



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
March 24, 2019

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, March 24*

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

Welcome our newest members with cake!

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, March 31*

Salty, Crunchy BINGO – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.

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

LITURGISTS: Evelyn (8:30); Mike (10:30)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Jan in loving memory of her parents, Betty and Blair; and by Melanie in memory of her beloved brother, Marty.

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. During the 10:30 a.m. service, members of this year's Confirmation Class will make their professions of Christian faith. We rejoice with these young people and all those who love them for this important milestone in their Christian journey. *See the extra insert introducing the 2019 Confirmation Class.*

WE LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning to remember Bunny Sturgill who died on March 22, 2017.

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

TODAY *Sunday morning, March 24th at 11:45 a.m.* in the Parlor

Interested in becoming a member? This orientation explores what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church household.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 5K FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE!

The 10th Annual Family Run for Coffee is ***Saturday, May 4*** at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Sign up to run, walk or volunteer today in the Lower Commons. Do you know a business who would make a good corporate sponsor for the event? We need sponsors who are willing to give a cash donation. Contact Becky or Pat for more information.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2019

Please pray for: Mispa, *Estelene*, Burt, Janet, Dave, Dylan, Reva, *Morton*, Mil, Jim, Paul, Doris, Martin, Shirley, Shirley, Beth

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

Friends & Family: Tim, John, Emily, Ann

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

Care Center: Marvin

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Judy, in the death of her husband, Frank on March 21, 2019.*

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

Viola Luizzo, (April 11, 1925 – March 25, 1965) was an activist, a housewife and mother of five, a member of First Unitarian Church of Detroit, who was killed by four Ku Klux Klan members who fired into her car as she transported African American participants from Montgomery back to Selma. Countless terrific parents heard King's call for Americans to join demonstrators in Alabama after the violence on "Bloody Sunday." Most stayed safely home. In the mid-1960s, it was all but unthinkable for a white mother to answer the call. Luizzo participated in the successful Selma to Montgomery march, and helped coordinate logistics. In contrast to the many unprosecuted civil rights crimes, President Johnson announced the arraignments of the assassins the following day. Then he declared to the nation that, while for decades the enemies of justice have used "the rope and the gun and the tar and the feathers to terrorize their neighbors," that this situation must stop. Viola's death had significant impact on furthering civil rights legislation. Her daughter later reflected, "She actually believed it when Christ said that the suffering and needy are our people. Mom saw all other human beings as her people." Five decades after her death she was awarded the Fred L. Shuttlesworth award from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

We also remember: March is Women's History Month! Who are the women who inspire your faith? Who are the women who brought you to faith?

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 Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia. *Pray for:*

- The religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing;
- Welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities;
- Democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.

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.

- ✦ Faith Church in Baltimore City – *Mary Seers, Interim Pastor*
- ✦ Fallston Church – *Kimberly Secrist Ashby, Pastor*

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

Handbell Choir – Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir – Thursday, March 28, 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 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 252

Conversations on Race Book Discussion

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

Sundays, March 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.

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, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Healthy Relationships Class

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

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. 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.

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.

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.

Breaking the Chains:
A Family-Friendly Lenten Devotional

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 27, April 3 (supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. this night only) & April 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 **NEXT 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. We added 961 miles this week! That puts us hovering over the Island of Newfoundland, Canada. Keep 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 24th

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

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

Monday, March 25th

7:00 p.m. Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

Tuesday, March 26th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 27th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Simple Supper & Table Talk Lenten Program

Thursday, March 28th

1:00 p.m. Staff Lunch

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 29th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins & Tidings Folded

Saturday, March 30th

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Guatemala Stove Project Fundraiser

Sunday, March 31st

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | YOUTH SUNDAY

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 – Salty, Crunchy BINGO

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, April 11, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2019 Issue #5.