



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 27, 2017

TODAY



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN AFTER BOTH SERVICES TODAY:

Lemonade on the Lawn, hosted by Lydia Circle,
following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT FIRST WORSHIP: Alexa, AnnaBeth

LITURGIST: Nancy (10:00)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by members of the congregation who have offered flowers from their gardens. If you brought flowers and would like to have a Deacon deliver them to a homebound member please leave them on the table in the narthex.

The flower arranger is Jan.

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.

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.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES!

Please check your entry in the draft version of the church directory today at the Welcome Desk. Make any changes to your contact info or send your updated information to Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by *Friday, September 1st*.

New Church Directories will be distributed on Akwaaba Sunday, September 10th.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2017

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

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

Bereaved: Blessing, Vivian, Christina and family

Upcoming Surgery: *Agnes*

Recovering from Surgery: Dave, Jimmy, Irina, Ginny, *Judy*, 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, Anne

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.

Memorial Garden: We remember to God, Dorothy, November 12, 1928-August 10, 2017, whose ashes were placed in the Memorial Garden, Saturday, August 19, 2017 in a Committal Service. The church extends prayers and warm support to her family: Linda, all members of the church, and to all of Dorothy's family and friends.

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

Fiacre (d. 670) This Irish hermit accepted an invitation to build a hermitage in France, where he drew hundreds by his presence to learn about God. Seeing their homeless plight Fiacre chopped down trees to build a hospice, and planted a garden to provide food and medicinal herbs. Through his simple example, the whole district accepted Christianity. Fiacre is the patron saint of gardeners, and his statue is in many gardens. His saint day is celebrated on September 1.

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 *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*.

Pray for:

- *Economic stability;*
- *The unemployed and all who have suffered loss of state social services;*
- *The environment, especially where it is heavily polluted.*

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 of our congregation.

Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership: *Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem (New Jerusalem Church) and Iglesia Palmas (Church of the Palms) two small, rural congregations.*

Howard County Public Schools: 76 schools (41 elementary schools, 20 middle schools, 12 high schools, and 3 education centers), 55,638 students and 8,136 staff members. The first day of school is September 5th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CALLING ALL NEW AND RETURNING ARK TEACHERS AND HELPERS!

TODAY *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 Genevieve or Aja.

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



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – starting Sunday, September 10th
9:30-10:25 a.m.

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs and on to Ecclesiastes!

facilitated by Doyle

Continues all year—all are welcome to join in at any time—Clark Parlor

Histories and Mysteries of the Exodus

lead by Bill

September 17 through November 19 – Room 252

Christianity and Art

lead by Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris

September 17 & 14 –Room 258

For more details watch for your copy of Tidings September 2017 Issue 9.

WORSHIP, ART & MUSIC

PANSIES FOR AKWAABA! TODAY IS LAST DAY TO ORDER!

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY - Rehearsals Are Beginning!

Chancel Choir - *Thursday, August 31st*, 7:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir – *Wednesday, September 6th*,

7:15 p.m. set-up, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal

For more info contact: Director of Music Ministries, Jimmy Galdieri



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

Next Sunday, September 3, 2017 is last Sunday of Summer Schedule

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!

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 – Alex, Melanie or Doris or Church Sexton Woody*

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 be in touch with Pat or 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.

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! To RSVP go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec_Et8inMR3tlq4wKxF6FITzRiYr8IwrNS7OYXOTkrjkrkGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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 the church office if you need a ride.

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY - Saturday, September 2nd

The *first Saturday of every month* is First Pres Pride Day! Get out your blue First Pres shirt and wear it while you get your morning coffee, run your errands, or even if you're just staying at home. Show off your true colors every month and see how many others you can spot around town!



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 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

Monday, August 28th

CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 29th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 30th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
Tidings Folded

Thursday, August 31st

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 1st

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 2nd

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT
CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 3rd

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMUNION

NAME TAG SUNDAY

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

LAST DAY OF SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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, September 14, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2017 Issue #9.



Pansies for Akwaaba!

Akwaaba Sunday is September 10, 2017

Help us decorate the sanctuary!

Please order pansies!

\$4.50 each for a 4 inch pot

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, August 27

Your Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount paid: _____

How paid: check _____ cash _____

Placed in offering plate?: _____ yes _____ no

**If you place your payment in an offering envelope
clearly mark it for Akwaaba Pansies. Thank you.**

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

**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.
