



FIRST DAY !

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

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, March 10*

Guatemala Stove Trip Report – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Come hear about the recent trip to Guatemala to install stoves. This project is truly making a difference in the lives of families. Discipleship and Caring Ministries will be hosting snacks.

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

O'Chili Cook Off – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.

We'd love more cooks to compete. Signup in the Lower Commons or contact Woody. Come prepared to taste and vote during Fellowship Hour next Sunday. Benefits Bridges to Housing Stability.

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

LITURGIST: Pat (10:30)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Sarah and Meredith in loving memory of Web.

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.

TODAY IS PDA BLUE T-SHIRT SUNDAY - Wearing your PDA Blue shirts to church is as a visual reminder that *One Great Hour of Sharing* makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world.

MEETINGS TODAY at 11:45 a.m.:

Conversations on Race, Parlor
Knitting Ministry, Room 204

Nominating Committee, Library
Run for Coffee Meeting, Room 205

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

TODAY Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. – note this is the second Sunday!

Presents: *The Fourth National Climate Assessment: Issues, Risks and Adaptation* with the Earth Forum's favorite climate scientist - Dr. Wayne Higgins, Director of NOAA's Climate Program Office. Bring your smartphones or iPads! For additional information, go to www.facebook.com/EarthForumHowardCounty.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2019

Please pray for: 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: Tim, Connie, John, Emily, Ann; Judy's husband, Frank

Bereaved: Sarah, Beth; Jim, Cheri, Elaine, Jean, Carolyn, Laura & Bruce, John & Ellen, Kathy

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: Maggie

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

March is Women's History Month - Fannie Lou Hamer (October 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977) was a voting rights and women's rights activist, and a leader in the civil rights movement. She was born in Mississippi, the last of 20 children. Her family worked as sharecroppers, and from age 6 she picked cotton with her family, and went to sharecropper's children's school in between picking seasons. She developed her ability to read, and her ability to connect the Biblical story to the struggle for civil rights in Bible Study at her church. But it was her singing that caught people's attention! She could inspire and unite people through song. Smithsonian Folkways has published an album of her singing! In June 1963, after successfully registering to vote, Hamer and several other black women were arrested for sitting in a "whites-only" bus station restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina. At the jailhouse, she and several of the women were brutally beaten, leaving Hamer with lifelong injuries from a blood clot in her eye, kidney damage, and leg damage. In 1964 she co-funded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, and went to the Democratic National Convention and demanded to be seated. The all-white Democratic Party was not ready for that! But in 1968, her vision for racial parity in political parties had become a reality and she was a member of Mississippi's first integrated delegation. She helped organize the Freedom Summer. She ran for Congress. She helped found the National Women's Political Caucus. Whether calming people with her singing or speaking truth to power, her voice could not be ignored. The words on her tombstone are: *I am sick and tired of being sick and tired.*

We also remember: On **March 12, 1994** women were ordained as priests in the Church of England, ending the Anglican's 420 year tradition of an exclusively male priesthood.

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 Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway. *Pray for:*

- Churches that advocate and implement measures to redress climate change;
- The poor and marginalized who struggle in these rich countries;
- Personal and investment practices that support environmental sustainability.

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.

- ✦ Christ Our Anchor Church in Annapolis – *Jessica Lowry, Pastor*
- ✦ Christ Our King Church in Bel Air – *Neta Pringle, Interim Pastor*
- ✦ Churchville Church – *Stephen Melton, Pastor*

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

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

Chancel Choir – Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

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



SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME, First Sunday of the Month, Sanctuary
Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

The Mystery of Easter: A Right Brain Exploration of Jesus, His Message, and His Death and Resurrection - *facilitated by Bruce*

Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 252

Conversations on Race Book Discussion

***The Color of Law*, by Richard Rothstein** – *facilitated by Paula*

Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 258

The Bible in Depth: Isaiah - *facilitated by Doyle*—Clark Parlor

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

Games & Conversations - *facilitated by Brian & Ann* – Room 205

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



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 – 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED in Ark, Godly Play, and the Nursery. If you haven't yet volunteered but have been meaning to check your calendars, many spots are open in the coming weeks. To sign up go to firstpreshc.org/volunteer.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – March – Breakfast Items

Let's help the hungry start the morning right with a good breakfast. Our special request for March is donations of cereal (including instant oatmeal), which is the most requested food item month after month in food pantries. There is a limit of one visit per family per month to the Howard County Food Bank, where the quantities given out must be strictly rationed to meet demand.

Please leave your regular contribution - plus boxes of cereal and oatmeal - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer Trip Registrations are due TODAY!!!

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 13, 6:45 p.m.

5th-7th Grade Lock-In

Friday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.

Senior High Supper, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Healthy Relationships Class

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

Confirmation Class Dinner and Meet with Session

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Senior High Trip to Washington DC

Saturday, March 23, meet at church at 9:00 a.m. – details on postcard

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, March 24 during worship

GENERAL INFORMATION

IN-HOUSE O'CHILI COOK OFF is scheduled for NEXT *Sunday, March 17* during the Discipleship Hour at 11:30 a.m. Contact Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org by *Thursday, March 14* if you plan on bringing Chili!!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - *Sunday morning, March 24th at 11:45 a.m.*

Interested in becoming a member? This orientation explores what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church household. Contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare. For more information contact Pastor Morton.

GUATEMALA STOVE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 30 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. - NOTE NEW TIME!

Join us at the home of Pat & Amy Curran for an evening of fun, fellowship, and FUNDRAISING. We will be raising money to purchase stoves for the Guatemala Stove Project. Please RSVP by signing up in the Lower Commons.

SAVE THE DATE for BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY CHILI COOK OFF

Sunday, April 7, 2019 – 12:00-2:30 p.m. – New Location:

The Great Room at Savage Mill, 8600 Foundry St., Savage, MD 20763
The Ninth Annual “Hotter Than Thou” Chili Cook-Off will raise critical awareness about the issue of homelessness and increased need for affordable housing in Howard County. There is no entry fee for this fundraising event. Chili Cook-Off attendees vote by placing cash and checks in the congregation chili cook-off teams’ “Tip Jar” and the congregation which brings in the most money earns the “Golden Ladle”.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTORS SUE AND MORTON

Israel/West Bank, with extension to Jordan. *October 11-27, 2019.*

Spaces are still available. Contact Pastor Sue if you are interested in going!

LENTEN SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



Lenten Devotional for Adults

This year we have a Lenten Devotional for adults called *The Poetry of Lent* based on poetry from Mary Oliver's *Devotions*. A Facebook group has also been formed to discuss the devotional. Pick up a printed copy from the Welcome Center TODAY or check your email or the church Facebook page for more information. (www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/)

Lenten Devotional for Families

A Lenten Devotional for families called *Breaking the Chains* will also be available.



Each day families break a link in the paper chain and are invited to "take part in God's chain-breaking, art-making, world-changing grace - all the way to the joyful freedom of Easter morning!" Pick up a printed copy from the Welcome Center TODAY.

TABLE TALK: Food, Friends and Conversation – Begins this week!

Building the Beloved Community

Wednesday nights in Lent in Lyle Buck Hall – March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10

Soup Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. | Conversation happens beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We close by sharing Communion and finish by 8:15 p.m.

We are a faithful, beloved community, trying to make a difference in the world and in the lives we lead. Come on Wednesday nights and strengthen the bonds of our church's beloved community. Child care will be available.



EASTER LILIES – Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are at the Welcome Desk. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 31**. The cost is \$15 per plant.

Contact: the church office

2019 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies is in motion during Lent and we are on our way to Jerusalem. Everybody can participate! 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. 2,000 steps equals one mile. A sign-up sheet and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. Start moving!

TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT – The Lent 2019 daily reflection-action calendar, "Tread Lightly for Lent," is now available at the Welcome Desk or go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/>. The calendar was created by the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices.

LENTEN QUIET DAYS

Wednesday, April 3 & Thursday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Come, walk the labyrinth...meditate...write...read...color...consider...pray...



HELP NEEDED WITH LABYRINTH FOR QUIET DAYS

Woody Collins could use some able assistants on *Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.* to set up the labyrinth and on *Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.* to restore our sanctuary. Contact Woody Collins, 410-730-3545 x12 or sexton@firstpreshc.org, if you are able to lend a hand (and your back!).



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, March 10th

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- 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 – Guatemala Stove Report
Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry
- 11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

Monday, March 11th

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING OPEN

Tuesday, March 12th

SUPER TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education
Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, March 13th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, March 14th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 15th

- 11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded
- 6:00 p.m. 5th-7th Grade Lock-In

Saturday, March 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
Pick up from 5th-7th Grade Lock-In

Sunday, March 17th

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | MINUTE FOR MISSION – RUN FOR COFFEE

- 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 – In House O’Chili Cook Off
- 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee | Run for Coffee Meeting

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.firstpreschc.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: fpadmin@firstpreschc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpadmin@firstpreschc.org by **Thursday, March 14, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the April 2019 Issue #4.