



# First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
August 30, 2015

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## TODAY

**SUMMER** is coming to an end but we still have “**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:** Alice (10:00)

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

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by members of the congregation who have offered flowers from their gardens. If you brought flowers this morning and would like to have a Deacon deliver them to a church member unable to come to church, please leave them on the table in the narthex. The flower arranger is Melanie.

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

**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 Mel who died on September 4, 2014, the husband of Barb.



### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES!

Please check your entry in the draft church directory today at the Welcome Desk. Nancy Rentkiewicz will be available to assist you on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Make any changes to your contact info or send your updated information to Caroline Smith, [execasst@firstpreshc.org](mailto:execasst@firstpreshc.org) by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

New Church Directories will be distributed on Akwaaba Sunday, September 13, 2015.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30

**Please pray for:** Jeff & Cheri, Joan, Burta, Barb, Jane, Jean & Richard, Pat, Blessing & Richard, Dorothy, Jerry, Tom, Carol, Gertrude, Jim, Steve, Vivian & Robert, Rhydeil, Paula, Jonah, Bunny, Mark & Sara, Stan, Bette, Murray, Shirley & Betsy, Shirley, Al & Beth

**Recovering from Surgery:** Cheryl, Paul

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Marie and Ron, in the death of Marie's father, Lawrence, on August 25, 2015.*

*May the peace of Christ be with Eric and Kathy, in the death of Eric's mother, Ellen, on August 23, 2015 and in the death of Kathy's Uncle Jim.*

**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

**Fiacre** (d. 670) This Irish hermit accepted an invitation to build a hermitage in France, where he drew hundreds by his presence to learn about God. Seeing their homeless plight, Fiacre chopped down trees to build a hospice, and planted a garden to provide food and medicinal herbs. Through his simple example, the whole district accepted Christianity. Fiacre is the patron saint of gardeners, and his statue is in many gardens. His saint day is celebrated on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:** *Hurricane Katrina*

Early in the morning on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States. When the storm made landfall, it had a Category 3 rating on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. It brought sustained winds of 100-140 miles per hour, and stretched some 400 miles across. The storm itself did a great deal of damage, but its aftermath was catastrophic. Levee breaches led to massive flooding, and many people charged that the federal government was slow to meet the needs of the people affected by the storm. Hundreds of thousands of people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were displaced from their homes, and experts estimate that Katrina caused more than \$100 billion in damage.

**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: *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia.* Pray for:

- *Young people as they try to find a way forward;*
- *An end to ethnic hatred and the establishment of human rights for all;*
- *Displaced persons and refugees.*

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 2015

*We pray for the mission of our congregation.*

**Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership:** *Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem and Iglesia Las Palmas, two small, rural congregations. ("Iglesia" is the Spanish word for "church")*

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

### Youth/Parent Orientation Picnic

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

Hamburgers, hot dogs, "fixings" and beverages will be provided.

Bring a side dish to share and your 2015-2016 calendars

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION!** The first day of Sunday School is **September 13, 2015** at 9:30 a.m. and it's time to register! Children age 2 (by 9/1/15) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade should be registered. Parents can register their children in the Upper Commons after the 10:00 service. Contact Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Education, [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org) if you have any questions.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**HELP WANTED!** Anyone who likes children should consider teaching Church School. Our vision is to have more teachers at all age levels, which would allow teachers to rotate so that teachers may also take Adult Ed classes. No prior experience is required. We provide simple lesson plans and ideas for all ages. Virginia Callegary and the CE Elders can support you with planning or help with any questions you may have. To volunteer, or ask questions, email [Christianed@firstpreshc.org](mailto:Christianed@firstpreshc.org)



**HELP OUR YOUNG FAMILIES** There is a real need right now for helpers in the Nursery and Godly Play. You can help give the young families of our congregation a chance to worship or attend classes. Volunteers are needed to assist our paid Child Care Coordinator and Godly Play leader. You can choose to volunteer once a month or once in a while. To sign up please go to the Volunteer Spot on the church website or contact [Christianed@firstpreshc.org](mailto:Christianed@firstpreshc.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for making our young families welcome here!

### **JUST ONE CAN... PLUS! – August – “Personal Dignity Products”**

As part of the Board of Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, our featured donation for August 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: *shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, bar soap, detergent*. 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 Residents of Howard County.

### **“TENDERS AND KEEPERS” NEEDED to care for the Rain Garden!**

**Please be a part of the Good News of the Rain Garden and use our new weed-weasel.** Just send your name and contact information to [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org) or call the church at 410-730-3545 to let us know you would like to help.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet at the Church on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. and at the Sara's on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Hannah Circle is open to all women in their 20s, 30s and 40s. If you have been thinking about joining, this would be a great time to check out the group. For more information contact the church office.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PHOTO REQUEST** - *Fearless Generosity* is the theme for the upcoming fall Annual Response Program (ARP). We are looking for examples of photos that depict *Fearless Generosity*. Please submit pictures to the church office or email to [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) on or before Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!  
YRSC - Year Round Stewardship Committee

**BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY & TINO'S ITALIAN BISTRO** are joining together to prevent Howard County families from becoming homeless. You can help too, by eating at *Tino's Italian Bistro*, 8775 Centre Park Drive, Columbia on **Monday, August 31, 2105**. *Tino's* will donate 10% of your check to Bridges to Housing Stability. Invite a friend to lunch, meet a colleague at happy hour, treat your family to dinner, or order take out.

### FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

The *first Saturday of every month* is First Pres Pride Day! Get out your blue First Pres shirt and wear it while you get your morning coffee, run your errands, or even if you're just staying at home. Show off your true colors every month and see how many others you can spot around town! **What?!** You don't own a First Pres shirt? Contact the church office to purchase one for \$25.00.



### SECOND SATURDAY S'MORES CONTINUES

**Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Woodlands Chapel**

Show off your marshmallow roasting technique to your friends at Second Saturday S'more Party. The church will provide the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. All ages and roasting skill levels are welcome.

### PANSIES FOR AKWAABA! Akwaaba Sunday is **September 13, 2015**

Help us decorate the sanctuary with colorful pansies! Order forms are at the Welcome Desk. \$4.50 each for a 4 inch pot. Deadline for ordering is **TODAY Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: the church office.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE - RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL ONE MORE SUNDAY!

### 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.

*Summer Worship Schedule continues through Sunday, September 6, 2015!*

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN** has returned 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.

## 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.

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

**TODAY August 30:** Bring a Brown Bag Lunch & attend one of the following:  
First Reports from Summer Missions – Branch Hall  
Conversation about Race - Parlor

## LOOKING AHEAD

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 7, 2015** for Labor Day.

**NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS FALL on Sunday, September 13, 2015**

Sunday morning schedule will be:

8:30 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Discipleship Hour



### **AKWAABA AND MINISTRY FAIR, September 13, 2015**

Come celebrate as we kick off the 2015-2016 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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. First Worship

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning

Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 10:00 a.m. services

11:00 a.m. Summer After-Church

## Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. First Worship

Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Godly Play

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Summer After-Church:

**Mission Reports, and also  
Conversation about Race**

## Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY

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

## Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

NAME TAG SUNDAY

LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. First Worship

Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Godly Play

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

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](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, September 17, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2015 Issue #9.