



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
February 3, 2019

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## TODAY

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, February 3***

*Celebrate 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church with cake in Lyle Buck Hall  
Everyone is invited to gather for fellowship  
after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*



### **NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, February 10***

*Puerto Rico Mission Team Members will be providing an overview of the purpose  
of the trip. There will be a video of the trip and discuss future trip possibilities.*

**LITURGISTS:** Alice (8:30); Sara (10:30)

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** *Ushers & Greeters:* Debbie, Angela (8:30); Chrissy, Mispa (10:30) *Tech Crew:* Jonathan, Laura, Francois, Debbie

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Morton and Sue in celebration of the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church; and by Woody with wishes for a Happy Birthday to the best Mom ever and the love of my life.

### **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CONGREGATION.**

Presbyterians started gathering for Sunday School in the mills along the Patapsco River in the 1830s. First Presbyterian Church (of Ellicott Mills) was chartered on February 13, 1839. The Pastor was The Rev. James Harper. Three Ruling Elders were: John Thompson (manager of Union Mill); George Kerr (manager of Thistle Mill); Hugh Bone, Sr. (manager of Gray's Mill.) They continued to worship in a room in the mills until 1844, when they purchased land in Ellicott Mills and built the first building. Happy Anniversary! The history of First Presbyterian Church, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" will be available for sale in Lyle Buck Hall.

**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. Please place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

*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.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2019

**Please pray for:** Alex, Mispa, Catherine, Burta, Janet, Dave, Dylan, Reva, Mil, Jim, Paul, Doris, *Caroline*, Martin, Shirley, Shirley, Beth

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

**Friends & Family:** David's mother, Joyce; John's brother, Tim; *John's father, Walter; Caroline & Martin's friend, Connie;* Scott's mother, Ann

**Bereaved:** Sarah, Beth; Jim, Cheri, Elaine, Carolyn, Laura & Bruce, Rusty, Janet

**Care Center:** Marvin

**Recovering from Surgery:** Emily, Sarah

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with former church member Linda, in the death of her husband, John, on January 29, 2019 in Hope, Michigan.*

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff & Christi Boyd in Congo; Jed & 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

#### **Students at a Lunch Counter in Greensboro, NC.**

On February 1, 1960, four African American college students - **Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Ezell Blair, Jr., and David Richmond** - sat down at a lunch counter at Woolworth's in Greensboro, North Carolina, and politely asked for service. Their request was refused. When asked to leave, they remained in their seats. Their passive resistance and peaceful sit-down demand helped ignite a youth-led movement to challenge racial inequality throughout the South. Hundreds of students, civil rights organizations, churches, and members of the community joined in a six-month-long protest. Their commitment ultimately led to the desegregation of the F. W. Woolworth lunch counter on July 25, 1960. The lunch counter itself is preserved at the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

**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 Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City. *Pray for:*

- the preservation of the fragile environments and shorelines in this region
- policies that relieve disparities between those who are rich and poor
- continued hospitality that long has been shown to those arriving on their shores

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 2019

*We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA*

#### **Compassion, Peace and Justice (CPJ) Ministries of the Presbyterian Church USA**

Sara Lisherness is the Director of this ministry area. The work of this area includes: peacemaking, public witness, hunger, self-development of people, disaster assistance, the United Nations, environmental ministries, public education and responsible investments.

The **2019 CPJ Training Day is on Friday, April 5, 2019** at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in DC. This year's theme is: *Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World.*

# WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS



## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**Come be part of a Church Family Congregational Choir for Black History Month!** Director of Music Ministries, Jimmy Galdieri, invites you to sing two Gospel selections during worship on *Sunday, February 17*. This group is OPEN TO ALL – children, youth, collegians, adults of every age – everybody is welcome. Previous choir experience is not necessary! There will be two rehearsals on *Sundays, February 3 and 10* in the sanctuary at 11:40 a.m. and last approximately 45 minutes.

### Rehearsals:

**Handbell Choir** – *Wednesday, February 6, 2019* at 7:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** – *Thursday, February 7, 2019* at 7:15 p.m.

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

**MUSIC DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH** features African-American composers and arrangers. We're exploring African-American spirituals and gospel music. Here are this week's featured composers and arrangers.

- **Melva Wilson Costen** (*arr. Let Us Break Bread Together and Balm in Gilead*) is a Presbyterian, a choral director, and retired music faculty member at Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. She chaired the committee that edited the 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal*. Eight of her arrangements of spirituals for congregation worship are in *Glory to God*.
- **Jester Hairston** (*arr. Poor Man Lazarus*) was a composer, arranger, choral conductor and actor. He arranged *Amen* for the 1963 movie *Lilies of the Field* (and then dubbed the voice Sidney Poitier), and composed the 1956 the Christmas carol *Mary's Boy Child*. The grandson of slave, he was born in 1901 in Belews Creek, North Carolina. He grew up in Pittsburgh. He started studying landscape architecture, and was involved in church choirs and choral groups. An accompanist heard him sing and became his benefactor. He studied music at Tufts and Julliard. He worked as a choral conductor on Broadway, which led to a career singing and acting in plays, films and TV shows. He died in 2000.
- **Wendell Whalum** (*arr. Sweet Home*) was a gospel musician, educator and minister. He graduated from Morehouse College, Columbia University and earned his PhD at Iowa. He taught at Morehouse, directing the Morehouse College Glee Club for 34 years. The choir earned an international reputation during his tenure. He served as organist-choirmaster at several Atlanta churches. He created an immense variety of musical arrangements. He was legendary. Two of his arrangements are in *Glory to God*. Morton and Sue had the privilege of singing under him at the Montreat Music and Worship Conference in 1986. He died in 1987.

### SNOW AND SEVERE WEATHER POLICY:

In the event of snow, ice or other severe weather, on Sundays, the Home Page of the church website, and the church answering machine will have a special message to inform you whether worship services or other activities have been changed or canceled. The decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. with a goal to notify the radio stations (WBAL Radio and WJZ TV) and to put a message on the church answering machine and church website, [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) by 7:00 a.m. Call the church office at 410-730-3545 for updated messages.

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

### **More Storytime with the Environmental Curmudgeon**

*facilitated by Bill*

*Sundays, February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 3 – Room 258*

### **Discussion of “Letter from Birmingham Jail”**

*Led by Kathy*

*Sundays, February 3, 10, 17, 24 – Room 252*

### **Understanding the Jewish Sabbath**

*Led by Anna Marie and Debbie*

*Sunday, February 24*

### **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*

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SUE

*9:30 – 11:00 a.m., every Wednesday, every week – in the Parlor*

We are beginning a study of the Book of Hebrews, so it is a great time to join in! Everyone welcome! **Our Bible Study Snow and Severe Weather policy is:** if no school, no Bible Study. If school opening is delayed, we gather at 10:00 a.m.

**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!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring Offering**

*Sunday, February 3 after both services*

The youth will be collecting the *Souper Bowl Offering* at the conclusion of each service. The tradition is to add your loose change or small bills to this offering. The youth use it toward alleviating hunger in our community.

#### **Senior High Super Bowl Party**

*Sunday, February 3 – arrival time is 6:00 p.m. | Pick up after the game*

Check your email for location and other important details!

#### **Senior High Supper, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**

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

#### **Confirmation Class**

*Thursday, February 7, 6:45-8:30 p.m.*

#### **Spaghetti Lunch & Auction - Sunday, February 24**

Come one and all to the Youth Ministry Spaghetti Lunch and Auction!

This is a big fundraising event for First Presbyterian Youth. Proceeds of the event go to fund youth programs and help defray the cost of retreats and other youth activities, keeping them affordable for all.

Come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti lunch served by our Mid and Senior High Youth and stay for the ever-exciting auction—we will have both donated items AND delicious desserts! In addition to our lively live and silent auctions, we will have a bake sale table with a wide variety of goodies for purchase.

Visit [firstpreshc.org/auction](http://firstpreshc.org/auction) to sign up to volunteer or donate desserts or other items for the silent and live auctions and the bake sale.

Questions? Contact the church office

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**THE COLD WEATHER SHELTER** is here tomorrow but set up help needed this afternoon!! Please try to stay after church for about 2 hours right after the 10:30 a.m. service. We also need a few people for tomorrow afternoon, Monday, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. for final preparations. There are still 2 overnight host openings and 1 evening host opening and 1 cleaning and 1 laundry opening. Thank you so much to everyone who has stepped up! We are ready to go. Right now there are 28 guests in the Shelter, including 4 children 6 and under. For any questions, please see Margot or Woody.

**THE MITTEN TREE** - The Deacons are asking for donations of new or very gently used hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and warm socks for children and adults. These will be distributed to the less fortunate in our community. The collection runs through TODAY *February 3, 2019*. The Mitten Tree will be located in the Upper Commons. Contact: Jean or call the church office.

### **JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – February - Fight Against Cold**

This month Deacons salute our church's commitment to the Cold Weather Shelter. Cold weather is difficult enough without a roof over your head, much less warm food. Thousands of people are going hungry in our area despite the hard work of the Howard County Food Bank and other food pantries. Please demonstrate your support of their tireless efforts by donating hearty, nutritious and filling foods that benefit the homeless, the hungry and the struggling.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**THE FEBRUARY TIDINGS** has been delayed due to our Church Administrator being ill. It will be out as soon as possible!

### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTORS SUE AND MORTON.**

Israel/West Bank, with extension to Jordan. *October 11-27, 2019*. We'll explore places we read about in the Bible and experience the modern complexity of life in the Middle East. This is a small group trip, fully escorted, all meals, transportation, guide services, entrance fees, and gratuities.

For a complete trip itinerary, visit: [www.aitsatl.com](http://www.aitsatl.com) group: howard19; password: pilgrimage. Trip deposits are due *March 1*. Planning meeting with Pastor Sue – NEXT *Sunday, February 10 at 11:45 a.m.*

**PER CAPITA FOR 2019 is \$35.73.** The "Per Capita" is each church member's share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. *Have you paid your per capita?*

# 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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | COMMUNION

180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG SUNDAY | SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting | SMLT Meeting  
Social Justice & Peacemaking | Nominating

12:00 p.m. CWS Set-up

## Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

## Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE | COLD WEATHER SHELTER

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

1:30 p.m. Earth Forum Planning & Operations Team

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

PW Coordinating Team

## Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

## Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | SENDING OUT CUBA TEAM | COLD WEATHER SHELTER

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour

Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Israel Trip Info Meeting

2:00 p.m. Vantage House

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, February 14, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the March 2019 Issue #3.