



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
May 6, 2018

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## TODAY

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: Sunday, May 6**

**Taco Get to Know You Fellowship** in Lyle Buck Hall

Everyone is invited! Come and create your favorite tacos from our taco fixings bar and enjoy getting to know your church family. Enjoy cupcakes for dessert as a Thank You! for the new HVAC – Heating & Air Conditioning system. Also get your picture taken at the photo booth for the Church Online Directory.

*Next week's Discipleship Hour, Sunday, May 13 - Happy Mother's Day!*

Pause in the Upper Commons, enjoy coffee fellowship, and select a goody from our gift table before heading out to enjoy your day!

*Everyone is invited! Gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

**LITURGISTS:** Evelyn (8:30); Sara (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Ron (8:30); Margot (10:30); Laura, Laura, Tracy, Francois, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Sue in celebration of Morton's birthday; and by Amy and Pat in joyful celebration of our awesome church family.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TODAY:** Katherine, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland; Elizabeth, by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland; and Jesse, by Profession of Faith. We rejoice in the gifts they bring into our common life, and we look forward to sharing together in ministry. May the light of Christ fill your lives as you grow deep and wide in the love and wisdom of God.

**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, who normally attend *The Worship Bridge* will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

**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.

**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.

**SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME**, First Sunday of the Month

*TODAY Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.*

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018

**Please pray for:** Burta, Janet, Dave, Ron, Wayne, Jerry, Jim, Shirley, Liam, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

**Bereaved:** David, Vivian

**Care Center:** Web, Marvin, Reva

**Upcoming Surgery:** Paul

**Recovering from Surgery:** Jeff, Ruth

**Friends and Family:** Scott's mother, Ann

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Harriet and Bob, in the death of Harriet's twin sister, Martha on April 27, 2018.*

**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](http://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

**Julian of Norwich**, *renewer of the church (1342 – c. 1423)* Julian was most likely a Benedictine nun living in an isolated cell attached to the Carrow Priory in Norwich (pronounced NOR-rich), England. Definite facts about her life are sparse. However, in May 1373, when she was about thirty years old, she reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, in response to her prayer that she be so conformed to Christ's passion that she would experience bodily sickness. For twenty years she ruminated and recorded with impressive balance, her discernment of the meaning of these special revelations. She writes that love is the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love. Her writings are a classic of medieval mysticism, and she is increasingly recognized as a woman of extraordinary power and wisdom.

**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 *India, Pakistan Sri Lanka*.

*Pray for:*

- *Those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty;*
- *Efforts to build understanding and harmony among peoples across religious, caste and ethnic identities;*
- *Leaders to keep priority on the wellbeing of the people and the earth itself amid demands for economic growth.*

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 2018

*We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.*

**Theology, Formation and Evangelism Ministries of the Presbyterian Church USA** brings together ministries that form and transform disciples, leaders, congregations and new worshiping communities. Our ministries are diverse but each empowers a unique witness to Jesus Christ: 1001 New Worshiping Communities, the Company of New Pastors, Financial Aid for Service, Evangelism, Theological Education, Theology and Worship, and Youth/College/Young Adult ministries.

**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.

### **TODAY IS WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY**

As a church, we believe in planning for the future so we can meet people's needs in a few months, years, and even decades. Including a gift to First Presbyterian in your will (also known as a bequest) can help us do that. With a bequest, you can strengthen our faith community and make a difference for the future. To include First Presbyterian Church in your will, consider using the following language: "I give and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or the % of), to be used for the general programs of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, in Columbia, Maryland."

More Information is available in the Church Office. Further information on Planned Giving may also be found at [www.presbyterianfoundation.org](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org) or by contacting Olanda Carr at [olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org).

**DURING THE SEVEN WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE**, we are adding ribbons week by week to the Christ Candle. Each ribbon tells us something about Christ.

4/08: *Jesus Christ is our Peace* – the white ribbon with peace symbols.

4/15: *Jesus Christ is our Way* – the brown ribbon

4/22: *Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd* – the green ribbon

4/29: *Jesus Christ is our life* – the vine

5/06: *Jesus Christ loves us* – hearts

## **ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR 9:30 – 10:25 a.m.**

### **PHILIPPINES JOURNEY**

*with Pastor Morton Harris, Angela and Amy*

*May 6, 13 & 20 – Room 252*

In February, a small group of travelers from our congregation visited Dumaguete City to see Emma Warman, our church member who is serving as a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer this year. Pastor Morton Harris, Amy Curran and Angela Nichols will describe their trip – the sights, the sounds, the foods, the people, and what they learned.

### **BOOK DISCUSSION – *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*,**

*by Reni Eddo-Lodge – led by Paula and Erin*

*May 6, 13 & 20 – Room 258*

### **THE BIBLE IN DEPTH: Song of Solomon - 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 on Sunday mornings 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*

**Pastor Morton will be leading the study on May 9.**

We are studying *Resurrection Stories*. Come join us! This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! Everyone welcome!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extra volunteers are needed in the Nursery on May 13 and 20. One of our regular Nursery workers is not available on those dates so we need your help. To volunteer visit [www.firstpreshc.org/nursery](http://www.firstpreshc.org/nursery) or talk to Virginia Callegary.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 - Cost: \$10 per child

### HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!

Monday-Friday, July 23-27, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

3 years (potty trained) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Visit [www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2018](http://www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2018) to register and/or volunteer.

Questions? Email the Directors at [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org).



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

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

Wednesday, May 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

#### Mid-High Movie Night

Sunday, May 20, 5:00-7:30 p.m. - at the Burris' Home

So far this year we've played games, cooked dinner, and worked on a farm together. Now let's watch a movie and eat pizza together!

Contact Virginia Callegary with questions.



## MASSANETTA AND MONTREAT PAYMENTS DUE

Final payments for the summer youth trips are due TODAY **Sunday, May 6**. Check your email for more detailed information.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION – NEW DATE – Sunday, May 20!!!

First Presbyterian Church will honor High School Graduates in worship, at both services, on **Sunday, May 20, 2018**.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**INTERESTED IN LITURGICAL DANCE?** Come join us for our next dance. Contact Julianna or the church office.

### MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FRANCISCAN CENTER - through May 27

First Presbyterian Church is helping provide gently worn men's clothing such as suits, slacks, shirts, etc. to the Franciscan Center, a non-profit faith based organization in Baltimore City. Please clean out your closets and donate to this worthy cause. Questions? Contact Blessing or the church office.

### THE CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers needed! The Center is holding a workday to spruce up its dormitory space for summer mission weeks: **Saturday, May 12**, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Various Tasks for the day: painting the new large front doors, putting in an air conditioning unit upstairs in office, spackling, sanding, and/or patching the new bedroom (old office), scraping above where the new doors were hung, sanding and painting, put up hooks in bathrooms. Questions? Contact Pat or the church office.

### JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – May – "Spic & Span"

As part of the Deacon's continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for May is donation of cleaning supplies - dish soap,

laundry detergent, Clorox, general household cleaners. Please leave your regular contribution - plus cleaning items - in the wooden "Just One Can" bin in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR** is every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall  
**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Israel and Jordan Trip Roundtable Q&A - in Lyle Buck Hall**  
Join Pastor Sue for a casual roundtable Q&A discussion about her recent trip to Israel and Jordan. Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Deacons.  
*Everyone is invited! Gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

**PENTECOST IS COMING!** Woody Collins, Church Sexton, needs help preparing the sanctuary for Pentecost on *Tuesday, May 15*. Please contact him if you can help, [sexton@firstpreshc.org](mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org)

### **PENTECOST OFFERING – Sunday, May 20**

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering. Let us celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise to us through the coming of the Holy Spirit by guiding our young people toward a brighter, faith-filled future.

### **TRIVIA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

*Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>* at 2:00 p.m. - \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 12-18.

Get a table of friends together or come by yourself and a table of friends will be formed and show off all of that minutiae that's been lodged in your brain over the years. All proceeds will benefit the pilot Guatemala University Scholarship program. Sign up to play in the Lower Commons, or by getting in touch with Mandy Foust, [flamandaf@hotmail.com](mailto:flamandaf@hotmail.com), 240-247-7990. Hope to see you there!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on *Monday, May 28, 2018* in celebration of Memorial Day.

# 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, May 6<sup>th</sup>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG SUNDAY

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

Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

## Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

SUPER TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission

Strengthening the Church

## Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

## Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

3:00 p.m. PW Tea on the Tiber

## Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY | 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

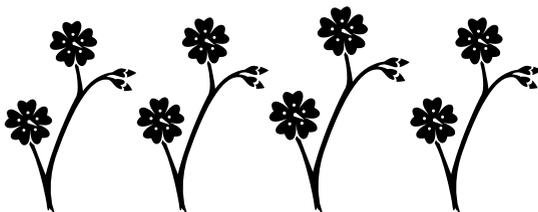
Conversations on Race

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, May 10, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2018 Issue #6.



**Geraniums for Pentecost**  
**Pentecost is Sunday, May 20, 2018**  
**Help us decorate the sanctuary in red!**  
**Please order a geranium!**  
**\$6.00 per plant**  
**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 6**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

How paid: \_\_\_ check \_\_\_ cash | Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

If you place your payment in an offering envelope  
clearly mark it for geraniums. Thank you.

List my name in bulletin as: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Pick up plant(s) **after 10:30 a.m.** service on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Donate to church to be planted in church gardens
  - Call the church office to make other arrangements

**Please place the completed form in the offering plate,  
basket at the Welcome Desk or in mailbox #4**

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If you have any questions please call the church office,  
410-730-3545 or Jan Agazio, 410-309-0290.

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