



FIRST DAY!

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 18, 2025

TODAY

8:30 a.m. EARLY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

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. If worshipping in-person, you may appear in our livestream. If joining from home, the link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. You can find this week's worship materials on the website:

www.firstpreshc.org

CHILDREN BEGIN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. After the children's prayer, children ages 4-7 may go to Godly Play with Ms. Kathy Moore. Older children may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to Worship Bridge.

Worship bags for children are available in the Upper Commons.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Marla Youkers in celebration of our 44th Anniversary.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY: 10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: John

Ushers & Greeters: Chrissy

Tech Crew: Matthew, Joyce, Tracy

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

TODAY Sunday, May 18th IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER!

Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

Plants are \$7.00 each.

To order Geraniums go to SignUpGenius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/PentecostGeraniums2025>

Contact: Jan Agazio at 410-309-0290, janicebga@aol.com

or the Church Administrator, Megan Bondhus,

churchoffice@firstpreshc.org, 410-730-3545



GERANIUMS



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, Dylan, Bob, Bob and Sarah Jo, Maria, Chuck, Karin, Janet, David, Dot, Barb

And also for: everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood Vantage House, and Morningside House.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Barb

Friends & Family: Susan, Judy, Matt, Pastor Juan, Adolfo, family & friends of Jacob, Jennifer, Dan & Kathy, Ken, Mitzi, Priscilla, Pastor Timoteo

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Lois

Recovering from Surgery: Nana, Dot, Ann, Bob

Bereaved: Dave, Bob, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, McKissick Family, Hilda and family, Jan and family, Lois, Agnes & Family, Blondell, Wade & Monta, Amanda, Margaret, Catherine and family, Doyle & family

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.



THE KIPTON PROJECT

Please continue to bring your plastics to FPCHC, because Scout America BSA Troops 361 are now collecting. Please help the Boys and Girls 361 by donating plastic bags, film, and other items toward their 1,000 pound goal. Trex will award the Boys and Girls Troops 361 with a bench made from recycled plastics. Please check the list of acceptable plastics below before donating:

<https://nextrex.com/view/educate>. Please drop your items in Lower Commons.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan or Woody Collins.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of May 13, 2025	\$381,369.45
Actual Expenses as of May 13, 2025	<u>342,424.26</u>
Total	\$38,945.19

It takes an average of \$2,381.21 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.

The total surplus/deficit shown above is (2) days ahead/(behind).

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 - The amount is \$42.00

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

Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 51 people who have paid it!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 18 is the last day of Sunday School for the summer.
See you in September!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All 5th -12th graders are invited to our next youth group which is on Wednesday, May 28 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Bring your own dinner.

Questions? Email Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25, 2025 – 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 to the right:

Contact Aja Turesko, vbs@firstpreshc.org, or

Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



DISCIPLESHIP & CARING

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

If you'd like to bring snacks one Sunday, please check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA2BA0FCC52-51327460-coffee>



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

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

* Sunday, May 18, 2025 will be held by DCM

* Sunday, May 25, 2025 will be held by the Deacons

We thank all who have volunteered!

DEACONS NEWS

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 May is donations of cleaning supplies. Food stamps do not cover any paper or cleaning products, so such non-food items as cleansers and paper products are especially welcomed according to the Howard County Food Bank.

Recommended items are: Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Clorox, General Household Cleaners.

Please leave your regular contribution - plus Spic and Span - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper commons. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 18 is the last day of Sunday School for the summer. See you in September!

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

THE BIBLE IN DEPTH facilitated by Doyle – every Sunday – *Parlor*

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN HOWARD COUNTY

Sunday, May 18 in Branch Hall

Mark, Chief of the Stormwater Management Division in the Howard County Department of Public Works, will speak and take questions about the implementation status of the Ellicott City Safe and Sound Flood Mitigation Plan. Stephanie Richmond, a Senior Associate in the Building Structures division at McLaren Engineering Group, will speak and take questions about the status of the new Toby's Dinner Theatre from the eyes of the project Structural Engineer.

ZOOM CLASS: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY ABOUT LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE?

May 18 and 25 at 7 pm on Zoom

Most Christians use a handful of scriptures to “prove” that homosexuality is sin. We are part of a church that sees LGBTQIA+ identity as another beautiful difference created by God. How do we get there from Scripture? Have we simply chosen some passages to ignore?

In this class Pastor Ken will lead us through a look at the “clobber passages” usually used against LGBTQIA+ people. We will explore them in the light of the culture of the day when they were written and in the context of the whole of Scripture. We will rediscover together our God who is far more loving than we ever imagined.

The link to register for the Zoom was in the Friday email sent 5/16/25. Register ahead of time and the link to join the Zoom meeting will be emailed to you.

These classes will be recorded and publicly posted. If you would rather not be in the recordings simply leave your camera off for the duration of the class.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Morning – led by Rev. Rosemary and Rev. David – 9:30-11am – Parlor

Dates for May:

- May 21: Travels in Sicily
- May 28: Final session – future plans

Evening – *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie – with Rev. Andrea – Wednesdays at 7 pm running May 7 through June 11

Register in advance for the Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJiqHjXW>

SESSION NEWS

NEW CHURCH NAME TAGS

We have switched to a new style of name tags -- they are white, slightly larger, and have the new church logo on them. Virginia has hers on every Sunday if you haven't seen one yet. If you have lost your old name tag, or just want a new one, contact Jon and let him know.

The cost is \$10. There is room for pronouns on the name tags, if you want them. We order them for new Deacons and Elders, but any church member who wants one can order one.

CHURCH OFFICE

CALENDAR PLANNING FOR 2025-2026 PROGRAM YEAR

This is the time of year to start planning events for the 2025-2026 program year. In previous years, chairs of ministry areas and organizations would meet in person to plan the calendar. This year please send a list of dates you anticipate scheduling for the September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 program year to Megan Bondhus, Church Administrator, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by *Wednesday, June 11*. Megan will work on the calendar and share it via email and then send it to Session for approval. If an in-person meeting is needed you will be contacted. Thank you for your help!

MISSION

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on *Sunday, June 1, 2025*
And continues all summer through *Sunday, August 31, 2025*
This summer there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are openings available on the following Sundays: May 25 and June 15, 22, & 29. Here's the link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2025>
The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via PayPal.
Questions? Contact, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

SUMMER MUSIC SIGN-UPS ARE HERE! Do you sing or play an instrument and would like to contribute your time and talents to our summer worship services? The choir will be taking a well-deserved break for most of the summer, but we would still love to have people participating in the music leadership on Sundays. The sign-up sheet will be up across from Margaret's office on the bulletin board. Be sure to speak to her about your plans or if you need inspiration.

ALSO, COMING THIS SUMMER: Summer Pick-up Choir! Back by popular demand, we'll have two Sundays (one in July and one in August) where anyone in the congregation can join us on Sunday for a rehearsal before the worship service, learn a fun and easy anthem, then lead the congregation in music that Sunday. Easy peasy!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Info

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc

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 18th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BAPTISM

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting

Monday, May 19th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN MON-FRI– 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 20th

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

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

Thursday, May 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. ROMEOS – Breakfast at Bob Evans

Friday, May 23rd

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 24th

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

Sunday, May 25th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

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, June 12, 2025 for July 2025 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*