



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
September 27, 2015

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## TODAY



**Please join downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall for the Pizza Party following the 10:30 a.m. service.**

*Discipleship Hour:* 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays are special events; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays are Coffee Hours hosted by a PW Circle. Check First Day! weekly for details. If you can help with this ministry please contact [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org)

**LITURGIST:** Pat Smith (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Rod, Steve, Paula (8:30); Margot, Joanna (10:30); Laura, Barry, (Tech Crew)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Marla and Jim in memory of Bethany's birthday on September 28.  
The flower arranger is Melanie.

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember Marilyn, wife of Stan, who died on September 26, 2014.

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

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

*At 8:30 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 10:30 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.

**AS WE ARE FOCUSING ON CLIMATE CHANGE** this morning, Nancy will facilitate a discussion of Pope Francis' letter to the church (encyclical) about climate change, *Laudato Si*, after worship in the Parlor. Take time to visit the PIZZA PARTY in Buck Hall, and then meet in the Parlor.

**STOP BY THE ADVOCACY TABLES** in the Upper Commons to join with the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Interfaith Power and Light in raising up creation care as a priority to our representative in Annapolis. You can sign a postcard to support of the full implementation of Maryland's Climate Action Plan, by asking legislators to renew the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act and expand Maryland's clean energy standard. Members of our Earth Care Team are in the Upper Commons if you have questions.

**BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING TODAY:** Stay healthy and come have your blood pressure tested in the Library at 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
Blood Pressure testing will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings.  
Questions, contact [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org).

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

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

**Upcoming Surgery:** *Pat*

**Recovering from Surgery:** *Darlene*

**Recovering at Home:** *Cheryl, Jim, Paul*

**In Hospice Care:** *Brenda, wife of The Rev. Terry*

**Memorial Service for Pat English, Monday, October 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary**

**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

**Jerome** (d. 420) is remembered as a biblical scholar. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of persons in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, from the Latin word for *common* (and like the English word *vernacular!*). When finished, he made his place of retreat into a sanctuary for refugees, declaring that it was time to put the Bible's words into practice. Thanks to his work many people received the word in their own language and lived lives of faith and service to those in need. His day of remembrance is September 30.

**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: *Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.*

*Pray for:*

- *Peace in Afghanistan, and the ability of tribal and ethnic leaders to govern their country in peace and justice;*
- *The land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse;*
- *Those, who in spite of danger, give their lives to serve others.*

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 Rey de Reyes in the town of Guineales.*

**The Pakistan Education Board** is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, which provides high quality education fully informed by and rising out of its Christian values and its Christian roots. The scope of the Board extends to primary and secondary schools, higher education and vocational, professional and technical training for children regardless of race or creed, as well as providing hostels for Christian children.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 11:45 a.m.**

Lunch, Putt Putt & Rita's

Mid Highs and Senior Highs

### CONFIRMATION CLASS DESSERT KICK-OFF

**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-8:30 p.m.**

This class is designed for students to explore the meaning of church membership. All students in grades 8–12 and their parents are invited to attend. If you have any questions or to R.S.V.P., contact the church office.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHURCH SCHOOL HAS STARTED!** Ark & L.I.F.E. students – will start in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Adults, Mids & Senior Highs may go directly to classrooms today.

**CHURCH SCHOOL CONVOCATION SUNDAYS.** Our next gathering of the entire Church School will be on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We'll sing songs together, and hear from children in Ark and L.I.F.E. about what they've been learning in Church School this fall. Convocations last about 15 minutes, and then we all go to class. *Adults, Mid Highs and Senior Highs, please join us and celebrate our learning community!*



**GRAB AND GO COFFEE** is available for Adults attending Church School. The *Wake Up Station* is on the second floor across from the Parlor. Get a cup of coffee and head to class! Please return the cups to the drop off bins. Enjoy!

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

9:30-10:25 a.m.

#### **Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God – taught by Angela**

*September 13 through November 22 – 11 weeks – Room 258*

Praying in Color is an active, meditative, playful prayer practice that involves both process and product. It requires no skill. Come and learn, and practice a new form of prayer – a jump-start for a spirituality that can work for you.

#### **Parenting in the Pew – taught by Virginia Callegary**

*September 13 through September 27 – 3 weeks – Room 205*

We know that our kids learn how to worship God by being present in the Sanctuary for worship. If you have any of these questions – whether you're a parent, grandparent, auntie or uncle – come explore how we grow a strong, multi-age worshipping community.

#### **John Calvin: His Life and Legacy – taught by Sue Lowcock Harris**

*September 13 through October 25 – 7 weeks – Room 252*

John Calvin was one of the most influential Christian theologians of the Reformation. Using both video and text, we'll take a look at Calvin's ideas about God, Jesus Christ, the human condition, the church, and society and culture – and his legacy, both positive and questionable.

### **Bible in Depth – taught by Doyle**

*September 13 through December 20 – 14 weeks – Clark Parlor*

Join in a lively conversational study of four Old Testament texts: Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job.

### **New Member Orientation – taught by Morton Harris [& other church leaders]**

*October 4 through 25 – 4 weeks—in the Library*

Interested in becoming a member? We at First Church would love to have the opportunity to make a commitment to your spiritual care and growth.

Come meet with Pastor Morton as we discuss what it means to be Christian, who Presbyterians are, and what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church here in Howard County. At the end of the four weeks, you will have an opportunity to become a formal member of First Church.

If you have questions about New Member Orientation, please speak with Pastor Morton, or call the church office and speak with Caroline Smith. We look forward to getting to know you better!

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE**

*9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every week*

This year's text: The Gospel of Matthew We're in Chapter 2

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015** following the 10:30 a.m. service.

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! 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](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org) for more info or sign-up in the Lower Commons.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Glory Days*, 10035 Baltimore National Pike (Route 40 behind the Double T Diner) on **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org).

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**BACKPACK PROJECT PACKING** will happen **every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** in Branch Hall. All are welcome to participate! Backpacks are sent home with the Head Start students every week.

### **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – September – “Food Staples”**

The Board of Deacons is campaigning for additional donations of grains and beans as part of our continuing efforts against hunger in Howard County. Recommended items are: rice, pasta, dried or canned lentils, dried or canned beans, packages rice/pasta side dishes. Please leave your donations in the wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. And please don't forget your regular JOC food donations, as hunger is an on-going concern for too many of our neighbors. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed Residents of Howard County.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will once again be sending college care packages. Church members who want their college person to be included **MUST** contact the church office, 410-730-3545 or [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) with shipping information and \$13.00 to cover the cost of shipping by **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. A flier with the full list of items is in the Welcome Center. Please place all items in the bins in the Lower Commons by *Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Next Sunday, October 4, 2015**

*“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.”* (I Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. What you’ve known as the *Peacemaking Offering* has been transformed into the *Peace & Global Witness Offering*. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ. The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday. Please give generously.

**EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY** presents  
**A VIEW OF “OUR COMMON HOME” FROM CAPITOL HILL**  
featuring **SENATOR BEN CARDIN**

*Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.*

Join in welcoming Maryland Senator Ben Cardin to the Earth Forum. Senator Cardin is a champion for the Chesapeake Bay, for clean and safe water, for enriching community sustainability and livability, and working for civil justice. Listen as the Senator responds to the compelling call of Pope Francis, in his encyclical, *On Care for Our Common Home*, “. . . to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”

The Earth Forum, located at First Presbyterian Church, is free and open to all. E-mail us at [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org) or call 410 -730-3545. Information at [www.earthforumhc.org](http://www.earthforumhc.org). See us on Facebook. Join us at the Earth Forum

**THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE** for the January-October Guatemalan school year is off and running, with 16 of 74 scholarships funded. Braulio, one of last year’s graduates, expressed his thanks this way, “I am very pleased that I received my H.S. diploma in auto mechanics. I thank our North American brothers and sisters who gave us the scholarships. My parents and I are very grateful to all of you. It was because of God’s people that I succeeded in my studies.”

Just 4 weeks remain until the fundraising season ends on *October 25<sup>th</sup>*. Contributions of any size are welcome. The cost of a full scholarship is \$440, which may be paid in full or in quarterly or semi-annual installments. Please complete an orange donor card, available at the Welcome Center or at the Scholarship table in the lower commons. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Every Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School – The Education Hour  
Ages 2 through Adult 📖  
*Ark is for children, Age 2 through Grade 1*  
*L.I.F.E. is for children, Grade 2 through Grade 5*  
*Mid High is for students, Grade 6 through Grade 8*  
*Senior High is for students, Grade 9 through Grade 12*  
*And a variety of changing classes for Adults*  
Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning  
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services  
The Worship Bridge (grades 2 – 5) during 10:30 a.m. service  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour  
Backpack Project Packing in Branch Hall

## Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Pizza Party  
Blood Pressure Screening; Backpack Packing  
Advocacy Tables; Climate Change Discussion

## Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

## Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

## Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR FIRST PRES T-SHIRT TODAY!



## Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

HERITAGE FESTIVAL | NAME TAG SUNDAY

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND

MOMENT FOR MISSION – EARTH FORUM

- 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
New Member Orientation  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Heritage Festival  
Backpack Packing  
11:45 a.m. Student Ministry Activity

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.firstpreschc.org](http://www.firstpreschc.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@firstpreschc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreschc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [churchoffice@firstpreschc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreschc.org) by **Thursday, October 15, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2015 Issue #10.