



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 31, 2014

TODAY

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE and the last day 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. Consider volunteering to help with Coffee Fellowship which begins next **Sunday, September 7th**. Share in this ministry by signing up to host. Call the church office or sign-up in the Lower Commons.



LITURGIST: Toni (10:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: Brett, Alice (9:00); Margot, Melanie (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 Morton Harris in celebration of Sue's birthday.
Flower arranger is Donna.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 10:00 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 room 110&113.

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Carol Letendre, who died on August 22, 2013.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, at the 10:00 a.m. service, for Shanta. Shanta is joining the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES! Please check your entry in the draft church directory today at the Welcome Desk. Make any changes to your contact info. New Church Directories will be distributed at the Ministry Fair on Akwaaba Sunday, September 7.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

NEXT Sunday, September 7, 2014
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Akwaaba! Welcome!
The Ministry Fair



We return to 3 services:

8:00 a.m. Traditional | 9:30 a.m. Contemporary | 11:00 a.m. Traditional

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31

Please pray for: Jeff, Ed, Joan, Dave, Mel, Richard, Pat, Paula, Andy, Alice, Dorothy, Tom, Gertrude, Bob, Vivian & Robert, Daniel, Ken, Kim, Bob, Cliff, Marilyn, Al

Recovering from Surgery: Burta, Blessing, Paul

Family and Friends: *Beth's parents*

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

Albert Schweitzer (January 14, 1875-September 4, 1965) Brilliantly versatile as a German organist, pastor, lecturer, physician and theologian, Schweitzer startled Biblical scholars of his day by asserting Jesus' teachings were grounded in the conviction that the world would end in his lifetime. Thus Jesus' radical love ethic was an interim one, made possible because of the short time his followers needed to practice it. Schweitzer's The Quest for the Historical Jesus is a classic, indicating the degree to which attempts to understand the "real" Jesus say more about the interpreter than about Jesus. He concluded that Jesus remains as one unknown, beckoning us to follow. Schweitzer did just that. In 1913 he left his distinguished academic career and his mastery as a player and interpreter of JS Bach to become a medical missionary. He and his wife went to Lambaréné in French Equatorial Africa (present day Gabon). There he built a hospital and rebuilt it when it was destroyed. By 1960, the hospital had over 70 buildings which could care for over 500 patients at one time. The Christian ethic he lived was a radical reverence for life of all kinds. For that, he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1954.

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: *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*

Pray for:

- *The environment, especially where it is heavily polluted;*
- *The victims of anti-Semitism, and ethnic, gender and social intolerance in the midst of rising nationalism and the search for identity;*
- *The renewal of the church in the midst of growing freedom and growing secularization.*

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 mission of our congregation.

Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership: *Iglesia Nain Las Palmas and Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem – two small congregations in tiny, remote villages of Boca Costa Presbytery*

Colleges & Collegiate Ministries of the PCUSA: *including United Campus Ministries at the University of Maryland College Park, where the Rev. Holy Ulmer is Chaplain.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

NEXT Sunday, September 7, 2014

Church School at 9:30 a.m. for age 2 through grade 12

Ark for children age 2 through grade 1

L.I.F.E. for children in grades 2 through 5

Mid-High Class for students in grades 6 through 8

Senior High Class for students in grades 9 through 12

Nursery, birth through 3 years, available from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Godly Play, 4 years – 1st grade, at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Worship Bridge, 2nd-5th grade, at 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Classes

Bible in Depth at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor begins September 14th

First Forum at 9:30 a.m. in Room 258, September 21st

Add Church School and Worship to your fall schedule! *Akwaaba! Sunday* is our startup of the program year! It means *Welcome!* Gather together in worship and Bible study together.

Celebrate with us as we kick off the 2014-2015 program year with **The Ministry Fair!** 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You can now sign-up online to volunteer in the Nursery. Visit the church website and click on the “Sign-Up to Volunteer” page to access a list of volunteer opportunities. You will be required to provide your name and email address in order to sign-up.” Or email nursery@firstpreshc.org to volunteer or sign-up outside the Nursery.



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, 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 31 – Big Read Gathering #2

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES



NEXT Sunday, September 7th

Youth/Parent Orientation Picnic

5:00-8:00 p.m. start in Lyle Buck Hall

Hamburgers, hot dogs, “fixings” and beverages will be provided.

Bring a side dish to share and your 2014-2015 calendars

Friday, September 12th

Mid-Highs & Senior Highs

Miniature Golf & Movie Night

Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Play golf at Columbia Sports Park.

Come back to church for pizza and a movie.

Pick up at the church by 10ish p.m.

Bring: signed permission postcard

Last names A-M bring a drink to share

Last names N-Z bring a snack to share

Money – everyone bring \$6.50 per person for golf

R.S.V.P. to the church office, 410-730-3545

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHURCH MUSIC ENSEMBLES will begin rehearsals soon.

New members are welcome in all groups!

The Spirit Project – Thursday, September 4th

6:00 p.m. meeting, 6:15 p.m. rehearsal

The Chancel Choir – Thursday, September 4th

7:00 p.m. meeting, 7:15 p.m. rehearsal, in the Choir Room

Handbell Choir – Wednesday, September 17th

7:15 p.m. set-up, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal, in the Choir Room

For more info contact Jimmy Galdieri, Director of Music Ministries,
jgaldieri@firstpreshc.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED tomorrow Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.

WOODROW AND CAROL COLLINS invite you to attend a celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Bridget Allison, to Daniel Montgomery at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2014 in the church sanctuary.

HEAD START IS “BACK TO SCHOOL” in our building. Please be aware that young children may be crossing the parking lot to go to the playground. Keep the teachers and children in your prayers for a good school year. Watch for news about the Backpack Project!

WE WELCOME OUR PASTOR-IN-RESIDENCE, The Rev. Walt Peters, who begins on Tuesday, September 2nd. He will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays while Pastor Sue Lowcock Harris is on sabbatical.

GUEST MINISTER, The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Director of the PCUSA Office of Public Witness, will preach at all three services on September 14th.


LOOKING AHEAD

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL, October 5, 2014

Our community is an amazing tapestry of languages, cultures and heritages! Help us learn about and appreciate all the wonderful threads that make First Presbyterian such an exciting place to be! Whether you're from Small Town USA, Nairobi, London, Atlanta, or Kyoto, your heritage is an important part of what shapes our community. Bring snacks, treats, games, art, textiles, toys, books, anything at all, to share and show! The Hot Dog Bar returns again! Please bring regional hot dog toppings to share! Contact: discipleship@firstpreshc.org

Weekly Calendar

Every Sunday starting September 7th

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, August 31st

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUMMER WORSHIP | LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
INFANT & TODDLER CARE IS AVAILABLE ALL MORNING
9:00 a.m. First Worship
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Godly Play
11:15 a.m. Summer After-Church - Big Read #2

Monday, September 1st

LABOR DAY
CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2nd

5:00 p.m. Backpack Project Packing
7:00 p.m. S.M.L.T.

Wednesday, September 3rd

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
5:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness ♥

Thursday, September 4th

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:15 p.m. The Spirit Project
7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 5th

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park
9:00 a.m. Hannah Circle at Wegman's
10:00 a.m. Ark & L.I.F.E. Set-up Day
5:00 p.m. Bridget Collins & Daniel Montgomery Wedding

Sunday, September 7th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
AKWAABA | COMMUNION | THE MINISTRY FAIR
NAME TAG SUNDAY | COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Sunday School (age 2-grade 12)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth/Parent Orientation Picnic

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, September 11, 2014** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2014 Issue #9.