



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
March 17, 2019

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## TODAY

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, March 17***

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

O'Chili Day is here! Bring your taste buds down to Lyle Buck Hall during Discipleship Hour. Sample all the chilis and vote on your favorites. Many thanks and good luck to our volunteer chefs. Supports Bridges to Housing Stability.

### **NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, March 24***

*Celebrate the Confirmands – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.*

Welcome our newest members with cake!

**Save the date:** Salty, Crunchy Bingo is coming *Sunday, March 31.*

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

**LITURGIST:** Akua (10:30)

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** *Ushers & Greeters:* Angela (8:30); Margot, Mispa (10:30) *Tech Crew:* Laura, Laura, Tracy, Jonathan, Jonathan

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Ben and Clarence in loving memory of Ben's mother Linda on the anniversary of her birthday.

**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.

**MEETING TODAY at 11:45 a.m.:** Run for Coffee Meeting, Library

**THE TWO ANTHEMS TODAY** are settings of a 14<sup>th</sup> century chant, *Ave Verum Corpus*, that was sung at communion. Mozart wrote his famous setting in 1791 for a friend of his who was a church musician. Imagine having Mozart write an anthem for our choir to sing! Elgar wrote his setting in 1902, using earlier material he had imposed in 1887.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** – NEXT *Sunday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup>* 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.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2019

**Please pray for:** Mispa, 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:** Frank, Tim, John, Emily, Ann

**Bereaved:** Sarah, Beth; Jean, Carolyn, John & Ellen, Kathy

**Care Center:** Marvin

**Recovering from Surgery:** Maggie

**Hospitalized:** *Morton*

**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

**Patrick, died 461.** Born of Christian parents in Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates at age sixteen, taken to Ireland and sold into slavery. After six years he escaped and returned to his family in southwest Britain. Soon he had a dream in which he was told to return to Ireland. He did, but after twenty-one years of training in France. He became a successful Christian missionary bishop. We have his own accounts of his confrontations with hostile authorities in power as he founded churches, monasteries and schools. On March 17, Patrick is celebrated as the one who, in twenty-nine years, made Ireland Christian. He has been described as the perfect blend of prayer and action. His baptismal hymn to the Trinity, also called *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, continues to be sung and prayed today. Our Closing Responses for Lent are based on this prayer.

**We also remember: March 20, 1852** – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, or *Life Among the Lowly* is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The book brought to unprecedented light the plight of slaves, especially to people living in the north, and many historians believe the book helped to incite the Civil War.

**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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. *Pray for:*

- Peaceful relations with Russia and among all the ethnic groups in these lands;
- Preservation of the distinct cultural practices, literature, music and natural resources in these countries;
- Just economic development that benefits all citizens in these countries, and for those who live and work abroad.

For more information about the Prayer Cycle,  
visit the website of the World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

### OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2019

*We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ Covenant Church in Hagerstown – *Renee Mackey, Pastor*
- ✦ Dickey Memorial Church in Baltimore – *Jennifer Barchi, Pastor*
- ✦ Emmitsburg Church – *Peter Keith, Stated Supply Pastor*

## WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

### MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

#### Rehearsals:

**Handbell Choir** – Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** – Thursday, March 21, 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 17, 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 252*

#### Conversations on Race Book Discussion

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

## 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](http://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

**Senior High Supper, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Urban Plate* at the Columbia Mall on **Tuesday, March 26, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. 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](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org). Want to carpool? Contact the church office if you need a ride.

### GUATEMALA STOVE FUNDRAISER

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

Join us at the home of Pat & Amy 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. This event will bring together chili cook off teams from Howard County congregations and over 300 community members to raise funds in support of our mission to prevent homelessness. The Chili Cook-Off will also bring together invited local dignitaries, guests and friends for an informal afternoon of light-hearted competition to determine which congregation will earn the coveted “Golden Ladle”. 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”. Amid the fun and fellowship, we give away door prizes, we host a silent auction and raffle, local celebrity chili judging, client testimony, and event sponsors are thanked and promoted. For additional information call 410-312-5760 or visit [bridges2hs.org/event/2019chilicookoff](http://bridges2hs.org/event/2019chilicookoff).

### 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!

**FULL-TIME TEMPORARY POSITION:** Executive Coordinator for OGA Local Ministries General Assembly Meeting Service. September 2019-July 2020. The Executive Coordinator is the day-to-day on-site representative of the Office of the General Assembly in planning for activities leading up to the meetings of the General Assembly. For more details contact the church office: [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org)

# 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/](http://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 20, 27, April 3 & 10

Soup Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. | Conversation begins 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: Jan Agazio, 410-309-0290 or [janicebga@aol.com](mailto:janicebga@aol.com)

## 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | MINUTE FOR MISSION – SPRING PDA 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 – In House O’Chili Cook Off

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

## Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING OPEN

## Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

## Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

Healthy Relationships Class

6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program

Baltimore Presbytery Cuba Team

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

## Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Dinner & Meeting with Session

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Senior High Trip to DC

## Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | CONFIRMATION

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 – Celebrate the Confirmands

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, March 14, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the April 2019 Issue #4.