



# FIRST DAY !

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

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## TODAY

### LEMONADE ON THE LAWN AFTER BOTH SERVICES TODAY:

Lemonade on the Lawn and folding origami butterflies, following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services.



**LITURGIST:** Mike (10:00)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT FIRST WORSHIP:** Alexa and Mackenzie, Tyler and Kipton, Adeline and Analicia, and Vance.

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Ron, M.J. (9:00); Margot (10:00); Laura, Jonathan, Jonathan (Tech Crew)

**ZENTANGLE® ARTIST:** Thanks to Debbie for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Catherine in celebration of Ed's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**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.

**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.

### TODAY WE ARE SENDING OUT:

#### **Massanetta Mid-High Conference, Tuesday-Friday, July 10-13**

Jamie, Obinna, Nick, Jean, Anne, Charles, Morton (adult), Marla (adult)

#### **Montreat Youth Conference, Sunday-Saturday, July 15-21**

Mansa, Brice, Terri, Manuela, Olivia, Julia, Anne, Chisom, Anna, Olivia, Brian, Kellianne, Mechelle, Naina, Eric, Leah, Caroline, Mia, Claire, Ethan, Henry, Eddie, Jon, Mary, Woody (adult), Melanie (adult), Debbie (adult), Lisa (adult)

**THE PITCHER AND CHALICE** on the communion table are made of glass produced in the West Bank city of Hebron. This craft was established in Hebron by the Romans during their rule of Palestine in the 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE and continues today. Glassmaking is a major industry for Palestinians living in Hebron.

The olive wood Jerusalem Cross was made by Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem, which is located in the West Bank. Olive wood objects, especially crosses, crucifixes, candlesticks and nativity sets, are an important way for Palestinians to make a living in the West Bank.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 8, 2018

**Please pray for:** Ed, Burta, *Merle, Mike*, Janet, Dave Dittman, Hilda English, Reva, Jerry, David, Jim, Doris, Ann, Shirley, Beth

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

**Bereaved:** Sarah and Meredith, David, Beth; Nancy, Harriet, Brenda, Paula

**Care Center:** Marvin, Paul

**Hospitalized:** Millie, Shirley

**Upcoming Surgery:** *Pat*

**Recovering from Surgery:** Ruth, Paul, Andi, *Paula Raera*, Mike; *Rod*

**Friends & Family:** *Eric's brother, Neal*

**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

**Nelle Katherine Morton** (January 7, 1905 – July 14, 1987) was an American theologian, professor, feminist activist, civil rights leader – and a Presbyterian! Born in east Tennessee, she began her career teaching art and 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Kingsport, TN. In 1926 she began graduate study at the General Assembly Training School in Richmond (later called PSCE, and now part of Union Presbyterian Seminary), and then moved to Biblical Seminary in New York City to finisher her Masters in Religious Education. She served as DCE at First Presbyterian Church of Staunton, Virginia, and worked for the PCUS Board of Christian Education in Richmond from 1937-1944. Her commitment to challenging segregation laws was in evidence as she planned interracial youth camps and conferences during this time. (Think Montreat.) When her health forced her to take a break, she returned home to her family farm and focused on teaching special needs children in Bristol, TN. In 1956, she joined the faculty of Drew University's Theological School, and taught there until her retirement in 1971. Nelle is probably remembered most for teaching in 1969, what is believed to be the first course in theological education which addressed the topic of "Women in Church and Society." It was at Drew that her response to "the woman movement", as she called it, her growing awareness and anger over the position and treatment of women in the culture and the church's role in discriminating against women's leadership worked together to change the focus and direction of her writing, teaching and speaking. A colleague at Drew described her ministry as one of advocacy – "for children, for the mountain people, for blacks, for labor, for women. She has sought to 'hear into speech' those who could not yet find their voices." She is often called the foremother of Christian feminist theology.

**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 *Eritrea, Ethiopia*. *Pray for:*

- The current witness and work of Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical (Protestant) churches amid difficult circumstances;
- Victims of human rights abuses;
- Greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups.

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ Govans Church in Baltimore City – *Tom Harris, Pastor*
- ✦ Grace Church in Baltimore City – *Tanya Wade, Pastor*
- ✦ Granite Church in Woodstock – *Terrence Alspaugh, Pastor*
- ✦ Grove Church in Aberdeen – *is without a Pastor*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

*TODAY Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.*

All adult volunteers are encouraged to attend this VBS kick-off meeting. Receive class lists, lesson plans, see examples, learn about this year's mission and more.

*\*Yummy lunch will be provided.\** If you have any questions please contact the church office.

**VBS NEEDS TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWEL ROLLS** for a craft project. We have 80+ kids so as many as we can get is appreciated. Please leave them in the box in the Lower Commons under the VBS display.

## CE THANK-YOU OPPORTUNITY

Is there a church staff member, teacher, or volunteer who has lifted your spirits or encouraged you in your faith this year? CE is offering the opportunity to write a brief thank-you note to those who have worked so hard to make our church a vibrant learning community. We encourage you to express your thanks to Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, pastors, and staff members who keep our doors open and offer us creative ways to grow in faith. Please take a few moments to pick up a form at the Welcome Center, write a brief note, and drop it into the basket. CE will collect these and distribute them so that those who work tirelessly to create all the programs we enjoy will know how much we value their service.

## ATTENTION FAMILIES – TAKE OUT CHURCH RETURNS!

We try to remember that God goes with us wherever we go but sometimes that isn't so easy. Pick up a "Take Out Church" box from the Welcome Center before your vacation to help you stay connected with God and your church while you are away. The box contains activities, devotions, music, prayers, and coloring pages. There are also folders available for adults to try Take Out Church.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 - Cost: \$10 per child**

**HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!**

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

Due to the overwhelming response, this year's VBS is currently full. If you would like to be put on the wait list, please contact the VBS Director at [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org) or speak with DCE Virginia Callegary.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES



### SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**Summer Camps and Conferences:**

**Mid-High Trip to Massanetta** – Tuesday, July 10-Friday, July 13

**Senior Highs at Montreat** – Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 21

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## **BRIDGES FOR HOUSING STABILITY - CALLING ALL HANDY PEOPLE...**

Our relationship with Bridges includes performing home improvements for their properties. There is presently a home in need of repairs. There are 4 projects of varying difficulty and skills.

- Paint one small bathroom (2 people / couple of hours)
- Replace a sink/vanity in another bathroom (2 people / couple of hours)
- Remove a handrail (to be stripped and painted by the home owner) (2 people / hour)
- Install laminate flooring (3-4 people / couple of days)

If you would like to participate or learn more, please contact, the church office. We will organize some teams and coordinate schedules based on availability. The homeowner is flexible.

**ORIGAMI BUTTERFLY PROJECT** - Come join in this year's summer craft project during Lemonade on the Lawn. We're folding origami butterflies this year - and they're much easier than last year's cranes. The butterflies will be used for VBS decorations. So linger after the service to enjoy some lemonade, snacks and fellowship while folding paper butterflies. Everyone is welcome!

## **HELP FOR GUATEMALA**

For those who are moved to contribute to disaster relief efforts in Guatemala, the Presbytery's Guatemala Partnership encourages you to consider directing contributions to CEDEPCA. These funds will be used to provide personal hygiene kits, psycho-social support, relocation and housing, and items to help restore livelihoods such as planting seeds, breeding animals, and installing water filters.

You may put a clearly-marked check, with a memo indicating "CEDEPCA Volcano Relief," in the offering plate and the funds will be forwarded to the presbytery. As you discern the response God may be calling you to make, please continue to keep CEDEPCA and all the people of Guatemala in your prayers.

## **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – July – "Personal Dignity Products"**

As part of the Board of Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, our featured donation for July is Personal Hygiene Products. Food Stamps do not cover cleaning and hygiene products so your donations will free up cash that people can use for food and other necessities. Recommended items: shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, bar soap, detergent. Please leave your donations in the "Just One Can" wooden cart across from the Welcome Desk in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

**FEELING CHILLY DURING WORSHIP?** Wrap yourself in a beautiful shawl handmade by ladies in our Knitting Ministry. The shawls are in a basket in the Upper Commons near the entrance to the sanctuary. Please remember to return it on your way out.

**SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME**, First Sunday of the Month, Woodlands Chapel *TODAY Sunday, August 5, 2018* at 5:00 p.m. Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

# **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

## **RELAXED, REVERENT, JOYFUL**

**Summer Worship Schedule continues through September 2, 2018**

### **9:00 a.m. – First Worship**

Thirty good minutes of hymns, prayer and a Bible lesson – especially friendly for families with young children. Everyone welcome!

### **10:00 a.m. – Summer Worship**

We will start singing 4 or 5 minutes before 10:00 a.m. – please be here early if you want to sing!

All summer we explore the best of First Presbyterian's worshipping tradition! It's a gathering of the whole church to glorify God and enjoy God together.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of a wonderful summer experience.

### **Lemonade on the Lawn**

#### **Still want to Run a Lemonade Stand in July or August?**

- We have slots open in July and August! Please grab one and we'll guide you thru this act of service. Woody sets up the table and drinks - your role is to spread out the snacks, serve, and help clean up. We can help with the snacks or you can bring your own.
- Sign up is in the Lower Commons or at the stand itself. You may also call the church office, 410-730-3545. It's one of the easiest ways to serve.

### **OFFERING OF FLOWERS**

You are invited to bring flowers cut from your own garden to worship on the following Sundays: **July 29 and August 26**. Bring your flowers, in a vase of your own choice, to the sanctuary 15 minutes before the service you plan to attend (either 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.). Please write your name on the bottom of your vase on masking or painters tape, so that it can be returned to you. If you can donate your flowers to the Deacons' flower ministry, please let the Deacon of the day or Woody know, and she or he will transfer your flowers to a church vase following worship for delivery.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Every Sunday

**Through September 2, 2018**

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning  
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 10:00 a.m. service  
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

## Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MOVEABLE FEAST

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

VBS Kick-off Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

## Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission

Strengthening the Church

## Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

## Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, August 16, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the September 2018 Issue #8.