



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
September 30, 2018

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## TODAY

### **SPECIAL PROGRAM TODAY: Sunday, September 30**

#### ***Conversations on Race Lunch, Speaker and Workshop***

Lunch at 12:15 p.m. \$2 per person; Speaker at 1:00 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

*Next week's Discipleship Hour, Sunday, October 7*

***Heritage Festival*** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Lyle Buck Hall

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

**LITURGISTS:** Jan (8:30); Lisa (10:30)

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** *Ushers & Greeters:* Debbie (8:30); Chrissy (10:30); *Tech Crew:* Laura, Jonathan; *Nursery & Godly Play:* Syd, Jan, Sara

**THIS WEEK WE WELCOME OUR BELL CHOIR** for their first outing and offerings of the season!

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

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Marla and Jim in loving memory of Bethany's birthday; and by Nancy and Larry in joyous celebration of the marriage of Thomas and Kristen on Saturday, September 29.

**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.

### **CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE - TODAY Sunday, September 30, 2018**

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service children and their parents are invited to gather for a meal together in Branch Hall. Afterwards we will talk about the way that Communion is like the Lord's family gathering for a meal, and practice what to say and what to do during the sacrament. Children in elementary school are invited to attend whether or not they have already taken part in the Lord's Supper. See Virginia Callegary, [vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org) for more information.

### **CONVERSATIONS ON RACE SPEAKER & WORKSHOP - Sunday, September 30**

Lunch at 12:15 p.m., presentation at 1:00 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

**"Creating Civility and Tolerance in an Uncivil and Intolerance Society"** with Dr. Rashawn Ray - Associate Professor of Sociology and Executive Director of the Lab for Applied Social Science Research (LASSR) at the University of Maryland, College Park.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**Please pray for:** Jim, Mispa, *Catherine*, Ed, Merle, Burta, Dave, Judy, Reva, Jerry, Jim, Paul, Martin, Ann, Shirley, Shirley

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

**Bereaved:** Sarah and Meredith, David, Beth; Linda, Nan, Eric

**Hospitalized:** Doris, *Beth*

**Care Center:** Marvin, Bob

**Recovering from Surgery:** Jonathan, *Pat's mother, Theresa Ann*

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Craig and Joann and family, in the death of Craig's father, Edgar Allan on September 18, 2018.*

*May the peace of Christ be with the family of Doug, who died on September 15, 2018.*

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru.

*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

**Jerome** (d. 420) is remembered as a teacher and biblical scholar. His greatest work was a revision of the Latin bible. Fluent in Greek, he began by correcting the existing Latin translation of the New Testament. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated the bible into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of persons in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, from the Latin work for *common* (and like the English word *vernacular*!) When he turned to translating the Old Testament, he first had to learn Hebrew. Then he used Hebrew manuscripts rather than the Greek translation known as the Septuagint, because Jewish rabbis of the day mistrusted the Greek translation. He opened his personal place of retreat into a sanctuary for refugees, declaring that it was time to put the bible's words into practice. Thanks to his work many people received the word in their own language and lived lives of faith and service to those in need. His day of remembrance is September 30.

**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 *Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela*.

*Pray for:*

- The strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests;
- Greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the wellbeing of others and of the environment;
- An end to the corruption in these societies, and to unsustainable exploitation of their resources.

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 of our congregation.*

**Boca Costa Presbytery Mission Partnership:** *Iglesia Rey de Reyes in the town of Guineales.*

**Just One Can** is a ministry of our Board of Deacons, to collect non-perishable food and other items for the Howard County Foodbank, which is operated by the Community Action Council. The Deacons suggest items for you to bring each month. The Just One Can bin is located in the Upper Commons.

## WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

### WE'RE INSTALLING THE CRANES FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

This Friday, afternoon, *October 5*, beginning at 2:00 p.m., you can help the Worship, Arts and Music Team install the origami cranes. We'll be working on this between 2:00 p.m. and about 7:00 p.m. – so come any time to help out!

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – Pastor Sue is looking for people to read one verse of scripture (Matthew 5:9) in a language other than English next *Sunday, October 7* at both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services. Please contact Pastor Sue, [sharris@firstpreshc.org](mailto:sharris@firstpreshc.org) if you are interested.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** will be received *NEXT Sunday, October 7, 2018* on World Communion Sunday. This Special Offering enables our church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. (see the insert for more information)

**SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME** - First Sunday of the Month, Woodlands Chapel *NEXT Sunday, October 7, 2018* at 5:00 p.m. We will “*Bless the Animals*” - bring your pets or a picture of your pet! Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

### MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS - Rehearsals:

**Chancel Choir** - *Thursday, October 4* at 7:00 p.m.

**Handbell Choir** – *Wednesday, October 10*, at 7:30 p.m.

For more info contact: Jimmy Galdieri, Director of Music Ministries



## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

#### Conversations on Race Book Study:

#### Everything You Know About Indians Is Wrong

*with Genevieve and Sequoyah*

*through October 14 – Room 258*

#### Histories and Mysteries of Jesus and His Times - *led by Bill*

*through November 18 – Room 252*

#### The Bible in Depth: *Isaiah* - *facilitated by Doyle*

*Continues all year—all are welcome to join in at any time—Clark Parlor*

#### Games & Conversations - *facilitated by Brian & Ann* - Room 205

*Post-high-school, college, & post-college young adults*



**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* - Everyone welcome!

We're studying the Letter of James – this book is ethical instruction or wisdom literature. In these five short chapters, the Letter of James addresses some of our deepest struggles with living an authentic Christian life. No experience necessary!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### SENIOR HIGH SUPPER, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

*Wednesday, October 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall*

### MID-HIGH FELLOWSHIP

*Sunday, October 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

### THE GREAT PUMPKINS ARE COMING! Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Please come and help unload pumpkins! Wheelbarrows and wagons needed.

Please sign-up to sell pumpkins on the sheets in Branch Hall.

Contact: Aja or the church office

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS at 9:30 a.m. - Ark and L.I.F.E. will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.** then will go to their classes!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** would like to thank those of you who signed up at the Ministry Fair to help out with our youngest children on Sunday mornings. Each year we face the challenge of finding enough people to assist teachers and help out in Ark, Godly Play, and the Nursery, and we hope all adults will consider helping us in the nurture of our little ones.

For those of you who did not have your calendars or who missed worship on Akwaaba, we hope you'll consider giving an hour or more this year. To sign up, go to the church homepage at [firstpreshc.org](http://firstpreshc.org), click on the photo in the slideshow for Ark, Godly Play, or the Nursery, and enter your information on a date that works for you.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS DESSERT KICK-OFF

*Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-8:30 p.m.*

This class is designed for students to explore the meaning of church membership. **All students in grades 8–12 and their parents are invited to attend.** If you have any questions or to R.S.V.P., contact Amy or the church office.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**BRING IN THE NEW YEAR IN THE CARIBBEAN**—No passport required. First Presbyterian and the National Capital Presbytery are travelling to Puerto Rico for a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) trip to help those most in need, *December 31, 2018 through January 8, 2019*. Cost of trip inclusive of all expenses is approximately \$800. **TODAY Sunday, September 30 is the last day to sign-up.** For more information go to: <https://ncpdrn.carrd.co/> If you are interested please contact Pat or the church office.

**GUATEMALA STOVE PROJECT TRIP** - A delegation will be traveling to Guatemala from *January 17-22, 2019* to strengthen our partnership, provide mission experience, and install 36 Onil Stoves in homes of our partner presbytery's members. The trip is limited to 8 people. The cost will be ~\$1,200/person, depending on airfare. **An application and \$300 deposit check are required to be received no later than 12:00 p.m., NEXT Sunday, October 7.** This is a work trip involving physical labor and walking. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are available at the welcome desk, church office or by emailing Brett Sivo. Applications may be turned in to the church office or placed in mail box 40. Financial assistance is available beyond the initial deposit. Contact Brett or the church office for additional information.

**THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE** has so far received contributions to fund almost 42 of our goal of 82 scholarships. If we reach this goal we can continue supporting each of last year's students, and also offer opportunity to new students who will be chosen to replace graduates like Irma and Rolando, who both had the goal of working in health care. Irma received scholarships for five years and earned her diploma with a concentration in medicine. Our other graduate in medicine, Rolando, received scholarships for his final three years. His report card contained a note from the school director, "Dear Parent, Your son has achieved the success that he so greatly desired." Please help more students reach their goals. Pick up a yellow donor card, available at the Welcome Center. Contributions of any size are welcome. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460. If you have any questions, please contact Judy or the church office. The scholarship fund drive ends on *Sunday, October 21*.

### **MISSION TRIP - Encuentro in Cuba**

*Friday, February 18, 2019 through Friday, February 22, 2019*

Deadline to sign up: *Thursday, November 1*.

For more information contact: Deb Milcarek, 410-433-2012 ext. 105 or [dmilcarek@baltimorepresbytery.org](mailto:dmilcarek@baltimorepresbytery.org)

### **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – September – "Food Staples"**

The Board of Deacons is campaigning for additional donations of grains and beans as part of our continuing efforts against hunger in Howard County. Recommended items are: rice, pasta, dried or canned lentils, dried or canned beans, packages rice/pasta side dishes. Please leave your donations in the wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thanks on behalf on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed Residents of Howard County.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** explores what it means to be part of the First Church household. This one session class scheduled on *Sunday, October 14, 2018* at 11:30 a.m. is the way to become a member. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

**FALL GATHERING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE** will be here at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County on *Saturday, October 20, 2018*, 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. "Global Exchange in Indonesia" with Barbara Allen. Mission Offering: to benefit the Howard County Cold Weather Shelter. Registration and lunch is \$12.00 per person. Registration forms are in the Lower Commons. Want to help? Sign up on the sheet in the Lower Commons.

### **EARTH FORUM RETURNS FOR ITS 10<sup>TH</sup> SEASON**

*Sunday, October 21, 2018* at 2:00 p.m.

**Talking Out Loud about the Earth** – *Effective communication strategies with people who might not (really) be listening...*

Come learn how to be a more effective environmental communicator. At this Earth Forum a panel of presenters will help us discover how success stories can help us educate decision makers on key environmental issues.

# 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, September 30<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HANDBELLS PLAY

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Communion Class for Kids

11:45 a.m. SMLT Meeting

12:15 p.m. Conversations on Race Lunch

1:00 p.m. Conversations on Race Speaker

## Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

## Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

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

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

7:00 p.m. Year Round Stewardship Committee

7:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team

## Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class Kick-off

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

FIRST PRES PRIDE DAY – WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT

10:00 a.m. Set-up for Heritage Festival

## Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour = Heritage Festival

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time – Blessing the Animals

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.firstpreschc.org](http://www.firstpreschc.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@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, October 11, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2018 Issue #10.