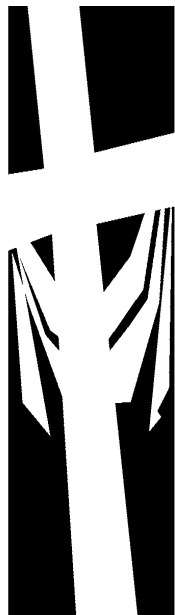




# First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
April 20, 2014

## TODAY



### EASTER SUNDAY

#### HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

*Please join us for Easter Breakfast  
downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

*Sunrise Service and Bonfire at 6:30 a.m.  
in the Woodlands Chapel*

*Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Contemporary Worship at 9:30 a.m.*

*No Church School*

*Godly Play available at all three services*

*Nursery care available at all three services*

**EASTER EGG HUNT** after the 11:00 a.m. service

*Children nursery through first grade  
will find eggs on the church's front lawn.*

*Children second through fifth grade  
will hunt in the lower courtyard.*

*Parents please empty the treats in your child's plastic eggs and return the plastic eggs to the bins on the church lawn for use next year. These bins will remain up until next week, if you need to transport treats home today and return the eggs next week. Thank you.*

**LITURGIST:** Doyle (11:00)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Rod Sumerford, Debbie, Nancy (8:00); John (9:30); Craig, John, Nancy, Becky (11:00); Laura, Barry, Debbie, Jonathan and Brian for being our Tech Crew.

**AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** Margot (8:00); Sharon (9:30); Toni (11:00)

**THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS:** Paul, trumpet and Josh, percussion (11:00)

**THE EASTER LILIES** gracing our Sanctuary have been graciously given by members of the congregation (please see insert).



**REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR FISH BANKS for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS)** in the water display in the Upper Commons. They are due **today**.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED** tomorrow, **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Next SUNDAY, April 27, 2014**, at the close of the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20

**Please pray for:** Ed, Felicia, Joan, Burta, Jane, Richard, Dorothy, Mil, Tom, Carol, Gertrude, Doris, Bob, Gruver, Vivian & Robert, Daniel, Ken, Kim, Bob, Cliff, Betty, Marilyn, Bette & Milt, Al

**Hospitalized:** Margot

**Recovering from surgery:** Cheri, Cheri Bleyer

**Upcoming surgery:** Alice

**Friends & Family:** Cindy; Kate; Pat; Theodore

**Mission Trip to Peru, April 21-28:** Virginia, Carol, Woody, Morton, Bruce, Craig, Dede, Becky.

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan in Guatemala; YAV Blake Collins in Peru. While Blake is in Peru you can follow his activities on his blog page – <http://blake-allen-collins.tumblr.com>

*Please contact the church office, 410-730-3545 or one of the Pastors:*

*Morton Harris, 443-824-3768 or Sue Lowcock Harris, 443-824-4305*

*with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.*



### PEOPLE ON THE WAY

**Toyohiko Kagawa** (July 10, 1888 –April 23, 1960) was of Samurai family, born in 1888. Enrolling in a Bible class primarily to learn English he became Christian. Educated at the Presbyterian Seminary in Tokyo and then at Princeton in New Jersey, he returned to Japan as an evangelist and social reformer, working initially in the slums of Kobe drawing attention to the plight of poor Japanese. He worked for universal suffrage in Japan, and was a founder of the Japanese Federation of Labor. A pacifist who apologized for Japan's policy in China, he suffered imprisonment. After the Second World War he worked for the democratization of his country and for woman's rights. A significant 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian and a considerable scholar, he wrote novels as well as books on sociology and religion, a total altogether of more than 150 books and was nominated twice for both the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Nobel Peace Prize.

**THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** focuses the prayers of Christians week by week, so that over the year all the countries of the world are prayed for.

This week: *Djibouti and Somalia*

*Pray for:*

- *Christian aid agencies, who do not give up on Somalia, even when they are exposed to frequent danger;*
- *Hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees all over the world, and the refugees from Eritrea and Ethiopia who have fled to Djibouti;*
- *Those who suffer from otherwise preventable diseases and infections.*

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

### OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2014

*We pray for the global witness of Christian churches, and all who gather for worship on this Easter Day. We remember in particular:*

- *Our mission coworkers as they celebrate Easter in Guatemala, Congo & Peru;*
- *Our partner church in Cuba: Calabazar de Sagua Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba, and for all the Presbyterian churches in El Centro Presbytery;*
- *The congregations of our partner presbytery: La Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery in Guatemala;*
- *All expressions of the Christian church in Howard County, as we celebrate Easter today.*

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

- At 8:00 a.m.: After Welcoming One Another: 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.
- At 11:00 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, will remain in the sanctuary to celebrate Easter Sunday with their families.

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

#### Bible in Depth

*Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Clark Parlor*

“Old Testament stories we didn't learn in Sunday School.”

a Bible study, led by Carl Engelbrecht

**Bible in Depth will take a break on April 20 and will resume April 27**

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor*

The Bible contains hundreds of stories and thousands of names. How does a person begin to remember it all? We've begun a conversation with nine of the core stories in the Bible, what theologian Walter Brueggemann calls “the primal narrative – that most simple, elemental, and nonnegotiable story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith.” Creation. Human Destiny. God's Call. The Exodus. The Covenant at Sinai. Promised Land. Jesus. The Cross. Resurrection. Come and be part of this group as we explore these iconic texts of our faith and life.

This week: Human Destiny (Genesis 2, part 2).

### “LIVING THE QUESTIONS” CONVERSATIONS

**Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Come, have coffee and dessert and join in the continuation of the Conversation from Lent. View a DVD and then join in the discussion.

All are welcome. This week: Practicing Resurrection!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**The Camping Weekend for Mid-Highs and Senior Highs on Saturday, April 26-Sunday, April 27 has been canceled.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

#### Sunday, April 20

*Easter Sunday*

*Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 p.m.*

#### Sunday, April 27

*Mid-High Fellowship, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

#### Sunday, May 11

*High School Graduates Recognition in worship services*

Send your information to the church office,

[execasst@firstpreshc.org](mailto:execasst@firstpreshc.org), by April 30<sup>th</sup>

Send pictures to Amy, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) or place in Virginia Callegary's mailbox #3.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Camp ConnectED** begins at 9:45 a.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no need to pre-register your children but we do need you to sign-up if you are interested in volunteering. We will need several volunteers each week but there is a lot of flexibility in volunteering. You can volunteer as many times as you like. You can take on a leadership role, or be a helping hand. Both adult and youth volunteers are needed. Sign-up on the board in the Lower Commons or email [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**SUPPORT THE PERU MISSION TRIP** by donating funds for supplies to help the two churches that employ Blake. Your contribution will help purchase paper, crayons, art materials, along with board games, card games, and Jenga. We will be carrying the supplies south in our “check on” luggage. Thank you for support! Please clearly mark “Peru Trip” on your check and envelope.

**REBUILDING TOGETHER, Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** Meet at First Presbyterian Church at 8:00 a.m. Work together on a house in Columbia, Jeffers Hill area. The house captain this year is David. Sign-up in the Lower Commons. Contact Elder Pat.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 5K RUN FOR COFFEE**  
**Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

Are you planning to run, walk, or volunteer in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Coffee on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at Hopewell Park? Sign-up in the Lower Commons. Stop by the table to sign-up or find out more about the Run for Coffee and the project it supports.

**JUST ONE CAN... PLUS! – Baby Items – in April**

Food stamps do not cover any paper or cleaning products, so such non-food items as diapers and wipes are especially welcomed and also prepackaged baby or toddler food and formula. Please leave your contributions in the bin across from the Welcome Desk. As always, the generous support of the congregation is greatly appreciated.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**AN INVITATION FOR RETIREES AND EMPTY NESTERS** - we're celebrating the spring weather by introducing the new Lunch Bunch! Come join us for a casual lunch at the Centre Park Bob Evan's (4900 Beaver Run Court) at 11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 22**. Enjoy time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Sign up at the Welcome Center or email [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-Noon** at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. Come to the Spring Gathering and installation of officers of Presbyterian Women in Baltimore Presbytery. Breakfast will be prepared by our own Bob Reese. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., cost is \$12.00. Sign-up on the PW bulletin board on the second floor. Our own Melanie Fadrowski will be installed as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the Baltimore Presbytery. All women are invited to attend!

## **CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK AND THE EARTH FORUM'S 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Next Sunday, April 27, 2014**

**Luncheon: 2:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the taste of Spring with a fresh, delicious luncheon filled with springtime flavors, and prepared and served by Howard County Chef Paul. Discover more about eating sustainably as Chef Paul introduces the meal and shares tips for preparing and serving local, nutritious food.



Reflect with us as we pay tribute to earth Week. join in the fellowship as we celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of Earth Forum and recognize the people who have developed and supported the Forum.

**Lunch Tickets:** Advanced tickets - \$10.00, Reserved tickets - \$11.00, At-the-door tickets - \$12.50. Tickets available at the church office. To reserve tickets email [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org) or call 410-730-3545. Come, join us for lunch at the Earth Forum.

### **GIRL'S NIGHT IN!!!**

Pizza, salad, dessert and fun with the girls! All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women Spring Event, "Girl's Night In" on *Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.* in Lyle Buck Hall. We'll be socializing and assembling Baby Kits for Church World Service. A sign-up sheet is in the Lower Commons. \$5 per person, pay at the door.

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WILL,** the distribution of your estate – no matter how small or large – is determined by the laws of your state. The state may not include all the people you would like to benefit, and it won't include any charities or religious organizations you wish to support. Have you made a will yet? If not, please contact the church office or email the Year Round Stewardship Committee at [pledges@firstpreshc.org](mailto:pledges@firstpreshc.org) for ideas and details.

**OUR 26 BRICKS NEED SOME NEW FRIENDS!** Brick orders will be accepted through May 11<sup>th</sup> for placement this year. Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Contact: church office.

**BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING:** Stay healthy and come have your blood pressure tested in Lyle Buck Hall from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. The next time blood pressure testing will occur is April 27. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

### **WOMENFEST A HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT FOR WOMEN**

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Gary Arthur Community Center at Glenwood, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville  
[www.howardcountyaging.org/womenfest](http://www.howardcountyaging.org/womenfest) or 410-313-5440

### **BREATHE DEEP COLUMBIA 5K WALK to stop Lung Cancer**

Saturday, April 26, Columbia Town Center

To register: [www.lungevity.org/columbia](http://www.lungevity.org/columbia), fee discount code: ICARE

Questions: [Columbia@lungevity.org](mailto:Columbia@lungevity.org)

## **JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM**

***Journey to Jerusalem – 14,800 miles – six weeks – The Long Way Around!***

We've made it to Russia! We're about 200 miles west of Lake Baical. Only about 3500 miles to go to Jerusalem from here! A sign-up sheet and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. Return your report slips to the Welcome Desk.

# Weekly Calendar

## Every Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning  
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services  
The Worship Bridge (grades 2 – 5) during 11:00 a.m. service  
9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages & First Forum 📖

## Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

EASTER SUNDAY

NO CHURCH SCHOOL | NO WORSHIP BRIDGE

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel  
7:00-11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

## Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

## Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Living the Questions Bible Study

## Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

## Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

9:00 a.m. Deborah Circle  
1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

PERU MISSION TRIP

8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park  
Rebuilding Together  
9:00 a.m. Baltimore Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

## Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH SUNDAY

PERU MISSION TRIP

9:15-11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening  
12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Earth Forum



For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check the calendar on our website at [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org), the current issue of Tidings, or call the church office 410-730-3545.

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 to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, April 24, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2014 Issue #5.