



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 28, 2018

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: TODAY *January 28* in the sanctuary

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - There is no Discipleship Hour

NEXT WEEK: *February 4* in L.I.F.E. Area

Cold Weather Shelter Set-up - After the 10:30 a.m. 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.

LITURGIST: Janet (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, Angela (8:30); Chrissy, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Laura Hampton, Francois, 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 by Linda in memory of her brother Jimmy and in honor of her mother Jane.

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 will meet in the Library today following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

SHOWER OF CARDS for Millie's 100th birthday on February 3. Please sign the birthday cards in the Upper Commons!

VANTAGE HOUSE: Pastor Sue leads worship at Vantage House on the second Sunday of every month. The offering collected goes towards the Cold Weather Shelter.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION - TODAY

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.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2018

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

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

Bereaved: Blessing, David, Vivian

Care Center: *Web*

Recovering from surgery: *Binwi*

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

Mahalia Jackson (October 26, 1911 – January 27, 1972) was a gospel singer, perhaps the best-known gospel singer in the world. She was born in New Orleans. At age 16, she moved to Chicago, where she met Thomas A. Dorsey, the father of gospel music. That meeting began a 14 year association with Dorsey; his “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” became her signature song. In 1950, she was the first gospel singer to sing at Carnegie Hall. She began touring Europe in 1952. She was active the Civil Rights Movements. She was invited to sing in Montgomery, Alabama during the bus boycott. She sang at President John F. Kennedy’s inauguration in 1961, and at the March on Washington in 1963. “I sing God’s music because it makes me feel free,” Jackson once said about her choice of gospel, adding, “It gives me hope. With the blues, when you finish, you still have the blues.”

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 *Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia*.

Pray for:

- *All the people of these countries: Muslims, the tiny remnant of Christians, those of other faiths who are continuing bearing witness to their faiths and for all people of good will;*
- *An end to the political violence that breaks out here;*
- *Thanksgiving for the way the early church developed in this region.*

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 mission of our congregation.

The Cold Weather Shelter – a mission partnership between Grassroots Crisis Intervention, Howard County Government, and the faith community, which provides overnight shelter in houses of worship between November and March every year. Our household will host the Cold Weather Shelter guests for two weeks: February 5 through 19. Pray for the guests that will make our house their home, and for all who serve them.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

Let's Talk About Mental Health

facilitated by Meredith Barger and John Michalczyk

January 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 – Library

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 Nichols*

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

Confirmation Class

Thursday, February 1, 2018, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Room 258

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

Sunday, February 4 after both services

The youth will be collecting the *Souper Bowl Offering* at the conclusion of each service. The tradition is to add your loose change or small bills to this offering. The youth use it toward alleviating hunger in our community.

Senior High Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4

at the home of the Kevin & Kate

arrival time—6:00 p.m. | pick up after the game

Refreshments will be provided



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SPAGHETTI LUNCH AND AUCTION!

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Can you help with the lunch and auction?

- * Attend the spaghetti lunch and bid on auction items!
- * Volunteer as youth server, kitchen help, set-up, clean up, etc.
go to: <https://goo.gl/HH6139>
- * Donate gift certificates, tickets, services, etc. - <https://goo.gl/ZTcR6q>
- * Donate desserts or other food donations for the silent and live auctions
and/or the bake sale - <https://goo.gl/MnMWzf>

Auction questions: Kathy, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

Lunch questions: Linda, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

DISCIPLESHIP HOURS

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

All are welcome! Here are some upcoming highlights:

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.

Coffee Fellowship - February 18th in Lyle Buck Hall

Hosted by Lydia Circle.

Spaghetti Lunch and Auction - February 25th in Lyle Buck Hall

Sponsored by Christian Education (CE) to support Youth Ministry.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER IS COMING NEXT WEEK!

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 Margot or 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 Angela or the church office. For more information about LCP, please visit their website at littlechildrenphilippines.org.

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.

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*

GENERAL INFORMATION

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the *In-House Chili Cook-Off* on Sunday, January 21. The total money placed in the tip jars equaled \$562.90. This will go to the Chili Cook-Off on *Sunday, March 11* along with our Chili Chef winners – Owen and Andy! Congratulations!!!!

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Flower Chart is posted outside the church office and there are many dates available! Stop by and see which Sunday will work for you.

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 Andi or the church office. Sign up in the Lower Commons or email discipleship@firstpreshc.org.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE ANDROID APP UPDATE COMING SOON!

In preparation for adding Groups to the mobile apps, Instant Church Directory will soon be releasing an update for the Android Member App. This update will allow Android users to create a password of their choice in the app. This upgrade provides a unified login experience across devices without sacrificing security. Please see Tidings Issue 2 February 2018 for more information.

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 is \$34.38. The "Per Capita" is each church member's share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County is faithful in fully paying our congregation's apportionment. A contribution of \$34.38 from every member would mean \$21, 419 which could be put to work in other ways in our congregation's ministries this year. *Have you paid your per capita? Thank you to those who have paid already!*

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 28th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Monday, January 29th

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

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

Tuesday, January 30th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 31st

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Fold Tidings

Thursday, February 1st

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 2nd

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, February 3rd

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRTS

Sunday, February 4th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

COMMUNION | NAME TAG SUNDAY

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

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

CWS Set-up

Nominating Committee Meeting

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

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, 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 by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshec.org by **Thursday, February 15, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the March 2018 Issue #3.