



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
June 23, 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.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Maxwell Christopher, son of Emily and Christopher, grandson of Margot and Bob.

SENDING OUT: Guatemala Mission Team: Patrick, Amanda, Matthew, Laura, Ian, Mark, Debra, Nick, Brooke, Adeline, Sequoyah, Mark, Mary, Becky, Tom. *The team will be in Guatemala from Tuesday, June 25 – Sunday, July 7, 2024 (some traveling on different days).*

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Marla in memory of Bethany; by Jean in honor of her daughter Anne's birthday; and by Margot and Bob in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Maxwell Christopher.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

Liturgist: Humaira

Ushers & Greeters: Nancy, Alice

Tech Crew: Krzys, Jacob, Francois

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

TODAY *Sunday, June 23 following the 10:00 a.m. service (held rain or shine)*

Greet friends on the front lawn for lemonade and refreshments!

Please consider hosting a lemonade event this summer!

July and August dates remain available!

Check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

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



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 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: 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

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.



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>

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC NOTES

Calling all instrumentalists and singers: there are several slots available over the summer for you to offer your musical talents in worship. Check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Music Library by the Choir Room. If you're not sure or have questions, please speak to Margaret. Also, there is often more than one slot available per service, so don't worry if you see another name on a date that works for you!

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

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 June, 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

Next class June 26: Read: Chapter 6, 'Learning to Live Without Lying.'

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! - June: Restocking for Summer

During the school year, many Howard County children receive free lunch and/or breakfast at school. When summer vacation arrives, some families struggle to provide these additional meals at home. We ask that you help by “restocking” the Howard County Food Bank with some of their most requested items: beans-dried or canned, canned meat/tuna/chicken, canned soups, cereal or oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti sauce.

Please leave your regular contribution - plus “Restocking for Summer” 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 18, 2024	\$442,593.81
Actual Expenses as of June 18, 2024	<u>375,468.44</u>
Total	\$67,125.37

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 30 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!

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR, PARISH, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

CAROLINE SMITH CELEBRATION

NEXT *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. Her last day in the church office is Friday, June 28. Come celebrate and wish her well on *Sunday, June 30*. If you can't come on Sunday drop by the office during the week, send an email or give her a call. She would love to say good-bye to you.

PSJ IN SEARCH OF HOCo PRIDE FESTIVAL COORDINATOR

The Peacemaking Team is looking for an enthusiastic individual(s) who care about the LGBTQIA+ community, and who would be willing to coordinate our church's presence and participation in the Howard County Pride Festival in October.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU:

- Collaborate with PSJ on the overall design of the booth
- Determine, in collaboration with PSJ, what printed materials concerning our church should be made for handing out
- Designing or determining, in collaboration with the DCE, a "Keep sake" to hand out to people as they pass by
- Recruiting and scheduling volunteers (from our church and extended church community)
- Planning set-up and take-down of the booth

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOCo PRIDE FESTIVAL:

- Takes place in October (date is TBD), usually sometime within the first two weeks.
- Will be on a Sunday at Symphony Woods in Columbia
- Since the Festival is October, and the window for signing up is short, we would like to have the booth ready to go by the beginning of September. This would mean all the things are printed, posters made, and keep-sakes and handouts to festival participants are ready to go as soon as we know the date.
- First Pres of HoCo has participated twice in this festival. It is open to all people, families, and members of the community. It typically lasts from about 9:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT IF INTERESTED:

If interested please contact Clarence Baney and Benjamin Riniker at baney.riniker.gus@gmail.com or speak with DCE Virginia Callegary churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

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

Sunday, June 23rd

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BAPTISM

PRIDE SUNDAY

SENDING OUT: GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

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

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, June 24th

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

Tuesday, June 25th

1:00 p.m. Staff Lunch

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 26th

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group via Zoom

Thursday, June 27th

9:00 a.m. ROMEOS Breakfast at Bob Evans

Friday, June 28th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, June 29th

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

Sunday, June 30th

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

11:00 a.m. Caroline Smith Celebration

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!*