



First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
June 21, 2015

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!



LITURGIST: John (10:00)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT AT FIRST WORSHIP: Sam

USHERS & GREETERS: Rod (9:00); Craig (10:00); Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Marla and Jim in memory of Bethany.

The flower arranger is Jan.

ZENTANGLE ARTIST: Thanks to Ginny for the Zentangle® art in this week’s worship bulletin.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE - RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

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.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of a wonderful summer experience!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN RETURNS with the Summer Worship Schedule. We need extra hands! Share in this ministry by signing up to host. Call the church office or sign-up in the Lower Commons.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SUMMER continues today and each Sunday through July. Each week VBS will start in worship. After singing and praying together with the whole congregation children will leave for VBS. After worship parents can pick their children up in Branch Hall. We still need 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).

KIDS READ, Today, Sunday, June 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Library

Kids of all ages are invited to explore the church library during the first “Kids Read.” DCE Virginia Callegary will share a few of her favorite children’s books. We’ll read and play and find good books to help us make it through the long days of summer.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21

Please pray for: Jeff & Cheri, Ruth, Estelene, Chris, Jowin, Joan, Burta, Barb, Jane, Jean & Richard, Pat, Linda, Jeff, Blessing & Richard, Dorothy, Jerry, Tom, Carol, Gertrude, Vivian & Robert, Paula, Bunny, Matt & Sarah, Stan, Bette, Shirley & Betsy, Shirley, Al & Beth

In Copper Ridge: Murray

Upcoming Surgery: Kai, Dot

Recovering from Surgery: Paul, Taylor

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan with the Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO) along the US-Mexico border; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru.

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

George MacLeod (June 17, 1895-June 27, 1991) was a minister, visionary and prophetic witness for peace, in the context of the poverty and despair of the Depression, and became one of the most influential ministers to serve the church in the 20th century. He was born in Glasgow, educated at Oxford, and served during the First World War in the Argyll and Southern Highlanders, earned honors for bravery, and became an outspoken pacifist. He went to seminary and became a minister in the Church of Scotland in 1924. In 1930 was called to be the Pastor of Govan Old Parish in Glasgow, a dockland community struggling with all the social problems of poverty. He was drawn to Celtic theology as exemplified in St. Columba of Iona. In 1938 he took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey and the common life by working and living together, sharing skills and effort as well as joys and achievement. That original task became a sign of hopeful rebuilding of community in Scotland and beyond. The experience shaped – and continues to shape – the practice and principles of the Iona Community.

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: *Bolivia, Chile, Peru*

Pray for:

- *The impoverished and oppressed;*
- *A healing of all the wounds that people have had to endure;*
- *The rights of indigenous and mestizo peoples in these countries.*

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 2015

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✠ *Govans Church in Baltimore City – Thomas Harris, Pastor*
- ✠ *Grace Church in Baltimore City – Tanya Wade, Pastor*
- ✠ *Granite Church in Woodstock – Terrence Alspaugh, Pastor*

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT EDUCATION

BIG READ #1 - begins Today!

TODAY Sunday, June 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor

Big Read Kick-off and discussion of Chapters 1-3 of

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now

by Walter Brueggemann

2014: Westminster John Knox Press.

Available from Amazon & BN, and for both Kindle and Nook.

BIG READ #2

Sunday, July 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor

Discussion of Chapters 4-6 of

Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now

by Walter Brueggemann

BIG READ #3

Sunday, August 9 at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor

Learning to Walk in the Dark,

by Barbara Brown Taylor

2014: Harper Collins.

Available from Amazon & BN, and for both Kindle and Nook.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CALLING LITURGICAL DANCERS of all ages. We are beginning to rehearse our next dance so now would be a great time to join us. Contact the church office. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary.

OFFERING OF FLOWERS RETURNS: You are invited to bring flowers cut from your own garden to worship **next Sunday, June 28th**. Other opportunities will be July 26th and August 30th. See Tidings June 2015 Issue 6 for more details.

BLOOD DRIVE

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. Give Blood on **Saturday, July 11, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in Lyle Buck Hall. Sign up in the lower commons or contact the church office.

“TENDERS AND KEEPERS” NEEDED!

Enjoy and nurture the beauty of the Earth as Spring unfolds before our eyes here in the First Presbyterian Garden. You too, man, woman or child, can be a First Presbyterian “Tender and Keeper” and help the gardens grow, flourish, and bring delight to all. Just send your name and contact information to earthforum@firstpreshc.org or call the church at 410-730-3545 to let us know you would like to help.

JUST ONE CAN... PLUS! – June – “Restocking for the Summer”

As part of the Deacons’ continuing campaign against hunger in our area, we ask that you help by “restocking” the Howard County Food Bank with some of their most requested items: Beans - dried or canned, canned meat/tuna/chicken, canned Soups, cereal or oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti sauce. Please leave your donations in the “Just One Can” wooden cart across from the Welcome Desk in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Mid-High Trip to Massanetta – Tuesday, July 14-Friday, July 17

Senior High Trip to Montreat – Sunday, July 19 – Saturday, July 25

SIXTH GRADE MAD (MISSION & ADVENTURE) WEEK

Monday-Friday, July 27-31, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Morton, Pastor Sue and Miss Virginia are putting together a GREAT week of adventures. All rising sixth-graders invited to come join. Detailed information will be mailed out at the end of June – so make sure you are on the list! Call or email the church office.



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

GENERAL INFORMATION

DO YOU TAKE JESUS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO?

Flat Jesus is returning 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 or visit our website 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.



SECOND SATURDAY S'MORES

Saturday, July 11

6:00 p.m. in the Woodlands Chapel

Show off your marshmallow roasting technique to your friends at our NEW Second Saturday S'more Party – **Saturday, July 11 and August 8.**

The church will provide the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers.

All ages and roasting skill levels are welcome.

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Olive Garden* on Benson Drive (near Lowe's) on **Tuesday, June 23rd** at 11:30 a.m. 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.

THE SUMMER STITCHING MINISTRY will not meet on Sundays during the summer. However, the Wednesday group continues to meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. If you wanted to start stitching again or are new to the program, please come for a very informal time. We have lots of projects to work on. Thanks to all who continue to help with this mission.

THE CHURCH OFFICE and BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED on **Friday, July 3rd** and **Saturday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.



SUMMER AFTER CHURCH

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Every Sunday this summer there's something fun happening After-Church at around 11:15 a.m. The activities last about an hour. We've planned lots of different kinds of activities, so there is something for everyone.

New this year is Kids' Read – kids and books in the church library. We're scheduling Kids Read at the same time as the Big Read Gatherings. The church family that reads and prays together is a great church family!

After-Church activities start as soon as you can grab some Lemonade on the Lawn and join in.

TODAY June 21: Big Read Kick-off and Kids Read Kick-off

June 28: PICNIC!

July 5: Community Labyrinth Walk

July 12: Geek Dad and Geek Mom with Pastor Morton

July 19: Big Read Gathering #2 and Kids Read

July 26: A Walk in the Gardens

August 2: Kid's Water Day

August 9: Big Read Gathering # 3 and Kids Read

August 16: Craft Day

August 23: Root Beer Floats

August 30: Brown Bag Lunch & First Reports from Summer Mission Trips

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – NEXT Sunday, June 28, 2015

immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service

Lyle Buck Hall and the side lawn under the willow tree

Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings.

Please bring a favorite salad or side dish to share.

Also bring lawn games, table games, blankets, chairs, bug spray, suntan lotion, etc.

Fun activities for all: games, scavenger hunt, races, etc.

Invite your friends!

Contact: discipleship@firstpreshc.org



Happy Father's Day

Weekly Calendar

Every Sunday

9:00 a.m. First Worship
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning
Vacation Bible Summer (ages 4 – grade 5) June & July
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 10:00 a.m. services (starting in August)
11:00 a.m. Summer After-Church

Sunday, June 21st

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE | VACATION BIBLE SUMMER
FATHER'S DAY

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE GATHERING

9:00 a.m. First Worship
Lemonade on the Lawn
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Vacation Bible Summer
Lemonade on the Lawn
11:00 a.m. Summer After-Church:
Big Read Kick-Off
Kids Read Kick-Off

Monday, June 22nd

7:00 p.m. Diabetes Type I Support Group

Wednesday, June 24th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Guatemala Trip Meeting

Friday, June 26th

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Sunday, June 28th

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE | VACATION BIBLE SUMMER

9:00 a.m. First Worship
Lemonade on the Lawn
10:00 a.m. Summer Worship
Vacation Bible Summer
Lemonade on the Lawn
11:00 a.m. Summer After-Church:
Church Picnic

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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, July 2, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the July/August 2015 Issue #7.