



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
October 22, 2017

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## TODAY

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Fall Festival***

Join us in Branch Hall for hot cider and refreshments as we share fellowship and welcome the Autumn season. Crafts, activities, and fun for all!

### **NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Reformation Sunday***

Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Protestant Reformation with cake & coffee.

**LITURGIST:** Sara (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Debbie (8:30); Chrissy, Mispa, Melanie (10:30); Laura, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Debbie in honor of her parents', Hubert and Eleanor, wedding anniversary. Flower arranger is Melanie.

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember Jon Martin-Crawford, son of Joanne Martin, who died this week in 2015.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**, at the 10:30 a.m. service, for Alexa Maura and Mackenzie Ann, daughters of Heather and Todd.

**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 and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** explores what it means to be part of First Church household and become a member. The next orientation is **Today, Sunday, October 22** from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Childcare is available. Lunch will be served. All are invited.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY.** 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing 95 ideas to the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany, where he was a monk – an action which sparked the Protestant Reformation. So we are celebrating! Our Liturgical Dancers will call us to worship. Our Chancel Choir will sing a special anthem by John Ness Beck, which weaves Luther's great hymn *A Mighty Fortress* and a setting of the psalm which inspired Luther's words – Psalm 46. We'll consider what the reforming tradition in which we stand is calling us to sing and speak in our time. During the Discipleship Hour (11:30 am) we'll eat some birthday cake, and imagine what our congregation will be like in fifty years. Plan now to make time for worship next week!

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2017

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

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

**Bereaved:** Blessing, *David*, Vivian

**Recovering from Surgery:** Agnes

**Hospitalized:** Web Brenner (Bayview)

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Tina and family, in the death of her sister-in-law, Rose Henry, on Friday, October 13, 2017.*

*May the peace of Christ be with Mispa and Paul, in the death of their niece, Esther deChantal, on Monday, October 16, 2017.*

**Friends & Family:** *Bob, former member; Kathryn's daughter, Morgan*

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; 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

**Clarence Jordan** (July 29, 1912–October 29, 1969) was a Baptist pastor and New Testament scholar. In 1942 Jordan established Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia – a community of Christians sharing a commitment to embodying the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. The Koinonia partners bound themselves to the equality of all persons, rejection of violence, ecological stewardship, and common ownership of who lived together, forfeiting personal wealth and property, and taking seriously Jesus call to radical equality. This lifestyle was not very popular in Sumter County, Georgia, particularly during the 1950s and 1960s, as the American civil rights movement progressed. Jordan wrote the *Cotton Patch Gospels*, his look at the selections from the gospels from a Southern agrarian context. Upon his death Millard Fuller took up his dream and developed it into Habitat for Humanity.

**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 *Indian Ocean Island Nations: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.*

*Pray for:*

- *Those in society who speak on behalf of the silenced or unheard;*
- *Interfaith dialogue and cooperation;*
- *Those living along coastal lines, that they may be saved from the devastation of annual typhoons, and those living in arid places that they might be saved from drought and famine.*

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ St. John United in Columbia – *Mary Ka Kanahan, Supply Pastor*
- ✦ Second Church in Baltimore City – *Thomas Blair, Pastor; Amy Carlson and Jennifer DiFrancesco, Associate Pastors*

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

9:30-10:25 a.m. For more details see *Tidings* October 2017 Issue 9.

### Conversations on Race Book Discussion

Sundays, October 22 & 29 —Room 258

*Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, by Michael Eric Dyson

### 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*

through November 19 – Room 252

**Games & Conversations** - post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults

*Facilitated by Brian & Ann* - Room 205



**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 Wednesday, every week

This year's text: Exodus – The Departure – is the second book in the Bible.

This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary!

Everyone welcome!

## CE ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Now that fall classes are underway, CE hopes to have the congregation offer fresh ideas for future Adult Education classes. Please take a few moments to offer your thoughts through a brief survey.

You can access survey in three ways:

(1) Submit a paper copy, available at the Welcome Desk.

(2) Access the survey online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCAdultEd>.

(3) Use the QR code printed here to access the survey on your phone



## WORSHIP, ARTS & MUSIC

### NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Sunday Evening Quiet Time**

**First Sunday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.**

**Begins November 5, 2017**



Our lives are busy with activities and responsibilities, meetings, deadlines, and householding, and our lives reflect this busyness. Sometimes we feel like we just need to stop and be quiet for a time – to listen for the voice of God within. It might be easier to take this time and find some quiet space if we could do it with others.

You are invited to gather with Pastor Sue in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of Quiet Time. Formats may vary a bit – but will always include about 15 to 20 minutes of shared silence. We will keep to the 30 minute length.

Gathering together in worship is always a journey in itself. As we keep this open, quiet space, we'll discover more about the gathering itself. If you have any questions, be in touch with Pastor Sue – or just come, and explore this quiet space at the start of a new week.

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

### Mid-High Fellowship, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

*Wednesday, October 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

### Senior High Fellowship, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

*Wednesday, November 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

### Confirmation Class

*Thursday, October 26, 6:45-8:30 p.m.*



### PUMPKIN PATCH HOURS

#### Through Tuesday, October 31

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Please sign-up to sell pumpkins. The sign-up sheets are in Branch Hall.

Contact: the church office

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### CARE FOR CREATION ONE STEP AT A TIME – PLANT A TREE

On Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. – noon, you can help plant one of the ten new native trees that we are receiving as part of *Trees for Sacred Places*. Congregations across Maryland are participating in the *Trees for Sacred Places* Project, which helps to prevent runoff and improve water quality while creating sources of beauty and enjoyment, now and for future generations. This opportunity is offered as a joint project by the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

To help out please contact: Woody Collins.

### THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

Today is the last day to contribute to the Guatemala Scholarship Fund Drive for the 2018 Guatemalan school year, which will begin in January. We have funded 71.5 of our goal of 77 scholarships, which will enable all of our current students to continue their studies. But we also hope to make scholarships available to new students to replace those who are graduating. The cost to send a student from our partner presbytery to middle school or high school is \$460, but contributions of any size will help us to reach our goal. All donors are requested to fill out a green card, available at the Welcome Center.

We hope that each donor will take pleasure in knowing that your scholarship gift has enriched the life of a young person. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

### GIFT OF THE HEART CLEAN UP BUCKETS

The 2017-2018 Confirmation Class is collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program known as Gift of the Heart Cleanup Buckets, and we need your help. The PDA is very specific in the items that they need. Please see our table in Branch Hall and pick up an item list. Items will be collected through November 28 in Branch Hall. Finished buckets will be taken to the Church World Service Center in New Windsor, MD.

### JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – October—Items needed at Food Bank

As part of the Deacon's continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific items for our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Please leave your donations in the "Just One Can" wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf on the Deacons.

# DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Discipleship Hour is every Sunday at 11:30a.m

Here are some upcoming highlights:

## **Today Sunday, October 22 – Fall Festival - in Branch Hall**

Join us for warm cider and refreshments as we share fellowship and welcome the autumn season. Come and enjoy fall crafts and games, grab a warm cup of cider, some popcorn and apple slices, experience the pumpkin patch. All are welcome!



## **Next Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday**

Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Protestant Reformation with cake and coffee!



## **Sunday, November 5 – BINGO Cider and Donuts - in Branch Hall**

Donuts and Cider with your friends from First Presbyterian - what could be more fun? White Elephant gifts for the BINGO game winners. Food, fun, and fellowship for all!

## **Sunday, November 12 – Thank and Tell Luncheon - in Lyle Buck Hall**

Thank and Tell Sunday. All are invited to a luncheon to celebrate 2017, look forward to 2018, and share the results of the Annual Response Program. Hosted by the Year Round Stewardship Committee.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM – Grateful Giving**

Please pick up your ARP Stewardship Packet in the Upper Commons. Please complete and return your Estimate of Giving Card on or before November 5.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Mid Atlantic Restaurant* on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. It is located at 9469 Baltimore National Pike (Route 40). 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). Want to carpool? Contact the church office.

### **AN INVITATION TO REMEMBER: All Saints Sunday is November 5**

We would like to remember family members, friends, mentors and leaders who died in the past year (November 1, 2016-present). Please contact Caroline Smith at 410-730-3545 or email [fpadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpadmin@firstpreshc.org) by *Monday, October 30*.

# First Presbyterian Church of Howard County Thanksgiving Food Drive 2017

*The Deacons Thanksgiving Food Collection Project  
Sunday, October 22 - Wednesday, November 12*

The Board of Deacons' campaign in November focuses on donations suitable for **Thanksgiving Feasts** as part of our continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. This project is organized by the church's Deacons and will provide 25 families from the local community with a food basket and a \$50 food card. In addition, 25 families who are supported by the Foreign-Born Information and Referral Network (FIRN) will receive \$100 food cards to purchase items for their Thanksgiving holiday celebration.

Your generous support and donations to this project are greatly appreciated. The collection point for food will be the *Just One Can* bin located in the Upper Commons (across from the Welcome Center).

The Deacons are asking the congregation for non-perishable food items in the list below:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned pie fillings
- Cranberry sauce
- Boxes of stuffing mix
- Boxes of instant potatoes
- Rice
- Pasta
- Gravy Packets
- Fruit Juices
- Biscuit mix
- Cornbread mix
- Brownie mix
- Cookie mix
- Cake mix
- Coffee
- Flour
- Sugar
- Cooking Oil



*Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Church's  
Thanksgiving Project!*

# Annual Response Program (ARP)

## GRATEFUL GIVING

***Please remember to pick up your Annual Response Program (ARP) packets today in the Upper Commons after the church service.***

Remember that your church is essentially self-funded annually. Your generous sharing sustains all the good works done in Jesus' name. Celebrate the love you share with your gifts. By making an annual pledged gift estimate now, you will allow the Church to effectively plan for the coming year as pledged gifts are the largest source of funding (80%) for the church and therefore impact many church areas and activities.

Complete & submit your Estimate of Giving Card on or before Commitment Sunday 11/5 by placing it in the Joash Box in the sanctuary. You can also take it to the church office or mail your response. As another option, you can send an Email with your giving estimate to the secure email address [pledges@firstpreshc.org](mailto:pledges@firstpreshc.org). This email should include your name, address, phone number, and pledge amount per week/month/quarter/or year. You will receive an automated response once you send the email to provide instant assurance that it was received by the church.

Let us show our gratitude for the many gifts God has given us by returning a portion of those gifts to the church so that they may continue to be enjoyed by all.

### *Important Dates to Remember*

**NOVEMBER 5:**

**Commitment Sunday**

**NOVEMBER 12:**

**Thank & Tell Sunday**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 106:1

# 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, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | BAPTISM

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM WEEK 2 | MFM – DEACONS HOLIDAY PROJECTS

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

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 – *Fall Festival*

New Member Class

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

## Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

PUMPKIN PATCH – 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

6:30 p.m. Cold Weather Shelter Coordinators Meeting

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

## Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

PUMPKIN PATCH – 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner | Session Meeting

## Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | PUMPKIN PATCH – 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Mid-High Supper

## Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

PUMPKIN PATCH – 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

PUMPKIN PATCH – 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

PUMPKIN PATCH – 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

1:00 p.m. FPC Tangles

## Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | REFORMATION SUNDAY

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM WEEK 3

PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

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 – *Reformation Cake*

Coffee Fellowship by Ruth Circle

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.firstpreshec.org](http://www.firstpreshec.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@firstpreshec.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshec.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [fpcadmin@firstpreshec.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshec.org) by **Thursday, November 16, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the December 2017 Issue #11.