



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
September 24, 2017

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## TODAY



**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY:** Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Ruth Circle, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Perspectives in Time – Discussion on Religion, Culture, and the influence of Italian Art will be held in room 258.

**NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR:** Heritage Festival, in Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**LITURGIST:** Mike (10:30)

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

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Clarence in loving memory of Ralph Baney; and by Jim and Marla in memory of Bethany's birthday on September 28.

**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 and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**SENDING OUT TO TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA:** Pat, Woody, Melanie, Stacy, Bob, Debbie, Brett

### CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*Today Sunday, September 24, 2017 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service*

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.

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Next Sunday, October 1, 2017

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 24, 2017

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

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

**Bereaved:** Blessing, Vivian

**Recovering from Surgery:** Agnes

**Hospitalized:** Web (Bayview)

**Hospice Care:** Dottie (home hospice)

**Prayers of sympathy for** *Mary, friend of First Presbyterian, whose husband David, died on June 19, 2017*

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Megan and Dan, in the death of Dan's mother, Barbara on September 20, 2017.*

*May the peace of Christ be with Jonathan and the Coster Family, in the death of Jonathan's uncle, John on September 21, 2017.*

**Friends & Family:** *Martin's Father, Gail*

**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](http://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

**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.

**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 *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia*. *Pray for:*

- *Those suffering poverty and unemployment;*
- *New concern for the environment;*
- *Those who work for peace in a region of ancient animosities.*

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*

**The Center** is a mission partnership of Baltimore Presbytery which works through education, service, partnership, and advocacy, to equip congregations in Baltimore and beyond to transform neighborhoods by engaging in the justice and reconciliation of Jesus Christ. *Kate Foster Connors is Director.*

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – starts TODAY Sunday, September 17**  
9:30-10:25 a.m. For more details see *Tidings* September 2017 Issue 8.

**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*

*through November 19 – Room 252*

**Christianity and Art**

*led by Morton and Sue Lowcock Harris*

*September 24 –Room 258*

**Games & Conversations**

*Facilitated by Brian & Ann - Room 205*

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 Wednesday, every week*

This year's text: Exodus – The Departure – is the second book in the Bible.

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!

**CE ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY**

Now that fall classes are underway, CE hopes to have the congregation offer fresh ideas for future Adult Education classes. Please take a few moments to offer your thoughts through a brief survey. You can access survey in three ways:

(1) Submit a paper copy, available at the Welcome Desk.

(2) Access the survey online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCAdultEd>.

(3) Use the QR code printed here to access the survey on your phone:



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHURCH SCHOOL – the entire church school—kids and adults—will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. then will go to their classes!**

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Mid-High Fellowship, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
*Wednesday, September 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

Senior High Fellowship, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
*Wednesday, October 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE** for the January-October Guatemalan school year is off and running, with 23 of 77 scholarships funded. In 2011 a scholarship enabled Maximiliano Garcia to start middle school. He might not have had a career in mind when he started, but as he continued and moved into high school, he decided to train to be an electrician. We continued to support him each year and last October he graduated. Maximiliano told us, "I want to thank the brothers and sisters of the partnership for the unconditional support you have given me. Without your help I would not have been able to study my career in high school. Thank you and may God bless you."

It's easy to be a Guatemala Scholarship donor. Visit the Welcome Center and pick up a green donor card with the necessary instructions. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460, but a contribution of any size is welcome. For more information, please contact the church office. The scholarship fund drive ends on October 22.

### **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.

### **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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHERINE**

Catherine finished serving as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Baltimore after seven years. She was recognized at the Presbytery Gathering meeting on September 14, 2017.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Ruby Tuesday* in Clarksville on **Tuesday, September 26<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). Want to carpool? Contact the church office.

**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR:****TODAY - September 24 - Perspectives In Time – Room 258**

A discussion on Religion, Culture, and the influence on Italian Art. Discussion led by Pastor Morton and Pastor Sue. Coffee Fellowship hosted by Ruth Circle.

**NEXT SUNDAY - October 1 - Heritage Festival (World Communion Sunday)**

Looking for volunteers to represent their heritage and share with the congregation. Share your heritage; whether you're from Small Town USA, Nairobi, London, Atlanta, or Kyoto, your heritage is an important part of what shapes our community. Or share your cultural experiences based on a trip that you took. Sign-up in the Lower Commons or contact the church office.

**October 8 - Guatemala Journey**

Join congregation members as they share their experiences from the most recent Mission Trip to Guatemala this past summer and learn about the many aspects of the First Pres mission in Guatemala.

**October 15 - New Worshipping Communities**

Come and meet Pastor Migde Lucas, who is working in Anne Arundel County to organize a New Worshipping Community among Hispanic immigrants.

**October 22 - Fall Festival**

Join us for hot cider and refreshments as we share fellowship and welcome the Autumn season. Crafts, activities, and fun for all!

**October 29 - Reformation Sunday**

Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Protestant Reformation with cake and coffee.

**AUTUMN IS THE TIME FOR FALLING LEAVES AND PLANTING TREES AT FPCHC**

Come plant a tree at First Presbyterian to make our grounds more beautiful and capture stormwater runoff. Find out how you can help restore our local watershed at the *Caring for Sacred Waters workshop* (Sunday, October 15, 4:00-5:30 p.m., as part of Earth Forum), when we will also plant a couple native trees near the building. Sign up at [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org).

Our congregation is participating in the Trees for Sacred Places project this Fall along with four other faith groups in Howard County. We'll place 10 native trees here and monitor them closely for about two years. Can you spot the first native sapling just planted? Hint: near the Head Start entrance.

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SENDING OUT – TARBORO MISSION TRIP

SECOND GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

- 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 – *Perspectives in Time*  
Communion Class for Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee | Run for Coffee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

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

TARBORO MISSION TRIP

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

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

TARBORO MISSION TRIP

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Session Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

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

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | TARBORO MISSION TRIP

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Mid-High Supper

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

TARBORO MISSION TRIP

- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

TARBORO MISSION TRIP

- 9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle
- 11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

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

- 8:30 a.m. Disciple Formation Symposium
- 4:00 p.m. Set-up for Heritage Festival

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NAME TAG SUNDAY

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING

- 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 – *Heritage Festival*

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.firstpreshec.org](http://www.firstpreshec.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: [fpadmin@firstpreshec.org](mailto:fpadmin@firstpreshec.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [fpadmin@firstpreshec.org](mailto:fpadmin@firstpreshec.org) by **Thursday, October 12, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2017 Issue #10.