



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
February 10, 2019

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, February 10*

Puerto Rico Mission Team Members will be providing an overview of the purpose of the trip. There will be a video of the trip and we will discuss future trip possibilities.

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

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, February 17*

Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Lydia Circle

Join us to learn more about Conversations on Race and share your thoughts and feelings on the *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

LITURGISTS: Toni (8:30); John (10:30)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: *Ushers & Greeters:* Ron, M. J. (8:30); Mispa (10:30) *Tech Crew:* Laura, Tracy, Laura, Jonathan, Margot, Sara

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Morton and Sue in celebration of their wedding anniversary; and by Amy in celebration of Pat's birthday on February 12.

ZENTANGLE® ARTIST: Thanks to Evelyn for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.

TODAY WE SEND OUT our 2019 Cuba Mission Team to attend the Encuentro Meeting, *February 15-22, 2019*

WE WELCOME GUEST SOLOIST, Rayshun LaMarr today at the 10:30 service.

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.

MEETINGS TODAY at 11:30 a.m.:

Conversations on Race, Parlor

Knitting Ministry, Room 204

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTORS SUE AND MORTON.

Planning meeting with Pastor Sue – TODAY *Sunday, February 10 at 11:45 a.m.*

Israel/West Bank, with extension to Jordan. *October 11-27, 2019.* We'll explore places we read about in the Bible and experience the modern complexity of life in the Middle East. This is a small group trip, fully escorted, all meals, transportation, guide services, entrance fees, and gratuities. Trip deposits are due *March 1.*

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Please pray for: Alex, Mispa, Catherine, Burta, Janet, Dave, Dylan, Reva, Mil, Jim, Paul, Doris, Martin, Shirley, Shirley, Beth

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

Friends & Family: Joyce, Tim; Connie; Ann; *Kathy's mother, Barbara*

Bereaved: Sarah, Beth; Jim, Cheri, Elaine, Carolyn, Laura & Bruce

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: Emily, Sarah

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with John and Ellen, in the death of John's father, Walt, on February 2, 2019.*

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

Henry Highland Garnet (*December 23, 1815-February 13, 1882*) was born into slavery in New Kent County, Maryland. His entire family escaped to New Hope, PA in 1824. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1841, to serve Liberty Street Church in Troy, NY. In 1865, Garnet was serving as Pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington DC. President Lincoln invited him to preach to the US House of Representatives. He was the first African-American to address congress, and one of the first African-Americans to be admitted to the Capitol building. Garnet was in the vanguard of African-Americans who began to seek remedy in the political system. By 1849, Garnet began to favor the emigration of blacks to Africa, Mexico and the West Indies. In 1881 President Garfield appointed Garnet as the first ambassador to the newly founded nation of Liberia. Garnet died in Liberia two months after his arrival.

We also remember:

- The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909
- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded on February 14, 1957

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 Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland. *Pray for:*

- Environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers
- The work for justice, reconciliation and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all
- Religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions
- Overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Catonsville Church – *Ken Kovacs, Pastor; Dorothy Bolton, Associate Pastor*
- ✦ Central Church in Towson – *John Schmidt, Pastor; Laura Crihfield and Andrew Nagel, Associate Pastors*
- ✦ Cherry Hill Church in Baltimore City – *Keith Page, Pastor; Cleoda Walker, Commissioned Ruling Elder*

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Come be part of a Church Family Congregational Choir for Black History Month!

Director of Music Ministries, Jimmy Galdieri, invites you to sing two Gospel selections during worship next *Sunday, February 17*.

This group is OPEN TO ALL – children, youth, collegians, adults of every age – everybody is welcome. Previous choir experience is not necessary! There will be a rehearsal today in the sanctuary at 11:40 a.m. and will last 45 minutes.



Rehearsals:

Handbell Choir – *Wednesday, February 13, 2019* at 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir – no rehearsal, resume *Thursday, February 21, 2019* at 7:15 p.m.

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

MUSIC DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH features African-American composers and arrangers. We're exploring African-American spirituals and gospel music. Here are this week's featured composers and arrangers.

- **Donnie McClurkin, Jr.** is an American gospel singer and minister. He has won three Grammy Awards, ten Stellar Awards, two BET Awards, two Soul Train Awards, one Dove Award and one NAACP Image Awards. He is one of the top selling Gospel music artists, selling over 10 million albums worldwide. Variety dubbed McClurkin as a "Reigning King of Urban Gospel".
- **Joseph T. Jones, 1902 – 1983, (*Every Time I Feel The Spirit*)** was an African-American Presbyterian pastor who introduced African-American music into Presbyterian congregations in the south. He was the son of former slaves. He graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in 1927 and became a Sunday School missionary. He traveled throughout the Southeast, organizing Sunday Schools, sometimes in isolated and neglected places, and providing opportunities for religious growth to children and adults. He frequently sang and led singing, and was urged to collect the spirituals he sang. In 1961 the church published *Great Day: Negro Spirituals as Sung and Directed by J.T. Jones*. Melva Costen later called on Jones' work for the 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal*.
- **J Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986, (*Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah!*)** was a musician composer, hymnologist and editor of several collections for the United Methodist Church. He had particular expertise in the field of African-American music. He edited a groundbreaking collection of African-American song, *Songs of Zion* (1981). He was born in Georgia, educated at Clark University, received his doctorate from Boston University, taught at several colleges and universities and ended his career at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC.
- **Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)** composed the tune *McKee* for the hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*. *McKee* is based on an African-American spiritual tune for another song. Burleigh was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and studied music at National Conservatory of Music in New York where he was a student of Anton Dvorak. Burleigh's singing of African-American spirituals stimulated Dvorak's interest in them, and quite possibly influenced the major themes in Dvorak's *New World Symphony*. His arrangements of spirituals for solo voice and piano, *Jubilee Songs of the USA* (1916) was a major contribution to the field of recital music. He was a charter member of ASCAP. In 1917 he received the NAACP Spingard Medal for highest achievement by an African American.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

More Storytime with the Environmental Curmudgeon

facilitated by Bill

Sundays, February 10, 17, 24 & March 3 – Room 258

Discussion of “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

Led by Kathy

Sundays, February 10 & 17 – Room 252

Understanding the Jewish Sabbath

Led by Anna Marie and Debbie

Sunday, February 24 – 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 – 11:00 a.m., every Wednesday, every week – in the Parlor

We are beginning a study of the Book of Hebrews, so it is a great time to join in! Everyone welcome! **Our Bible Study Snow and Severe Weather policy is:** if no school, no Bible Study. If school opening is delayed, we gather at 10:00 a.m.

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!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Confirmation Class

Thursday, February 14, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Supper, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, February 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Spaghetti Lunch & Auction - Sunday, February 24

Come one and all to the Youth Ministry Spaghetti Lunch and Auction!

This is a big fundraising event for First Presbyterian Youth. Proceeds of the event go to fund youth programs and help defray the cost of retreats and other youth activities, keeping them affordable for all.

Come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti lunch served by our Mid and Senior High Youth and stay for the ever-exciting auction—we will have both donated items AND delicious desserts! In addition to our lively live and silent auctions, we will have a bake sale table with a wide variety of goodies for purchase.

Visit firstpreshc.org/auction to sign up to volunteer or donate desserts or other items for the silent and live auctions and the bake sale.

Questions? Contact Kathy Woods, kathy@treetrio.com

5th-7th Graders – Pizza and Conversation

Thursday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. in Room 204

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE MEDICINE FOR CUBA. Pick up a list in the Welcome Center. Bring your donations to the church office by *Tuesday, February 12*.

THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER IS HERE! We need one more male evening host for *Monday, February 11* from 5:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. See sign-up sheet in the Lower Commons. Please do not enter the guests' sleeping rooms (marked with signs on the doors). Thank you so much for all the generous donations! I can personally attest to our excellent cooks. If you are available on **Monday, February 18th between 7:00 a.m. and noon**, we can use help putting the church back to rights. For questions, see Margot.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – February - Fight Against Cold

This month Deacons salute our church's commitment to the Cold Weather Shelter. Cold weather is difficult enough without a roof over your head, much less warm food. Thousands of people are going hungry in our area despite the hard work of the Howard County Food Bank and other food pantries. Please demonstrate your support of their tireless efforts by donating hearty, nutritious and filling foods that benefit the homeless, the hungry and the struggling.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

NEXT Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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!

EARTH FORUM IS GOING LIVE!

The first hour will be live-streamed on the Facebook pages of *Earth Forum of Howard County* and *First Presbyterian Church*.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES PLEASE NOTE:

The **March Earth Forum** will be on *Sunday, March 10* (second Sunday) at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Wayne Higgins: *Fourth National Climate Assessment*. There will be NO Earth Forum on Sunday, March 17.

The **In-house Chili Kick Off** has been rescheduled to *Sunday, March 17* during the Discipleship Hour at 11:30 a.m. and is now the *St. Patrick's Day Chili Cook Off*.

The **Guatemala Stove Trip Mission Report** will be during Discipleship Hour on *Sunday, March 10* at 11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars so you can attend these events on the correct day!

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, February 10th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SENDING OUT CUBA TEAM | COLD WEATHER SHELTER

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

Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Israel Trip Info Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House

Monday, February 11th

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

7:00 p.m. Guatemala Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th

SUPER TUESDAY | COLD WEATHER SHELTER

12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, February 13th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | COLD WEATHER SHELTER

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

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

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 14th

COLD WEATHER SHELTER | TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

PRESBYTERY MEETING | HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

Friday, February 15th

COLD WEATHER SHELTER | CUBA MISSION TRIP

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, February 16th

COLD WEATHER SHELTER | CUBA MISSION TRIP

9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

Sunday, February 17th

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | COLD WEATHER SHELTER | CUBA MISSION TRIP

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

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

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, February 14, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the March 2019 Issue #3.