



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
October 4, 2015

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## TODAY

Please join us for the **Heritage Festival** after the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall. Enjoy the Hot Dog Bar with regional toppings. Come and learn how diverse our congregation is!

**LITURGIST:** Carolyn (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Debbie, Merle, Elaine, Angela (8:30); Margot, Melanie (10:30); Laura, Elaine, Barry, Brian (Tech Crew)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Jan in celebration of Marianne and Christopher's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The flower arranger is Nancy.

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember Lillian, wife of Gruver, who died on October 4, 2013.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

**BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED** to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

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

*"All who eat and drink without discerning the body,  
eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 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.

**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, who normally attend *The Worship Bridge* will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4

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

**Hospitalized:** *Bunny*

**Upcoming Surgery:** Pat

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

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

**Family & Friends:** *Ed son, John Edward (Jed)*

**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

**Francis of Assisi** (cs. 1181/1182-October 3, 1226) was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. He renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans) was formed. They took literally Jesus' teaching that disciples should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task, in the words of Francis, was to "Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary." He is the author of the canticle: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

**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: *Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal*

*Pray for:*

- *A lessening of political unrest and terrorism;*
- *Those who live as refugees or who are internally displaced to find shelter, food and a means to make a living;*
- *Those struggling to recover from the earthquake in Nepal, and all those who are helping them.*

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 we share as part of the PCUSA.*

**The PCUSA Peacemaking Program** began in 1980, when the General Assembly adopted its founding document: *Peacemaking: The Believer's Calling*. Carl Horton is the program's coordinator. Alonzo Johnson is the Associate for Mission.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**Today 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.

### THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Please come help unload pumpkins! Refreshments provided.

This year there will be only two weeks of pumpkin sales. Please volunteer to sell pumpkins – signup sheets will be in Branch Hall starting October 11. All shifts should be very busy and fun!

And PLEASE wait to buy your pumpkins at the First Presbyterian Youth Ministry Pumpkin Patch between October 18<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHURCH SCHOOL CONVOCATION SUNDAYS** The 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!*

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – 3 NEW CLASSES ADDED!

*9:30-10:25 a.m.*

#### **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 to become a formal member of First Church.

#### **The Gospel According to Peanuts – taught by Stacy**

*October 4 through 25 – 4 weeks—Room 205*

Join us as we explore how the Christian message is reflected in the art of the Peanuts comic strip. We will talk about how this classic strip has resonated through generations drawing from material in the book "The Gospel According to Peanuts". We will look at these short, humorous stories as modern day parables. Bring in your favorite comic, and share!

#### **Children's Books – taught by Virginia Callegary [and some other friends of children's books]**

*October 4 through 25 – 4 weeks—Room 151*

Join our Director of Christian Education in a discussion of some great children's books – how to choose them, how to use them, what to look for when purchasing, sharing and reading children's books. Everyone is invited and will enjoy learning about children's literature.

### **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 and Calvin's legacy, both positive and questionable.

### **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.

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

Continues all year – Clark Parlor

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



**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!

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

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every week in the Parlor

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



### **BEGINNING ZENTANGLE® FREE WORKSHOP**

Saturday, October 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Nurture your creative spirit creating beautiful images with Ginny, certified Zentangle® teacher. Register by calling the church office.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**“MOVEABLE FEAST” MINISTRY** needs home-baked or bakery-purchased desserts. Please bring your dessert donation every second Sunday of the month to the church kitchen before 12:30 p.m. Be sure to label them for “Moveable Feast.” Items MAY be individually wrapped and should contain no nut products. For more information about this ministry, contact Discipleship & Caring Ministries Elders.

### **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – October– “The Backpack Project”**

The Board of Deacons campaign in October focuses on donations for the 36 children in the Head Start program here at First Pres! The Backpack Project provides six meals to each student every weekend during the school year. See recommended items in Tidings October 2015 Issue 9. Leave donations in the “Just One Can” wooden cart in the Upper Commons.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will be sending **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**. Send name and address to the church office, 410-730-3545 or [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) and \$13.00 to cover the cost of shipping by **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Place all items (list at Welcome Center) in the bins in the Lower Commons by **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**



### **SECOND SATURDAY S'MORES CONTINUES**

**Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Woodlands Chapel**

The church will provide the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. All ages and roasting skill levels are welcome.

**MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS BUS RIDE – sponsored by Mary Martha Circle**

*Tuesday, November 10, 2015*

Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA - All are invited!!

Cost: \$98.00 – all inclusive - bus, lunch, ticket

Leave church at 10:00 a.m.; Lunch at Good & Plenty Restaurant (sit down luncheon – family style); Show at 2:45 p.m.; Return to church by 7:00 p.m.

Reservations required. Contact: the church office.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY** presents  
**SENATOR BEN CARDIN**

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

Join us as Senator Cardin opens the seventh season of the Earth Forum and our exploration of eco-justice – how care for the sustainability of our planet is connected to social justice issues, such as hunger, poverty and racism.

Senator Cardin is a champion for protecting air and water quality and a leading advocate for the Chesapeake Bay – the economic, historical and cultural heart of Maryland. As the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations he works to insure national security and protect universal human rights. In 2015, he served as the Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism, and Intolerance for the 57-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, placing him in a unique position to understand the interconnections between care for the earth & care for the global human family.

The Earth Forum, located at First Presbyterian Church. It is free and open to all interested in respectful discussion. 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** has 3 weeks to go. So far we have received contributions to fund 40.4 of our goal of 74 scholarships. This goal is important because it allows us not only to continue supporting each of last year's students, but also to offer opportunity to new students who will be chosen to replace those graduating.

For families in the rural area where our Guatemalan partners live, the barriers to sending their children to school are two-fold: unaffordable tuition and a need for the income the children earn if they are working in the fields. So sometimes our students apply for scholarships after a break in schooling. Last year Julio became the oldest student ever selected. He is 30 and in the first year of middle school, enrolled in a weekend program. Julio gave us the gift of a straw model boat with Guatemalan and American flags and thanked us for the special opportunity to resume his education (you can see the boat in the church office).

Please make your contribution by completing an orange donor card, available at the Welcome Center. Contributions of any size are welcome. The cost of a full scholarship is \$440. 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, 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

9:30 a.m. Church School; New Member Orientation

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Heritage Festival

Backpack Project Packing

11:45 a.m. Student Ministry Activity

## Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting

Cuba Mission Meeting

## Wednesday, October 7<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

7:00 p.m. Hannah Circle

Year Round Stewardship Committee

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

## Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. The Spirit Project Rehearsal

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation & Kick-off

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

## Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTISM | MOVEABLE FEAST

9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

9:30 a.m. Church School; New Member Orientation

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Coffee Hour

Backpack Project Packing; Blood Pressure Screening

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

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, October 15, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2015 Issue #10.