



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
October 7, 2018

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, October 7*

Heritage Festival: Come tour our colorful world! See displays on Cameroon, Ghana, Scotland, China, Guatemala and more! Taste samples. American hot dogs available. Kids, get your passports and collect stamps. Bon Voyage in Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Next week's Discipleship Hour, Sunday, October 14 - The Pumpkins are coming!

Fall into our Festival as we celebrate the arrival of the pumpkins. Join the festivities in the patch and Branch Hall at 11:30.

Everyone is invited to gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

LITURGISTS: Evelyn (8:30)

SCRIPTURE READERS: Evelyn, Tom, Judy, (8:30); Mike, Akua, Humaira, Ben, Mispa, Melissa (10:30)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: *Ushers & Greeters:* Ron, Angela (8:30) Margot (10:30); *Tech Crew:* Laura, Tracy, Francois, Jonathan

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by David in memory of his wife Dottie; by Jan with much love in celebration of Marianna and Christopher's 22nd birthday; and by Agnes and Roy in honor of their son Erin's birthday on October 10.

WE LIGHT THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning to remember Dorothy, wife of David, who died on October 7, 2017.

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.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018

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

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

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

Care Center: Marvin, Bob

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

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Rusty, Lisa and Jessica, in the death of Rusty's father, Otis on October 3, 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

Francis of Assisi (ca. 1181/1182 – October 3, 1226) was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. He renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans) was formed. They took literally Jesus' teaching that disciples should take nothing on their journey and receive not payment for their work. Their task, in the words of Francis, was to "Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary." He is the author of the canticle: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace."

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 *Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama.*

Pray for:

- Children and youth who are traumatized by violence and flee to other lands;
- An end to gang violence and drug trafficking;
- More just distribution of wealth that enables the millions who have been excluded to have access to a dignified life in these countries.

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 mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

The PCUSA Peacemaking Program began in 1980, when the General Assembly adopted its founding document: *Peacemaking: The Believer's Calling*. The program works toward transformation of cultures of violence into communities of peace. Carl Horton is the program's coordinator

The PCUSA Hunger Program's mission is to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. There is no one size fits all solution. Presbyterians approach hunger holistically with five tools: direct food relief combined with root cause work; sustainable development; advocacy; intentional and sustainable living; education. Rebecca Barnes is the program's coordinator.

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received *TODAY 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 *TODAY 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 relatively Quiet Time.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS - Rehearsals:

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

Chancel Choir - *Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 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

MID-HIGH DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, October 14, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at The Burris Home

SENIOR HIGH SUPPER, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, October 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

THE GREAT PUMPKINS ARE COMING! *Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m.*

Please come and help unload pumpkins! Wheelbarrows and wagons needed. Visit <http://firstpreshc.org/pumpkin-patch/> to sign up online.

Contact: Aja or the church office

PUMPKIN PATCH HOURS

October 13-31, 2018

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.



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!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Thursday, October 11, 6:45-8:30 p.m.

SIZZLING SATURDAY S'MORES - Saturday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your roasting skills and we'll provide the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. If it's raining we'll meet in Lyle Buck Hall to play games. Questions? Contact: Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

MISSION TRIPS DATES AND DEADLINES

Guatemala Stove Project Trip

Friday, January 17, 2019 through Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Deadline to sign up: TODAY Sunday, October 7 by 12:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Brett

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

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

THE GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND added 7 scholarships last week to a total of 49. There are just two more weeks left in the fundraising season, and we are still a long way from our goal of 82 scholarships. Please make a contribution by completing 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.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed; your generosity is deeply appreciated. Yearly scholarships allowed Rosa Manuela from the Galilee Church in La Ladrillera to work towards her goal. She graduated last year as a Spanish-English bilingual secretary and gave her short speech of thanks in English, "Thank you very much for your great help... Sorry for speaking very slow. My dream is to speak very fast. Thank you for my education and God bless you."

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – October—Items needed at Food Bank

As part of the Deacon's continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific items for our on-going initiative called Just One Can.

Canned & Dried Fruit, Tuna, Hot, & Cold Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice Boxes, Soup, Baby Food, Pasta, Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, black), Pasta Sauce, Coffee & Tea, Canned Vegetables (low sodium), Peanut Butter. Please leave your donations in the "Just One Can" wooden cart across from the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons. Thank you on behalf on the Deacons.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS invites you to their **Silent Auction** on *Monday, October 8*, at 7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. All proceeds are donated to the church for the Deacons Thanksgiving Basket Project. Questions? Contact Elaine

NEW MEMBER CLASS explores what it means to be part of the First Church household. This one session class scheduled *NEXT 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 and a sign-up sheet to help are in the Lower Commons.

EARTH FORUM RETURNS FOR ITS 10TH 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.

JAZZING IT UP – *Saturday, November 3, 2018*, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Christ Memorial Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church have joined to present an Evening of Music with the Columbia Jazz Band at First Presbyterian. Free will offering will be accepted. Reception to follow. Nursery care provided. For more information visit: www.ColumbiaJazzBand.org

AN ELEGANT EVENING FOR ELICOTT CITY – *Saturday, November 17, 2018*

at the Kossiakoff Center JHU-APL, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Featuring Live Music by *Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band* | Silent Auction | Buffet | Open Bar

The Church has bought a couple of tables. We want people to buy a seat at one of the tables the church purchased. Those seats can be purchased by giving a check made payable to the church for \$85/person to Woody, Alex, or Debbie or the church office. *This event will help with the securing of the Rev. Branch historical cherub window from the old First Presbyterian Church in Ellicott City.*

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, October 11, 2018** at 9:00 a.m. for the November 2018 Issue #10.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday 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, October 7th

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

Monday, October 8th

7:00 p.m. Guatemala Leadership Team

7:30 p.m. Faithful Circle Quilters Silent Auction

Tuesday, October 9th

SUPER TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission

Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, October 10th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Discipleship & Caring Ministries

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, October 11th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE - NOVEMBER ISSUE

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. WAM Ministry Meeting

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 12th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, October 13th

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

10:00 a.m. Pumpkin Delivery - Pumpkin Patch Opens

1:00 p.m. Fall Festival Set-up

6:00 p.m. Sizzling Saturday S'mores

Sunday, October 14th

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | BAPTISM

ANNUAL RESPONSE PROGRAM KICK-OFF

MINUTE FOR MISSION – GUATEMALA SUMMER TRIP

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN | MOVEABLE FEAST

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 – Fall Festival

New Member Class

Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

2:00 p.m. Vantage House Worship

5:00 p.m. Mid-High Dinner and Movie Night