



# First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
August 3, 2014

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## 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:** Bruce (10:00)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Jim (9:00); Craig, (10:00); Jonathan (Tech Crew)

**AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** Nancy (9:00)  
Ginny (10:00)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Larry, Nancy and Emma in celebration of Thomas’ birthday. Flower arranger is Nancy.

**WE WILL LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning to remember Francesca, daughter of Doria, who died on August 8, 2012.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

**BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED** to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

**THE BANNERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY** were made by the participants in the Sixth Grade Mission and Adventure Week which just concluded. The blue waves at the bottom represent the living stream of God’s presence and Being; the vine recalls Jesus’ words “I am the vine, you are the branches;” the vine divides the banners into four parts, with symbols for the four seasons: sunshine for summer, colorful leaves for autumn, snowflakes for winter, and rain for spring. On the vine, if you have good eyes, you can see four colors of fruit, for each season: white for winter, yellow for summer, orange for fall, and blue for spring. At the top of the vine, the red bright flower is a portion of the PCUSA logo, representing the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, also a cup and a fish, symbols of Communion. Special thanks to Debbie, who sewed the pockets and finished the seams so we could hang it up!

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3

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

**Recovering from Surgery:** Cindy, Paula, Paul, Barbara, Judy

**Family & Friends:** *Kathy's uncle, Jim*

**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

**Eugene Carson Blake** (November 7, 1906-July 31, 1985) was a Presbyterian minister whose service to the church called Christians to work with each other against oppression and injustice and for greater opportunity for those in need. He served as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly in the 1950s, and was a leading voice for ecumenical cooperation and church union. In the 1960s he served as president of the National Council of Churches, bringing his predominantly white constituency into active participation in the US Civil Rights movement. On the Fourth of July 1963, Blake was one of nine religious leaders arrested near Baltimore, Maryland, as they demonstrated for the racial desegregation of an amusement park. The following month, he represented the NCCCUSA in the leadership and on the podium of the historic March on Washington. Blake had also been active in the World Council of Churches since its founding in 1948, and in 1966 he was elected to succeed the council's founder W. A. Visser t'Hooft as General Secretary. During Blake's term, he brought together world leaders to found the WCC Programme to Combat Racism. In retirement, Blake was active with Bread for the World.

**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: *Canada, United States of America*

*Pray for:*

- *Those who work for the rights of women and children;*
- *Revitalization of churches and renewed leadership;*
- *Those who tell stories from other parts of the world linking the poverty of the developing world to the consumerism of North America.*

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 mission we share as part of the PCUSA.*

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### KIDS WATER DAY

**TODAY Sunday, August 3**

**Children's Water Day** at 11:15 a.m.

Meet outside.

- Activities for preschool and elementary-aged children.
- Wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel.
- For safety reasons children must be accompanied by an adult.



## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### SUMMER AFTER-CHURCH

During Summertime, come to a 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 August 3** – Two activities!!

*Kids Water Day!* See details above.

*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.*

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???*

*Pastor Sue will have a conversation about her upcoming sabbatical. Get your root beer float and join her in Branch Hall.*

**August 31** – *Big Read Gathering #2*

The second five things they never told us about Jesus! See you in the Parlor.

### 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](http://www.giamusic.com). Enter the book title in the search box in the upper right corner! See you **August 31<sup>st</sup>** after church!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

### Pool Parties

*Mid-Highs* – 2:00-4:00 p.m. – *To be determined*

*Senior Highs* – 2:30-4:30 p.m. – *The Haskins' House*

Watch your mailbox for the postcard for more details!





## 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](mailto:photochallenge@firstpreshc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**“MOVEABLE FEAST” MINISTRY** needs home-baked or bakery-purchased desserts. Please bring your dessert donation every second Sunday of the month to the church kitchen before 12:30 p.m. Be sure to label them for “Moveable Feast.” Items MAY be individually wrapped and should contain no nut products. For more information about this ministry, contact Discipleship & Caring Ministries Elders or the church office.



**DEACONS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** The Deacons will be collecting school supplies for Running Brook Elementary School **through August 17<sup>th</sup>**. There will be bins marked “School Supply Drive” in the collection station in the *Lower Commons*. Pick up a list of needed items at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for helping the kids! Questions? Contact: Deacon Sheryl Goering.

## HELP THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN RAIN GARDEN GROW - Now-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](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org) or call the church office.

## JUST ONE CAN in AUGUST! – Personal Dignity Days

As part of the Deacons’ continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, our featured donation 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 wooden bin near the Welcome Desk in the *Upper Commons*. As always, the generous support of the congregation is greatly appreciated.



**OFFERING OF FLOWERS:** Thank you to members and friends who have shared beautiful flowers from their gardens this summer.

There is one more Garden Flowers Sunday! You are invited to bring flowers cut from your own garden to worship **on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **PANSIES FOR AKWAABA!** Akwaaba Sunday is **September 7, 2014**



Help us decorate the sanctuary with colorful pansies! Order forms are in today's bulletin or at the Welcome Desk. \$4.00 each for a 4 inch pot. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **POLO SHIRTS WITH FIRST PRES LOGO COMING SOON!**

We wear our pride. Be it our favorite sports team, company or even golf course. Why not wear your pride of our church? Strengthening the Church will be ordering polo shirts. Order forms and pricing will be coming soon. See Debbie for more information.

**THE CHURCH KITCHEN IS CLOSED** for cleaning now through August 23.

**WHERE'S OUR CHURCH STAFF?** Co-Pastor *Morton Harris* will be on vacation August 4-11. Church Sexton *Woody Collins* will be on vacation through August 7.

**SESSION MEETING, Tuesday, August 26**, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting. Cost for dinner is \$5.00. Please contact *Caroline Smith*, [execasst@firstpreshc.org](mailto:execasst@firstpreshc.org) if you plan to come to dinner.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL**

**SUMMER WORSHIP** weekly through **August 31, 2014 – Labor Day Weekend**  
**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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 1, 2014** for Labor Day.

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS Sunday, September 7, 2014**

Returning to 3 services:

8:00 a.m. Traditional

9:30 a.m. Contemporary

11:00 a.m. Traditional

Church School for all ages begins

Watch for more details!

**AKWAABA AND MINISTRY FAIR, September 7, 2014**

Come celebrate as we kick off the 2014-2015 program year! Enjoy a morning filled with fun, music, and fellowship. Join us in Lyle Buck Hall for refreshments and to learn about the many exciting Mission Opportunities available to you.

# 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

### Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY | LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 a.m. First Worship

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Godly Play

11:15 a.m. Water Day for Kids

Peru Movie

### Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

### Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

### Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness ♥

### Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

### Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

### Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park

### Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP

MOVEABLE FEAST

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 a.m. First Worship

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Godly Play

11:15 a.m. My GA Experience with Emma Warman

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, August 14, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. for the September 2014 Issue #8.