



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
September 25, 2016

## TODAY



**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY:** *Taco Get to Know You Party, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*Next week's Discipleship Hour: Heritage Festival, in Lyle Buck Hall.*

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Debbie, Alice (8:30); Margot, Chrissy (10:30); Laura, Jonathan (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 Jan.

**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.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for today Sunday, September 25, 2016,** at the close of the 10:30 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an Elder to fill a vacancy on Session Class of 2017 and a Deacon to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2018.

### **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Next Sunday, October 2, 2016**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2016. A gift to the *Peace & Global Witness Offering* enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

**Please pray for:** *Jon, Jeff, Darlene, Virgie, Joan, Burta, Jean, Margaret, Jimmy, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Gertrude, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Christina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline and Nancy and Mike, Maria, Bunny, Shirley, Shirley, Al & Beth*

**Extended Care:** Jim, Lorian; Millie, Vantage House Care Center; Stan, Charlestown

**Recovering from surgery:** Cece, Woody, Phil, Cheryl, Barb

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Pastors Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris, in the death of Morton's brother, Timothy E. Harris, on Friday, September 16, 2016.*

*May the peace of Christ be with Binwi and Richard, in the death of Richard's father, Richard Sr., on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.*

**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 and translator. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated the scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of persons in his day. His translation became known as the Vulgate, from the Latin word for *common*. He was well known for his short temper and arrogance, although he was also quick to admit to his personal faults. Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the bible in their own language and lived lives of faith and service to those in need. His remembrance day is September 30.

**We also remember:** **Sequoia National Park** was dedicated on September 25, 1890 and **Yosemite National Park** was dedicated on October 1, 1890. Both are located in California. They are the second and third parks established. The first was Yellowstone, dedicated on March 1, 1872.

**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 *Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.*

*Pray for:*

- *Those who work for democracy and openness in government;*
- *Those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media;*
- *Those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases.*

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 2016

*We pray for the mission of our congregation.*

**Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership:** *Iglesia Rey de Reyes in the town of Guineales.*

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

**PLAN TO ATTEND!** *John L. Bell – musician, teacher, preacher* – will be our **Scholar-in-Residence on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**. On Saturday morning he'll teach "Looking for a Larger Christ", 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! Sign-up for the Saturday morning event in the Lower Commons. Cost is \$10 per person.

**LEADERSHIP DINNER WITH JOHN BELL – All Ordained Elders & Deacons invited**  
**Friday, September 30, 2016, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**

Cost: \$10 per person, Sign up in the Lower Commons or call the church office by Monday, September 26.

John will reflect with us on his work over time in reforming-reframing-invigorating congregational life. What kind of leaders are needed? What are the most important tasks leaders can do in churches? What should we be asking ourselves? What gifts of the Spirit might we need – or might we need to cultivate in ourselves? And other questions that he might think up. John has been working on the renewal of congregational life for years.

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

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**

*through September 25 – 3 weeks – Room 252*

**Introduction to First Presbyterian Church – taught by Morton Harris**

*through September 25 – 3 weeks – Room 258*

**Parents of Teens—an informal conversation group –  
convened this month by Bill**

*through September 25 – 3 weeks —John Knox Library*

See Tidings September 2016 Issue 8 for more details.



**GRAB AND GO COFFEE** is available at the Wake Up Station 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 – on Wednesday!

*Come Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and join in, we're just beginning!*

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!

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

### Mid High Fellowship

*Sunday, October 2, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

### Senior High Fellowship

**Dinner and a Conversation for Youth**

*Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS DESSERT KICK-OFF

*Thursday, October 6<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 BEGUN.

Ark & L.I.F.E. – will start in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning

**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!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016** 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 *Olive Garden (by Lowe's)* on **Tuesday, September 27<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).

**ABIGAIL CIRCLE** will meet on **Wednesday, October 5, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact: the church office.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**MISSION TRIP TO BATON ROUGE** - We are planning a PDA trip to Hammond, LA to help with the various flood damage to this region. The plan is to fly into New Orleans on **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** and return on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. We have not booked flights as of yet. Southwest flies to New Orleans. We will be staying at First Presbyterian Church in Hammond and working with the Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center in Hammond. We will be doing flood work that includes installing insulation, sheetrock, floors, doors and trim, possibly painting. If you are a willing body we will find work for you. The cost will be the cost of the flight \$200-\$300. If you want to go and need help with finances we can help with scholarships. The church will be charging us \$20 per night per person. If you are interested please contact the church office.

### **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.

**WOODY COLLINS, CHURCH SEXTON, is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED through October** setting up for various events, lifting items, etc. also Saturday mornings to vacuum, set-up coffee station and coffee fellowship. Please sign-up in the Lower Commons or call the church office.

**THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE** for the January-October Guatemalan school year is off and running, with 16 of 75 scholarships funded. Heidy, a student we supported in middle and high school, graduated last October. In 2011 she entered La Union School in Santo Tomas, which had just opened and had all new computers and other equipment. She was very proud to be in the first graduating class, earning a certificate in bookkeeping. Heidy said, “I want to thank you for this opportunity. Without your help I would not be able to have a career as a bookkeeper. On behalf of my father and mother, we thank you with all our hearts for the assistance you gave me.”

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

## Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINUTE FOR MISSION – MISSION TRIP TO BATON ROUGE

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

11:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting

Discipleship Hour: *Taco & Get to Know You Event*

Run for Coffee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

## Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

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

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

Earth Care Meeting

Tidings Folded

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum Meeting

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

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

6:00 p.m. Leadership Dinner with John Bell

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

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE – JOHN BELL

9:30 a.m. Education Forum with John Bell

2:00 p.m. Heritage Festival Set-Up

7:00 p.m. Big Sing with John Bell

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | HERITAGE FESTIVAL

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE – JOHN BELL

NAME TAG SUNDAY | DEACONS COMPASSION FUND

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

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

6:30 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship

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: [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for *Tidings*, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, October 13, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2016 Issue #10.



Ruth Circle will once again be sending care packages to our students in college, near and far. 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 Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. OR sign up at <http://signup.com/go/25yGAM>

We would like to send the packages to the students in time for Halloween! Ruth Circle will pack the items on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact the church office.

**All can participate!** Please consider giving one of the following items for the care packages for our college students:

- Pop Tarts
- Ramen Noodles/Oodles of Noodles
- batteries
- hot chocolate
- tea/coffee
- microwave popcorn
- candy/gum
- school supplies: pens, pencils, post-it notes, highlighters
- inspirational book marks (Bible verse)
- Gift cards for:
  - Amazon, Walmart, Target, McDonalds, Starbucks, etc.

Please place all items in the bins in the Lower Commons.

**Donations will be collected through Sunday, October 23, 2016.**