan to stay from 12:15-3:00 p.m. to work on projects around the church property. Lunch will be served. *Contact: STC Elders, Church Sexton Woody or the church office*

FALL MISSION TRIP: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

We're returning to Tarboro North Carolina to work with PCUSA partner VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), as this area recovers from massive flooding last October. If you are interested – please contact the church office.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – August – Paper the Town Day

The Board of Deacons' is campaigning in August for donations of PAPER PRODUCTS. This is part of our church's continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. Food Stamps do not cover paper products so struggling families must spend their dwindling cash for such things. Recommended items are: Paper Towels, Toilet paper, Gallon Size Ziploc bags, Aluminum Foil, Plastic wraps, Any Household Paper products. Please leave your donations in the Just One Can wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

WANTED: Eyeglasses; Musical Instruments; Hearing Aids; Adult & Children's Bikes; Portable Sewing Machines; Women's Purses or Pocketbooks; and Baseball Equipment. The churches of the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia will send your no longer used items listed above to needy families in Latin America, Africa and inner-city Baltimore. The sewing machines and musical instruments need to be in working order; the other items need not be. Drop them off at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center parking lot (10431 Twin Rivers Rd.) on *Saturday, August 26* from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tax receipts given. For further info call Tom at 301-774-7069

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at Victoria's Pub, 8201 Snowden Place, Columbia (intersection of Route 108 & Snowden River Parkway on *Tuesday, August 29* 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. Want to carpool? Contact Andi Packard to let her know you need a ride.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 4, 2017 for Labor Day.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS on Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:30 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Discipleship Hour

AKWAABA AND MINISTRY FAIR, September 10, 2017

Come celebrate as we kick off the 2017-2018 program year! Enjoy a morning filled with fun and fellowship. Join us in Lyle Buck Hall for refreshments and to learn about the many exciting Mission Opportunities available to you.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES will be printed for the Ministry Fair. Have you had changes to your contact info – a new email address or phone number? Have you moved? Please send your updated information to Church Administrator Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by *Friday, September 1st* so the correct information will be printed in the church directory. Thank you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday

Through September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning

Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 10:00 a.m. services

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn & Summer After-Church

Sunday, August 20th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Root Beer Floats

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Root Beer Floats

Monday, August 21st

7:00 p.m. *Inspirit* Counseling Services Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 22nd

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 23rd

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting @ Tino's

Thursday, August 24th

TIDING ARTICLES DUE

Friday, August 25th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, August 26th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 27th

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Ark Teacher Orientation

3:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Kick-off at Debbie Richmond's



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, August 24, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the September 2017 Issue #8.