



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
July 15, 2018

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: Alice (10:00)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT FIRST WORSHIP: Nathaniel, Adeline and Analicia.

USHERS & GREETERS: Alice (9:00); Chrissy (10:00); Laura, Tracy, 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 Ginny and Steve in honor of their daughter, Maggie's birthday; and by Elaine in appreciation for Jimmy Galdieri and the wonderful music program.

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.

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 1st 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.

THE ORDINARY TIME PARAMENTS in the sanctuary were designed and made by Debbie. Debbie, being a pastor's child, remembers discussing with her Dad that there was nothing ordinary about this time when the Apostles and Disciples of Christ tell about their new faith. The Communion Tablecloth is made of many green fabrics and has V lines which draw your eyes up to the cross. The quilting is of two trees in the center growing from a mustard seed. There is a boat on one corner to represent the Apostles as they spread the Good News. There is a shell on the opposite corner representing baptisms and living waters. The rest of the quilting is of scrolls and leaves. Across the bottom are the words: *Anything But Ordinary*. Debbie traced the hands of the First Presbyterian Church family and arranged them as the leaves for the tree on the banner.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2018

Please pray for: Millie, Burta, Merle, Mike, Janet, *Dave*, Hilda, Reva, Jerry, David, Jim, *Paul*, *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

Care Center: Marvin

Hospitalized: Shirley

Upcoming Surgery: *Judy, Pat*

Recovering from Surgery: Ruth, *Ed*, Andi, Paula, Mike

Family & Friends: *Martin's father, Gail*

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 a Kempis (c. 1380 – July 25, 1471) Born of poor parents, Thomas became a quiet priest in an Augustinian convent in the Netherlands, where he acquired a reputation for his preaching and spiritual direction. His *Imitation of Christ* is regarded as one of the most influential spiritual books ever written; it is still in print, and is still widely read. While some writers interpret Christian living as obeying the teachings of Jesus, and others stress being transformed by Jesus' actions, Thomas focuses on the life of Christ as a model to be duplicated.

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 *Djibouti, Somalia*.

Pray for:

- Protection of natural resources and coastal land;
- An end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia;
- Effective reconciliation and peace-building;
- Stable governments that further the common good for all the people;
- Those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

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.

- ✦ Hagerstown Church – *Richard Hill, Supply Pastor*
- ✦ Hamilton Church in Baltimore City – *Gregory Seltzer, Commissioned Ruling Elder*
- ✦ Hancock Church – *Teresa Martin-Minnick, Pastor*

SUMMER AFTER CHURCH

On Sundays during the summer there's something fun happening After-Church at around 11:15 a.m. The activities last about an hour. We've planned lots of different kinds of activities, so there is something for everyone. So... Grab some lemonade, and gather in the Parlor for conversation.

This Week: July 15 – GA Report

Pastor Sue served as a Commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA in St. Louis last month.

July 22 – Israel and Palestine, part 2

Pastor Sue continues to share about her experience in the Holy Land.

July 29 – Travel Anyone?

Many people have been asking Pastor Sue to lead a trip. Sue will talk about what's involved, how much such a trip might cost, and what we might do and see in each of these places. We'll see what kind of interest there is for a trip and where people might like to go first!

August 26 – Mission work in the Philippines

With our guests, Dessa and Cobbie Palm, and Young Adult Volunteer Emma Warman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

We are working hard to get ready for VBS to start next week and we're so excited! This year during VBS we will become heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for our lives. Thanks to all the many volunteers who are giving their time to make this wonderful week possible!

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.



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. Two projects have been completed! There are 2 projects left of varying difficulty and skills.

- 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

SOMETHING NEW IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

With special thanks to Faithful Circle Quilters, in memory of Carolyn May, we have installed a bench in the Memorial Garden. We invite you to stroll down the stone path and rest awhile in contemplation. Enjoy the new plantings of white bleeding hearts (not yet in bloom) and carex evergold, replacing our deer-eaten Lariope. A fountain and "Tree of Life" memorial plaques remain on our "to do" list.

VANTAGE HOUSE: Pastor Sue leads worship at Vantage House on the second Sunday of every month. The offering collected this summer goes towards *The Bethany Fund*. \$57.50 was collected on July 8, 2018.

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 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

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.**

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 15th

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

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

Monday, July 16th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, July 17th

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12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 18th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Baltimore Presbytery Cuba Team

Thursday, July 19th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

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

Friday, July 20th

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, July 21st

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

Sunday, July 22nd

SIXTEENTH 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, 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, August 16, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the September 2018 Issue #8.