



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
September 10, 2017

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: MINISTRY FAIR TODAY! Celebrate with us as we kick off the 2017-2018 program year! Come and find out about all the opportunities to serve God through the mission and ministry of our church. Visit all the tables in Lyle Buck Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

AKWAABA! is the word for “Welcome!” in the Twi language which is spoken in Ghana. We use it for the Sunday when we welcome the beginning of the new season in our congregational life.



LITURGIST: John (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: MJ (8:30); Chrissy (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, (Tech Crew)

PANSIES FOR AKWAABA adorning the sanctuary and grounds are given to the glory of God by Marla & Joe, Elaine, Jennifer & Michael, Melanie, Morton & Sue, Joan, Blessing, Tracy, Dede & Bruce, Brett & Janet, Martin & Caroline, Debbie & Larry, Scott & Kaye, Margot.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Martin, Cheryl and Kyra and Nathan and Heather, in celebration of Caroline’s 60th birthday on September 11.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IS PLEASED TO WELCOME A SPECIAL GUEST THIS WEEK THE REV. JESÚS OSCAR RODRÍGUEZ, one of the pastors in the Cuban presbytery where Baltimore Presbytery has a presbytery-to-presbytery partnership. Jesús is married to the Rev. Mariélys Cabrera, who is herself the pastor of the church where First Presbyterian has its church-to-church partnership, in Calabazar de Sagua. Jesús and another Cuban representative, Xiomara Arenas, are visiting our area at the invitation of Baltimore Presbytery so they can observe local churches, share in planning and visiting and friendship, and strengthen the partnerships in this way. We are so pleased to welcome Jesús to First Presbyterian, and we know that all of you will want to personally greet and welcome him this morning!

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember: Pat who died on September 9, 2015; Dean who died on September 14, 2016, the husband of Tina and father of Anna, Lauren and Caroline; and Tim who died on September 16, 2016, the brother of Morton.

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.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Burta, Marvin, Jerry, Jim, Shirley, Stan, Bette, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

Bereaved: Blessing, Vivian, Christina and family

Recovering from Surgery: Dave, Ginny, Judy, Agnes, Doris

Hospitalized: Web (Bayview); *Paul (University of Maryland), Colin (Hopkins)*

Hospice Care: Dottie (home hospice)

Friends & Family: Gloria's Mom, Anne; *Brett's Mom, Marilyn*

People & Communities affected by Hurricane Harvey

PCUSA Mission Coworkers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru; Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Emma Warman in the Philippines. Visit her page, *emmaYAVyear.wordpress.com*.

*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

John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) was a hermit in the mountains near Antioch. He felt called to become a priest, gaining such a reputation as a preacher that the name given him means "golden mouth." When, as archbishop of Constantinople, he became an enthusiastic reformer, he so antagonized the wealthy and powerful that false charges were brought against him, primarily out of jealousy. Chrysostom was deposed by the bishops and exiled by the emperor. Later, ordered to move further from his people, he died en route, of exhaustion, as a prisoner. Chrysostom is honored as one of the four great Greek Doctors of the Church, and a liturgy he helped create now bears his name. His eloquent sermons are still read, and Chrysostom is noted for his thoroughly practical interpretation of scripture. His day of remembrance is September 13.

We also remember:

On **September 11, 2001** a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the terrorist group al-Qaeda attempted to destroy buildings symbolic of the United States. Two hijacked planes destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City; another struck the Pentagon, and a fourth, thought to be headed to the White House, was prevented from hitting its target through the courageous acts of its passengers, and instead crashed in rural Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,996 people and injured over 6,000 others and caused at least \$10 billion in property and infrastructure damage and \$3 trillion in total costs.

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 *Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania*. *Pray for:*

- *Those who care for orphans, the elderly, and others without resources or family to take care of themselves;*
- *The environment, which continues to suffer severe degradation;*
- *For all who must deal with the pollution of air they breathe and water they drink.*

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.


- ✦ Madison Avenue Church in Baltimore City – *Phyllis Felton, Temporary Supply Pastor*
- ✦ Maryland Church in Towson – *David Norse, Pastor-Elect, will begin on September 18*
- ✦ Mount Hebron Church in Ellicott City – *Adrian Pratt, Pastor*

WORSHIP BAGS: Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. Please return everything to the bags and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE begins today. Our goal is 77 scholarships, continuing support for all current students and replacing each graduate. The families in our partner presbytery are deeply grateful to us for giving the students opportunities beyond working in the fields. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460, but contributions of any size are welcome. Green donor cards are at the welcome center and have been mailed to past donors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS TODAY, Akwaaba/Welcome Sunday – the entire church school—kids and adults—will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for a short kick-off for our Fall Education Hour! All classes will visit The Ministry Fair! Be here for the start of an exciting year!

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES: 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 (*see next column for classes*)

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 (Genevieve, Aja, Estelene, or Jonathan).

SECOND GRADERS will receive bibles during worship on *Sunday, September 24, 2017*. Check with Virginia Callegary to make sure your child is on the list.

CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE

Sunday, September 24, 2017

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service on *Sunday, September 24th* children and their parents are invited to gather for a meal together at church. Afterwards we will talk about the way that Communion is like the Lord's family gathering for a meal, and practice what to say and what to do during the sacrament.

Children in elementary school are invited to attend whether or not they have already taken part in the Lord's Supper. Please RSVP to Virginia Callegary, vcalleary@firstpreshc.org if you are able to attend.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – starts NEXT Sunday, September 17th

9:30-10:25 a.m.

The Bible in Depth: Proverbs and on to Ecclesiastes!

facilitated by Doyle

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

Histories and Mysteries of the Exodus

led by Bill

September 17 through November 19 – Room 252

Christianity and Art

led by Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris

September 17 & 14 –Room 258

For more details see *Tidings September 2017 Issue 8.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every week

Reconvenes on Wednesday, September 13

This year's text: Exodus

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Exodus – The Departure – is the second book in the Bible. It continues the story begun in Genesis. It's a compelling narrative of three sets of characters: the God of Israel; Moses, Aaron and Miriam; and the people of Israel. In weaving together their stories, Exodus becomes a story for our time – a story about seeking and finding a God who rescues, saves, and provides.

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 MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, September 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mid-High Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday, September 13 & 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

BLUE JEANS SUNDAY! CHURCH WORKDAY

Wear your blue jeans or work clothes to church *NEXT Sunday, September 17* and plan to stay from 12:15-3:00 p.m. to work on projects around the church property. Lunch will be served. *Contact: STC Elders – Alex, Melanie or Doris or Church Sexton Woody*

MUSIC MINISTRY - Rehearsals have started! Join a choir!

Handbell Choir – *Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. set-up, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal*

Chancel Choir - *Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.*

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



FALL MISSION TRIP: Sunday, September 24 - Friday, September 29.

We're returning to Tarboro North Carolina to work with PCUSA partner VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), as this area recovers from massive flooding last October. If you are interested – please be in touch with Pat or 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES! Please pick up a new copy of the Church Directory at the Ministry Fair today after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please take one copy per family.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING—BREAKFAST EVENT

Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast and get a chance to meet with your circles and hear about plans for next year. Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange if you want to participate in this exciting activity! Pay at the door (\$5.00) but be sure to sign-up in the Lower Commons so we know how many to plan for. Menu includes fruit, muffins and breakfast casseroles prepared by Chef Woody Collins!

THE CONVERSATION ON RACE GROUP OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU to join with our friends in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia for their monthly Black Lives Matter Vigil on the second Sunday of each month. They gather to keep public attention focused on the problem of black lives NOT mattering in our society. The vigil takes place this afternoon at The Mall in Columbia, at Windstream Road and Governor Warfield Parkway in Columbia, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Ruby Tuesday* in Clarksville on ***Tuesday, September 26th*** 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 Andi or the church office if you need a ride.

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 10th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AKWAABA SUNDAY – MINISTRY FAIR

FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL & FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MOVEABLE FEAST

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Ministry Fair

11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

Monday, September 11th

7:00 p.m. Guatemala Leadership Team

Tuesday, September 12th

SUPER TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Lunch

7:00 p.m. Christian Education | Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, September 13th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, September 14th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 15th

9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, September 16th

9:00 a.m. PW Breakfast Event | Church Work Day

Sunday, September 17th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CLIMATE IN THE PULPIT | BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

MOMENT FOR MISSION – GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour | Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee

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, September 14, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2017 Issue #9.