



FIRST DAY !

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

TODAY

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, March 3*

Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Thank You Breakfast Hosted by Mission serving at 11:30 a.m. Thank you and debriefing about the 2 weeks that First Presbyterian held the CWS.

NEXT WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR: *Sunday, March 10*

Guatemala Stove Trip Report – Come to Lyle Buck Hall at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

LITURGIST: Sara (10:30)

AS PART OF THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION, members of the 2019 class assist in worship. This morning's Confirmand Liturgists are Brandon & Brice (10:30)

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Debbie in celebration of Gregory's 24th birthday today; and by Caroline in celebration of Martin's birthday on March 6th – I still love and need you now that you're 64!

THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE this morning is to remember Marie, mother of Jimmy, who died on February 25, 2017.

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.

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.

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.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2019

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

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

Friends & Family: Tim, Connie, *John, Emily, Ann; Judy's husband, Frank*

Bereaved: Sarah, Beth; Jim, Cheri, Elaine, *Jean*, Carolyn, Laura & Bruce, John & Ellen, *Kathy*

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: Emily, Maggie

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

March is Women's History Month

Harriet Tubman (born *Araminta Ross*; c. 1820 – March 10, 1913) was born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland, and remained a slave until about age 30, when, fearing she would be sold and moved farther south, she escaped to Philadelphia with the help of the Underground Railroad. She immediately returned to Maryland to rescue her family. She returned many times to bring slaves to the north. When the Fugitive Slave Law was passed in 1850, Harriet helped guide slaves to freedom in Canada. In all, she helped over 300 slaves escape. She travelled at night and under extreme secrecy, and she “never lost a passenger.” After the Civil War, she made her home in Auburn, New York, where she cared for her parents, and became active in the Women's Suffrage movement.

We also remember: March 7, 1965 is remembered as **Bloody Sunday**. On a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama to present a petition for voting registration to the governor, the 600 marchers were met at a bridge by a horse-borne posse and the state police. Using nightsticks, chains, dogs and electric cattle prods, the police beat the marchers so severely that the brutality received national attention. The violence and accompanying deaths compelled President Johnson to propose the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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 Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales. *Pray for:*

- The healing of scars and memories that linger after times of colonization;
- Overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith;
- Resolving differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe (*Brexit* is set to occur on March 29);
- Dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality.

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 2019

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

Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Church

Rhashelle Hunter is the Director of this ministry area. The work of this area engages the Church in its mission to become more diverse and inclusive of racial, ethnic, cultural and language groups, and equips women of all ages for leadership in all ministries of the Church. As we discover how to share the gospel in an increasingly diverse culture, we have a greater chance of living out the Biblical vision of a world where the humanity of everyone is valued and where God's love is spread to every race, class, culture and people.

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

SUNDAY EVENING QUIET TIME, First Sunday of the Month, Sanctuary
TODAY Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Come for 30 minutes of Quiet Time.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

Chancel Choir – *Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.*

Handbell Choir – *Wednesday, March 13, 2019 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.

Jewish Mourning Traditions

*With Bill Salganik, a member of Beth Aviv Synagogue in Oakland Mills,
and host Debbie Richmond
Sunday, March 3 – Room 252*

More Storytime with the Environmental Curmudgeon

*facilitated by Bill Burris
Sunday, March 3 – Room 258*

The Mystery of Easter: A Right Brain Exploration of Jesus, His Message, and His Death and Resurrection

*- facilitated by Bruce Johnson
Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 252*

Conversations on Race Book Discussion

***The Color of Law**, by Richard Rothstein – facilitated by Paula Seabright
Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 – Room 258*

The Bible in Depth: Isaiah - *facilitated by Doyle Nichols—Clark Parlor
Continues all year—all are welcome to join in at any time*

Games & Conversations - *facilitated by Brian & Ann Ventre – 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 – 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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Supper, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, March 6 & 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

Confirmation Class

*Wednesday, March 6, 6:45 p.m.
Attend Ash Wednesday Service*

5th-7th Grade Lock-In

Friday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.

Senior High Trip to Washington DC

Saturday, March 23, Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. – watch for postcard

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

WINTER COATS AND CLOTHING – FIRN is putting the items from the Mitten tree to good use. After our latest delivery, they mentioned they have a special need for winter coats, clothing, and shoes for their clients. The need is for items for all ages. Do you have any gently used items in your closet you would like to donate? **We will be collecting through TODAY Sunday, March 3.** There is a coat rack in the Lower Commons, along with a box for shoes. If you have questions, please call Stacy Mogren at 410-964-3104.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED in Ark, Godly Play, and the Nursery. If you haven't yet volunteered but have been meaning to check your calendars, many spots are open in the coming weeks. To sign up go to firstpreshc.org/volunteer.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – March - Breakfast

Let's help the hungry start the morning right with a good breakfast. Our special request for March is donations of cereal (including instant oatmeal), which is the most requested food item month after month in food pantries. There is a limit of one visit per family per month to the Howard County Food Bank, where the quantities given out must be strictly rationed to meet demand.

Please leave your regular contribution - plus boxes of cereal and oatmeal - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PEOPLE ACTING TOGETHER FOR HOWARD (PATH)

Community Public Education Action

with HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael J. Martirano

Thursday, March 7, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Learn More About PATH Priorities – Provision of Mental Health Services; Equity in Title 1 School Resources; and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

St. John Baptist Church, 9055 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045

PDA BLUE T-SHIRT SUNDAY is March 10 - Wear your PDA Blue shirts to church, if you do not have one, please wear a blue shirt of any kind or be creative with something blue. We are doing this as a visual reminder that *One Great Hour of Sharing* makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world.

EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY

NEXT Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. – note this is the second Sunday!

Presents: The Fourth National Climate Assessment: Issues, Risks and Adaptation with the Earth Forum's favorite climate scientist - Dr. Wayne Higgins, Director of NOAA's Climate Program Office. Bring your smartphones or iPads! For additional information, go to www.facebook.com/EarthForumHowardCounty.

IN-HOUSE O'CHILI COOK OFF is scheduled for *Sunday, March 17* during the Discipleship Hour at 11:30 a.m. Contact Woody Collins, sexton@firstpreshc.org by *Thursday, March 14* if you plan on bringing Chili!!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - *Sunday morning, March 24th at 11:45 a.m.*

Interested in becoming a member? This orientation explores what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church household. Contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare. For more information contact Pastor Morton.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTORS SUE AND MORTON

Israel/West Bank, with extension to Jordan. *October 11-27, 2019.*

Spaces are still available. Contact Pastor Sue if you are interested in going!

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten Devotional for Adults

This year we have a Lenten Devotional for adults called *The Poetry of Lent* based on poetry from Mary Oliver's *Devotions*. There will also be a Facebook group formed to discuss the devotional. Pick up a printed copy TODAY Sunday, March 3 or check your email or the church Facebook page for more information. (www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/)

Lenten Devotional for Families

A Lenten Devotional for families called *Breaking the Chains* will also be available. Each day families break a link in the paper chain and are invited to "take part in God's chain-breaking, art-making, world-changing grace - all the way to the joyful freedom of Easter morning!" Pick up a printed copy TODAY Sunday, March 3 or check your email for more information.

SHROVE TUESDAY, March 5, 2019 - Pancake Supper in Lyle Buck Hall

5:30–7:30 p.m. | \$2 each/\$5 per family

If you are available to help with set-up, clean-up, or preparing pancakes please contact Joanna Rollins or Woody Collins.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

A service of prayer, song, with the imposition of ashes

Our worship together on Ash Wednesday gives us an opportunity to focus and ready ourselves for the journey inward and journey outward of the next six weeks of Lent.



TABLE TALK: Food, Friends and Conversation – Begins next week!

Building the Beloved Community

Wednesday nights in Lent in Lyle Buck Hall –March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10

Soup Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. | Conversation happens beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We close by sharing Communion and finish by 8:15 p.m.

We are a faithful, beloved community, trying to make a difference in the world and in the lives we lead. Come on Wednesday nights and strengthen the bonds of our church's beloved community. Child care will be available.

2019 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM - Our annual discipline of caring for our bodies is in motion during Lent and we are on our way to Jerusalem. Everybody can participate! 20 minutes of sustained activity equals one mile. 2,000 steps equals one mile. A sign-up sheet and reporting slips are at the Welcome Desk. Start moving!

TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT – The Lent 2019 daily reflection-action calendar, "Tread Lightly for Lent," is now available at the Welcome Desk or go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/>. The calendar was created by the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices.

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of February 28, 2019	\$ 125,312.60
Actual Expenses as of February 28, 2019	<u>129,580.09</u>
Total	\$ (4,267.49)


It takes an average of \$2,227 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is (2) days ahead/(behind).

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, March 3rd

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND OFFERING | NAME TAG 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 – CWS Thank You/Debriefing
Guatemala Summer Trip Meeting

11:45 a.m. SMLT

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

Monday, March 4th

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING OPEN

Tuesday, March 5th

SHROVE TUESDAY

12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 6th

ASH WEDNESDAY | BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

6:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7th

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING OPEN

Friday, March 8th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

6:00 p.m. Cuba Potluck Dinner

Saturday, March 9th

9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle

Sunday, March 10th

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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 – Guatemala Stove Report
Conversations on Race | Knitting Ministry

11:45 a.m. Run for Coffee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

Vantage House Worship

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, March 14, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the April 2019 Issue #4.