



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
June 30, 2024

TODAY

10:00 a.m. MORNING SUMMER 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 the sanctuary, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you are joining from home, the link for worship will open around 9:50 a.m. You can find this week's materials on the website: www.firstpreshc.org or in the Friday email.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: All worship begins in the sanctuary.

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 (except the bulletins) to the bags and return your bags to the basket at the end of the service.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by The Eichhorn Family in memory of Emil Eichhorn; and by The Collins and Montgomery Families: "Thank you Sweet Caroline".

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Akua

Ushers & Greeters: Chrissy

Tech Crew: Jean Robert, Jacob, Mark

CAROLINE SMITH CELEBRATION

TODAY *Sunday, June 30, 2024* following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Lyle Buck Hall

Our Church Administrator Caroline Smith is retiring after 18 years of service to First Presbyterian Church. Come celebrate, thank her and wish her well in the next phase of her life!



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30, 2024

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, *Phil*, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Stacy, Bob and Sarah Jo, Bob and Carol, Maria, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename and Family.

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

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

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Paul, Lois, Beth

Recovering from Surgery: Janet, Ginny, Margaret, Nana, *Tom*, Trey, Margot

Bereaved: Dave, Bob; Joe and Marla and family, Woody and Carol, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, Barbara's Family, Eric and Lisa and family

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

Guatemala Mission Team: *Patrick, Amanda, Matthew, Laura, Ian, Mark, Debra, Nick, Brooke, Adeline, Sequoyah, Mark, Mary, Becky, Tom.*

Please contact Pastor Ken Page, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org or 410-730-3545 x25 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.

If you or someone you know needs a Deacon to reach out to you please email deacons@firstpreshc.org



We also remember:

JUNE IS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH. Our congregation observes Pride Month to affirm God's presence and call in the lives of all God's people and we commit to seeking justice, equality, and inclusion for all in both church and society. First Presbyterian Church is fully and openly committed to involving LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church including sharing in church leadership, baptism, communion and the right to marry.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

COMMUNION ON Sunday, July 7

We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper NEXT Sunday, July 7 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

A WORD ABOUT SHARING COMMUNION AT HOME

Those worshipping at home are welcome to join those in the Sanctuary in sharing Communion. You will need to prepare a few things before worship begins: wine or grape juice, and bread. The bread can be any kind, gluten free or with gluten. You will want a napkin or a plate for the bread, and something to hold the wine or juice – a wine glass, a juice glass, even a coffee mug would be fine. Please use bread and wine/juice. It is our custom to eat the bread when it is served and hold the cup so that all may partake together.

Wherever two or three are gathered – there Christ is in the midst of us

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS in 2024

There are openings available on the following Sundays: July 21 & 28; August 4, 18, 25. Go to 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

DISCIPLESHIP & CARING MINISTRIES

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

NEXT Sunday, July 7 following the 10:00 a.m. service (held rain or shine)

Host: Discipleship & Caring Ministries, Bruce and Lynne

Greet friends on the front lawn for lemonade and refreshments!

Please consider hosting a lemonade event this summer!

Check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA2BA0FCC52-49693354-lemonade>



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE BIG READ

We're bringing back The Big Read this summer! The book we will be reading is *Divine Gravity: Sparking a Movement to Recover a Better Christian Story* by Meghan Larissa Good. This book invites readers into a story that, "satisfies our deep hunger, beckoning us to renew the church for the coming centuries and reignite a world-changing global movement." We will meet in late summer/early fall to discuss our observations of this book and the story it invites us to join. Keep an eye on First Day for dates. Contact DCE Virginia Callegary, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org, if you would like to order a copy of the book for \$15.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP - SUMMER READ

Wednesdays, July 3, 17, 31, and August 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Looking for an interesting novel to read this summer? Come join the Wednesday Morning study group as we explore *The Book of Longings* by **Sue Monk Kidd**. Set in first century Palestine, it weaves an imaginative story of Jesus' young adult life and a young woman named Ana. The author is a Christian and a gifted writer whose work is grounded in detailed research.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday Mornings will take time for rest and travel over July and August. See above for info on our Summer Read.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor
"The Good and Beautiful Life", by James Bryan Smith

No class July 3

Next class July 10: Read: Chapter 7, 'Learning to Bless Those Who Curse Us.'

Register in advance for this and future meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDjiqHjXW>

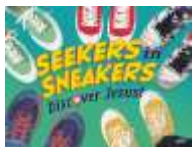
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMERTIME FAITH CALENDAR

Summer is a great time to build faith habits and we have something to help! Pick up your copy of the Summertime Faith Calendar in the Harris Upper Commons. It is for people of all ages! Do your best to complete as many activities as you can for each month. For each activity you complete, put a star sticker on the calendar! *On Sunday, August 25 at 11:15 a.m.* we'll have a pizza party to celebrate our summer of faith practices! Everyone who tries at least one activity on the calendar is invited. If you can't get to church and would still like a copy of the calendar, email DCE Virginia Callegary – churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Seekers in Sneakers

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3 year old – rising 5th graders

(open to members and non-members)

\$20 per child/\$50 family max (free for family of volunteers)

To register scan the QR code.

Contact Aja, vbs@firstpreshc.org or Virginia Callegary,

churchoffice@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



DEACONS NEWS

JUST ONE CAN ... *PLUS!* - July: Personal Dignity Days

Hygiene Products??? What do they have to do with hunger? Food stamps do not cover cleaning and hygiene products so your donations will free up cash that people can use for food and other necessities. The day-to-day struggle for food is hard enough without having to worry about this simple dignity of personal cleanliness.

Recommended items are: shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, bar soap, detergent

Please leave your regular contribution - plus "Personal Dignity Days" items - in the "Just One Can" cart next to the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons or in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mailbox).

Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of June 25, 2024	\$445,003.45
Actual Expenses as of June 25, 2024	<u>392,842.80</u>
Total	\$52,160.65

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 23 days ahead/(behind).

PER CAPITA FOR 2024 - The amount is \$40.00

For more info go to <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/per-capita/>

Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 65 people who have paid it!



MISSION STUDY UPDATE

History of First Presbyterian Church written by Pastor Ken Page is now available.

Please contact the church office for a printed copy or go to <https://tinyurl.com/fpchhistory>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Summer Worship Schedule
10:00 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream Worship
through September 1, 2024

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available during 10:00 a.m. service

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc

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

Links can also be found on the Website 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.)

June is Pride Month

Guatemala Mission Trip through July 7th

Sunday, June 30th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge

11:00 a.m. Caroline Smith Celebration

Monday, July 1st

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

Tuesday, July 2nd

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

Wednesday, July 3rd

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Summer Read

Thursday, July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY – CHURCH HOLIDAY

CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

Friday, July 5th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, July 6th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN – 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 7th

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at www.firstpreshc.org for the weekly issue of First Day. Also, 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 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 by **Thursday, July 11, 2024** for August 2024 events. Then watch your inbox every week!*