



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 10, 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: Mike (10:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: Ron, M. J., Agnes (9:00); Margot, Nancy, John (10:00); Elaine, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Debbie (9:00 & 10:00)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Melanie and Davey in memory of our beloved sister-in-law and Aunt, Jeanne; and by Doria and Elizabeth Joy in loving memory of Francesca.
Flower arranger is Janet.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME organist John Cupp. John graduated from Frostburg State College, Class of 2013, with a major in math. He studied organ with Joan DeVee Dixon and was organist of Holy Cross/St. Philip's Church in Cumberland, MD. He now studies with Steven Harriff, Music Minister of Faith Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. John is the Organist at Church of the Advent in Baltimore.

THE BANNERS IN THE SANCTUARY 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 Salles, who sewed the pockets and finished the seams so we could hang it up!

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10

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

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Dr. Cliff, and Cliff and Kathy, in the death of their son and brother David on August 1, 2014.*

May the peace of Christ be with the family of Jane Morrill, a member of First Presbyterian Church in the 1960s and 1970s, died on June 14, 2014. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in our sanctuary on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Therese and Albert who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, August 9, 2014.

Family & Friends: Kathy's uncle, Jim

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan in Guatemala.

*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

Florence Nightingale (May 12, 1820-August 31, 1910), and **Clara Mass** (June 28, 1876-August 24, 1901), renewers of society. When Florence Nightingale, daughter of a wealthy English family, decided she would become a nurse, her family was horrified. In the early 1800s, nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. Florence trained at Kaiserwerth, Germany with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She returned home and worked to reform hospitals in England. She led a group of 38 nurses to serve in the Crimean War; the sanitary conditions were so terrible more soldiers died of illnesses contracted in the hospital than of battle wounds. Florence suspected that sanitation was the cause. She returned to London a hero, and resumed her work for hospital reform.

Clara Mass was born in New Jersey to German Lutheran immigrants, and volunteered as a contract nurse in the US Army (there was no Army Nurse Corps yet) in the Spanish-American War. She served in Florida, Georgia, Cuba and the Philippines, where she encountered yellow fever. After the war, she returned to Cuba, where Walter Reed was leading research on yellow fever. During the experiment, which included receiving bites from mosquitos, she contracted the disease and died. We remember these women, and give thanks to all who practice the arts of healing.

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: *Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia*

Pray for:

- *The wonderful diversity of creation and those who seek to be good stewards;*
- *Coral reefs, and the wonder of life they contain;*
- *The rights of Aboriginal people who have lived in Australia for thousands of years;*
- *The rights of Maori people, who were the original inhabitants of Aotearoa/New Zealand.*

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.

- ✠ *Havre de Grace Church – Susie Atkinson, Designated Pastor*
- ✠ *Highland Church in Street – Jack Carlson, Pastor*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KIDS WATER DAY RESCHEDULED!

NEXT Sunday, August 17

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 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. Enter the book title in the search box in the upper right corner! See you **August 31st** after church!



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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday, August 24th

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!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



DEACONS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: The Deacons will be collecting school supplies for Running Brook Elementary School **through August 17th**. 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: the church office.

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 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 24th**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHANCEL CHOIR AND SPIRIT PROJECT SUMMER PARTY – A great opportunity for anyone interested in learning a little bit more about the choir or The Spirit Project, and for those who would like to join either or both groups! Come for a laid back Sunday afternoon, August 24th at 2:00 p.m., for socializing, good food, and fun times singing around the piano. Main dishes will be provided. You are welcome to bring a beverage or dessert if you would like. RSVP is requested, but not required. Please contact Ben for more information.

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



Help us decorate the sanctuary with colorful pansies! Order forms are at the Welcome Desk. \$4.00 each for a 4 inch pot. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, August 24th**.

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 – light blue, the cost is \$25.00 each. Order forms are in today's bulletin or at the Welcome Desk. **Orders due by Sunday, August 24th**. See Debbie for more information.

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

WHERE'S OUR CHURCH STAFF? Director of Music Ministries *Jimmy Galdieri* is on vacation today. Co-Pastor *Morton Harris* is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday, August 12th.

SESSION MEETING, Tuesday, August 26th, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting. Cost for dinner is \$5.00. Please contact Caroline Smith, 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 10th

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUMMER WORSHIP | LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
MOVEABLE FEAST
SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
9:00 a.m. First Worship
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Godly Play
11:15 a.m. My GA Experience with Emma Warman

Monday, August 11th

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH

Tuesday, August 12th

SUPER TUESDAY
SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
7:00 p.m. Christian Education
Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, August 13th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE
SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Service of Witness to Resurrection
Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness ♥
7:00 p.m. Annual User Group Meeting
7:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, August 14th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE
SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
6:30 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel Meeting

Friday, August 15th

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, August 16th

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park
Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
9:30 a.m. Technical Services Work Day

Sunday, August 17th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MINUTE FOR MISSION – GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
SUMMER WORSHIP | BAPTISM | LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 17TH
9:00 a.m. First Worship
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Godly Play
11:15 a.m. Family Treasures

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.