



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
September 4, 2016

TODAY



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: SUMMER is coming to an end but we still have “**Lemonade on the Lawn**”. Refreshments will be provided by Ruth Circle outside on the front lawn near the picnic tables. Come have a cool drink and visit with friends!

LITURGIST: Sara (10:00)

USHERS & GREETERS: John (9:00); Margot, Chrissy (10:00); Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

THANK YOU to Ms. Kathy for assisting in First Worship and leading the Children’s Prayer at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Morton in honor of Sue’s birthday and by Gloria in celebration of her grandchildren’s birthdays, Payton, age 7 and Layne, age 5.
The flower arranger is Jan.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, at the 10:00 a.m. service, for Alyssa Afua Amankwa, daughter of Kweku and Afua.

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.

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Mel who died on September 4, 2014, the husband of Barb.

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.

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 rooms 110 & 113.

WORSHIP BAGS: Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. The bags are separated into two different age groups, 3-6 year-olds and 7-12 year-olds. You can tell the difference by the writing on the outside: *green for 3-6 and purple for 7-12*. Please return everything to the bags (except the chenille stems/pipe cleaners) and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES! Please check your entry in the draft version of the church directory today at the Welcome Desk. Make any changes to your contact info or send your updated information to Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org by *Tuesday, September 6th*. New Church Directories will be distributed at the Ministry Fair on Akwaaba Sunday, September 11th.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4

Please pray for: *Millie, Jeff, Darlene, Joan, Burta Cherry, Jean Ellestad, Margaret, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Gertrude, Paul & Jan, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Sarah, Anna, Jack and Katie, Dean, Maria, Dot, Bunny, Shirley, Shirley Wolf, Rachel, Al & Beth*

Hospitalized: Jim

Upcoming surgery: *Phil*

Recovering from surgery: Cece, Woody, Cheryl, Steve, Molly, Barb

Family & Friends: *Debbie's father, Hubert;*

Allison and David Esman, in the birth of their new son, Zachary Earl on Saturday, August 27.

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

On **September 1, 1967, Thurgood Marshall** was sworn in as the first African-American US Supreme Court justice. He was the model of integrity and social conscience, opposing efforts to make the court a political rather than judicial entity. He was an active Episcopalian, and a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Washington DC.

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 we pray for *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.*

Pray for:

- *Victims of anti-Semitism, and ethnic, gender and social intolerance in the midst of rising nationalism;*
- *The environment, especially where it is heavily polluted;*
- *Those heroes, known and unknown, who threw off Nazi and Soviet domination.*

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 2016

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

Mid Council Ministries of the PCUSA

The Office of the General Assembly, which is overseen by the Stated Clerk, includes this comprehensive department of Mid Council Ministries. The people in this office provide resources for the life of presbyteries and synods, and for the calling and work of Teaching Elders (pastors), Ruling Elders and Educators. It includes Preparation for Ministry which works with seminary students and candidates for ordination, the Office of Immigration Issues, and the Committee of Representation. Sue Krummel is the Director of Mid Council Ministries.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – starting Sunday, September 11th
9:30-10:25 a.m.

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs – facilitated by Doyle

Continues all year—all are welcome to join in at any time—Clark Parlor

Worshipping with Children— taught by Virginia Callegary

September 11 through September 25 – 3 weeks – Room 258

Introduction to First Presbyterian Church – taught by Morton Harris

September 11 through September 25 – 3 weeks – Room 252

**Parents of Teens—a conversation group –
coordinated by Sheryl & Kim**

Continues all year – all are welcome to join in at any time—John Knox Library

See Tidings September 2016 Issue 8 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every week

Reconvenes on Wednesday, September 14th

This year's text: Genesis

Genesis is a book about beginnings. In our midweek Bible study we read the Biblical text verse by verse, and then we chat about it. There are no wrong questions. In the process we share our understandings of the text, we learn from each other, and we develop better skills for reading and leaning on scripture in our everyday lives. We also pray together, for each other and for our church household. This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! Everyone welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WE NEED YOU!

It takes many people to make Sunday successful for our kids and youth. If you are interested in volunteering for Christian Education opportunities, take a look at opportunities available.

Nursery Helper...Do you love babies? Then come help Marla in the nursery! We need helpers every Sunday for every service, with extra help needed on Christmas Eve and Easter. Sign up for a few Sundays a year, a month of Sundays, or commit to the entire Sunday School term.

Godly Play and Worship Bridge...Godly Play is available for children ages 4-7 who wish to attend just a portion of the worship service. Worship Bridge offers a similar opportunity for slightly older children. If you want to experience teaching in a small dose, this is a great opportunity for you!

More Helpers Always Needed! If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or other ways to serve in Christian Ed at First Pres (Sunday School, Mid-high and Senior High program, Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Pageant, VBS, etc.), please contact Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Ed; or any First Pres CE Elder (Paula Seabright, Eric Baker, Genevieve Simermeyer, or Aja Turesko).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Children's Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn about God. We are ready with a great group of teachers who are committed to helping our kids build a foundation of faith. Children age 2 (by 9/1/16) through 1st grade will be in "The Ark" classes and kids in 2nd through 5th Grades are in L.I.F.E. (Learning In Faithful Exploration) classes. We ask that parents register all children 5th grade and under. Online registration is available on the church website at <http://www.firstpreshc.org/sunday-school-registration/>

We are looking forward to a great year of learning about God's word!

Contact Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Education, vcalleary@firstpreshc.org if you have any questions or problems with the online registration form.

STUDENT MINISTRY

YOUTH/PARENT ORIENTATION PICNIC - Sunday, September 18th

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 2016-2017 calendars

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.

WOODY COLLINS, CHURCH SEXTON, is recovering from minor shoulder surgery. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED setting up for various events, lifting items, etc. through September 17, 2016. Please call the church office, 410-730-3545 if you are available.

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 on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed Residents of Howard County.

GENERAL INFORMATION



SECOND SATURDAY S'MORES CONTINUES **Saturday, September 10, 2016 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.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thanks to the many members who have taken advantage of our Upper Commons Photo Booth this summer. We have over 150 family photos in our directory! The last day for upstairs photos will be Sunday, September 4th. If you haven't been photographed by then we will have the booth available downstairs at the Ministry Fair on Akwaaba Sunday, September 11.

FALL SCHEDULE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW, Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day.

MUSIC MINISTRY - Rehearsals Are Beginning!

Handbell Choir - *Wednesday, September 7th*, Set-Up; 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir - *Thursday, September 8th*, 7:15 p.m.

For more info contact: Director of Music Ministries, Jimmy Galdieri

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT Sunday, September 11, 2016

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, Sunday, September 11, 2016

Come celebrate as we kick off the 2016-2017 program year! Enjoy a morning filled with fun and fellowship. Join us in Lyle Buck Hall for refreshments and to learn about the many exciting Mission Opportunities available to you.

PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP, Sunday, September 18, 2016

Please join Year Round Stewardship Committee during Discipleship Hour at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 18th for a workshop on planned giving. Olanda Carr of the Presbyterian Foundation will present information how to leave a gift or bequest to the church in your will. A light lunch will be served.

PLAN TO ATTEND! *John L. Bell – musician, teacher, preacher – is returning to First Church this fall.* John will be our Scholar-in-Residence on October 1st & 2nd. On Saturday morning he'll teach, on Saturday night we'll join together for a Big Sing, and on Sunday morning he'll preach on World Communion Sunday, and will be our special guest at the Heritage Fair! We're looking forward to welcoming John back to our church!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday beginning September 11

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

Sunday, September 4th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION

NAME TAG SUNDAY

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – LAST WEEK

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. *Lemonade on the Lawn*

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:15 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Lemonade on the Lawn*

Monday, September 5th

CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED – LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 6th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Year Round Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, September 8th

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 9th

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 10th

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

6:00 p.m. Second Saturday S'mores

Sunday, September 11th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AKWAABA SUNDAY | THE MINISTRY FAIR

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *The Ministry Fair*

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: fpadmin@firstpreshc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpadmin@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, September 15, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2016 Issue #9.