



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
January 7, 2018

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: TODAY Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Lyle Buck Hall

Coffee Fellowship – hosed by Ruth Circle

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: January 14 in Lyle Buck Hall

Martin Luther King Sunday

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LITURGIST: Sara (10:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie (8:30); Chrissy (10:30); Laura, Jonathan (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 and Davey in loving memory of Dorothy, beloved mother and grandmother. Flower arranger is Jan.

SENDING OUT: Guatemala Stove Mission Trip, January 11-16, 2018

Please pray for church members: Joe, Woody, Amanda, Andy, Evelyn, Debbie, Brett, Becky, Tom

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 10:00 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.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER TRAINING at 11:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall today.

Sunday Evening Quiet Time, First Sunday of the Month

Today Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.



GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

Please pray for: Jeff, Mispa, Marvin, Dave, Ron, Jerry, Jim, Paul, *Dede*, Shirley, Bette, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

Bereaved: Blessing, David, Vivian

Hospitalized: *Web*

Deaths: ***May the peace of Christ be with Janet & Brett and family and Janet's mother, Joan, in the death of Janet's step-father, William (Joe), on December 30, 2017.***

Family & Friends: *Jonathan's mom, Suzanne*

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

Thomas Stearns Eliot (September 26, 1888 – January 4, 1965) was an essayist, publisher, playwright, literary and social critic, and one of the twentieth century's major poets. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He went to Harvard University, where he majored in philosophy. He graduated in 1909, and went to Paris to study at the Sorbonne for a year, before returning to Harvard, where he studied Sanskrit and Indian philosophy. When he was 25, in 1914, he was awarded a fellowship to study at Merton College, Oxford. He stayed on in England, and became a citizen of the UK in 1927. Eliot's mystical Christian faith birthed such poetic classics as *The Waste Land*, *The Four Quarters*, and *Ash Wednesday*, and his play about the martyrdom of Thomas Becket, *Murder in the Cathedral*. He asserted that the bourgeois world was suffocating in its superficiality, doomed to end itself "not with a bang but with a whimper." The alternative he proposed was to lose oneself in the depth of each moment, touching there the Eternal as the timeless center of history's turning wheel. For Epiphany, you might want to find his poem, *The Journey of the Magi*.

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 *Iran, Iraq, Syria*

Pray for:

- *The resilience of the people who remain in Syria, Iraq and Iran, despite constant threats and ongoing violence;*
- *An end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers;*
- *Political leaders emerging in these countries who will pursue peace, the common good, and human rights of all groups.*

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 2018

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

We pray for all congregations and worshiping communities of the Presbyterian Church (USA). More than two million people call the PCUSA their spiritual home. Worshiping in 10,000 Presbyterian congregations throughout the United States, we engage the communities in which we live and serve with God's love.

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR will be on break December 31

New Classes starting today January 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Let's Talk About Mental Health

facilitated by Meredith and John

January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2018

You probably know at least one child, teenager or adult who has struggled with his/her mental health. Join in a discussion with Meredith Barger and John Michalczyk, the counselors (LCPC) in residence through Inspirit Counseling at First Presbyterian Church. Topics include parenting for mentally healthy children, depression, anxiety and grief.

Spiritual Habits for a New Year:

Creating a Spiritual Practice that Works for You

taught by Sue Lowcock Harris

January 7 through February 11

In these first six weeks of 2018, we'll take a look at the kinds of things that might be important and helpful for our spiritual life and practice. We'll explore a variety of individual practices and practices we do with others – including our children or our parents. And we'll try to compose a personal Rule to get us going in 2018.

The Bible in Depth: 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

We are studying Exodus together. We're at Mount Sinai. Come join us!

This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary!

Everyone welcome!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Confirmation Class

Next class is *Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:45-8:30 p.m.*

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, January 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, Day Trip to DC

Saturday, January 27, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Travel to DC via metro. Tour museums. Lunch. Leave DC at 5:00 p.m.



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, January 11, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the February 2018 Issue #2.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – January – DOUBLE UP

The Board of Deacons wants to increase our church's food donations in January to battle back against hunger in Howard County. Winter is here in earnest and too many of our neighbors are choosing between food and fuel. Let's redouble our efforts this month – give not just one can but two or more. Demonstrate in a very tangible way that the joy of giving is not just for a specific date on a calendar. *These are the most requested items from the Howard County Food Bank: Baby Foods, Beans – Dried or Canned, Canned Meat / Tuna / Chicken, Canned Soups, Cereal, Evaporated Milk, Infant Formula, Baby & Toddler Foods, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Pasta*

COLD WEATHER IS COMING AND SO IS THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER!

First Presbyterian will host the shelter from **Monday evening, February 5, 2018 until Monday morning, February 19, 2018**. We need lots of volunteers to cook dinner, stay overnight, do laundry, clean the sleeping areas and provide company to our guests each evening. Please see the sign-up board and list of requested donations in the Lower Commons. Questions? Contact Margot or the church office.

THE MITTEN TREE is back! With the cold weather approaching, please remember the children in Howard County who many not have adequate warm outer wear for the months ahead. Place your donations of new or gently used hats, mittens/gloves and scarves for all ages on the Mitten Tree located in the Upper Commons starting *January 7, 2018*. Thank you.

MLK DAY – Bring an end to violence in Baltimore City, “No More Sword Talk!” Anti-Violence & Gun Awareness Action Workshop

Monday, January 15, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, 1300 N. Eden Street & Preston, Baltimore, MD 21213
Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is included. Let us pray and reflect together upon the violence in the city of Baltimore with particular attention to gun violence. We will hear about the people behind the statistics, re-connect to the lives lost and its impact on all who live and minister in the city and hear from groups who are already working to end the violence. Participants will be offered ways to take action as individuals and collectively on January 15th and in the months following.

HOWARD COUNTY'S POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Office of Community Partnerships is seeking volunteers for the Point in Time 2018! They will have a large emphasis on Street Surveying in various locations throughout Howard County.

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 2:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Description: Volunteers will be assigned an outdoor area in Howard County to interview those experiencing homelessness and provide information about available resources. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old at the time of the count. Volunteers will be required to attend a training. Volunteers will need to dress appropriately for the weather and bring along a flash light.

Volunteer positions: Driver, Navigator, Surveyor

SIGN UP HERE: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f44a5e23a5f58-point1>

Questions, please contact: Michelle L. Hippert, MCP, CoC Manager. mhippert@howardcountymd.gov, 410-313-5971 or Keisha Benjamin, kbenjamin@howardcountymd.gov, 410-313-0726.

DISCIPLESHIP HOURS

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR is every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Here's a look at January 2018

Martin Luther King Sunday - January 14th in Lyle Buck Hall

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"Hotter Than Thou" Chili Tasting - January 21st in Lyle Buck Hall

We need 10 chefs to make their favorite chili recipe and everyone else to come on down with your tip money in hand and enjoy a delicious lunch with your friends. All monies raised go to support Bridges to Housing Stability that prevents homelessness and promotes awareness for affordable housing in Howard County. Please contact Steve or call the church office.

Annual Meeting - January 28th in the Sanctuary

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED on *Monday, January 15, 2018* for Martin Luther King Day.

"GRATEFUL GIVING" - Annual Response Program status as of 1/1/2018:

Pledges received – 151 (goal 186)

Pledged gifts - \$623,259 (goal \$700,000)

With your help we can meet our goal, there is still time! Every gift is important. Send in your estimate of giving card now.

COORDINATING COUNCIL will meet on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 258.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY *presents*

The Intersection of Environmental Justice and Public Health
with Dr. Leana Wen, Commissioner of Health in Baltimore City

Sunday, January 21, 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

The featured speaker, Dr. Leana Wen, is the highly regarded Health Commissioner of Baltimore City. Dr. Wen is reimagining the role of local public health and its link to environmental justice issues, such as levels of pollution, lead poisoning, water quality, etc. She will speak about her transformative projects such as prescribing the opioid antidote, naloxone, to all 620,000 city residents; reducing infant mortality rate; providing glasses to every child who needs them; and treating violence as a contagious disease.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Come celebrate the continued "Joy" of the holiday season with the Presbyterian Women, *Wednesday, January 24* at 6:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. We will have a catered dinner, dessert and entertainment. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased in the Lower Commons. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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, January 7th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG SUNDAY

MOMENT FOR MISSION – COLD WEATHER SHELTER

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

Cold Weather Shelter Training

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

Monday, January 8th

7:30 p.m. Guatemala Stove Trip Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education | Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, January 10th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

7:00 p.m. Coordinating Council

Pastor-Parish-Personnel Meeting

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, January 11th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum Planning & Operations Team

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

Friday, January 12th

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, January 13th

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

Sunday, January 14th

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GUATEMALA STOVE MISSION TRIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION – COLD WEATHER SHELTER

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 – Conversations on Race

Knitting Ministry

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service