



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 6, 2019

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, January 6*

Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Discipleship & Caring Ministries in Lyle Buck Hall

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, January 13*

Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Ruth Circle in Lyle Buck Hall

Everyone is invited to gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

LITURGIST: Linda (10:30)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: *Ushers & Greeters:* Debbie (8:30); Sara, (10:30) *Tech Crew:* Laura, Tracy, Debbie, Jonathan



FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Agnes and by Kristin and Andy in memory of Robert Freund, Kristin's dad who died January 6, 1991. You are missed.

THE RED ROSE in the pulpit today is in celebration of the birth of Luke Nicholas, son of Marianne and Brian.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 10:00 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.

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. Please place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS (including hymns and scripture readings) are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, help us keep our carpets clean; no food or drink in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

2019 – A Year Worth Celebrating! 2019 is the 125th anniversary of the gift of the Communion Set in 1894. This year is also a special year for other events in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Watch First Day! for other historical announcements.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

Please pray for: Alex, Mispa, Catherine, Burta, Janet, Dave, *Dylan*, Reva, Jerry, Jim, Paul, Doris, Martin, Ann, Jimmie Vance, Shirley Weingarten, Shirley Wolf, Beth

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

Bereaved: Sarah, Beth; Jim, Laura & Bruce, Rusty, Janet

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: *Mil*, Sarah

Births: *Luke Nicholas, son of Marianne and Brian, grandson of Janet and Will.*

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff & Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed & 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

Thomas Stearns Eliot (*September 26, 1888 – January 4, 1965*) was an essayist, publisher, playwright, literary and social critic, and one of the twentieth century's major poets. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He went to Harvard University, where he majored in philosophy. He graduated in 1909, and went to Paris to study at the Sorbonne for a year, before returning to Harvard, where he studied Sanskrit and Indian philosophy. When he was 25, in 1914, he was awarded a fellowship to study at Merton College, Oxford. He stayed on in England, and became a citizen of the UK in 1927.

Eliot's mystical Christian faith birthed such poetic classics as *The Waste Land*, *The four Quartets*, and *Ash Wednesday*, and his play about the martyrdom of Thomas Becket, *Murder in the Cathedral*. He asserted that the bourgeois world was suffocating in its superficiality, doomed to end itself "not with a bang but with a whimper." The alternative he proposed was to lose oneself in the depth of each moment, touching there the Eternal as the timeless center of history's turning wheel. On Epiphany, you might want to find his poem, *The Journey of the Magi*.

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 *Iran, Iraq, Syria*. *Pray for:*

- Thanksgiving for the resilience of the people who remain in Syria, Iraq and Iran, despite constant threats and ongoing violence;
- The international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved;
- Greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

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 2019

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

We begin the year by praying for the whole mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA – every congregation, every mission coworker, every seminary, all those who work in our national offices in Louisville, and all the mission and ministry they enable, support and encourage. And for these national leaders: The Rev. J Herbert Nelson II, *Stated Clerk*; Elder Vilmarie Citron-Olivieri, *Co-Moderator*; The Rev. Cindy Kuhlman, *Co-Moderator*

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 27, 2019** 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.

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

Sunday Evening Quiet Time, First Sunday of the Month

Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time. We gather in the Chancel.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

Handbell Choir – Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

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



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

Book Discussion: *Barracoon* by Zora Neale-Hurston

facilitated by Paula & Erin

Sundays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Room 258

Discussion Forum for Parents, facilitated by parents of adult children

January 6, 13, 20, 27 – Room 252

Facing challenges as you parent your pre-teen or teenage children? Please join us during the month of January to share ideas for effective parenting from a faith perspective.

Each week, the facilitators will share a short article about a different concern parents and their children face. Participants will have time to read the article at the beginning of class and choose a point they'd like to discuss. The remainder of the time will be devoted to a whole group discussion of the topic in the article.

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 – 11:00 a.m., every Wednesday, every week – in the Parlor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS at 9:30 a.m. - Ark and L.I.F.E. will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. then will go to their classes!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Supper, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, January 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 10, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Meeting with Parents about Mid-High Program – All 5th–7th Grade Parents

Sunday, January 13, 11:30 a.m.

The Mid-High Program is in need of a “booster shot”. We need your thoughts, ideas and commitment in order to keep this program vital in our church life. Please join Morton, Virginia and Marla on *Sunday, January 13th* after the 10:30 service to brainstorm what we as a church family want this program to be. We have the youth, we just need to talk about what and how to continue this Mid-High program.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

COME LEND A HAND as we pack away the greenery and lights of Advent and Christmas on *Saturday morning, January 12, 2019* at 9:00 a.m. WAM thanks you!

THE MITTEN TREE - The Deacons are asking for donations of new or very gently used hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and warm socks for children and adults. These will be distributed to the less fortunate in our community. The collection runs from *January 6 – February 3, 2019*. The Mitten Tree will be located in the Upper Commons. Contact: Jean or the church office

CAN YOU HELP WITH CHILDREN IN JANUARY?

CE and our children’s parents truly appreciate those of you who have volunteered to help in Ark, Godly Play, and the Nursery so far this year.

Right now we have many openings for volunteers in January. Ark teachers need helpers on *January 13, 20, and 27*; Godly Play needs volunteers on *January 6 and 13*; and the Nursery needs helpers every Sunday in January.

If you can help out, please go to the FirstPresHC.org web site, click on the scrolling pictures, and enter your information on the Sunday when you can help.

MOVEABLE FEAST is a charitable organization whose mission is to foster a community that cares for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries and providing nutritional counseling and other services. Our church provides home baked goods on the Second Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please leave your dessert in the kitchen and mark it Moveable Feast. For additional information check them out at mfeast.org

THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER is coming around again! We will host from *Monday, February 4 through Monday, February 18, 2019*. We need everyone's help to set up the church and take care of our guests. Please see the sign up board in the Lower Commons for more information. Questions? Ask Margot or Woody Collins or contact the church office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM – The Offering Plate and Beyond

It's not too late to turn in your estimate of giving card for 2019.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES this morning in Branch Hall. Last chance before they are mailed.

2018 ANNUAL REPORTS were due *Friday, January 4, 2019*. Please send your reports ASAP to fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org or leave them in mailbox #4. Thank you to those who have already submitted them!

COORDINATING COUNCIL will meet on *Wednesday, January 9, 2019* at 7:00 p.m. in Room 258.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

NEXT Sunday, January, 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (2nd Sunday)

Topic: SPEAKING OUT FOR CREATION: Maryland LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Two of Earth Forum's partners, *Interfaith Power & Light* and *Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake*, will discuss how to advocate for environmental bills that are to be introduced in the Maryland 2019 General Assembly. The current three top environmental issues are: The Green Amendment, The Clean Energy Jobs Acts, and a Ban on Styrofoam food containers. Members of these two partner organizations who are issue experts will outline priority legislation: why it's important for Maryland and how we can be advocates from a moral and religious perspective. Come to the Earth Forum! Open to all!

INTRODUCTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED STEWARDS

Tuesday, January, 15, 2019 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In this class you'll receive an overview of requirements for certification as a Master Watershed Steward, and obtain an overview of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. You can address your concerns about water quality issues on your property, in your neighborhood and in your county.

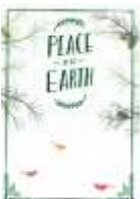
This class will introduce you to some of the problems associated with storm water and their solutions to appropriate property and water quality management, related to the health of our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Understand why citizen behavior is vital, both locally and globally, to the sustainability of our natural resources.

Learn about the requirements for becoming a Master Watershed Steward.

Classes are held at the University of Maryland Extension classroom, located at 3300 N Ridge Rd, Suite 240, Ellicott City, MD

Tuition: \$60 (fee based, no waivers)

To register go to <https://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/business-training-center/business-courses/trades/chesapeake-bay-watershed-stewards/index.html>



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS DINNER – PEACE ON EARTH

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Celebrate Christmas in January with PW. There will be a catered dinner, dessert and entertainment. Secret Pals revealed. Bring donations for *Helping Up Mission*. Tickets are \$20.00 each and will go on sale *Sunday, December 30th* in the Lower Commons. Questions, contact Carol or Debbie or the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday 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 6th

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | PDA MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

11:45 a.m. SMLT Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

Monday, January 7th

PDA MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

7:00 p.m. Guatemala Stove Trip Meeting

Tuesday, January 8th

SUPER TUESDAY

PDA MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education | Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, January 9th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

PDA MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 11th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. De-Green the Sanctuary

Lydia Circle

1:00 p.m. Basic Zentangle Class

Sunday, January 13th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SENDING OUT – GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION - FIRN

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle