



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
April 8, 2018

TODAY



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Lydia Circle, in Branch Hall.*
Next week's Discipleship Hour, April 15 - Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Discipleship & Caring Ministries, in Lyle Buck Hall.

LITURGISTS: Evelyn (8:30)

USHERS & GREETERS: Debbie, Angela (8:30); Margot, Mispa (10:30); Laura, Laura, Tracy, Francois (Tech Crew)

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God by Jan in loving memory of her parents, Betty and Blair Griffin; and by Pat, Thank you God!

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, at the 10:30 a.m. service, for Katherine Elise, daughter of Elizabeth and Jesse; Andrew Michael and Matthew Charles, sons of Brian and Ann.

WE LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning to remember Sue, mother of Woody, who died on April 8, 2017.

ZENTANGLE® ARTIST: Thanks to Ginny for the Zentangle® art in this week's 8:30 a.m. worship bulletin.

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 ALLELUIA BANNERS were created using Celtic Hand letters and filled in with Zentangle® and Celtic designs. The Zentangle® designs used were: Crescent moon, Printemps, Hollbaugh, Waves, Tagh, Jonzal, Chillion, Growth, Swirls, Queen and King Crown, Keeko, Flukes, Web, Flying Geese, W2, Cadent, Cross Stich, Cruffel with Flux, Enyshou, N'Zeppel. Zentangle® is a registered trademark. The "Celtic Designs" were inspired by the coloring book from Studio Series by Peter Pauper Press. Other influences for designs came from our own artists: Syd, Julianna, Virginia, Evelyn, and Debbie. These include: Chinese Brush painting. A quick glance of a stained glass window in a program about historic places in England, and grape vine leaves. There is also a 3rd Alleluia on one of the letter "L" written in Hebrew, keeping with the tradition of repeating the praise to God in the Triune fashion. Thank you to our talented and creative artists who gave of their time to create these beautiful banners! ALLELUIA!

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2018

Please pray for: Burta, Marvin, Janet, Dave, Ron, Jerry, Jim, Paul, Shirley, 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: Ruth

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Paula, in the death of her sister, Louise on April 1, 2018.*

Births: *Kirsten Elisabeth on March 28, 2018, daughter of Bethany and Jonathan.*

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

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (February 4, 1906 – April 9, 1945) As World War 2 approached, this noted German theologian was studying in the United States. He returned to his homeland. When Hitler came to power and took over control of the church, he publically opposed him. He was one of the leaders of the Confessing Church movement and in time he became involved with the resistance movement. This led him to abandon his nonviolent stance and participate in a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler. For this he was arrested and sent to Buchenwald, and then to Flossenburg. On April 9, 1945 morning, while conducting worship, the guard came for him. He calmly said goodbye and walked courageously to his death by hanging. US soldiers reached the camp and liberated it two weeks later. His best known books include Life Together, emerging from his experience in founding a clandestine Protestant seminary, The Cost of Discipleship, coining the phrase “cheap grace”, and Letters and Papers from Prison, birthing the idea of “religionless Christianity.” Glory to God includes a hymn (818) by Bonhoeffer.

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 *Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania*. Pray for:

- *Those who welcome newcomers and provide for them and others in need;*
- *Respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly, so they can receive adequate education, jobs and health care;*
- *Ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests, and installing instead measures to protect the environment.*

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Churchville Church in Harford County – *Pastor Stephen Melton*
- ✦ Covenant Church in Hagerstown – *Pastor Renee Mackey*
- ✦ Dickey Memorial Church in Baltimore City – *Pastor Jennifer Barchi*

ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

New classes begin on Sunday, April 15.

EXPLORING PRACTICES OF OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS:

Foot-washing - with Janet

April 15 – Room 252

Janet will share how and why the church of her childhood engaged in this act of humility and love as part of the Communion Service.

Baptism: Full Emersion & Sprinkling, Children & Adults – with Sue & Morton

April 22 – Room 252

Our pastors will talk about the theology behind the wide variety of baptismal practices, and they'll share their experiences as pastors with baptism.

The Passover Seder – with Bill Sagalnik and host Morton Harris

April 29 – Room 252

A member of Beth Aviv Synagogue in Oakland Mills, Bill will share insights about the ritual feast that marks the beginning of Passover in the Jewish tradition.

BOOK DISCUSSION – *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*,

by Reni Eddo-Lodge – led by Paula and Erin

April 22 – May 20 – Room 258

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., every Wednesday, every week

Starting April 4 we will be studying *Resurrection Stories*. Come join us! This is a lively group and we have great conversations. No experience necessary! Everyone welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS will not meet today.

See you next week, *Sunday, April 15!*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 –

HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!

Monday-Friday, July 23-27, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

3 years (potty trained) through rising 5th graders

Early Registration is open through April 30 — Cost: \$10 per family

Regular Registration begins May 1-July 7 — Cost: \$10 per child

We are also looking for some true superheroes to join our VBS team! Visit the website to sign up on Sign-Up Genius or contact the Directors at vbs@firstpreshc.org. Visit www.firstpreshc.org/vbs2018 to register and/or volunteer.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extra volunteers are needed in the Nursery on April 29 and May 20. One of our regular Nursery workers is not available on those dates so we need your help. To volunteer visit www.firstpreshc.org/nursery or talk to Virginia Callegary.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, April 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has invited us to join their Spring Youth Retreat *Friday-Saturday, April 13-14* at Skycroft Retreat Center in Middletown, MD. Check your email for more details. Permission slips are on the bulletin board in Branch Hall and are due to Debbie **TODAY!**

YOUTH MISSION DAY

Calling all mid- and senior high youth! On *Saturday, April 21*, we will be taking a day trip to help out on a community farm outside of Annapolis, MD. This farm is part of a new worshipping community in the Presbytery called Comunidad Presbiteriana La Trinidad. We will be working with the Pastor and community members to help get the farm ready for the summer growing months. A parent chaperone is also needed. Keep an eye on your email for more details. Talk to Virginia Callegary if you are interested in attending.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION First Presbyterian Church will be honoring High School Graduates in worship on ***Sunday, May 13, 2018***. Please send information about your graduate to the church office, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org, by Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Please send pictures to Ellen, by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

DISCIPLESHIP HOURS

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR is every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

April 15th – Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Discipleship & Caring Ministries

April 22nd – Earth Day Celebration and Congregational Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. – Join us for an Earth Day Celebration with cake and refreshments hosted by the Earth Care Team. Find out how you can adopt and care for one of the young native trees on the church property.

April 29th – Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Ruth Circle, in Lyle Buck Hall

Everyone is invited! Gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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

The 9th 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 in the Lower Commons or visit: <http://www.firstpreshc.org/familyrunforcoffee>

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – April – BABY ITEMS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donation of baby items. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" cart in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HVAC UPDATE: Work has begun, the crane was here on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. Remember to mark your contribution "HVAC", there are envelopes in the pew racks for this purpose.

2018 COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE TRAINING DAY

A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People

Friday, April 20, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Cost: \$95

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

1313 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Join fellow Presbyterians for *Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day* to look at how our church and our partners are confronting white supremacy and nativism while supporting refugee and migrant populations in our country and abroad. Through plenaries and workshops, we'll analyze our current context and provide tools for members and their congregations to address these urgent issues. Register at: www.pcusa.org/advocacytraining

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, April 22, 2018** at noon, following the Congregational Meeting. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the Presbytery of Baltimore

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Churchville Presbyterian Church

2844 Churchville Road, Churchville, MD 21028

Blossoms of Hope: A Racial Dialogue. Registration & lunch, \$12.00 per person.

Info on PW bulletin board or contact the church office.

FPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE GOING TO TEA ON THE TIBER on Mother's Day

Weekend, Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Make plans with the "mom" or all the "moms" in your life to join us for this special afternoon. Cost: \$30.00 Sign-up in the Lower Commons. Questions? Contact: Debbie or Carol or the church office. All Women are invited!

TRIVIA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN has been rescheduled due to one last blast of winter weather. Our new date is *Sunday, May 20th* at 2:00 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 12-18. Get a table of friends together and show off all of that minutiae that's been lodged in your brain over the years. All proceeds will benefit the pilot Guatemala University Scholarship program.

Sign up to play in the Lower Commons, or by getting in touch with Mandy or the church office. Hope to see you there!

ARE YOU A PW SECRET PAL? If you left a "Happy Anniversary" gift at the Welcome Center can you please identify who it is for? Thank you!

EARTH FORUM



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Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Saving the Bay at Home – Howard County’s Connection to the Chesapeake Bay

with Anna Mudd,

Outreach and Advocacy Manager, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Come and hear about efforts being made by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to restore the Bay and its surrounding rivers and streams, and different ways that Howard County residents can take meaningful action in their own communities to help in those restoration efforts.

The Earth Forum is open to all interested persons, is free, and is held. Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers – call 410-730-3545 for more informaton.

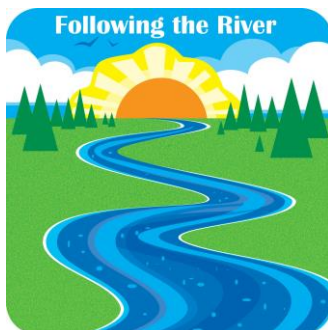
THE EARTH FORUM IS GOING OUTDOORS TO “FOLLOW THE RIVER”!

Sign up online on church website - <http://www.firstpreshec.org/follow-the-river/>

Lots more activities – Earn a leaf for your booklet

These are this week’s highlights!

- **TODAY Sunday, April 8, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.**
Columbia Trail Bike Ride with Evelyn Mogren
Meet at the Blandair Park playground
- **Friday, April 13, 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.**
Spiritual Walk in our church Woodlands with Pastor Sue
Meet in the Woodlands Chapel
- **Saturday, April 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
Storm Drain Stenciling, Thunder Hill with Radhika Wijetunge, WSA
Help make storm drains more visible in our community and help reduce pollution in our streams.
Meet at First Presbyterian Church Park & Ride at 12:45 p.m.
Wear painting clothes.
- **Saturday, April 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
Woodblock Row Soil Heath Event with Danielle Tyeryar, CA
Learn about and prepare soil for a native forest grove.
Meet at pathway adjacent to 9538 Farewell Rd. Stevens Forest, Columbia
- **Sunday, April 15, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.**
Bike Rodeo, following the Earth Forum, with Evelyn and Stacy Mogren
Visit several stations for 10-15 minutes to learn and practice aspects of biking and bike safety. Bike and helmet checks will be done and information about MD bike safety and the HoCo Bike Master Plan will be available. PLEASE WEAR BIKE HELMETS!




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, April 8th

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | BAPTISM

MINUTE FOR MISSION – RUN FOR COFFEE | MOVEABLE FEAST | NO CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour, Coffee Fellowship

Conversations on Race

Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship Service

Monday, April 9th

7:00 p.m. Guatemala Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, April 11th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

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

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, April 12th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

Friday, April 13th

FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, April 14th

FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS QUILT SHOW 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

1:00 p.m. FPC Tanglers

Sunday, April 15th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. Discipleship Hour, Coffee Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

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, April 12, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the May 2018 Issue #5.