



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
November 5, 2017

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *BINGO, Cider and Donuts in Branch Hall*

Donuts and Cider with your friends from First Presbyterian - what could be more fun? White Elephant gifts for the BINGO game winners. Food, fun, and fellowship for all!

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, November 12 – Thank and Tell Luncheon - in Lyle Buck Hall* All are invited to a luncheon to celebrate 2017, look forward to 2018, and share the results of the Annual Response Program. Hosted by the Year Round Stewardship Committee.

LITURGIST: Pat (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, AnnaBeth (8:30); Chrissy, Mispa, (10:30); Laura, Debbie, Jonathan, Mark (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Blessing dedicated to the memory of her parents, Jonathan and Christiana.
Flower arranger is Jan.

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.

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.

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.

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM – GRATEFUL GIVING

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY...Turn in your Estimate of Giving Pledge now so that our church can thrive and grow!

Complete & submit your Estimate of Giving Card on our before Commitment Sunday now by placing it in the Joash Box in the sanctuary. You can also take it to the church office or mail your response.

Important Date to Remember: Sunday, November 12: Thank and Tell Lunch
Join us for lunch in Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

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

Bereaved: Blessing, David, Vivian

Recovering from Surgery: Agnes

Hospitalized: Web (Bayview)

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

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. All Saints Day is November 1. The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back to at least the fourth century. By the seventh century, the date was set aside as May 13, marking the conversion of the Pantheon in Rome into a Christian Church. In the sixteenth Century, English Reformers insisted with the New Testament that all faithful Christians are saints, stretching across the centuries and around the globe. During the first weeks of November, many congregations remember the faithful of their household who have died during the past year. However hard it might seem to follow the way of Jesus in our own time and place, this is a day to remember that we may be crazy, but we are not alone.

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 *Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe*
Pray for:

- *Those who work with people living with HIV and AIDS and who are searching for ways to defeat the disease;*
- *An end to deforestation and desertification, and for the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources;*
- *Those involved with subsistence agriculture, that their crops may be plentiful and they have enough to eat and clean water to 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 2017

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

The Presbyterian Foundation was founded in 1799. The Foundation raises, safeguards and distributes funds for mission and strengthens congregations and related mission and ministry efforts by developing gifts and managing funds on their behalf. The Foundation provides all Presbyterians an avenue to realize their philanthropic goals through a variety of giving options.

The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) is a nonprofit corporation of PCUSA created to provide low-cost loans to congregations and councils of the PCUSA. The Program offers Presbyterian investors – members, pastors, churches and other governing bodies – an opportunity to support the growth of the church through investing.

WORSHIP, ARTS & MUSIC

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Sunday Evening Quiet Time

First Sunday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.

Begins TONIGHT Sunday, November 5, 2017



Our lives are busy with activities and responsibilities, meetings, deadlines, and householding, and our lives reflect this busyness. Sometimes we feel like we just need to stop and be quiet for a time – to listen for the voice of God within. It might be easier to take this time and find some quiet space if we could do it with others. You are invited to gather with Pastor Sue in the Sanctuary for 30 minutes of Quiet Time. Formats may vary a bit – but will always include about 15 to 20 minutes of shared silence. We will keep to the 30 minute length.

Gathering together in worship is always a journey in itself. As we keep this open, quiet space, we'll discover more about the gathering itself. If you have any questions, be in touch with Pastor Sue – or just come, and explore this quiet space at the start of a new week.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR

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

Considering Social Issues through the Lens of Christ's Example

facilitated by Estelene and Matt

November 5, 12 & 19 – Room 258

Histories and Mysteries of the Exodus *led by Bill*

through November 19 – Room 252

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

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!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, November 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mid-High Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday, November 8 & 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 9, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Fall Retreat

Friday, November 10-Sunday, November 12



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

KNITTING MINISTRY meets on the Second Sunday of the month

Next Sunday, November 12 in the Parlor, after the Thank and Tell Luncheon

Contact: Shirley or the church office

We are making scarves for the military and donating them to "Handmade with Love". All items are needed by Sunday, November 12. Please place them in the box at the Welcome Center or give them to Ellen.

GIFT OF THE HEART CLEAN UP BUCKETS

The 2017-2018 Confirmation Class is collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program known as Gift of the Heart Cleanup Buckets, and we need your help. The PDA is very specific in the items that they need. Please see our table in Branch Hall and pick up an item list. Items will be collected *through November 28* in Branch Hall. Finished buckets will be taken to the Church World Service Center in New Windsor, MD.

CARE FOR CREATION ONE STEP AT A TIME – PLANT A TREE

On Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 a.m. – noon, you can help plant one of the ten new native trees that we are receiving as part of *Trees for Sacred Places*. Congregations across Maryland are participating in the *Trees for Sacred Places* Project, which helps to prevent runoff and improve water quality while creating sources of beauty and enjoyment, now and for future generations. This opportunity is offered as a joint project by the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. To help out please contact: Scott or Woody Collins or the church office.

2017 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS DRIVE & JUST ONE CAN...PLUS!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive continues until Sunday, November 12. Deacons are asking the congregation for non-perishable food items such as: canned vegetables, pie fillings, cranberry sauce, coffee, sugar, flour, boxes of stuffing, rice, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, pasta, gravy packets, pie crusts, cooking oil, cans of fruit juice. The collection point for food is the Just One Can bin located in the Upper Commons.



Contact persons: Judy & Merle, Deacons or the church office

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

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Alternative Gift Fair committee is looking for new card designs. As you may know, when someone purchases an alternative gift, they are given a card to pass on to the recipient. Some of the larger organizations we support (Heifer International, PDA etc.) have their own cards. We have the opportunity to design a generic card to cover all of our local organizations.

The specs: Black and white, Horizontal or vertical, Please only your own work, no clip art or licensed characters, Final size will be 4 x 6

Open to all ages. Don't forget to write your name on the back!

Due Sunday, November 19. You can email designs to Mandy, put them in Mailbox #81, or hand them to someone selling advent calendars in the Lower Commons.

VIEWING OF “WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL”

Sponsored by Conversations on Race

Next Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Branch Hall

The Conversations on Race group invites you to a special viewing of the documentary, *What So Proudly We Hail*. The documentary was produced by Morgan State graduate (and Columbia native) Duane “DJ” Saunders. The documentary examines the history of the National Anthem with a special examination of the third verse. Saunders and a few members of his crew will be joining us for the viewing. We hope you will join us for this very special event.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Sunday, November 19 – Advent Art; Canopy of Stars, in Lyle Buck Hall

Worship Arts & Music (WAM) is hosting an advent decoration discipleship hour. Much like the paper crane project, WAM is asking for help creating a canopy of stars to decorate the sanctuary in Advent. There will be tasks for all skill levels. Please join us for fellowship, art, and refreshments, hosted by Ruth Circle.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY presents

The Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus

Working Effectively Across Traditional Political Boundaries

with Stephanie Doyle, Senior Outreach Liaison for Citizens’ Climate Lobby

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

Is it possible to get anything done for the environment in our current political climate? Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Their consistently respectful, non-partisan approach to climate education and advocacy is designed to create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political inclinations.

WHERE’S OUR CHURCH STAFF? Our Church Sexton, Woody Collins is on vacation today, Sunday, November 5. Our Church Administrator, Caroline Smith will be out of the office on Wednesday, November 8.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR

Sunday, November 26, 2017 are due by noon on Wednesday, November 15. Bulletins for Sundays, November 19 & 26 will be printed on Friday, November 17. **The Church Office and Building will be closed on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, November 23, 24 & 25** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thanks

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, November 16, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. for the December 2017 Issue #11.*

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, November 5th

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

COMMUNION | DEACONS COMPASSION FUND | NAME TAG SUNDAY |

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM COMMITMENT SUNDAY | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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 – *Coffee Fellowship by Lydia Circle*

12:00 p.m. Adult Ed Advisory Committee

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

Monday, November 6th

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

Tuesday, November 7th

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

2:30 p.m. Earth Forum Planning & Operations Team

6:00 p.m. Mid-High Supper

7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, November 9th

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 10th

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, November 11th

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

9:00 a.m. Earth Care Tree Planting | Lydia Circle

3:00 p.m. ARP Set-up for Thank & Tell Luncheon

Sunday, November 12th

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MOVEABLE FEAST

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM THANK & TELL SUNDAY

MOMENT FOR MISSION – ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR | STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

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 – *Thank & Tell Luncheon*

Knitting Ministry (after luncheon)

2:00 p.m. Conversations on Race – Movie |

Vantage House Worship

4:00 p.m. Mids & Senior Highs – Bonfire on the Beach