



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
September 3, 2017

TODAY



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN AFTER BOTH SERVICES TODAY:

Lemonade on the Lawn, hosted by Marie and Ron Duvall,
following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT FIRST WORSHIP: Tyler

LITURGIST: Alice (10:00)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Gloria in celebration of her granddaughters' birthdays – Layne (August) & Payton (September); and by Agnes and Roy in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on September 2. The flower arranger is Jan Agazio.

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.

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.

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.



GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 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: Gloria's Mom, Anne

People & Communities affected by Hurricane Harvey

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; Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Emma Warman in the Philippines. Visit her page, emmaYAVyear.wordpress.com.

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

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997) was an Albanian nun dedicated to helping the poor and rejected of India. In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity, the most rapidly growing order worldwide. These women found orphanages, hospices, villages for lepers – whatever is needed. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she said: *“By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus.”*

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 *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia.*

Pray for:

- *Those who refuse the rhetoric of hatred and fear;*
- *Those who work to build bridges between various ethnic groups;*
- *Those who mourn.*

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.

Mid Council Ministries of the PCUSA

The Office of the General Assembly, which is overseen by the Stated Clerk, includes this comprehensive department of Mid Council Ministries. The people in this office provide resources for Constitutional Services, Mid Council Relations, Ordered Ministries and Certification (Church Leadership Connection, Preparation for Ministry, Ruling Elders, Office of Deacon, and Christian Education Certification).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS - Next Sunday, September 10 is the beginning of a new year of Church School. Come at 9:30 a.m. to meet the teachers and classmates. All classes will visit The Ministry Fair! Be here for the start of an exciting year!

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES: 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 (*see below for classes*)

WE NEED YOU!

It takes many people to make Sunday successful for our kids and youth. If you are interested in volunteering for Christian Education opportunities, take a look at opportunities available.

Nursery Helper...*Do you love babies?* Then come help Marla in the nursery! We need helpers every Sunday for every service, with extra help needed on Christmas Eve and Easter. Sign up for a few Sundays a year, a month of Sundays, or commit to the entire Sunday School term.

Godly Play and Worship Bridge...Godly Play is available for children ages 4-7 who wish to attend just a portion of the worship service. Worship Bridge offers a similar opportunity for slightly older children. If you want to experience teaching in a small dose, this is a great opportunity for you!

More Helpers Always Needed! If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or other ways to serve in Christian Ed at First Pres (Sunday School, Mid-high and Senior High program, Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Pageant, VBS, etc.), please contact Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Ed; or any First Pres CE Elder (Genevieve, Aja, Estelene, or Jonathan).

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

led by Bill

September 17 through November 19 – Room 252

Christianity and Art

led by Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris

September 17 & 14 –Room 258

For more details see *Tidings September 2017 Issue 8*.

WORSHIP, ART & MUSIC

MUSIC MINISTRY - Rehearsals Are Beginning!

Handbell Choir – *first rehearsal - Wednesday, September 6th,
7:15 p.m. set-up, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal*

Chancel Choir - *Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.*

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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

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 call the church office.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – September – “Food Staples”

The Board of Deacons is campaigning for additional donations of grains and beans as part of our continuing efforts against hunger in Howard County. Recommended items are: rice, pasta, dried or canned lentils, dried or canned beans, packages rice/pasta side dishes. Please leave your donations in the wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. And please don't forget your regular JOC food donations, as hunger is an on-going concern for too many of our neighbors. Thank you on behalf on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed Residents of Howard County.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

GIVE TODAY TO HELP PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries in affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to *DR000169-Harvey*. We need your help. Please give generously.

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

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 / 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 Ministry opportunities available to you. A photo booth will be available to have your picture taken for the Church Online Directory as well. What a great way to connect with your fellow congregation members.

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

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, September 3rd

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY

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

Monday, September 4th

LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. ARP Working Meeting
SMLT Meeting

Wednesday, September 6th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Senior High Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Earth Forum Advisory Team Meeting
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, September 7th

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 8th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 9th

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle
9:30 a.m. Akwaaba/Ministry Fair Set-up

Sunday, September 10th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AKWAABA SUNDAY – MINISTRY FAIR

FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

FIRST DAY OF FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MOVEABLE FEAST

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Ministry Fair
11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee
2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

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.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering— Breakfast Event

Saturday, September 16, 2017

from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

in Lyle Buck Hall

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast and get a chance to meet with your circles and hear about plans for next year. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange if you want to participate in this exciting activity!

Pay at the door (\$5.00) but be sure to sign-up in the Lower Commons so we know how many to plan for.

Menu includes fruit, muffins and breakfast casseroles prepared by Chef Woody Collins!

