



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 21, 2018

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: TODAY January 21 in Lyle Buck Hall

Join us for the "Hotter Than Thou" In-house Chili Tasting

Vote for your favorite Chili by making a donation. Proceeds go the Bridges for Housing Stability that prevents homelessness and promotes awareness for affordable housing in Howard County. The Chili with the most donations will represent First Presbyterian at the "Hotter than Thou" Chili Tasting finals on March 11 at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City.



NEXT WEEK: January 28 in the sanctuary

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - There is no Discipleship Hour

LITURGISTS: Evelyn (8:30); Bruce (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Alice, Angela (8:30); Margot, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, Tracy, Jonathan, Mark (Tech Crew)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Tom Jones, who died on January 25, 2016. Clarence asked us to remember his father, Ralph Baney, who died on January 21, 2014.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING at 11:30 a.m. in the Library today.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY presents

The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Public Health
with Dr. Leana Wen, Commissioner of Health in Baltimore City

TODAY Sunday, January 21, 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church

The featured speaker, Dr. Leana Wen, is the highly regarded Health Commissioner of Baltimore City. Dr. Wen is reimagining the role of local public health and its link to environmental justice issues, such as levels of pollution, lead poisoning, water quality, etc. She will speak about her transformative projects such as prescribing the opioid antidote, naloxone, to all 620,000 city residents; reducing infant mortality rate; providing glasses to every child who needs them; and treating violence as a contagious disease.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2018

Please pray for: Jeff, Mispa, Marvin, Dave, Jerry, Jim, Paul, Dede, Shirley, Bette, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

Bereaved: Blessing, David, Vivian

Hospitalized: Web Brenner

Family & Friends: Jonathan's mom, Suzanne

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru; Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Emma 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

Thurgood Marshall (July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993) was born in Baltimore. He graduated from Lincoln University, and wanted to study law at the University of Maryland, but he could not because of the school's segregation policy. He studied law at Howard University Law School, and after graduation, he opened a law practice in Baltimore. In 1934 he began his 25 year affiliation with the NAACP by representing the organization in the law school discrimination suit *Murray v. Pearson*, which overturned the University of Maryland's segregation policy. He became the Chief Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, arguing many cases before the Supreme Court. His most famous case was the 1954 *Brown v The Board of Education of Topeka* which declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. In 1961, President Kennedy appointed him to the US Court of Appeals, Second District. In 1965, President Johnson appointed him US Solicitor General, where he represented the US government before the Supreme Court. In 1967, Johnson nominated him to the US Supreme Court, where he served for the next 24 years, until his retirement in 1991. He was the model of integrity and social conscience, opposing efforts to make the court a political rather than judicial entity. He was an active Episcopalian, and a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Washington DC.

Today is Criminal Justice Sunday in the PCUSA. *We pray for all who work in the criminal justice system, law enforcement officers and support staff, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges and court staff, and corrections officers, parole and probation officers. We pray for those who are incarcerated, for victims of crime, for those who have served their sentences and have been released.*

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 *Cyprus, Greece, Turkey. Pray for:*

- *Give thanks for the 2,000-year presence and witness of the church in Asia Minor (now Turkey, Cyprus, and Greece) – the region in which St. Paul and other apostles first planted the seeds of the Christian faith – and for how Greek culture influenced the early church;*
- *Those who have reached out to assist people who have fled to, and through, these lands;*
- *The people who struggle because of economic and political crises in these countries.*

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 2018

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Barrelville Church in Mt. Savage – *is a small congregation without a pastor*
- ✦ Bethel Church in White Hall – *Pastor Todd Smith*
- ✦ Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore City – *Pastor Andrew Foster Connors*

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

Let's Talk About Mental Health

facilitated by Meredith Barger and John Michalczyk

January 21 & 28, 2018 – Room 258

You probably know at least one child, teenager or adult who has struggled with his/her mental health. Join in a discussion with Meredith Barger and John Michalczyk, the counselors (LCPC) in residence through Inspirit Counseling at First Presbyterian Church. Topics include parenting for mentally healthy children, depression, anxiety and grief.

Spiritual Habits for a New Year:

Creating a Spiritual Practice that Works for You

taught by Sue Lowcock Harris

through February 11 – Branch Hall

In these first six weeks of 2018, we'll take a look at the kinds of things that might be important and helpful for our spiritual life and practice. We'll explore a variety of individual practices and practices we do with others – including our children or our parents. We'll compose a personal Rule to get us going in 2018.

The Bible in Depth: Ecclesiastes *facilitated by Doyle*

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

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

We are studying Exodus together. We're at Mount Sinai. Come join us!

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Mid-year Parents Meetings

Sunday, January 21, 11:30 a.m., right after the 10:30 a.m. service

Mid-High Parents – Room 204

Meet to discuss options for Mid-Highs in the Spring.

Summer trip forms for Massanetta will be distributed.

Senior High Drop in Q & A and Form Distribution – Room 203

Drop in and ask any questions about the Senior High program and pick up your Montreat registration forms.

TODAY!

Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, Day Trip to DC

Saturday, January 27, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Travel to DC via metro. Tour museums. Lunch.

Bring \$25 for Metro and lunch money and signed permission postcard

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, February 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

HOWARD COUNTY'S POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Office of Community Partnerships is seeking volunteers for the Point in Time 2018! They will have a large emphasis on Street Surveying in various locations throughout Howard County.

When: *Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 2:00 – 11:00 p.m.*

Description: Volunteers will be assigned an outdoor area in Howard County to interview those experiencing homelessness and provide information about available resources. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old at the time of the count. Volunteers will be required to attend a training. Volunteers will need to dress appropriately for the weather and bring along a flash light.

Volunteer positions: Driver, Navigator, Surveyor

SIGN UP HERE: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f44a5e23a5f58-point1>

Questions, please contact: Michelle L. Hippert, MCP, CoC Manager. mhippert@howardcountymd.gov, 410-313-5971 or Keisha Benjamin, kbenjamin@howardcountymd.gov, 410-313-0726.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – A mission project of Ruth Circle.

Ruth Circle will be sending care packages to our young adults in college, the military or wherever they are near and far. Church members who want their young adult to be included MUST contact the church office, 410-730-3545 or fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org with mailing address information and \$15.00 to cover the cost of shipping by *Monday, January 22, 2018*. A list of items is available at the Welcome Desk. Please bring your items by Sunday, January 28. Any questions, please contact the church office.

MISSION TRIP TO PHILIPPINES DONATIONS – The group going to the Philippines to visit Emma Warman, Young Adult Volunteer, is leaving on February 15. They are collecting items needed by Little Children of the Philippines (LCP), a non-denominational community-based Christian organization, helping children through sponsorship and other programs to become contributing members of society in the context of Christian values. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk for the complete list of items. Items can be left in the marked bin in the Lower Commons. Monetary donations can be made in the offering or brought to the church office. Please clearly label monetary donations with “Philippines Donation (008130).” If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office. For more information about LCP, please visit their website at littlechildrenphilippines.org.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – January – DOUBLE UP

The Board of Deacons wants to increase our church's food donations in January to battle back against hunger in Howard County. Winter is here in earnest and too many of our neighbors are choosing between food and fuel. Let's redouble our efforts this month – give not just one can but two or more. Demonstrate in a very tangible way that the joy of giving is not just for a specific date on a calendar. *These are the most requested items from the Howard County Food Bank: Baby Foods, Beans – Dried or Canned, Canned Meat / Tuna / Chicken, Canned Soups, Cereal, Evaporated Milk, Infant Formula, Baby & Toddler Foods, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Pasta*

THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER IS COMING!

First Presbyterian will host the shelter from **Monday evening, February 5, 2018 until Monday morning, February 19, 2018**. We need lots of volunteers to cook dinner, stay overnight, do laundry, clean the sleeping areas and provide company to our guests each evening. Please see the sign-up board and list of requested donations in the Lower Commons. Questions? Contact the church office.

THE MITTEN TREE is back! With the cold weather here, please remember the children in Howard County who many not have adequate warm outer wear for the months ahead. Place your donations of new or gently used hats, mittens/gloves and scarves for all ages on the Mitten Tree located in the Upper Commons. Thank you.

DISCIPLESHIP HOURS

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR is every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome! Here are some upcoming highlights:

Annual Meeting - January 28th in the Sanctuary

There is no Discipleship Hour

Cold Weather Shelter Set-up - February 4th in L.I.F.E. Area

After the 10:30am service, enjoy a quick lunch and then stay to help cover up windows in sleeping areas, rearrange tables and chairs, put up signs, vacuum, and get our church ready for our Cold Weather Shelter guests who arrive Monday evening.

New Member Appreciation - February 11th in the Upper Commons

Linger in the Upper Commons, enjoy a cup of coffee, and greet our new members who joined First Presbyterian Church in 2017. The online directory Photo Station will also be available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Come celebrate the continued "Joy" of the holiday season with the Presbyterian Women, *Wednesday, January 24* at 6:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. We will have a catered dinner, dessert and entertainment. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased in the Lower Commons. Contact the church office.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County to be held on ***Sunday, January 28, 2018*** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the church sanctuary. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to hear the report of the Session and its Ministry Areas, to review the terms of the Co-Pastors' call as required by the Book of Order, to receive the Session's annual budget for the church, and to transact any other business properly coming before the Congregation.

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering on ***Tuesday, January 30*** at *Timbuktu* at 11:30 a.m. It is located at 1726 Dorsey Road, Hanover. Retirees and empty nesters are invited to enjoy some time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Want to carpool? Contact the church office if you need a ride. Sign up in the Lower Commons or email discipleship@firstpreshc.org.

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, January 21st

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOMENT FOR MISSION – RUN FOR COFFEE

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 – In-house Chili Cook-off

11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum of Howard County

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 p.m. Diabetes Type 1 Support Group

Tuesday, January 23rd

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 24th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, January 25th

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 26th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, January 27th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 28th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOMENT FOR MISSION – BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation

12:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

5:15 p.m. Ruth Circle Assemble College Care Packages

6:30 p.m. 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.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, February 15, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the March 2018 Issue #3.