



# FIRST DAY!

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
November 3, 2024

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## TODAY

### 8:30 a.m. EARLY SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

### 10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet. If worshipping in-person, you may appear in our livestream. If joining from home, the link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. You can find this week's worship materials on the website:

[www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org)

**CHILDREN BEGIN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY.** After the children's prayer, children ages 4-7 may go to Godly Play with Ms. Kathy. Older children may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to Worship Bridge.

**Worship bags** for children are available in the narthex.

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by the Eichhorn Family in memory of Helle; Sarah in loving memory of the Reverend Webster

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY: 10:30 a.m.

*Liturgist:* Jan

*Ushers & Greeters:* Nancy

*Tech Crew:* Jonathan, Margon, Francois



Called to  
Be Saints

# PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Please pray for:** Lea, Dave, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Bob and Sarah Jo, Maria, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename and Family, Carol, Chuck, Karin, Ed, Gaunt & Bush Family

**And also for:** everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; the people of Ukraine, the people affected by Hurricane Helene.

**Non-Resident Members:** Frank and Betty, Barb

**Friends & Family:** The Downey-Handy Family, John & Judy, Theresa, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Matt, Susan, Judy, Gudeta, Anne & Nate and family, Evelyn, Bruce, Bart, Joe, The Beisler Family, Roy

**Care Center:** Virgie, Margaret, Lois

**Recovering from Surgery:** Nana, Pat, Mr. N.

**Bereaved:** Dave, Bob; Joe & Marla and family, Woody and Carol, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, McKissick Family, Eric & Lisa and family, Hilda and family Jan and family, Lois, Agnes & Family, Blondell, Wade & Monta, Amanda

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, [www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd](http://www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd); Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, [www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball](http://www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball); Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, [www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel](http://www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel)

*Please contact Pastor Ken Page, [kpage@firstpreshc.org](mailto:kpage@firstpreshc.org) or 602-799-7643 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share or in case of an emergency or to arrange homebound Communion. Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.*



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

### OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of October 29, 2024	\$707,713.58
Actual Expenses as of October 29, 2024	<u>662,895.88</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,817.70</b>

It takes an average of \$2,277.72 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.  
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 20 days ahead/(behind).

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED!

We're looking for volunteers to write a short reflection and prayer based on a Scripture reading. Sign up soon because the deadline for submitting the devotional is Tuesday, November 12. To view a list of daily scriptures and sign up visit this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/adventdevotional2024>



For more information, please contact Virginia Callegary ([vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)).

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR, 9:30-10:25 a.m.**

**THE BIBLE IN DEPTH** facilitated by Doyle— every Sunday – *Parlor*

**A DIVE INTO ECUMENISM: AN EXPLORATION OF OTHER FAITHS – in Room. 258 November 3** – Anglicans/Episcopalians, a brief history with Bob.

**November 10 & 17** – with Rabbi Amanda and Rabbi Craig will focus on different Jewish denominations as well as the Jewish holidays.

## WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

**Morning – Holy God and Unholy Nation** – led by Rev. Rosemary and Rev. David – The message of Isaiah – 9:30-11am - Parlor

**Evening – Renovation of the Heart** – with Andrea – 7-8:30pm - Zoom

**Register in advance for the Zoom link here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNDMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJiHjXW>

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next youth group is on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We will provide dinner! Questions? Email Virginia Callegary ([vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)).

### “Keep Awake” SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

Registration continues for the Keep Awake Senior High Retreat at Massanetta November 22-24, 2024. Email Virginia Callegary ([vcallegary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org)) if you are interested in attending.

## DEACONS

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2024** through Sunday, November 17, 2024

The Board of Deacons' campaign in November focuses on donations suitable for **Thanksgiving Feasts** as part of our continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. The Deacons are asking for your help to provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets to client families of Bridges to Housing Stability and Giant food cards for families from Luminus

If you are unable to contribute food, cash donations are gladly accepted.

Your generous support for this annual project is greatly appreciated!

Questions? Contact Deacons Chrissy & Kaye



# DISCIPLESHIP & CARING

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY *Sunday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m.*

Hosts are: Ruth Circle

Please enjoy coffee, snacks, & fellowship in Buck Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you'd like to bring snacks one Sunday, please check the SignUpGenius link for more info:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACAF2BA0FCC52-51327460-coffee>

**A NEW MEMBER CLASS** will be taught by the Rev. Ken Page on November 10 and 24 with lunch at noon and the class 12:30-2pm in Room 258 (next to the Church offices). This is a two week course. Join us to learn about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian and a member of FPC. You will have the opportunity to join the church on a following Sunday.

## MISSION

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** is helping with flood relief in North Carolina Please pray for all of the PDA Teams. If you would like to donate to the cause, please click here: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/>

## GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

**YOU DID IT!** 94 students will receive scholarships to attend middle or high school and as many as four students will be able to pursue university studies in 2025 through the generosity of members and friends of First Pres. On behalf of our sisters and brothers in the Union Maya Quiché Boca Costa Presbytery in Guatemala, the Guatemala project leadership team thanks you for your ongoing support of this life-changing program.

## GUATEMALA STOVE PROJECT TRIP

A delegation will be traveling to Guatemala from January 16 – 21, 2025 to strengthen our partnership, develop relationships, and provide mission experience installing Onil Stoves. The cost will be ~\$1,400 /person. An application and \$300 deposit check must received no later than 12pm, Sunday, October 20th. Applications are available at the welcome desk, church office or by emailing Brett. Please put your application package in mail box 41. Contact Brett for additional information.

## WARM FOR WINTER - Saturday, November 9

THIS Saturday, we will welcome immigrant families served by Luminus at our Warm for Winter! We will continue collecting donations through Friday, so drop off new/gently used: coats (children & adult sizes), blankets, cold weather gear, and household items in excellent condition. Bins are located in Harris Commons. This is a fun event for volunteers too - both adults and children! Volunteers of all ages are welcome - sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Warm2024> Questions? Contact Kathy.



## RECYCLING

**Thank you to FPCHC for helping Stevens Forest Elementary School** meet their goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic! Is this a project FPCHC would be interested in participating in? We could get a bench for our church too! If so, we would need a few people to volunteer to pick up plastic from the church, weigh it, take and upload pictures of the plastic, and drop the plastic off locally. Please let Megan or Virginia Callegary know if you are interested. Thank you!

# WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC

**FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**, the Chancel Choir will be renaming itself the FPCHC and Community Choir! We are inviting members of the community to come sing with us as we prepare for Christmas! This is a great opportunity for those that love singing, read a little music and want to do something meaningful during December that isn't about consumption and is all about community. We're asking all the members of the congregation to post this advertisement in their social media accounts at least once a week from now until Thanksgiving, inviting their friends, neighbors, and family to join the choir, work with Margaret and have fun singing amazing music. It's seriously amazing, folks. We'll have our first community choir rehearsal on December 1 from 12-3pm with lunch followed by a choir retreat and rehearsal. Tell all your friends!

**GENIÀ**, our intergenerational instrumental ensemble, will begin rehearsals on December 5th at 6:30pm. This ensemble is open to instrumentalists from 8th grade and up. Rehearsals will take place on December 5 and 19 @ 6:30-7:25pm and on December 21st from 12:00-1:00pm. Genià will play during Lessons and Carols on December 22nd. Dust off those instruments, get cracking on those scales and let Margaret know if you're interested in playing!

## PROGRAM YEAR FOR MUSIC

**Handbell Choir** practice is on Wednesdays at 7:30pm

**Chancel Choir** practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Questions? Contact Margaret McGillivray, Director of Music Ministries, [mmcgillivray@firstpreshc.org](mailto:mmcgillivray@firstpreshc.org)

## DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS in 2024

Nov 10 & 17. Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2024#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2024#/)

The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via [PayPal](#). Questions? Contact, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)



**CALLING ALL DANCERS!** The Liturgical Dancers are currently planning for a dance in Advent and would love to have you join us. No experience required! For more information please contact Julianna

## POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please order a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season.

The cost is \$16.00 per plant.

Deadline for orders is *Sunday, November 24, 2024*

To order poinsettias go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Poinsettias2024>

Please list your dedication in the appropriate space on SignUpGenius.

Poinsettias can be picked up at the church:

- pick up your plant after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24.
- make other arrangements, contact the church office.
- leave plant to be delivered by the Deacons to a church member.

For more information or questions, contact Church Administrator, Megan Bondhus, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL BAKE SALE – Calling all bakers and buyers for the annual PW bake sale**

*October 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for signing up to bake*

*November 3-20: pre-order bake sale items*

*December 7: pay and pick-up items*

Get ready to place your order of your favorite homemade cookies, brownies, scones, mini pies / cakes, jams, and more for your holiday enjoyment.

Orders will be taken via a SignUpGenius Nov 3-20 and pick up will be during the Alternative Gift Fair on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/pw-bakesale-2024>

You'll also be able to order a variety of Equal Exchange items.

Please note that this is the only fund raiser the Presbyterian Women holds each year and that proceeds will support local and worldwide missions of the church.

If you'd like to provide something for the PW bake sale or have any questions, please contact Debbie by 10/30/2024.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream Worship

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

FACEBOOK [www.facebook.com/firstpreshc](http://www.facebook.com/firstpreshc)

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org)

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS – OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

## **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream  
Godly Play & Worship Bridge

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

## **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN MON-FRI– 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Zoom Study

7:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsals

## **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

10:00 a.m.–1 p.m. Warm for Winter Event

9:45 a.m. Lydia Circle

## **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only

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

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream  
Godly Play & Worship Bridge

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

*Check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.*

*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 announcements to:*

*[churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

*To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, November 7, 2024 for December 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*