



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 13, 2018

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *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!

*Next week's Discipleship Hour, **Sunday, May 20***

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.

LITURGIST: Patricia (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Ron, M.J. (8:30); Sara, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Gloria in honor of Rylenn's and Gage's 4th and 3rd birthdays and in memory of Anne G. Leebrick; and by Blessing in remembrance of her father, J. C. Iheme, who left us ten years ago this month, and my uncle Abraham Osafie Imade. May they rest in peace knowing that their pasts remain present in us.

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.

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

5/13: *Jesus Christ is one with God* – gold



GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 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

Recovering from Surgery: Jeff, Ruth, Paul

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

Rachel Carson (May 27, 1907 – April 14, 1964) was a marine biologist, author and conservationist, whose book *Silent Spring* (1962) brought environmental concerns to an unprecedented share of the American population. She grew up in western Pennsylvania, in a Presbyterian (!) household. She graduated from a Presbyterian women's college in Pittsburgh (Chatham College) and then did graduate work at Johns Hopkins. She went to work for the US Bureau of Fisheries. Her first book, *The Sea Around Us* (1951), won the National Book Award. She then turned to full-time attention to nature writing. In the late 1950s she began to be interested in synthetic chemical pesticides. *Silent Spring* drew attention to the use of DDT and other pesticides and led to the reversal of pesticide policy, much to the dismay of major chemical companies. The book inspired a grassroots movement of environmentalists and conservationists, to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency. Her life bears witness to the proposition that one person can make a difference to the world.

We also remember: The State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948.

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 *Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal*

Pray for:

- *Efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies*
- *Those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure;*
- *Religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony.*

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.

- ✦ Franklinville Church – *without a pastor*
- ✦ Frederick Church – *Pastor Eric Myers*
- ✦ Glen Burnie Korean Church – *Pastor Jeffrey Kim*
- ✦ Good Shepherd Church in Joppatown – *Interim Pastor Jeanne Gay*

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

PHILIPPINES JOURNEY

*with Pastor Morton Harris, Angela and Amy
May 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 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

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

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 5th graders

Visit www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2018 to register and/or volunteer.

Questions? Email the Directors at vbs@firstpreshc.org.



STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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

Mid-High Movie Night

NEXT 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.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION – NEXT Sunday, May 20, 2018

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.

CAN YOU ADOPT A TREE THIS SUMMER?

On **Sunday, June 3**, after church, come to Branch Hall to find out how you can care for one of our ten young native trees. Care means checking the weekly water level, looking for weeds and insect/animal damage. Please contact Dede or the church office for more information.

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 27th – Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Lydia Circle - in Lyle Buck Hall
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

PENTECOST OFFERING – NEXT 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 - NEXT Sunday, May 20 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 or the church office. Hope to see you there!

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

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Seibel's* in Burtonsville on **Tuesday, May 29** at 11:30 a.m. It is located at 15540 Old Columbia Pike (at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 198). 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. Want to carpool? Contact Andi Packard to let her know you need a ride.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

Begins Sunday, June 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. – First Worship

Thirty good minutes of hymns, prayer and a Bible lesson – especially friendly for families with young children. Everyone welcome!

10:00 a.m. – Summer Worship

Neither “traditional” nor “contemporary” – just the best of First Presbyterian’s worshipping tradition! A gathering of the whole church to enjoy God together through hymns and songs, prayers and praise, scripture lessons and a sermon. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of a wonderful summer experience!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN RETURNS with the Summer Worship Schedule. We need extra hands! Share in this ministry by signing up to host. Look for a sign up at the lemonade table out front starting Sunday, June 18th.

OTHER IMPORTANT WORSHIP DATES:

Sunday, June 3

Communion

Last Day of Church School

Sunday, June 10

Summer Worship Begins (see details above)

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Church Picnic following worship

Sunday, June 17

Father’s Day


Lemonade on the Lawn Begins

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 13th

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

Monday, May 14th

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

Tuesday, May 15th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 16th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Staff Lunch

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

6:30 p.m. Baltimore Presbytery Cuba Team

7:00 p.m. Year Round Stewardship Committee

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, May 17th

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 18th

11:00 a.m. Tidings Folded

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

4:00 p.m. Fink/Denissen Wedding

Sunday, May 20th

DAY OF PENTECOST | PENTECOST OFFERING

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

Run for Coffee Final Meeting

2:00 p.m. Trivia - Guatemala University Scholarship Fundraiser

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, June 14, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the July/August 2018 Issue #7.