



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
October 1, 2017

TODAY



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: Come to Lyle Buck Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, to the Heritage Festival to learn about the many different heritages that shapes our community at First Presbyterian Church.

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

LITURGIST: Humaira (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie (8:30); Margot (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God for all the people and communities affected by the storms and earthquakes and for those responding to help them.

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.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Today 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. You join in work that provides safety for people fleeing violence, hope for people working to end hostilities in areas torn by conflict, and support for peacemakers from around the world to share their experiences with congregations.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN TO THE LORD'S TABLE THIS MORNING:
Zachary, Kai, Ruth and AnnaBeth

BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for *October 8*, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service, to elect a deacon to fill the vacancy in the Class of 2019 created by the death of Deacon David McCrary on June 26, 2017.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Please pray for: Jeff, Joan, Burt, Marvin, Dave, *Frank*, 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)

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

Harry Emerson Fosdick (May 24, 1878-October 5, 1969) was a distinguished preacher and professor of preaching. In contrast to the custom of his day to preach doctrinal or topical sermons, Fosdick began with a concrete problem, then examined what relevance the gospel might have to it. Although he was an American Baptist minister, he served the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York during the debate throughout American churches in the 1920s and 30s that has become known as the "Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy." In 1923 he preached a sermon entitled "*Shall the Fundamentalists Win?*" and the result was a long series of denominational discussions that ended with Fosdick's resignation in 1925. He was then called to become the Pastor of the newly constructed Riverside Church, which he served until his retirement in 1945, becoming one of the best-known preachers of his era. His best-known book is *The Meaning of Prayer*, which is still in print. He is the author of the much-beloved hymn, *God of Grace and God of Glory*.

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 *Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan*. Pray for:

- *An end to war in Afghanistan, and leaders who will govern with peace and justice;*
- *Christians, who, although a tiny minority, have courageous witness to the Gospel and find strength to live according to God's word;*
- *Good relations between Christians and Muslims.*

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 2017

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

The PCUSA Peacemaking Program began in 1980, when the General Assembly adopted its founding document: *Peacemaking: The Believer's Calling*. The program works toward transformation of cultures of violence into communities of peace. Carl Horton is the program's coordinator.

The Office of Public Witness is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the PCUSA. Its task is to advocate, and help the church to advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the PCUSA General Assembly. The church has a long history of applying these biblically and theologically-based insights to issues that affect the public – maintaining a public policy ministry in the nation's capital since 1946. The Rev. Jimmy Hawkins is the Director. Catherine Gordon is the Associate for International Issues; Nora Leccesse is the Associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues; Annette Greer is the Office Manager.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR – starts TODAY Sunday, September 17

9:30-10:25 a.m. For more details see *Tidings October 2017 Issue 9*.

Conversations on Race Book Discussion

Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Room 258

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America, by Michael Eric Dyson

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

Games & Conversations - post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults

Facilitated by Brian & Ann - Room 205



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.

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



CONVERSATIONS ON RACE meets on the Second Sunday of the month

Next Sunday, October 8 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor

Contact: Reggie Hightower or Paula Seabright

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

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Wednesday, October 4 & 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mid-High Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Wednesday, October 11 & 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



CONFIRMATION CLASS DESSERT KICK-OFF

Thursday, October 5th, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

This class is designed for students to explore the meaning of church membership. All students in grades 8–12 and their parents are invited to attend. If you have any questions or to R.S.V.P., contact the church office.

THE GREAT PUMPKINS ARE COMING! Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Please come and help unload pumpkins! Please sign-up to sell pumpkins on the sheets in Branch Hall. *Contact: the church office*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND has received contributions to fund 39.5 of our goal of 77 scholarships. If we reach this goal we can continue supporting each of last year's students, and also offer opportunity to new students who will be chosen to replace graduates like Lilian, who said, "I am very grateful for the support you have given me for the past 2 years. Thanks to that I was able to graduate as a bookkeeper. Thank you and God bless you." Bookkeeping is one of the career programs offered by her school, the 21st Century Computer Academy, where several of our students study. Please make your contribution or pledge by completing a green donor card, available at the Welcome Center. Contributions of any size are welcome. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. The scholarship fund drive ends on October 22.

GUATEMALA STOVE PROJECT TRIP—January 2018 - A delegation will be traveling to Guatemala from Thursday, January 11— Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to strengthen our partnership, provide mission experience, and install 36 Onil Stoves in homes of our partner presbytery's members. The trip is limited to 8 people and the cost will be approximately \$1,000 per person, depending on airfare. To be part of the delegation, an application and \$300 deposit check are required to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 16th. Members of First Pres will be given priority, and a lottery will be conducted to select participants should we have more than 8 applicants. This is a strenuous work trip involving physical labor and walking on unpaved surfaces with significant elevation changes. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Contact Brett Sivo at brettsivo@comcast.net for additional information and questions. Applications may be turned in to Brett Sivo, the church office or placed in mail box 39. Financial assistance is available beyond the initial deposit.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – October—Items needed at Food Bank

As part of the Deacon's continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific items for our on-going initiative called Just One Can.

Canned & Dried Fruit, Tuna, Hot, & Cold Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice Boxes, Soup, Baby Food, Pasta, Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, black), Pasta Sauce, Coffee & Tea, Canned Vegetables (low sodium), Peanut Butter. Please leave your donations in the "Just One Can" wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf on the Deacons.

MOVEABLE FEAST is a charitable organization whose mission is to foster a community that cares for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering nutritious meals and groceries and providing nutritional counseling and other services. Our church provides home baked goods on the Second Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please leave your dessert in the kitchen and mark it Moveable Feast. For additional information check them out at mfeast.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEWS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION: Route 108 closure: Friday, October 6-Monday, October 9 – Route 108 is going to be shut down in both directions between Center Park Dr & Red Branch (closest to the shopping center) from Friday, October 6th at 9:00 p.m. to Monday, October 9th at 5:00 a.m. Maintenance will be done on the pipelines and to complete the work the road needs to be shut down.

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, October 22* from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *See Tidings October 2017 Issue 9 for more details*

Next Sunday - 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 500th birthday of the Protestant Reformation with cake!

EARTH FORUM BEGINS – Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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, October 1st

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NAME TAG SUNDAY

WORLD 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*

12:15 p.m. Adult Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, October 2nd

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 3rd

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting

Year Round Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, October 4th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

PW Coordinating Team Meeting

Thursday, October 5th

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum Operations Team Meeting

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class Kick-off

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 6th

9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, October 7th

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT

Sunday, October 8th

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MOVEABLE FEAST

MOMENT FOR MISSION – GUATEMALA STOVE PROJECT/TRIP

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 – *Guatemala Journey*

Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service

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.firstpreschc.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@firstpreschc.org by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org by **Thursday, October 12, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2017 Issue #10.