



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
November 20, 2016

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *BINGO Party*, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall. Cookies and BINGO with your friends from First – what could be more fun? White Elephant gifts for the game winners. Everyone invited!



Next Week's Discipleship Hour: *Film Screening*, following the 10:30 a.m. service in Lyle Buck Hall. The Peacemaking Committee will host a film screening and light lunch. The film is "Locked in a Box" about visiting immigration detainees.

LITURGIST: Margot (10:30)

AS PART OF THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION, members of the 2017 class will be assisting in worship throughout the year. This morning's Confirmand leading worship is Olivia (10:30).

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, Angela, AnnaBeth (8:30); Chrissy, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Laura, Jonathan, Mark (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Martin and Caroline in celebration of their daughter, Cheryl's 28th birthday!
The flower arranger is Melanie.

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.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY presents

A Post-Election Round Table Conversation:

"What's Next for Our Environment?"

TODAY Sunday, November 20, 2016, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at FPCHC



Two weeks after Election Day - come, gather at the Earth Forum as we explore the shape of environmental policy and politics following this decisive election. We've invited environmental activists and policy experts to gather at our Round Table to discuss how the newly elected President, administration and Congress might seek to shape and define the direction of federal response to climate change and sustainability. Following their presentations, refreshments, information tables, a film "Facing the Surge," and a workshop about lobbying skills will be available. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

Please pray for: Millie, Jon, Jeff, Virgie, Virginia, Joan, Burta, Jean, Margaret, Morton, Dorothy, Jerry, Bonnie, Dottie, Gertrude, Robert & Vivian, Nancy, Bob, Christina, Anna, Lauren and Caroline, Nancy, Maria, Bunny, Shirley, Shirley, Al & Beth

Extended Care: Jim, Yvonne, Lorien; Stan, Charlestown

Hospitalized: *Web, Dave*

Recovering from surgery: *Darlene*

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

We remember three composers who shaped the musical tradition of the English speaking Protestant church. **Thomas Tallis** (c. 1505 – 23 November 1585), **Henry Purcell** (10 September 1659 – 21 November 1695) and **Isaac Watts** (17 July 1674 – 25 November 1748). **Tallis** served four monarchs at the Chapel Royal as England moved from Roman Catholicism through the Reformation to the Church of England: Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. Tallis avoided the religious controversies that raged around him. He was capable of switching the style of his compositions to suit the different monarchs' vastly different demands. Two of his tunes remain in use in *Glory to God*: Tallis' Canon (#675 & 798) and Tallis' ordinal (#477 & 776)

Purcell was born into a family of musicians. He sang as a chorister at the Chapel Royal, and studied organ with John Blow, the organist at Westminster Abbey. When Blow retired, Purcell became the Abbey's organist. Most of his compositions are sacred works, but he also wrote music for plays and several operas. He is buried adjacent to the organ in Westminster Abbey. His tune *Westminster Abbey* is in our hymnbook as a setting #394, *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*.

Watts was a pastor who was also a prolific hymn writer. He is called the "father of English hymnody," partly because he introduced the idea of singing extra-Biblical poetry as texts in worship (as opposed to singing versified translations of the Psalms.) He was instrumental in making congregational singing an indispensable ingredient in Protestant worship. His hymns are still widely sung. Look him up in the index in the *Glory to God*!

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 *Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea.*

Pray for:

- *Those who lack clean water and enough food;*
- *Those who lack adequate health care;*
- *Mission school, providing learning and hope.*

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ *Towson Church – Mark Medina and Joel Strom, Pastors*
- ✦ *Trinity Church in Baltimore City – Ron Hankins, Pastor*
- ✦ *Wood Church in Severna Park – Susan DeWyngaardt, Brandon Frick and Nancy Lincoln, Pastors*

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM - CELEBRATE YOUR SHARING

It's not too late to turn in your Estimate of Giving Pledge
so that our church can thrive and grow!

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR - 9:30-10:25 a.m.

NOVEMBER ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL OPTIONS:

Grief – taught by John and Meredith of *Inspirit* Counseling

November 20 – Room 252

November 20 – Living a New Life, with Meredith

Issues in the Modern Military – taught by Conrad

November 20 & 27 – Room 258

A conversation about three areas of the modern military: the role of the US armed forces as an institution of socially progressive change; the role of the US armed forces as a “Projector of Soft Power”; the role of professional armed forces disconnected from the public they serve.

The Belhar Confession – taught by Sue Lowcock Harris

November 20 – Room 205

The Belhar Confession (1986) arose in the context of apartheid in South Africa and is a statement of faith condemning racism, proclaiming the themes of unity, reconciliation and justice.

CONTINUING ALL YEAR:

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs – facilitated by Doyle Nichols

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

This lively conversational study probes the wisdom of the Book of Proverbs.

NEXT Sunday, November 27-The Advent Festival at 9:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall!



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

WILL NOT MEET ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - See you on November 30!

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. every week – on Wednesday! In the Parlor

This year's text: Genesis - Genesis is a book about beginnings. This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! All welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL meets every Sunday morning

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS start today *Sunday, November 20*, during the Sunday School hour. There will be no rehearsal on *Sunday, November 27* due to the Advent Festival, but we will continue on *December 4, 11, and 18*. If your L.I.F.E. student is interested in having a speaking role in the pageant, please be sure they attend the first rehearsal or contact the church office. The Pageant will take place on *Sunday, December 18* at 2:00 p.m.

ADVENT FESTIVAL, NEXT *Sunday, November 27, 2016*

at 9:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

All ages – 2 through Adult - Lots of activities to prepare for Advent: Make advent wreaths, Decorate cookies, String popcorn, and more! If you can donate plain sugar cookies please contact the church office.



STUDENT MINISTRY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Mid-High Dinner and Fellowship

TONIGHT Sunday, November 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Come join us to help make a group dinner and eat together. Don't worry, we'll be making dessert too! Don't miss out on the fun.

If you have any questions contact the church office.

Confirmation Class

Thursday, December 1, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship - Dinner and a Conversation for Youth

Wednesday, December 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP



THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Glory Days* on Route 40 in Ellicott City on **Tuesday, November 29** 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. Want to carpool? Contact the church office if you need a ride.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

RUTH CIRCLE again invites you to join us in donating new children's books that we will give as holiday gifts to the 34 preschoolers (18 girls and 16 boys) in the Head Start classes that meet at First Pres. (Head Start is the federal preschool program for very poor youngsters.) Books that have children of different races and ethnicities are especially welcome. Please drop them off in the box in the Lower Commons, by *Sunday, December 11*. Any questions, contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Sunday, November 27 - Sunday, December 11

Share the spirit and joy of Christmas with families in need in our community through FIRN, The Salvation Army and Head Start. The Deacons will provide Christmas Stockings or Christmas Tote Bags for children. Stockings and Tote Bags will be distributed in the Lower Commons starting *Sunday, November 27 and continue through Sunday, December 11*. Stockings for the Salvation Army must be returned by *Sunday, December 4*; all others must be returned by *Sunday, December 11*. If you would like further information, please contact the church office. Thank you in advance for your participation!



GENERAL INFORMATION

ADVENT CALENDARS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – the Alternative Gift Fair can help you get into the spirit of the season. Advent calendars filled with fairly-traded milk chocolate are now available for sale in the lower commons. Stop by the Alternative Gift Fair (AGF) table to purchase your advent calendars (\$3 each) and sign up to help with the Alternative Gift Fair *Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4*. Don't forget to come to the AGF, and bring your friends, too! More details available at the table in the Lower Commons.

HANNAH CIRCLE will be meeting TODAY, *Sunday, November 20* after 10:30 service in the parlor. Please join us for a discussion on Ephesians chapter 2 (even if you aren't familiar with this chapter) and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Child care can be provided if we know in advance.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for *Sunday, November 27, 2016* are due by noon tomorrow *Monday, November 21*. Woody Collins & Caroline Smith will be on vacation Wednesday, November 23. **The Church Office will be open on Wednesday, November 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Church Office and Building will be closed on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, November 24th, 25th and 26th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! The Alternative Gift Fair is looking for exciting new cover designs for our gift cards. These cards will represent donations given in honor of the recipients. Submissions must be in black and white; final product will be 4x6. *Submissions are due Sunday, November 27 at noon*. You can email them to the church office, put them in box 81, or take them to the church office. Happy drawing!

THE PEACEMAKING GROUP will host a screening of “**Locked in a Box**” in Branch Hall next Sunday, **November 27 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. “Locked in a Box” follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. immigration detention system and those who visit them. Volunteers with *DC Detention Visitation Network* are committed to conducting regular in-person visits to detainees at Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill, MD, and Howard County Detention Center in Jessup, MD. **We will host a training session on November 30 for those interested in pursuing the visitation program.**

POINSETTIAS: Please order a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season. Poinsettias can be taken home after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. **Cost is \$11.00** and order forms are at the Welcome Desk. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, December 4th**. 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

Sunday, November 20th

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *BINGO Party*

Hannah Circle

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

5:00 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship

Monday, November 21st

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Consortium Training

Tuesday, November 22nd

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Session Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 23rd

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

Thursday, November 24th

THANKSGIVING DAY

CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 25th

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26th

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 27th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEACONS CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS PROJECT BEGINS

9:30 a.m. Advent Festival

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: *Viewing of "Locked in a Box"*



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: 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 by **Thursday, December 15, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. for the January 2017 Issue #1.