



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
April 28, 2024

TODAY

QUIET BEGINNINGS...

As we enter the sanctuary each week to gather for worship, we enter in a spirit of prayer and quiet preparation. Remember that your neighbor may be hoping for a quiet moment to center themselves, listen to the prelude, and prepare for worship. Take a breath – leave the busy, noisy, hustle-bustle world at the sanctuary doors and listen - God is ready for you!

10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

FOR OUR 10:30 a.m. ONLINE CONGREGATION

The link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. This Sunday, April 28, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is **white**. Pick up a copy of the bulletin so you can join in the liturgy at home. You can find this week's materials on the website: www.firstpreshc.org or in the Friday email.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the sanctuary.

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 (except the bulletins) to the bags and return your bags to the basket at the end of the service.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Marla in honor of Angela's birthday; and by Jon and Chrissy in loving memory of Nada, we miss you.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: John (10:30)

Ushers & Greeters: Margot, Alice (10:30)

Tech Crew: Laura, Tracy, Francois, Jonathan, Margot

YOUR TURN

With the Mission Study Team

Come give us input on our church, so the Mission Study can include your perspective! Today, *Sunday, April 28* In Lyle Buck Hall after church. 30 minutes.

Next one is *Sunday, May 26* (please note the date changed)

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

Please pray for: Lea, Dave and Jane, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Stacy, Bob and Sarah Jo, Bob and Carol, Maria, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename and Family, Dan.

And also for: everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; the people of Ukraine.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Barb

Friends & Family: John & Judy, Sumner, Terry, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Rita, Matt

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, Lois, Beth

Upcoming Surgery: Steve

Recovering from Surgery: Janet, Margaret, Ann

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Joe and Marla and family, in the death of Joe's mother, Joan, on April 22, 2024.*

Bereaved: Bob; Ron and MJ, Angela and Trey and Family, Ellen and Doyle and family; Eric and Lisa and family

Memorial Service information for David Wilson, former member:

<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/David-Wilson>

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball;

Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel

Please contact Pastor Ken Page, kpage@firstpreshc.org or 602-799-7643 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share or in case of an emergency.

Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.



FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS QUILT SHOW

2024 Quilt Show – Faithful Circle Quilt Guild - “Rhapsody of Color”

Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3 - 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$10 | Kids under 10 free

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

Big Quilts, Small Quilts, Traditional Quilts, Art Quilts, Modern Quilts, Pieced Quilts, and Applique Quilts, Vendors, Silent Auction, Peddler's Table, Unique Boutique, Quilting Demos, Raffle Quilt & Baskets, Quilt Art/History Presentations

Raffle Quilt “Color Me Happy” – Quilt Size 83” x 90”

More info: www.faithfulcirclequilters.com

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at www.firstpreshc.org for the weekly issue of First Day. Also, check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.

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 announcements to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

*To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, May 16, 2024 for June 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsal: *Thursday, May 2, 2024* at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Handbell rehearsal: will not meet this week.

Next rehearsal is *Wednesday, May 8, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Margaret McGillivray,
churchoffice@firstpreshc.org for more details!

GARDEN FLOWERS THIS SUMMER

June 2, July 14 and August 11

Gardens are showing God's glory!

You are invited to bring flowers from your own garden to worship on Sunday!

Bring your flowers, in a vase of your own choice, to the sanctuary 15 minutes before the service you plan to attend.

If you can donate your flowers to the Deacons' flower ministry, please see Woody for a different vase so the flowers can be transferred.

Thank you for sharing the bounty of God!

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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



GRAB AND GO COFFEE is available on Sunday mornings at the Wake Up Station on the second floor across from the Parlor until 10:20 a.m. Get a cup of coffee and head to class! Please return the cups to the drop off bins.

THE BIBLE IN DEPTH *facilitated by Doyle*

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

How to Do Short Term Mission Well

Sundays through May 5, facilitated by Brett

This course will explore mission theology rooted in companionship, how to engage across differences with cultural humility, and how to accompany global neighbors in co-development.

The series is based on the book "Freeing Congregational Mission" by B. Hunter Farrell with S. Balajiedlang Khylllep. A copy of the book is strongly encouraged for the class. The book is available new or used on-line.

FUTURE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION at 9:30 a.m.

Being A Christian In Multi-Faith Cultures And Countries

Sundays, May 12 and 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Branch Hall

Moderated by Sara and Rev. Laura Hollister Fenton

What's it like to practice your Christian faith in cultures or countries - the US and beyond - that have many faiths, including where Christians are in the minority? On **May 12**, Zafar and Humaira Gil, and Khalid and Aashe Tabassum will discuss growing up in Pakistan, where only about 1% of the population is Christian. On **May 19**, Genevieve and Sequoyah Simermeyer, who are Native American (members, respectively, of the Osage and Coharie Tribes), and Akua and Emmanuel Asiedu, from Ghana, will discuss being a Christian in cultures that incorporate many faiths. They will also discuss the traditions from their culture. Join this unique opportunity to gain new insights from your church friends and develop new understandings.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

God at Work in Us: The People of Acts

Lead by Rev. Dr. David Welton and Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Good and Beautiful God, by James Bryan Smith

with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

Register in advance for this and future meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDjiqHjXW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, youth and adults of all ages takes place every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. There's a class for YOU!

2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION

First Presbyterian Church will honor High School Graduates in worship on *Sunday, May 12, 2024*. Please send information about your graduate to the church office, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org, and send 5-6 pictures of your graduate to Virginia Callegary, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org, by *Sunday, May 5, 2024*.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. The next meeting is *Wednesday, May 8*. We'll provide dinner. All 5th-12th graders are welcome!

Questions? Email DCE Virginia Callegary – churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Seekers in Sneakers

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

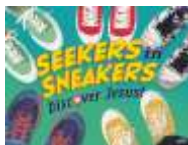
3 year old – rising 5th graders

(open to members and non-members)

\$20 per child/\$50 family max (free for family of volunteers)

To register scan the QR code.

Contact Aja Turesko, vbs@firstpreshc.org or Virginia Callegary, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



SAVE THE EARTH

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Polystyrene Foam #6, commonly called Styrofoam, in block or food container form, is collected at EPS Recycling and sent to a Dart Container facility in Pennsylvania. Once there, the blocks are shredded, melted, and densified into solid 5-10 lbs. blocks. The blocks are then sold to manufacturers to be made into picture frames, pencils, rulers and molding for house construction.

Styrofoam is accepted all year long. Drop off is at Emmanuel UMC Ministry Center carport (house at end of large parking lot). Check out this link for more info:

<https://eumclarell.org/styrofoam/>

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in Lyle Buck Hall

* *Sunday, April 28, 2024* – hosted by Deacons

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED

Discipleship & Caring Ministries (DCM) is now accepting donations for our upcoming Bingo event on *Sunday, May 19*. Look for a bin in the Harris Lower Commons to place your donations.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MOTHER'S DAY "TEA"

Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Gather for drinks, appetizers and fellowship on the patio at Victoria's Gastro Pub, 8201 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045.

Bring your mother, daughter, granddaughter, grandma, aunt, and any woman in your life that is important. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 5th to churchoffice@firstpreshc.org or the sign-up sheet on the table in the Harris Lower Commons.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of April 23, 2024	\$290,653.18
Actual Expenses as of April 23, 2024	<u>256,602.31</u>
Total	\$34,050.87

It takes an average of \$2,277.72 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 14 days ahead/(behind).

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 - The amount is \$40.00

For more info go to <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/per-capita/>

Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 63 people who have paid it!

MISSION NEWS

BEANS & BAGS FOR BRIDGES FUND RAISING event is coming!

NEXT Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Centennial Park, Pavilion H, 4770 Woodland Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

For more information contact Bridges: emily@bridges2hs.org

Learn more and purchase tickets: bit.ly/BB4B2024

Volunteers are needed, sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FACA92DA2FCC25-48551534-beans#/>

FREE PLANT/TOOL/SUPPLY SWAP & GIVEAWAY

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. - noon at the church. (Rain or shine.)

Drop off is 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10 and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on May 11.

Everything is free and *you don't have to bring anything to swap*. Beautify your garden, find a home for your green babies, get advice, clean out the garage, save money! Two Howard County Master Gardeners will give brief talks on "Companion Planting" and "Plant This, Not That." Please, no invasives.

Volunteers needed for May 11! Please contact churchoffice@firstpreshc.org.

News on Ukraine!

The Mission Committee agreed to donate \$400 from our budget to PDA's humanitarian work in Ukraine. Susan Krehbiel, Associate for Refugees and Asylum noted, "When we first started responding to Ukrainians in 2022, we made the commitment to stay invested for at least 5 years. We work with both national organizations based in those countries and international organizations with local partners. Many people with basic needs are internally displaced and there is more and more work to support people with emotional and spiritual services as well as with employment, language classes and developing new enterprises. The last is a model where business training is followed with an opportunity to apply for seed funds to start the new business. Both of the projects that we are supporting in Ukraine are focused on women!"

On April 24, the U.S. approved another bipartisan aid package to Ukraine. Nastja Tuz, the woman from Kyiv who spoke at our forum last fall, wanted to convey her thanks: I saw the news about the voted aid to Ukraine. I'm crying. Thank you for this. It is very important for us, because it means lives for us, the lives of thousands and millions of people. Russia is attacking us every day - they are killing people, destroying infrastructure, wanting to wipe us off the map. We are holding on, but it is very difficult. Thank you for extending a friendly helping hand in these extremely difficult times, for not forgetting about us. We will not survive without you. I thank every American, I thank the American politicians who supported the bills. Here is an image from our social media. God Bless America! Glory to Ukraine!"

All of Maryland's US Senators and Representatives voted in support of the aid. Please thank them! [Senator Van Hollen](#), [Senator Cardin](#), [Rep. Sarbanes](#), or a link to email your Representative is on their website.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

Tuesday, April 30 – Room 258

Orientation and Training Class for Deacons-elect – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Orientation and Training Class for Elders-elect – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This training is required by the Book of Order.

If you cannot make this date please contact Pastor Ken as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

Tuesday, May 28 – Branch Hall

Stated Session Meeting, in-person, begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elders-elect and Deacons-elect meet with the Session for examination, which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Examination is required by the Book of Order.

Sunday, June 9 – Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons

Monday, June 10

New Officers begin term of service.

Tuesday, June 11 – 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Super Tuesday Meetings

Newly elected Elders begin work with their Ministry Areas – both incoming and outgoing classes are asked to attend. Super Tuesday Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for P3 (1st Tuesday).

The time of your Ministry Area meeting is either 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. and either in-person or via Zoom. The chair will contact you.

Tuesday, June 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Parlor

Deacons Meeting

First regular Deacons Meeting for new Deacons-elect.
(All new and serving on Board of Deacons).

Tuesday, June 25 – 7:00 p.m. – Branch Hall

Stated Session Meeting

All new and serving Session members
Session meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for serving!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:00 a.m. First Call on Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream
- Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15–11:45 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website www.firstpreshc.org

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

Sunday, April 28th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
YOUR TURN with Mission Study Team

Monday, April 29th

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN – 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 30th

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Orientation/Training for Deacons Elect
- 7:00 p.m. Orientation/Training for Elders Elect

Wednesday, May 1st

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group via Zoom

Thursday, May 2nd

- 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Faithful Circle Quilt Show
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3rd

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Faithful Circle Quilt Show
- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 4th

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRTS

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Faithful Circle Quilt Show

Sunday, May 5th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Chilifest & Cornhole Tournament at Centennial Park

