



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
July 13, 2014

TODAY

SUMMER is here and it is time again for **“Lemonade on the Lawn”**. Refreshments will be provided outside on the front lawn near the picnic tables. Come have a cool drink and visit with friends! We need extra hands! Share in this ministry by signing up to host. Call the church office or sign-up in the Lower Commons.



LITURGIST: Kristin (10:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: Ronald, M.J., Alice (9:00); Craig, Melanie, Nancy, (10:00); Barry, John, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Nancy (9:00); Maria (10:00)



FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Catherine in honor of Ed’s birthday and by Tom and Dot in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary. Flower arranger is Jan.

THE RED ROSE in the pulpit today is in celebration of the birth of Kipton Patrick, son of Megan and Dan, born on June 20, 2014.

TODAY WE SEND OUT – Today we send sixteen youth and three adults off to the Mid-High Conference at Massanetta Springs, July 15-18. Please pray for those attending this conference in Harrisonburg, Virginia: Mansa, Terri, Olivia, Julia, Chisom, Anna, Emma, Angelina, Eric, Kyle, Caroline, Ethan, Henry, Eddie, Jon, Mary, and will be accompanied by Woody, Kathy, and Marla.

We also send out senior highs and their adult friends to the **2014 Montreat Youth Conference:** Ewurafua, Luke, Emily, Matt, Michael, Erin, Gillian, Godfirst, Molly, Emily, Sarah, Shannon, Brooke, Alexis, Debbie and Virginia.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Camp ConnectED at 9:45 a.m. **TODAY** and each Sunday through July. There is no need to pre-register your children, just show up each Sunday with a willing spirit and clothes that can get dirty. We still have room for both adult and youth volunteers. Youth volunteers must sign up at least one week in advance. If you would like to volunteer please speak with DCE Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13

Please pray for: Jeff, Ed, Joan, Burta, Dave, Kate, Kathy, Richard, Pat, Andy, Blessing, Alice, Dorothy, Tom, Gertrude, Doris, Bob, Vivian & Robert, Daniel, Ken, Kim, Bob, Cliff, Marilyn, Al

Recovering from Surgery: Cindy, Paula, Barbara

Family & Friends: *Louisa & Jim's daughter, Ethel*

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

Desiderius Erasmus (October 27, 1466-July 12, 1536) was born in Rotterdam about 1466. A scholar, he has been regarded as perhaps the most influential figure of the flowering in Europe of literature and knowledge that we know as the Renaissance. Originally an Augustinian canon and priest, he travelled over much of Europe teaching in Paris, at Oxford and Cambridge and elsewhere. He had little time for the dry scholasticism and pedantry which was current in church circles, and greatly contributed to the new understanding of scripture and doctrine which lay behind the Reformation, giving rise to the observation that: "Erasmus laid the egg and Luther hatched it." His sources were the early church fathers and the Bible itself, where he went behind the Latin translations of the day to the original languages, publishing a Greek New Testament in 1516. A man of deep faith, he was not a controversialist, which meant that both sides could both claim and challenge him. He died in Basle on July 12, 1536.

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: *Costa Rico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama*

Pray for:

- *Those who send money back home so their families can live;*
- *Street children, especially in urban areas;*
- *Those people who live with the hard realities of persistent poverty, hunger, malnutrition, homelessness and unemployment.*

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org

OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2014

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Hamilton Church in Baltimore City – Greg Seltzer,
Commissioned Ruling Elder
- ✦ Hancock Church – currently without a pastor

SUMMER STORY TIME IS BACK!

Calling all parents of preschoolers – bring the family and join us for an informal Story Time at **10:30 a.m. this Wednesday, July 16**. We will read books, do crafts, play games and be done by 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org



Sixth Grade

Mission & Adventure Week



SIXTH GRADE MISSION & ADVENTURE WEEK

Monday-Friday, July 21-25, 2014, meet at 9:00 a.m.

Calling all rising Sixth Graders! Pastor Morton and Pastor Sue are putting together a GREAT week for us to explore mission and ministry together.

Here's what usually happens: We gather at 9:00 a.m. and have a time of morning conversation and devotions together to start the day. Then we get ready to do a mission project of the day. It could be a work project somewhere, or an exploring day somewhere. It might be at the church, or it might be off campus. Depending on where we go and what we do, we return to the church around 3:00 p.m. We'll clean up our woodland labyrinth, help out at a horse rescue farm, pack some lunches for hungry people, visit the Church World Service warehouse, visit the Robinson Nature Center, and go exploring in DC! At the end of the week, we're going to do something really special to welcome everyone to Mid-Highs!

And let the Church Office know that you want to be part of this fun tradition! We're sending a letter out to all our FPC Sixth Graders – but call the Church Office or email us (churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) to sign up. There's also a sign-up sheet in the Lower Commons. The cost for the week is \$20.00

And a note to parents, collegians and other adult friends of youth: we're going to need a gang of adults to help with this. You don't have to help every single day – but please let Morton or Sue know if you can be part of this great First Presbyterian tradition.



DO YOU TAKE JESUS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO?

Flat Jesus is coming to First Presbyterian and he wants to go with you on your summer adventures, be it around the world or in your own backyard. Pick one up at the Welcome Desk, visit our website or check the June Tidings to find your very own Flat Jesus. Decorate him however you want, cut him out and carry him with you! Be sure to take pictures with Flat Jesus and share them with us on our Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #FlatJesus or email photochallenge@firstpreshc.org.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUMMER AFTER-CHURCH

During Summertime, we invite you to our series of informal gatherings after worship each week – at 11:00 a.m. Sometimes we gather to learn, sometimes to chat, sometimes to eat, always to explore the territory of our common life.

TODAY Sunday, July 13 – Big Sing! We'll gather in the Sanctuary at 11:20am and sing hymns and songs, old and new, together for about 45 minutes!!

July 20 – Emergencies at Church: Just how does that Defibrillator work? Do we have an evacuation plan? Ever shot off a fire extinguisher?!!

July 27 – Big Read Gathering #1: We'll talk about the first five things they never told us about Jesus!

August 3 – Kids Water Day!

Peru Movie: If you missed the world premiere in June, come watch this wonderful movie of our mission explorers visit to Peru!

August 10 – My GA Experience with Emma Warman. Emma served as the Young Adult Advisory Delegate for Baltimore Presbytery for the recent General Assembly in Detroit. She'll share her experiences as a YAAD.

August 17 – Family Treasures. In anticipation of Pastor Sue's sabbatical explorations, we'll share a few personal roots and streams. Bring a photo, treasured object or artifact that tells a story about your family heritage.

August 24 – Root Beer Floats! Need we say more???

August 31 – Big Read Gathering #2: The second five things they never told us about Jesus!

YES, THERE IS A BIG READ THIS SUMMER!

Ten Things They Never Told Me About Jesus, by John L. Bell, 2009: Wild Goose Resource Group. John Bell was our guest in March, and many of us cruising the book table asked that this book be our summer Big Read! The books have been ordered, but if you missed the order, you can get it at the website: www.giamusic.com. Enter the book title in the search box in the upper right corner! See you on **July 27th & August 31st** after church!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

HELP THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN RAIN GARDEN GROW - June-October 2014

If you enjoy digging in the soil, we encourage you to be a Rain Garden "Tend and Keeper" and help nurture and weed the garden. Just look for the Rain Garden display table in the Lower Commons to sign up, or contact earthforum@firstpreshc.org or call the church office.

JUST ONE CAN in JULY! – Personal Dignity Days

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, our featured donation for July is personal hygiene products. 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. Recommended items are: shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, bar soap, detergent. Please leave your contributions in the bin near the Welcome Desk in the Upper Commons. As always, the generous support of the congregation is greatly appreciated.



OFFERING OF FLOWERS: You are invited to bring flowers cut from your own garden to worship on **July 27th** and **August 24th**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION COMMITTEE will meet briefly **next Sunday, July 20th** following the 10:00 a.m. service in Room 258. The main purpose of the meeting will be to begin planning for the Ministry Fair in September.

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at The Trolley Stop, 6 Oella Avenue, Ellicott City, at 11:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, July 22nd**. Retirees and empty nesters are invited to enjoy some time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Sign up in the Lower Commons or email discipleship@firstpreshc.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING TODAY: Stay healthy and come have your blood pressure tested in the church library from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

THE SUMMER EDITION OF TIDINGS has been delayed. Tidings will be folded on **Friday, July 18th**. Meanwhile, if you have questions about activities and events, please call or email the church office.

WHERE'S OUR CHURCH STAFF? Our Executive Assistant, *Caroline Smith*, will be out of the office on Monday, July 14 but the building will be open. Our Director of Christian Education, *Virginia Callegary*, is at the Montreat Youth Conference with the Senior Highs, Sunday-Saturday, July 13-19. Our Church Sexton, *Woody Collins*, will be on vacation, Tuesday-Friday, July 15-18, to serve as a Volunteer on the Mid-High trip to Massanetta. *Pastor Morton* is on vacation today and will return to the office on Tuesday, July 15.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

SUMMER WORSHIP weekly through **August 31, 2014**

9:00 a.m. – First Worship

Thirty good minutes of hymns, prayer and a Bible lesson – especially friendly for families with young children. Everyone welcome!

10:00 a.m. – Summer Worship

Neither “traditional” nor “contemporary” – just the best of First Presbyterian’s worshipping tradition! A gathering of the whole church to enjoy God together through hymns and songs, prayers and praise, scripture lessons and a sermon.

Weekly Calendar

Every Sunday through Labor Day Weekend

9:00 a.m. First Worship

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:15 a.m. Summer After-Church

Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning

9:45-11:00 a.m. Camp ConnectED (age 4 and up) in June & July

Sunday, July 13th

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:15-11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

9:45 a.m. Camp ConnectED

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:15 a.m. Big Sing!

Monday, July 14th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

Tuesday, July 15th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

MASSANETTA MID-HIGH CONFERENCE

7:00 p.m. Hannah Circle

Wednesday, July 16th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

MASSANETTA MID-HIGH CONFERENCE

10:30 a.m. Summer Story Time

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness ♥

Thursday, July 17th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

MASSANETTA MID-HIGH CONFERENCE

7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Friday, July 18th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

MASSANETTA MID-HIGH CONFERENCE

1:00 p.m. Bulletins & Tidings Folded

Saturday, July 19th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE – SENIOR HIGHS

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Walking Group at Centennial Park

9:00 a.m. Church Workday

Sunday, July 20th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION – SCHOOL SUPPLIES & JUST ONE CAN

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:45 a.m. Camp ConnectED

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Mission Meeting

11:15 a.m. Emergencies at Church

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check the calendar on our website at 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 by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, August 14, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. for the September 2014 Issue #8.