



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
March 4, 2018

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## TODAY

**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: TODAY *March 4* in Lyle Buck Hall**

**Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Thank You Breakfast**

Hosted by Mission serving at 9:30am and 11:30 a.m. Thank you and debriefing about the 2 weeks that First Presbyterian held the CWS.

**NEXT WEEK: *March 11* at Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City**

**“Hotter Than Thou” Chili Cook-Off at 12:00 noon**

Support Bridges to Housing Stability in preventing homelessness in the county.

**LITURGIST:** Janet (10:30)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Debbie, Angela (8:30); Sara, Mispa, (10:30); Laura, Barry, Laura, (Tech Crew)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Nancy and Larry in celebration of their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on March 7; and by Jennifer in memory of my beloved grandmother, Mary, who passed away three years ago this March

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember The Rev. Lyle Bruce Buck, Pastor Emeritus, who died on March 3, 2013. Lyle served this church from 1962 to 1989, and continued to be part of our congregation after his retirement.

**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.

**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.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - TODAY *Sunday morning, March 4 at 11:30 a.m.***

Interested in becoming a member? This orientation explores what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church household. Contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

**Sunday Evening Quiet Time, First Sunday of the Month**

**TODAY *Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.*** Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2018

**Please pray for:** Burta, Marvin, Janet, Dave, Ron, Jerry, Binwi, Jim, Paul, Dede, Andi, Becky, *Jimmie, Liam*, Shirley, Al & Beth

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

**Bereaved:** Blessing, David, Vivian

**Care Center:** Web

**Recovering from Surgery:** *Shirley*

**Friends & Family:** *Debbie's sister-in-law, Helene Genova; Caroline's sister, Diane Schultheis*

**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

**Harriet Tubman** (*born Araminta Ross; c. 1820 – March 10, 1913*) was born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland, and remained a slave until about age 30, when, fearing she would be sold and moved farther south, she escaped to Philadelphia with the help of the Underground Railroad. She immediately returned to Maryland to rescue her family. She returned many times to bring slaves to the north. When the Fugitive Slave Law was passed in 1850, Harriet helped guide slaves to freedom in Canada. In all, she helped over 300 slaves escape. She traveled at night and under extreme secrecy, and she “never lost a passenger.” After the Civil War, she made her home in Auburn, New York, where she cared for her parents, and became active in the Women’s Suffrage movement.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:** March 7, 1965 is remembered as **Bloody Sunday**. On a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to present a petition for voting registration to the governor, the 600 marchers were met a bridge by a horse-borne posse and the state police. Using nightsticks, chains, dogs and electric cattle prods, the police beat the marchers so severely that the brutality received national attention. The violence and accompanying deaths compelled President Johnson to propose the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**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 *Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales.*

*Pray for:*

- *Overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith;*
- *Resolving differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe;*
- *Dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality.*

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 2018

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

#### **Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries of the Presbyterian Church**

*Rhashelle Hunter* is the Director of this ministry area. The work of this area engages the Church in its mission to become more diverse and inclusive of racial, ethnic, cultural and language groups, and equips women of all ages for leadership in all ministries of the Church.

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR 9:30 – 10:25 a.m.**

## **Creative Ways to Experience Lent:**

**Zentangle®** - with Ginny - March 4 & 11 – Room 252

A certified Zentangle® teacher, Ginny will show us how to draw structured patterns to engage in mindfulness and focus on gratitude and appreciation.

**Poetry and Prayer** - with Angela - March 18 & 25 – Room 252

Angela will share poetry that can help us create sacred space where our hearts and minds can slow down and meet God. She will also use guided methods to create our own poetry.

**Storytime with the Environmental Curmudgeon** - taught by Bill

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018 – Room 258

A strange blend of Bible study, environmental science lecture & bedtime story.

**Spiritual Habits: Accountability and Support & Drop In** -

facilitated by Sue Lowcock Harris

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018 – Library

Drop in any time on this informal gathering of those seeking to improve their spiritual habits. We will discuss reading the Bible, praying in traditional or alternate ways, and other forms of spiritual practice.

**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 Ventre - Room 205



**GRAB AND GO COFFEE** is available on Sunday mornings 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. 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**



**Senior High Fellowship, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**

Wednesday, March 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Confirmation Class**

Thursday, March 8, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

**Mid-High Fellowship Dinner**

Sunday, March 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Hagen's home

**Confirmation Class Dinner & Meeting with Session**

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

# LENTEN SEASON OPPORTUNITIES



## LENTEN QUIET DAYS

*Wednesday, March 7 & Thursday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.*

*Friday, March 9, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

Come, walk the labyrinth...meditate...write...read...color...consider...pray...

## HELP NEEDED WITH LABYRINTH FOR QUIET DAYS

Woody Collins could use some able assistants on *Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.* to set up the labyrinth and on *Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m.* to restore our sanctuary. Contact Woody Collins, 410-730-3545 x12 or [sexton@firstpreshc.org](mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org), if you are able to lend a hand (and your back!).

## TABLE TALK: Food, Friends and Conversation – Begins this week!

Wednesday nights in Lent in Lyle Buck Hall – *March 7, 14, 21*

Soup Supper begins at 6:30 p.m.

Conversation happens from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

We close by sharing Communion at 8:15-8:30 p.m.

*A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz. (Available from Amazon, iBooks, and Barnes & Noble)

Child care will be available.

## LENTEN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Children, youth and adults are invited to take time this holy season to visit the Spirituality Center set up in Branch Hall by Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Education. The Spirituality Center is a collection of prayer stations which make use of different materials to help expand our understanding and experience of prayer. They provide interactive ways to deepen our journey with God. The stations will be rotated throughout Lent so you are encouraged to visit more than once. Child-friendly stations will also be available so this is a great activity for the whole family. The Spirituality Center will be open daily throughout Lent until *Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018*. Come as often as you like.

**2018 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM** - Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies is in motion during Lent and we are on our way to Jerusalem. Everybody can participate! 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. 2,000 steps equals one mile. A sign-up sheet and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. We have traveled **723 miles** and are between *Cape Breton Island and Newfoundland*. Keep moving!

**2018 LENTEN CALENDARS: TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT** and **MARYLAND LENTEN CREATION CARE** are available at the Welcome Desk.

**EASTER LILIES** – Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are at the Welcome Desk. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 18**. The cost is \$12 per plant. Contact: the church office

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 5K FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE!

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Coffee is *Saturday, April 28, 2018* at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Run, walk, sponsor a friend, volunteer, or help us identify corporate sponsors. Companies may offer matching gifts. Sign up today in the Lower Commons or visit us online: <http://www.firstpreshc.org/familyrunforcoffee>

**INTERESTED IN LITURGICAL DANCE?** The dancers are preparing for a Palm Sunday dance and would love to have you join us. No experience necessary. Contact Julianna or the church office for info.

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you like to snuggle with babies or play with toddlers please consider signing up to volunteer in the Nursery in the coming months. There are certain Sundays, including Easter Sunday, April 1, when extra help is needed to keep things running smoothly. Visit [www.firstpreshc.org/nursery](http://www.firstpreshc.org/nursery) to sign up to volunteer.

**PILOT UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GUATEMALA** is a new Mission program to help becadros to further their education. Help plan a Trivia Night at the church to raise money for the University Scholarships. Come by room 258 on *Sunday, March 4* at 11:30 a.m. to find out how you can help. Questions? Contact Mandy 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](http://mfeast.org)

## **MISSION TRIP TO TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

*Sunday, June 3—Friday, June 8, 2018*

All able bodies are welcome! We are assigned one house and divide up the work with our teams. We would also like to have the college students join us. There is minimal cost for the trip. If you are interested please contact Pat or the church office. We need to know no later than April 1.

## **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – March - Breakfast**

Let's help the hungry start the morning right with a good breakfast. Our special request for March is donations of cereal (including instant oatmeal), which is the most requested food item month after month in food pantries. There is a limit of one visit per family per month to the Howard County Food Bank, where the quantities given out must be strictly rationed to meet demand.

Please leave your regular contribution - plus boxes of cereal and oatmeal - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL OPEN AT NOON** on *Tuesday, March 6.*

### **REMEMBER!! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS next Sunday morning March 11!**

Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night or you'll be attending a different worship service than you meant to attend! **And** if your smoke detectors use batteries, this is a good time to change them: "Change your clocks, change your batteries."

### **2018 "HOTTER THAN THOU" CHILI COOK OFF - Sunday, March 11, 2018**

*12:00-2:00 p.m.* at Church of the Resurrection, 3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City  
Attend Bridges to Housing Stability's annual fundraiser to prevent homelessness and promotes awareness for affordable housing in Howard County. Owen and Andy Duda's winning chili recipe will represent First Presbyterian Church.

**CONVERSATIONS ON RACE:** Please join us next *Sunday, March 11* at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, as we continue our ongoing conversations on race. All welcome!

# 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, March 4<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | COMMUNION | DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

Discipleship Hour - CWS Thank You

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – CWS Thank You

Trivia Night Planning Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

## Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH OFFICE OPENS AT NOON

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. SMLT Meeting | Set-up Labyrinth

## Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | QUIET DAYS 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

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

6:30 p.m. Table Talk Lenten Program with Communion

Senior High Supper

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

## Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE | QUIET DAYS 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

QUIET DAYS 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Sleepover at Melanie's

## Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle | Take Down Labyrinth

## Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | COMMUNION AT 8:30 A.M. SERVICE | BAPTISM AT 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

MOVEABLE FEAST | MFM – UNIVERSITY PROJECT | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

Run for Coffee Meeting

12:00 p.m. "Hotter Than Thou" Chili Cook Off

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

5:00 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship Dinner

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 our website at [www.firstpreschc.org](http://www.firstpreschc.org), the current issue of Tidings, or call the church office 410-730-3545. To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: [fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org](mailto: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](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreschc.org) by **Thursday, March 8, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the April 2018 Issue #4.