



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 12, 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, May 12, is the Seventh 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 Meredith with thanks for her mom, Sarah Brenner, and all mothers everywhere; and by Lucy in celebration of the birthdays of her two daughters, Cynthia and Mary Jo and her grandson Joseph.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Mary (10:30)

Ushers & Greeters: Mispa (10:30)

Tech Crew: Jean Robert, Barry, Francois, Debbie, Margot

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Plants are \$7.00 each.

See order form in First Day! Must turn in an order form!

TODAY Sunday, May 12th IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER!

Contact: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org, 410-730-3545



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2024

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, *Phil*, 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, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Matt

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

Recovering from Surgery: Janet, Steve, Margaret, *Nana*

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with the family of Barbara, who died on May 8, 2024.*

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Dave and family, in the death of his wife, Jane on May 10, 2024.*

Bereaved: Bob; Joe and Marla and family, *Woody and Carol*, Natalie and Jeff, *Wayne and Sharon*, Ron and MJ, Angela and Trey and Family, Ellen and Doyle and family, Eric and Lisa and family

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 or to arrange homebound Communion.

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



We also remember:

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. We give thanks for the diversity of Asian languages, cultures and religions, and celebrate the distinctive quality of Asian culture as it embraces and practices Christianity and enriches our own experience of the means of grace.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

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

- * *Sunday, May 12, 2024* – hosted by Christian Education Ministry Area
- * *Sunday, May 19, 2024* – hosted by Church Volunteers/DCM – **BINGO!**
- * *Sunday, May 26, 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.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

PENTECOST OFFERING

We will be collecting our annual Pentecost Offering NEXT *Sunday, May 19, 2024*. This is one of the four Special Offerings collected each year to support the work of the Church. The focus of the Pentecost Offering is to enable the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is kept here to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The Mission Agency uses their portion to support the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, the Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium and the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative. We used our portion of the Pentecost offering last year to help support Camp Greentop, an empowering summer camp for children with disabilities.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell rehearsal: *Wednesday, May 15, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearsal: *Thursday, May 16, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.

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

UPCOMING MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS IN MAY

Sunday, May 19 – the combination of our Children, Handbells and Chancel Choir offerings on Pentecost

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

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?

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 with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

"The Good and Beautiful Life", by James Bryan Smith

May 15: Read Chapter 2, The Gospel Many People Have Never Heard

We will skip Wednesdays, May 22 & 29 and resume with Chapter 3 on June 5.

Register in advance for this and future meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJIqHjXW>

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY:

Thank you to all who have donated books or funds for new books to our church library. Thanks to you, we have a broad ranging collection with books about social issues, church leadership and history as well as traditional Bible studies. Our collection is now cataloged and available to browse anywhere with internet access. To browse our catalog, go to: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCHC> or scan the QR code.

If you would like to borrow a book, you can go to the same link and follow the instructions that are posted in the library. The adult collection is organized by call number, while the children's books are by topic.

Stop by and take a look. What you find might surprise you.



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!

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 22*. Bring your own 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 vbs@firstpreshc.org or Virginia Callegary, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

SPRING GATHERING FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PWP)

Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Will be held in-person and by Zoom at First Presbyterian of Howard County

To register or for more information, contact Marlene Butler, mbutler311@yahoo.com or 410-838-4073.

2024 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday-Sunday, August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri

Contact Debbie Reese with questions about travel, etc.

Visit presbyterianwomen.org/gathering for full details.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of May 7, 2024	\$324,603.47
Actual Expenses as of May 7, 2024	<u>292,252.07</u>
Total	\$32,351.40

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 64 people who have paid it!

OTHER NEWS

YOUR TURN

With the Mission Study Team

Come give us input on our church, so the Mission Study can include your perspective! *Sunday, May 26* In Lyle Buck Hall after church. 30 minutes.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, May 26 are **DUE Monday, May 20**. Thank you!



Geraniums for Pentecost

Pentecost is Sunday, May 19, 2024

Help us decorate the sanctuary in red!

Please order a geranium!

\$7.00 per plant

Deadline for ordering is TODAY Sunday, May 12

Your Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of plants: _____

Amount paid: _____

How paid: check _____ cash _____ PayPal _____

Date paid: _____

If you place your payment in an offering envelope
clearly mark it for geraniums. Thank you.

List my name in bulletin as: _____

Pick up plant(s) **after 10:30 a.m.** service on May 19th

Donate to church to be planted in church gardens

Call the church office to make other arrangements

**Please place the completed form in the offering plate,
or in mailbox #4**

If you have any questions please call the church office,
410-730-3545 or Jan Agazio, 410-309-0290.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

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!



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: churchoffice@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: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, May 16, 2024 for June 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 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, May 12th

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION | MOTHERS' DAY

- 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

Monday, May 13th

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

Tuesday, May 14th

SUPER TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Discipleship & Caring Ministries via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Administration & Facilities Meeting
Christian Education via Zoom
Mission via Zoom
WAM Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

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
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE FOR JUNE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- 9:30 a.m. ROMEOS at Bob Evans
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 17th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 18th

- 10:00 a.m. Baltimore PW Gathering

Sunday, May 19th

PENTECOST

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 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 – BINGO
- 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting