



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
July 7, 2024

TODAY

10:00 a.m. MORNING SUMMER 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 the sanctuary, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you are joining from home, the link for worship will open around 9:50 a.m. 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.

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 Catherine Blacka in celebration of Ed's birthday; and by Nancy Rentkiewicz in celebration of Sam's second birthday.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Humaira Gill

Ushers & Greeters: Chrissy Barnett

Tech Crew: Barry Firebaugh, Tracy Krzys, Jonathan St. John

PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7, 2024

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

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: The Downey-Handy Family, John & Judy, *Theresa*, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane Aaron, Eyler, Matt, Connie (Caroline's friend)

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

Recovering from Surgery: Janet, Ginny, Margaret, Nana, *Tom*, Trey, Margot

Bereaved: Dave, Bob ; Joe & Marla and family, Woody and Carol, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, Barbara's Family, Eric & Lisa and family, *Hilda 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

Guatemala Mission Team: *Patrick, Amanda, Matthew, Laura, Ian, Mark, Debra, Nick, Brooke, Adeline, Sequoyah, Mark, Mary Thober, Becky, Tom.*

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.

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To the Church Triumphant

Phil English

June 6, 1936 – July 3, 2024

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

will be scheduled at a later date
(details to follow)

"And there will be no more night...for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:5

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS in 2024

There are openings available on the following Sundays: *July 28; August 4, 18, 25.*

Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2024#/

The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via [PayPal](#).

Questions? Contact, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

DISCIPLESHIP & CARING MINISTRIES

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

NEXT *Sunday, July 14 following the 10:00 a.m. service (held rain or shine)*

Host: Discipleship & Caring Ministries, Marie & Ron Duvall

Greet friends on the front lawn for lemonade and refreshments!

Please consider hosting a lemonade event this summer!

Check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA2BA0FCC52-49693354-lemonade>



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE BIG READ

We're bringing back The Big Read this summer! The book we will be reading is *Divine Gravity: Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story* by Meghan Larissa Good. This book invites readers into a story that, "satisfies our deep hunger, beckoning us to renew the church for the coming centuries and reignite a world-changing global movement." We will meet in late summer/early fall to discuss our observations of this book and the story it invites us to join. Keep an eye on First Day for dates. Contact DCE Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org, if you would like to order a copy of the book for \$15.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP - SUMMER READ

Wednesdays, July 3, 17, 31, and August 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Looking for an interesting novel to read this summer? Come join the Wednesday Morning study group as we explore *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Set in first century Palestine, it weaves an imaginative story of Jesus' young adult life and a young woman named Ana. The author is a Christian and a gifted writer whose work is grounded in detailed research.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday Mornings will take time for rest and travel over July and August. See above for info on our Summer Read.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor
"The Good and Beautiful Life", by James Bryan Smith

Next class July 10: Read: Chapter 7, 'Learning to Bless Those Who Curse Us.'

Register in advance for this and future meetings:

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

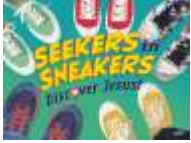
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMERTIME FAITH CALENDAR

Summer is a great time to build faith habits and we have something to help! Pick up your copy of the Summertime Faith Calendar in the Harris Upper Commons. It is for people of all ages! Do your best to complete as many activities as you can for each month. For each activity you complete, put a star sticker on the calendar! *On Sunday, August 25 at 11:15 a.m.* we'll have a pizza party to celebrate our summer of faith practices! Everyone who tries at least one activity on the calendar is invited. If you can't get to church and would still like a copy of the calendar, email DCE Virginia Callegary – vcallegary@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, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



DEACONS NEWS

JUST ONE CAN ... *PLUS!* - July: Personal Dignity Days

Hygiene Products??? What do they have to do with hunger? Food stamps do not cover cleaning and hygiene products so your donations will free up cash that people can use for food and other necessities. The day-to-day struggle for food is hard enough without having to worry about this simple dignity of personal cleanliness.

Recommended items are: shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, bar soap, detergent

Please leave your regular contribution - plus “Personal Dignity Days” items - in the “Just One Can” cart next to the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons or in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mailbox).

Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of July 2, 2024	\$462,708.26
Actual Expenses as of July 2, 2024	<u>399,557.55</u>
Total	\$63150.71

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 28 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 65 people who have paid it!



MISSION STUDY UPDATE

History of First Presbyterian Church written by Pastor Ken Page is now available.

Please contact the church office for a printed copy or go to <https://tinyurl.com/fpchhistory>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Summer Worship Schedule
10:00 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream Worship
through September 1, 2024

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available during 10:00 a.m. service

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.)

Guatemala Mission Trip through July 7th

Sunday, July 7th

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, July 8th

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

10:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Committee

Tuesday, July 9th

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

SUPER TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Discipleship & Caring Ministries Meeting

7:00 p.m. Administration & Facilities Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

Wednesday, July 10th

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Summer Read

Thursday, July 11th

AUGUST TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

Friday, July 12th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, July 13th

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

Sunday, July 14th

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

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, July 11, 2024 for August 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*