



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 19, 2024

TODAY

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 19, is the Day of Pentecost. The liturgical color is **red**. 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.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST adorning the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Saleem, Catherine & Ed, Joe & Marla, Carol & Woodrow, Janet Moye, Sydney, Marie & Ron, Lynn & Jack, Bettye, Amy & Mark for peace & goodwill on Earth!, Alice, Inspirer, Joan, Tracy, Ginny & Steve, Monica & Ella Rose, Doria, Mispa Ngo, Ellen & Doyle, Paula, Agnes, Larry, Nancy & Emma, Kathy, Janet & Brett, Lynne, Becky, Margot, Kipton & Tyler.

PENTECOST OFFERING

We will be collecting our annual Pentecost Offering TODAY *Sunday, May 19, 2024*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Tyler (8:30); Sara (10:30)

Ushers & Greeters: Nancy (10:30)

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Come enjoy an exciting game of BINGO in Lyle Buck Hall following the 10:30 service today.



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 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

Bereaved: Bob; Joe and Marla and family, Woody and Carol, *Dave*, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, *Barbara's Family*, 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, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org or 401-730-3545 x25 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.

PENTECOST OFFERING

We will be collecting our annual Pentecost Offering TODAY *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.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Chancel Choir rehearsal: *Thursday, May 23, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.
Contact Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Margaret McGillivray,
churchoffice@firstpreshc.org for more details!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on *Sunday, June 2, 2024*
And continues all summer through *Sunday, September 1, 2024*
This summer there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

TODAY May 19 is the last day of Sunday School.



GRAB AND GO COFFEE is available this morning in the **Harris Upper Commons** (near the Welcome Center) 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

Sunday, May 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

Our current study of Acts will continue for three more weeks (May 22, May 29 and June 5). We will take time for rest and travel over June, July and August.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

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

No class May 22 & 29. Next class June 5: Read Chapter 3: *The Grand Invitation*

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! **TODAY May 19 is the last day of Sunday School. Have a safe summer and we will see you in September.**

THANK YOU!

The Christian Education Ministry Area wants to thank all those who help with faith formation at First Pres. Whether you are a Sunday School teacher, youth advisor, Godly Play helper, or Wednesday Bible Study leader we are grateful that you have chosen to share your gifts with us. We couldn't do it without you!

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY:

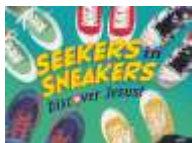
Our church library is now cataloged and available to browse anywhere with internet access. To browse our catalog, go to: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCHC> or scan the QR code. Instructions for how to borrow a book are posted in the library.



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



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

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

- * *Sunday, May 19, 2024* – hosted by Church Volunteers/DCM – **BINGO!**
- * *Sunday, May 26, 2024* – hosted by Deacons

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 2 following the 10:00 a.m. service (held rain or shine)

Enjoy a wonderful meal with family and friends!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

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 14, 2024	\$334,534.78
Actual Expenses as of May 14, 2024	<u>312,493.75</u>
Total	\$22,041.03

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 10 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!

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR, PARISH, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Our beloved Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, is retiring on July 15, 2024. Her last day in the office will be Friday, June 28, 2024.

Caroline has worked at First Presbyterian for almost 18 years. She has kept this church running smoothly and efficiently. In addition to preparing the weekly bulletin, First Day and Tidings, and the annual report, keeping the calendar updated and a host of other “behind the scenes” items too numerous to mention, she has been a wealth of knowledge about all things Presbyterian and especially First Presbyterian. She will be sorely missed. If you see Caroline, be sure to wish her well in her upcoming retirement in addition to her new role as a soon-to-be GRANDMA!

Join us in Lyle Buck Hall after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, June 30, 2024* for a Caroline Smith Celebration!

LOVE GIFT!

Our Church Administrator is retiring after 18 years of dedicated service to our church! Let’s send her off with our love and best wishes. Anyone wishing to contribute to a love gift for Caroline Smith, please do so by *Sunday, June 16*. Be sure to clearly indicate “Caroline Smith Love Gift” on your contribution. Cash, checks or PayPal accepted.



CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

HELP PLANT GERANIUMS ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

Join Evelyn in the gardens *Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m.* to plant the geraniums from Pentecost!

YOUR TURN With the Mission Study Team

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

HOLIDAY FOR CHURCH STAFF

The Church Office and Building will be **closed on Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

Stated Session Meeting, in-person

Tuesday, May 28 – Branch Hall - 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.

Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons

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

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 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

Monday, May 20th

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Meeting

Tuesday, May 21st

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

Wednesday, May 22nd

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, May 23rd

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 25th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 26th

TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 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

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, June 13, 2024** for July 2024 events. Then watch your inbox every week!*