



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
April 16, 2017

TODAY



EASTER SUNDAY
ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!


Sunrise Service and Bonfire at 6:30 a.m. in the Woodlands Chapel
*Please join us for **Easter Breakfast** downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall from 7:00 – 10:30 a.m.*
***Easter Worship Service** at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
No Church School or Worship Bridge Today
Godly Play available at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services
Nursery care available at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services

EASTER EGG HUNT after the 10:30 a.m. service
Children nursery through first grade will find eggs on the church's front lawn.
Children second through fifth grade will hunt on the church's back lawn.

Parents please empty the treats in your child's plastic eggs and return the plastic eggs to the bins on the church lawn for use next year. These bins will remain up until next week, if you need to transport treats home today and return the eggs next week. Thank you.



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: Easter Sunday Breakfast
served from 7:00-10:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall.
Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
Next week's Discipleship Hour, Congregational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



LITURGIST: David (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Alice, Agnes, Margot (8:30); Margot, Mispa, Sara (10:30); Barry, Laura, Tracy, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS THIS MORNING: Paul and Roy, trumpet

THE EASTER LILIES gracing our Sanctuary have been graciously given by members of the congregation.

ZENTANGLE® ARTIST: Thanks to Elaine 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, who normally attend *The Worship Bridge* will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS AND CRAYONS are at the ushers' table in the Upper Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave.

VANTAGE HOUSE: Pastor Sue leads worship at Vantage House on the second Sunday of every month. The offering collected goes towards the Backpack Project. .

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2017

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Burta, Dave, Reva, Dorothy, Jerry, Dottie, Gertrude, Jim, Bob, Stan, Bette, Shirley, Al & Beth

Non-Resident Members: Frank & Betty, Marion, Robert & Vivian, Russ & Barb, Virginia

Bereaved: Jean, Margaret, Jimmy, Joanne, Christina and family, Maria, Shirley

Hospitalized: Web (Bayview), Carol (*Carol is the church member injured in the accident after church last week. Some of her friends established a GoFundMe account to help her. If you'd like to help, go to: www.GoFundMe.com/help-carol-roberts.)*)

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Woody, Carol and Blake, and Bridget and Daniel, in the death of Woody's mother, Sue, on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Visitation with the family will be on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Glen Mar United Methodist Church, 4701 New Cut Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will begin at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow.*

Family & Friends: Ellen brother

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 one of the Pastors:

Morton Harris, 443-824-3768 or Sue Lowcock Harris, 443-824-4305 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Virgie Bryan comes from the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomsburg, PA; Joan Kammerer, from the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan, NY; and Hilda Shepard, from the First Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA. We rejoice in the gifts they bring into our common life, and we look forward to sharing together in ministry. May the light of Christ fill your lives as you grow deep and wide in the love and wisdom of God.



PEOPLE ON THE WAY

Maggie Kuhn, (August 3, 1905 – April 22, 1995). A Presbyterian, Maggie entered the work force in 1926, at age 21, and then in 1950 began a 20 year career at the Office of Social Education and Action Office of the Presbyterian Church USA. In 1970 we still had mandatory retirement at age 65 – and Maggie Kuhn was not happy about giving up a career she loved. She decided not to fade away. Her outrage and determination fueled a political chain reaction that forever changed the lives of older Americans, repealing mandatory retirement laws and proving that “old” is not a dirty word. Saying, “Don’t antagonize, organize!,” she took her own advice, and founded the Gray Panthers in 1971, one of the most potent social justice movements of the 20th century, committed to justice, peace and fairness for all, regardless of age. She lived her beliefs. On her 80th birthday, she vowed to do something outrageous every week.

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 *Japan, South Korea, Taiwan. Pray for:*

- *Those families torn apart by the separation of North and South Korea;*
- *Greater protection of human rights and a decrease in political corruption;*
- *Christians who serve Christ even when they are small minorities.*

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 global witness of Christian churches, and all who gather for worship on this Easter Day.

We remember in particular:

- Our mission coworkers as they celebrate Easter on the US-Mexico Border, in Guatemala, Congo and Peru;
- The congregations of our partner presbytery: La Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery in Guatemala;
- Our partner church in Cuba: Calabazar de Sagua Reformed Presbyterian Church, and for all the Presbyterian churches in El Centro Presbytery;
- All expressions of the Christian church in Howard County, as we celebrate Easter today.

THE ALLELUIA BANNERS were created using Celtic Hand letters and filled in with Zentangle® and Celtic designs. The Zentangle® designs used were: Crescent moon, Printemps, Hollbaugh, Waves, Tagh, Jonzal, Chillion, Grouth, Swirls, Queen and King Crown, Keeko, Flukes, Web, Flying Geese, W2, Cadent, Cross Stich, Cruffel with Flux, Enyshou, N'Zeppel. Zentangle® is a registered trademark. The "Celtic Designs" were inspired by the coloring book from Studio Series by Peter Pauper Press. Other influences for designs came from our own artists: Syd, Julianna, Virginia, Evelyn, and Debbie. These include: Chinese Brush painting. A quick glance of a stained glass window in a program about historic places in England, and grape vine leaves. There is also a 3rd Alleluia on one of the letter "L" written in Hebrew, keeping with the tradition of repeating the praise to God in the Triune fashion. Thank you to our talented and creative artists who gave of their time to create these beautiful banners! ALLELUIA!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the close of the 10:30 a.m. service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

There is no Church School today Sunday, April 16, 2017. New classes will begin next Sunday, April 23, 2017.

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

Book Discussion – *Custer Died For Your Sins*, by Vine Deloria, Jr.

Begins Sunday, April 23 – May 28 - 6 weeks – Room 258 - with Genevieve and Sequoyah

Histories and Mysteries of Genesis: *A romp through the history and archeology of the first book in the Bible.*

Begins Sunday, April 23 – May 28 - 6 weeks– Room 252 - with Bill

Topics will include: A look at creationism, Sodom and Gomorrah, Noah's Ark, the Bronze Age history of Egypt and Canaan, the Bronze Age collapse, and "who was that Joseph guy?"

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

GAMES & CONVERSATIONS – Room 205 - Facilitated by Brian & Ann

Out of high school and no idea what to do? Home on break? First job and lots of questions? Come join other post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults for a time of fellowship, conversations, and board games as we navigate the perils of being an adult!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

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

We are studying Genesis and now reading the Jacob cycle. This is a lively group and we have great conversations.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND with Dr. Patricia Tull –

The Earth Belongs to God!

Pick up a flyer in the Lower Commons or the Welcome Center

Saturday Morning, April 22 – Earth Day! 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Education Forum - Christians, the Bible and the Ecological Crisis

\$10 per person; \$30 per family, max - Sign-up in the Lower Commons

Sunday Morning, April 23 – Earth Sunday, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

What Has Nature Ever Done for Us? Dr. Tull, preaching

Sunday Afternoon, April 23 - The Earth Forum of Howard County

2:00 p.m. – *More Than Politics: Ecological Action as Our Moral Imperative*

4:00 p.m. – *The Care and Nurture of Congregational Green Ministries*

6:00 p.m. - *Soup Supper* - Donation: \$5

Wrap up Earth Weekend activities as we continue the conversation over supper.



STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY



Today, Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Senior High Fellowship Dinner & Conversation at 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Highs & Senior Highs – Mission @ Massanetta Forms and \$100 Payment due April 19.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



DOOR STOP DELIVERY! TODAY! On your way home, put a nice touch to your Easter worship by taking one of the beautiful Easter lilies to one of the homebound members who could not come today. Stop by the Welcome Desk after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, look at the map to see who lives on your way home, pick up a lily and take it to them. Let's make someone smile with a quick "Door Stop Delivery". Names and addresses of each recipient along with driving directions will be available. The Deacons thank you for your help with this ministry.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED AT THE EARTH FORUM on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Please speak with Pastor Sue or Dede if you are available to help.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 5K FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE!

Runners, walkers, and volunteers can sign up today in the Lower Commons.

The 8th Annual Run for Coffee is Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Visit the web site for more info or to register: <http://www.firstpreshc.org/familyrunforcoffee>

BRIDGES HOUSE NEEDS WALLS PAINTED

We are looking for people to help paint the inside of a house the Bridges to Housing Stability will use to assist a local homeless family. Stable housing is one of the key needs for families working their way out of poverty. We need 5 to 7 people to help paint walls, and do a bit of gardening. We are planning 4 - 5 hours per person. We will meet at the house for three sessions.

- 1) Friday, April 21 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prepare and clean the walls, set up the painting tarps.
- 2) Saturday, April 22 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Paint.
- 3) Monday, April 24 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Clean up, finish the details.

If you are interested send an email to the church office. The plan is to coordinate times at the house with an online sign-up service. The house is in a gated community, so we will need to plan how we come and go.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – April – BABY ITEMS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donation of baby items. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" cart in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. - \$12.00 fee, lunch will be served.

at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD 21146

TEA ON THE TIBER - *Saturday, May 13, 2017* at 3:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will support a re-opened (after the flood) Ellicott City business by going to Tea on the Tiber.

So...since it is Mother's Day weekend, make plans with the "mom" or all the "moms" in your life to join us for this special afternoon. Bring your mom, aunt, the village of women that raised you. Cost: \$30.00 Sign-up by Sunday, May 7 in the Lower Commons. Questions? Contact the church office. All Women are invited!

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, *Easter Monday, April 17, 2017.*

BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23 are due on *Tuesday, April 18.*

2017 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies is on. Everybody can participate! 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. Reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. WHERE ARE WE? *Eastbound – just crossed the Adriatic from Venice and landed in the Balkans – a good push on activities and we may be there this week. Westbound – stranded in the Pacific just north of the Hawaiian Islands – maybe we'll see them at Pentecost! Keep moving!*

2017 COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE TRAINING DAY

Friday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Cost: \$85

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Join fellow Presbyterians to look at how our church and our partners are *Confronting Chaos, Forging Community – and Battling Racism, Materialism, and Militarism* in this country and abroad. Through plenaries and workshops, we'll analyze current context and provide tools for members and congregations to act on these urgent issues. To register, visit: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/

Baltimore Presbytery is offering a \$50 scholarship for those who register and attend. Please contact Alice Haskins to learn more about the scholarship.

EARTH FORUM – NEXT Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 2:00-4:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian

Dr. Patricia Tull, Program Director for Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, specializes in environmental teaching now, but as a Presbyterian minister, she lectured widely on the spiritual and biblical dimensions of creation care. Her topic is **"More than Politics: Ecological Action as our Moral Imperative"**

Dr. Tull will also lead a workshop at the Forum called "Emphasis Action Workshop for Faith Community Green Teams." The workshop is for faith communities with established green teams and also for those who are just starting to think about having a green team.

The Earth Forum is open to all interested persons, is free, and is held. Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers – call 410-730-3545 for more information.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to the wedding of Phil and Hilda on *Saturday, April 29, 2017* at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. A reception will follow in Branch Hall.

New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household. This one session class is the way to become a member. The next orientation is **Sunday, April 30** from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

ORCHARD WORKERS WANTED AT ABUNDANCE ORCHARD

Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come to our orchard and explore God's gift of food.



VBS 2017 Daily Picking:

- **Learn about gleanings!**
- **Its benefits to those in need.**
- **The different places gleanings happens.**
- **Jesus' practice of sharing with others.**

Help us continue the tradition of making First Presbyterian Church of Howard County Vacation Bible School the best around! Our children have an awesome experience during VBS week because of our dedicated volunteers who assist. There'll be ways you can help before, during and after VBS week, so you can be blessed by the program no matter what your schedule.

I would like to be a: *(please circle one)*

Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Teen Helper

Preferred age group: _____

(i.e., nursery, 3/4 yr olds, Kindergarten/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th)

Or, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

(please circle one)

Snacks

Recreation

Science

Crafts

Music

Bible Storytelling

Set-Up of Church

Name _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

Email _____

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or your involvement in it,
please contact the church office

PLEASE RETURN THIS FLYER TO YOUR CHILD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
OR TO THE VBS MAIL BOX (Box # 89) OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Registration is open now!

Open to members /non members


Visit www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2017

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, April 16th

EASTER SUNDAY/RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel

7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (until 10:30 a.m.)

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Help hide Easter Eggs!

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 17th

EASTER MONDAY – CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

Tuesday, April 18th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacons

Christian Education

Year Round Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, April 19th

CAROLINE SMITH AT APA CONFERENCE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mary Martha Circle

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Dinner & Conversation

Thursday, April 20th

CAROLINE SMITH AT APA CONFERENCE

Friday, April 21st

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9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, April 22nd

CAROLINE SMITH AT APA CONFERENCE

9:00 a.m. Education Forum with Patricia Tull

Sunday, April 23rd

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CAROLINE SMITH AT APA CONFERENCE

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

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum



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, May 11, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2017 Issue #6.