



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
April 14, 2019

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, April 14*

Coffee Fellowship, *hosted by Ruth Circle – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.*

NEXT WEEK: *Sunday, April 21*

Easter Breakfast *served from 7:00-10:30 a.m.* in Lyle Buck Hall.

Everyone is invited.

LITURGIST: Jan (10:30)

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

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TODAY, Palm Sunday, we will take up the denomination-wide "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. Please read the insert that is in the today's bulletin and think about helping others around the world with this special offering.

TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, you received a Chamaedorea Palm that was ordered from Eco-Palms. This organization provides environmentally and socially responsible palms for churches and community groups meaning that they were sustainably harvested and fairly traded. Many of the palm producing forest areas are important "biosphere reserves" and tend to be the home of poorer areas of rural populations. Palm gathering actually protects valuable natural forests and gatherers protect forest areas where the palms grow. A typical Eco-Palm is harvested in the forest by men and processed by women to provide direct benefit to the community. The proceeds they receive increase families' financial stability and are used to send young girls to school, employ women, and build community centers. By supporting Eco-Palms in our service today, we have contributed to improving the livelihoods of people living near the forests and supported sustainable forest management.

THE PALM CROSS you will receive today at the conclusion of worship are hand-woven by villagers near Masasi, Tanzania. They are made from dried leaves of the dwarf palm, *hyphaena coriacia*, and last a lifetime.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019

Please pray for: Mispa, Henrietta, Burta, Janet, Dave, *John*, Dylan, Reva, Morton, Mil, Blondelle, Robb, Jim, Paul, Doris, Shirley, Shirley, Beth

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

Friends & Family: *Walter*, Tim, John, Emily

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

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: *Ohenewaa's mother*, *Patience*, *Maggie*, *Martin*

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

William Sloane Coffin, (June 1, 1924 – April 12, 2006) was born into a wealthy New York City family. He was a serious student of piano; he studied with Nadia Boulanger in Paris as a teen, and entered the Yale School of Sacred Music in 1942. He left school to join the Army intelligence service during World War 2. After the war he returned to Yale. He joined the CIA as a case officer in 1950, and worked in West Germany with Russian refugees against Stalin. But he became disillusioned with the CIA following CIA-inspired events in Iran and Guatemala in 1953 and 1954, and he left to study at Yale Divinity School. He became a Presbyterian minister in 1956, and served as campus pastor at Williams College and Yale University, and then was the Pastor of Riverside Church in the 1980s. Coffin became one of the best known figures in opposition to the Vietnam War, in the civil rights movement, and the campaign for a freeze on nuclear weapons. He was immortalized as Rev. Sloane in the “Doonesbury” comic strip. Throughout his life, Coffin preached that social justice was central to Christianity, and that faith must be at the heart of political and intellectual life.

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 Belarus, Russia, Moldova, Ukraine.

Pray for:

- Those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases;
- The large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed;
- Those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster;
- Those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

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.

- ✦ First and Franklin Church in Baltimore City – *Robert Hoch*, Pastor
- ✦ First Church Annapolis – *Liza Rzepka*, Interim Pastor and *Heather Shortlidge*, Associate Pastor
- ✦ First Church Bel Air – *Jack Carlson*, Stated Supply Pastor

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

Handbell Choir – *No Rehearsals for two weeks.*

Chancel Choir – *Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.*

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



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

will not meet today April 14 or next Sunday April 21. See you on April 28.

Classes Resume on Sunday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m.

HISTORIES AND MYSTERIES: The Rise of Islam and the First Crusade

led by Bill

Sundays, April 28-May 19 – 4 weeks – Room 252

PLAY READING & DISCUSSION – Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman,

led by Marla

Sundays, April 28-May 19 – 4 weeks – 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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., every Wednesday, every week – in the Parlor

We are studying the Book of Hebrews. Everyone welcome!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CANDY NEEDED!

The youth are collecting candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt put on for the children of the church Easter morning. All type of candy is welcomed, the only requirement is that it must be individually wrapped. Peanut free candy is also appreciated. Collection runs through *Sunday, April 14*. Look for the box in the Lower Commons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Easter Egg Stuffing

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Branch Hall



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – April – BABY ITEMS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donation of baby items. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" cart in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

LOTS OF HELP NEEDED DURING HOLY WEEK – THIS WEEK -

to carry ladders, make breakfast, etc. Are you able to help?

Contact: Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019:

NURSERY HELPERS at the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Visit www.firstpreshc.org/nursery to sign up to volunteer.

Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

GODLY PLAY helpers needed at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services.

Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

HELPERS TO HIDE EASTER EGGS meet in the Commons at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

FIRE USHERS for the Sunrise Service on April 21st, between 6:00 - 8:00 a.m.

tend the fire, carry chairs, stay with the fire and put it out,

hand out bulletins, etc. Contact: Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org

EASTER BREAKFAST KITCHEN HELPERS – cook, prepare, setup, serve, cleanup, etc.

Contact: Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 or the church office for more information.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. (this is the 4th Sunday of the month)

A Decade of Listening, Learning and Acting! Come hear from past speakers and Earth Forum partners about the last ten years of environmental stewardship – and the plans and directions. Celebrate 10 years with cake and ice cream!

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Hudson Coastal* a new restaurant located in Maple Lawn Shopping Center on **Tuesday, April 30, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. The address is 11811 West Market Place, Fulton, MD. 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.

MISSION TRIP TO Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

Sunday, May 5—Friday, May 10, 2019

We will help rebuild after damage from hurricane Florence. No experience necessary! If interested, contact Pat, Brett, Stacy, Mark, Woody, or our Co-Pastors.

TRIVIA IS BACK AT FIRST PRES! Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Gather up to 7 of your brainiest friends and see if you've got what it takes to win. Sign up by yourself or in smaller groups and new lifelong friends will be provided. You can register in the lower commons, or contact the church office. If you register by May 1st you get a freebie, the answer to one question that will be used in the game. All proceeds from the event go to our University Scholarship Program in Guatemala. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and \$10 for kids 12-18. Start studying!

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 960 miles*** – which puts us over Modena, Italy. One good push by everybody this week and we'll be in Jerusalem next Sunday!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Return Fish Banks

No Church School

Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 p.m. Simple Meal in Lyle Buck Hall

7:30 p.m. Long Table Communion in the Sanctuary | Nursery Care available

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 noon Midday Prayer in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, the Service of Shadows, in the Sanctuary

Nursery Care available

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. A Walk Through the Stations of the Cross

Meet in the Woodlands Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 21

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel - **Bring bells to ring!**

7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Lyle Buck Hall

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Identical Easter Worship Services

Childcare in our Nursery & Godly Play available at 8:30 & 10:30

No Church School; No Worship Bridge

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Easter Monday, April 22

The Church Office and Building will be closed.




THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday morning, *April 28, 2019*, at the close of the 10:30 a.m. service (approximately 11:35 a.m.). The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

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, April 14th

PALM SUNDAY | ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

NO CHURCH SCHOOL | MINUTE FOR MISSION – RUN FOR COFFEE

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

8:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Coffee Fellowship
Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

Monday, April 15th

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

Tuesday, April 16th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Baltimore Presbytery Cuba Team

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Simple Supper

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service – Long Table Communion

Friday, April 19th

GOOD FRIDAY

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 20th

HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. A Walk Through the Stations of the Cross
Easter Egg Stuffing

Sunday, April 21st

EASTER SUNDAY | RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

NO CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OR ADULTS | NO WORSHIP BRIDGE

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel

7:00-10:30 Easter Breakfast in Lyle Buck Hall

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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, May 16, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2019 Issue #5.