



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
May 21, 2017

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## TODAY



**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY:** Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Discipleship & Caring Ministries, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR:** Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Lydia Circle, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**LITURGISTS:** Evelyn (8:30); John (10:30)

**WAM ELDERS:** Pat (8:30); Victoria (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Alice, Agnes, Doris (8:30); Margot, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Jonathan, Mark (Tech Crew)

**ZENTANGLE® ARTIST:** Thanks to Ginny for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Melanie in happy celebration of the marriage of my favorite son, Davey, to Lizi, yesterday May 20, 2017, in Blacksburg, VA.

The flower arranger is Janet.

**WE WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Walter Peters to our pulpit today.**

The Rev. Dr. Walter Peters has been a member of Baltimore Presbytery since 1999 when he was called as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Westminster, where he served for 14 years. Now honorably retired, he does some supply preaching and occasionally works with sessions and congregations on matters related to stewardship. He will also conclude a six-year stint as the presbytery's Associate Stated Clerk in September. He and his wife Rebecca have three grown children and two grandchildren.

**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. Please return everything to the bags (except the pipe cleaners) and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**CONVERSATIONS ON RACE** will meet TODAY *Sunday, May 21* at 11:45 a.m. in Room 258. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet TODAY *Sunday, May 21* at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2017

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

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

**Bereaved:** Woody & Carol, Jean, Margaret, Jimmy, Joanne, Christina and family, Maria, Shirley

**Recovering from Surgery:** Barry, Darlene, Joanne, Angela, *Carol (Shock Trauma)*

**Hospitalized:** Web (Bayview)

**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.*



### PEOPLE ON THE WAY

**Godric** (c. 1065-1170) was born in Norfolk. He became a merchant, trading between England, Scotland, Denmark and Flanders. After years at sea, he reportedly went to Lindisfarne, the holy island off the eastern coast of England near Durham, and this journey changed his life; he devoted himself to Christ. He made several pilgrimages to Rome and Jerusalem, and then in 1105 he sold all his goods and adopted the life of a hermit; he settled at Finchale on the banks of the River Wear for the last sixty years of his life. His counsel was sought by Thomas Becket and Pope Alexander III. Godric is the first known English lyric poet, and though he had no musical training, he became the earliest-known person to set English lyrics to music. His life and works were recorded by Reginald of Durham, and after his death in Finchale on May 21, 1170, two monks from Durham moved to his hermitage and founded a Benedictine priory.

**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 *Botswana, Zimbabwe*. *Pray for:*

- *Landowners and land reform, and those who are displaced by land reform;*
- *Those working for better democracy in Zimbabwe;*
- *Hope for those who have little to hope for.*

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 2017

*We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ Good Shepherd Church in Joppatown – *is without a Pastor*
- ✦ Glen Burnie Korean Church – *Jeffrey Kim, Pastor*

## WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC

**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, Growth, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**Book Discussion – *Custer Died For Your Sins, An Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria, Jr. - with Genevieve and Sequoyah**

*Through May 21 – Room 258*

*Today, Sunday, May 21 - Chapter 8: The Red and the Black*

Consider how we as Christians can support reconciliation and diversity as our society continues to shape its American values and identity. Ephesians 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Histories and Mysteries of Genesis:**

*A romp through the history and archeology of the first book in the Bible.*

*Through June 4- **no class on May 28** – 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

*Through June 4 - **no class on May 28***

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!



**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! In the Parlor*

Bible Study will NOT meet on May 17, 24 and 31. We will reconvene on *Wednesday, June 7* for the month of June to finish Genesis!

# 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

**LAST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL** is Sunday, June 4, 2017

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 – Abundance Orchard

Monday-Friday, July 24-28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

3 years (potty trained) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Registration is open through July 7** —\$10 per child

Register at [www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2017](http://www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2017)

Come explore our orchard and learn about different stories from the Bible about food and eating together. Learn about gleanings and its benefits for people all over the country in this year's mission project. Interested in volunteering?

Contact Directors: [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org) or Virginia Callegary, [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)

## STUDENT MINISTRIES



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**TODAY Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**

#### ***Summer Trip Orientation & Final Details***

Mid-Highs - Massanetta Trip, Room 204

Senior Highs - Montreat Trip, Branch Hall

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### ***JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – May – “Spic & Span”***

As part of the Deacon's 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 May is donation of cleaning supplies-dish soap, laundry detergent, Clorox, general household cleaners. Please leave your regular contribution - plus cleaning items - in the wooden “Just One Can” bin 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



**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Royal Taj* on Benson Drive in Columbia on **Tuesday, May 30** 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). Want to carpool? Contact the church office if you need a ride.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



**PENTECOST GERANIUMS** – Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017  
Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk.  
Plants are \$5.00 each. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER!**  
Contact: Jan Agazio at 410-309-0290, [janicebga@aol.com](mailto:janicebga@aol.com)

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on **Monday, May 29, 2017** in celebration of Memorial Day.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL

**Begins Sunday, June 11, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. – First Worship**

Thirty good minutes of hymns, prayer and a Bible lesson – especially friendly for families with young children. Everyone welcome!

**10:00 a.m. – Summer Worship**

Neither “traditional” nor “contemporary” – just the best of First Presbyterian’s worshipping tradition! A gathering of the whole church to enjoy God together through hymns and songs, prayers and praise, scripture lessons and a sermon. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of a wonderful summer experience!

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN RETURNS** with the Summer Worship Schedule. We need extra hands! Share in this ministry by signing up to host. Look for a sign up at the lemonade table out front starting Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER IMPORTANT WORSHIP DATES:**

*Saturday, June 3*

Memorial Service for Gruver Martin, 2:00 p.m.

*Sunday, June 4*

Pentecost (wear red) & Communion | Pentecost Offering  
Last Day of Church School

*Saturday, June 10*

Memorial Service for Richard Gunden, 2:00 p.m.

*Sunday, June 11*

Summer Worship Begins (see details above)  
Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Church Picnic following worship

*Sunday, June 18*


Father’s Day  
Lemonade on the Lawn Begins

# 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

Mid-Highs & Senior Highs -

Summer Trip Orientation & Final Details

Hannah Circle

11:45 a.m. Conversations on Race

## Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

## Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour: Coffee 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, June 15, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the July/August 2017 Issue #7.