



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
November 9, 2014

TODAY

Please join downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall for coffee fellowship following the 8:00 a.m. service (from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) and following the Contemporary Service (from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.) If you can help with this ministry please contact discipleship@firstpreshc.org



LITURGISTS: Jan (8:00); Lisa (11:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: Ron (8:00); Nancy, Debbie (9:30); Craig (11:00); Jonathan (Tech Crew)

AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Gloria (8:00); Brett (9:30); Margot (11:00)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sloane Denise (age 10) November 1994, daughter of Janet. The flower arranger is Jan.

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Sloane Denise, daughter of Janet, who died in November 1994.

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, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to The Worship Bridge. They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING: Stay healthy and come have your blood pressure tested in Lyle Buck Hall from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

MISSION NEWS

THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE ended in a rush of enthusiasm. As of November 2 we had surpassed last year's total, with 74 scholarships funded. We are so happy to be able to tell our partner presbytery in Guatemala this wonderful news. All current students will be able to continue their studies and there will be scholarships available for many new students who want so much to go to middle and high school. We know that they will join us in praising God for this wonderful expression of Christian love. Thank you for your generosity.

Judy, Scholarship Coordinator

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Carol & Woody, Barb, Richard, Pat, Andy & Carolyn, Alice, Dorothy, Tom, Rob & Dorothy, Gertrude, Bob, Vivian & Robert, Daniel, Ken, Kim, Bob, Cliff, Bunny, Becky, Stan, Al, Beth

Recovering from Surgery: Burta, Mil, Paul, Anna

Family & Friends: Alice's sister, Gwen

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 Parish Visitor Ruth Bell, 443-668-1804
with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.*



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

Soren Kierkegaard (5 May 1813-11 November 1855) was a nineteenth century Danish theologian and reformer who challenged the church of his time to keep to its radical roots in the face of its accommodation to society. Highly critical of the rationalism and scientism of his day, he argues that truth was measured not by objectivity but by subjectivity – the depth of passion with which something is held. We remember him today for his exploration of the idea that faith is not based on rational evidence, but requires a “leap of faith.” There is no evidence that could ever be pragmatic enough to justify a total commitment – yet one makes the commitment anyway. Confirmands learn from him that in the theater of worship, we are the actors and God is the audience, receiving all we have to give.

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: *Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda*

Pray for:

- *Those steeped in violence and hatred, that their hearts may be turned;*
- *An end to corruption and corporate greed;*
- *The sustainable use of vast natural resources.*

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.

CHURCHES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE:

- ✦ Prince of Peace Church in Crofton – *Elizabeth McLean, Pastor*
- ✦ Roland Park Church in Baltimore City – *Mark Hanna, Pastor*
- ✦ Taneytown Church – *Lloyd Fuss, Temporary Supply Pastor*

BALTIMORE-CUBA PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE has a 1- year long partnership with El Centro Presbytery in Cuba and we will be celebrating together in Cuba on February 9-16, 2015. The theme is **“Baltimore-Cuba: 10 Years Sharing Ministry of Reconciliation”**. We will fly into Santa Clara, Cuba and fan out to our 13 partner congregations for several days of living with our sisters and brothers. We will reconvene at CANIP, the national camp of the Synod of Cuba located in Santa Clara, to worship, study, sing and pray together as we re-sign the Presbytery of Baltimore – Presbiterio del Centro partnership agreement. If you’ve ever thought about visiting Cuba now is the time! **Pastor Morton, Alice and Agnes will be attending.** Registration begins now, the cost of the trip is \$1200, which includes visas and other fees, transportation, lodging, food (except for Miami). There is a maximum of 20 people, to guarantee a spot send a check for \$300 made out to *The Presbytery of Baltimore*, indicated for Cuba Travel and send it to Deb Milcarek by December 1st. See Morton for more info.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Bible in Depth

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

“Bible stories you didn’t learn in Sunday School.”

a Bible study, led by Carl

We are still making our way through the Old Testament. Last year we ended with King Saul, so this year we will begin with King David and then go from there

FIRST FORUM – Adult Bible Study & Discussion

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 258

Today November 9th

Protect yourself Against Frauds and Scams

with Pfc. Andre Lingham, Howard County Police Department

Next Sunday, November 16th

Legal Paperwork to have in place before it’s too late

with Tom and Margie Downs, Downs Law Firm

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Water and Spirit in the Gospel of John

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

November 12: Text: John 13:1-20

Unless I wash you, you have no share in me...

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Thursday, November 13th

Confirmation Class, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Room 258

Friday-Sunday, November 14th-16th

Student Ministry Fall Retreat

Thursday, November 20th

Confirmation Class, 6:45-8:30 p.m. Room 258

PARENTS NIGHT OUT! Mark your calendars for **Friday, December 5th**, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for a night of fun and crafts for children ages 4 through 5th grade while the parents have a few hours of free babysitting by Mid-Highs. Call the church office to pre-register your child so enough materials can be available. Contact the church office

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE PROGRAM (ARP)

SAVOR THE FRUITS OF EVERY SEASON!

Today is Commitment Sunday!

Submit your Estimate of Giving now so that our Church can grow and thrive.

Please submit your Estimate of Giving Card by placing it in the Joash box in the sanctuary. You can also take it to the church office or mail your response. As another option, you can send an Email with your Giving Estimate to the secure Email address pledges@firstpreshc.org. This email should include your name, address, phone number, and pledge amount per week/month/quarter/or year. You will receive an automated response once you send the email to provide instant assurance that it was received by the church.

Important Date to Remember

NOVEMBER 23: Thank & Tell Sunday

Join us for lunch in Lyle Buck Hall at Noon

ARP Program status as of 11/3:

- Pledged Gifts = \$245,096 (Goal \$700,000)
- Pledges Received = 56 (Goal 220)

God is generous! Let us return a portion of what God has given us, enthusiastically, earnestly and joyfully.

Psalm 1:3 NRSV

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

EARTH FORUM

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY
Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Presents

UNFROZEN:

THE STATES OF WATER IN THE 50 STATES – 2014

Explained and illustrated by Emily Therese Cloyd

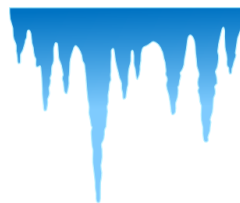
Public Participation & Engagement Coordinator for the National Climate Assessment

Water, essential to each of us, is changing in the US. Come learn how the location, availability, and safety of water in the US has changed and its trends for the future. Examine how the changes in water will affect you and your family, as presented in the authoritative 2014 National Climate Assessment.

Tasty refreshments will follow the program. At 3:45 p.m. a selection of workshops will be held, including the *Food in Film* viewing and discussion.

See www.earthforumhc.org, contact earthforum@firstpreshc.org, see us on Facebook or call 410-730-3545. The Earth Forum is free and open to all.

Join us at the Earth Forum.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

2014 HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Deacons are asking for your help to provide food baskets to Bridges to Housing Stability and other church families. Please bring non-perishable food items, a full list is in the Welcome Center.

Collecting through **Wednesday, November 19th**

Contact the church office



Christmas Stockings



Share the spirit and joy of Christmas with families in need in our community through FIRM, The Salvation Army and Head Start. The Deacons will provide Christmas Stockings or Christmas Gift Bags for children. Stockings and Gift Bags will be distributed in the Lower Commons starting **Sunday, November 23rd** and continue through Sunday, December 7th. Stockings for the Salvation Army must be returned by December 7th; all others must be returned by Sunday, December 14th

If you would like additional informations, please contact the church office

Please check the Welcome Desk or Tidings for more details and complete lists of needed items. Food donations can be placed in the Just-One-Can bin located in the Upper Commons. Thank you for your generosity.

BLOOD DRIVE is **Saturday, November 15th**, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sign-up in the Lower Commons or contact the church office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THANK YOU FROM RUTH CIRCLE to everyone who contributed items to the college care packages mission project. Packages were sent to 31 students and all are appreciative of receiving the items.

THE NEXT LUNCH BUNCH will be at Shanty Grill, 3410 Plum Tree Drive, Ellicott City. It will be on **Tuesday, November 18th at 12:00 p.m.** instead of the usual 11:30. Please sign-up in the Lower Commons.

DEBORAH CIRCLE INVITES YOU!

Deborah Circle meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 9-10:30. All women are invited for service and conversations about the difficult topics of our day, including marriage, wealth, guns, race, and more! Please come and join our fellowship. Contact the church office with any questions.

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, November 13, 2014** at 9 a.m. for the November 2014 Issue #11.

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 📖
10:30 a.m. Backpack Project Packing

Sunday, November 9th

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM - COMMITMENT SUNDAY
THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Monday, November 10th

THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19

Tuesday, November 11th

THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
SUPER TUESDAY
VETERANS DAY
7:00 p.m. Christian Education
Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, November 12th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE
THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:45p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel Meeting
7:00 p.m. Year Round Stewardship
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, November 13th

THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE
1:00 p.m. Earth Care Team Meeting
6:15 p.m. The Spirit Project
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, November 14th

THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded
6:00 p.m. Student Ministry Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 15th

THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT
8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park
Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. Church Workday
9:30 a.m. Presbytery Gathering at Woods Memorial

Sunday, November 16th

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM
STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT
THANKSGIVING BASKETS COLLECTION THROUGH NOVEMBER 19
2:00 p.m. Earth Forum