



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
September 9, 2018

TODAY

AKWAABA AND THE MINISTRY FAIR, TODAY Sunday, September 9, 2018

Come celebrate as we kick off the 2018-2019 program year! Enjoy a morning filled with fun and fellowship. Join us in Lyle Buck Hall from 9:30-10:25 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. for refreshments and to learn about the many exciting Mission Opportunities available to you at First Presbyterian Church.

AKWAABA! is the word for "Welcome!" in the Twi language which is spoken in Ghana. We use it for the Sunday when we welcome the beginning of the new season in our congregational life.



LITURGIST: Virginia Callegary

USHERS & GREETERS: Ron, M.J., Angela (8:30); Sara, Melanie (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew); Welcome back Chancel Choir!

PANSIES FOR AKWAABA adorning the sanctuary and grounds are given to the glory of God by Jan, Elaine, Kristin, Melanie, Nancy, Linda, Jeff & Natalie, Wilma, Morton & Sue, Toni, Heather, Evelyn, Tracy, Kathy, Martin & Caroline, Lynne, Margot.



FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Martin, in celebration of the birthday of his lovely wife Caroline on September 11.

THE RED ROSE in the pulpit today is in celebration of the birth of Audrey Joan, daughter of Erin and Ryan, born on July 24, 2018.

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.

CALL FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 23 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill a vacancy in the class of 2020. Elder Doris Rocha has resigned her seat as an active elder due to her health. The Congregation's Nominating Committee has met and is prepared to place a name in nomination.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Please pray for: Jim, Ed, Burta, Merle, Dave, Judy, Reva, Jerry, Jim, Andi, Nicolaus, Martin, Ann, Shirley, Shirley

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

Bereaved: Sarah and Meredith, David, Beth; Linda, Nan, Eric

Hospitalized: *Doris*, Doris, Beth

Care Center: Marvin, Bob

Hospice Care: *Doug*, often a guest musician at FPC

Recovering from Surgery: *Catherine*, Paul, Paula, Mike, Jonathan

Births: *Audrey Joan* on July 24, 2018, daughter of Erin and Ryan.

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru.

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

Dante Alighieri (c. 1265 – September 13 or 14, 1321). Little is known of this greatest of Italian poets except that he was born in Florence and educated by Dominicans. When he insisted that the Pope should be concerned for religious needs, while the monarch should have equal power to care for temporal needs, Dante was stripped of his property and exiled. By choosing to write in the Italian Tuscan dialect, rather than in Latin, Dante influenced decisively the course of language and literature. His monumental classic, *Divine Comedy*, is a profound vision of humankind's destiny. It reflects his own wandering from city to city and his unfulfilled love for an unknown woman referred to only as Beatrice. She evokes a profound longing as she leads the pilgrimage from hell through purgatory to heaven and into the face of God. Dante never returned to Florence. He died and is buried in Ravenna.

We also remember:

On September 11, 2001 a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the terrorist group al-Qaeda attempted to destroy buildings symbolic of the United States. Two hijacked planes destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City; another struck the Pentagon, and a fourth, thought to be headed to the White House, was prevented from hitting its target through the courageous acts of its passengers, and instead crashed in rural Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,996 people and injured over 6,000 others and caused at least \$10 billion in property and infrastructure damage and \$3 trillion in total costs.

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 *Ghana, Nigeria*. *Pray for:*

- Those affected by violence and terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease;
- Just and peaceful relations between members of different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians;
- Those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, whooping cough and HIV and AIDS.

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.

- ✦ Light Street Church in Baltimore City – *Tim Hughes Williams, Pastor*
- ✦ Lochearn Church in Baltimore County – *John Brewington, Commissioned Ruling Elder*
- ✦ Madison Avenue Church in Baltimore City – *Phyllis Felton, Temporary Supply Pastor*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY Sunday, September 9, 2018

Come at 9:30 a.m. to meet the teachers and classmates! All classes will visit the Ministry Fair to learn about the mission of the church. Ark and L.I.F.E. students will gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for a time of singing, then will go to the Ministry Fair. Mid-highs and Senior Highs will go directly to their classrooms then attend the Ministry Fair. Adults will attend the Ministry Fair!

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES: 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 (*see announcement for classes*)

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE – Children's Story Bibles

Thanks to The Howard and Pat Baughman Fund and The Memorial Fund *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* are in the pews in the Sanctuary this morning. This will give children the opportunity to look at the pictures and read the stories of our faith while they are worshipping as part of the family of God. We also hope that the very presence of a Children's Bible in the pews will reinforce the message that children are welcome in worship here.

Stop by the Christian Education table at the Ministry Fair TODAY September 9th to purchase your own copy of *Growing in God's Love*.

SECOND GRADERS will receive Bibles during worship on *Sunday, September 23, 2018*. Check with Virginia Callegary to make sure your child is on the list.

CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE

Sunday, September 30, 2018

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, September 30th* children and their parents are invited to gather for a meal together at church. Afterwards we will talk about the way that Communion is like the Lord's family gathering for a meal, and practice what to say and what to do during the sacrament.

Children in elementary school are invited to attend whether or not they have already taken part in the Lord's Supper. Please RSVP to Virginia Callegary, vcalleary@firstpreshc.org if you are able to attend.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

MID-HIGH KICKOFF!

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Come for the cookout, stay for the water games! We're getting ready to start a new year of Mid-High Fellowship and we hope you can attend the super fun kickoff we have planned! We'll cook burgers and hot dogs on the grill and then play some slippery water games. Bring your appetite, clothes that can get wet, and a water gun if you have one.

SENIOR HIGH SUPPER, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, September 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

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, September 13, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2018 Issue #9.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

starts NEXT *Sunday, September 16, 2018 - 9:30-10:25 a.m.*

Conversations on Race Book Study:

Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong

with Genevieve and Sequoyah

September 16 to October 14 –Room 258

Histories and Mysteries of Jesus and His Times

led by Bill

September 16 through November 18 – Room 252

The Bible in Depth: Isaiah

facilitated by Doyle

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

Games & Conversations

facilitated by Brian & Ann - Room 205

Post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., begins Wednesday, September 12

We're starting this season of Bible Study, conversation and prayer by taking a deep dive into the Letter of James – to go with the sermon series in September on James. This book is ethical instruction or wisdom literature. In these five short chapters, the Letter of James addresses some of our deepest struggles with living an authentic Christian life. No experience necessary! Everyone welcome!

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsals Are Beginning!

Handbell Choir – *Wednesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m.*

Chancel Choir - *Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.*

For more info contact: Jimmy Galdieri, Director of Music Ministries



LITURGIST INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, September 23 at 11:45 a.m. in Room 258

All current liturgists and others considering serving the congregation as a liturgist are invited to attend. The basics of how to lead public worship, introduce and read scripture lessons, etc. will be covered. Questions? Contact Pastor Sue Lowcock Harris or Liturgist Lead John or the church office.

SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME - First Sunday of the Month, Woodlands Chapel

Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. We will Bless the Animals this month!

Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE BEGINS TODAY.

Our goal is 82 scholarships, continuing support for all current students and replacing each graduate with a new student. The families in our partner presbytery are deeply grateful to us for giving their young people the opportunity to reach their goals in life. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460, but contributions of any size are welcome. Yellow donor cards are at the Welcome Center and have been mailed to past donors.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR IN THE CARIBBEAN - No passport required. First Presbyterian and the National Capital Presbytery are travelling to Puerto Rico for a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) trip to help those most in need, *December 31, 2018 through January 8, 2019*. Cost of trip inclusive of all expenses is approximately \$800. The PDA camp is located in Pasadena de Angeles. If you are interested please contact Pat or the church office.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – September – “Food Staples”

The Board of Deacons is campaigning for additional donations of grains and beans as part of our continuing efforts against hunger in Howard County. Recommended items are: rice, pasta, dried or canned lentils, dried or canned beans, packages rice/pasta side dishes. Please leave your donations in the wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thanks on behalf on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed Residents of Howard County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES! Please pick up a new copy (one per family) of the Church Directory at the Ministry Fair today.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL KICK-OFF - BREAKFAST EVENT

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Fellowship, breakfast food, and fun! Sign-up in the Lower Commons. Cost: \$5.00 Bring a friend! Questions: call Carol or the church office.

SIZZLING SATURDAY S'MORES - CORRECT DATE - Saturday, September 15

at 6:00 p.m. in the Woodlands Chapel

Bring your roasting skills and we'll provide the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. If it's raining we'll meet in Lyle Buck Hall to play games. Questions? Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

RUTH CIRCLE would like to extend a special invitation to women to join us this year, as we have fun, support each other, do service projects and delve into wonderful books. First meeting is *Sunday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.* in the Parlor. This year we are reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, by two Nobel Peace Prize winners: the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Questions, contact Sara or Gloria or the church office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS explores what it means to be part of the First Church household. This one session class scheduled on *Sunday, October 14, 2018* at 11:30 a.m. is the way to become a member. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

“GIVE IT A SECOND LIFE” Collection: On *Saturday, September 15* WANTED: used items (adult and children's bicycles, portable sewing machines, eyeglasses, hearing aids, purses, pocketbooks, musical instruments and baseball equipment) which will be repaired as needed and distributed to needy families in inner-city Baltimore, Africa, and Latin America. Take to Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., Columbia from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tax receipts provided. Contact: Tom McCarthy, 301-570-4680

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

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| Actual Income as of September 6, 2018 | \$ 572,252.03 |
| Actual Expenses as of September 6, 2018 | <u>608,114.23</u> |
| Total | (\$ 35,862.20) |


It takes an average of \$2,255 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is (16) days ahead/(behind).

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, September 9th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS | AKWAABA SUNDAY | THE MINISTRY FAIR

DEDICATE CHILDREN'S PEW BIBLES

MINUTE FOR MISSION – CE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, The Ministry Fair

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour = The Ministry Fair

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

Monday, September 10th

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

Tuesday, September 11th

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission

Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, September 12th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

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

Year Round Stewardship Committee

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 14th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 15th

9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Fall Breakfast Kick-off

Church Work Day

6:00 p.m. Sizzling Saturday S'mores

Sunday, September 16th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SECOND GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

MINUTE FOR MISSION – GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour = Coffee Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Ruth Circle