



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
April 28, 2019

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## TODAY

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, April 28***

*Congregational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

*11:45 a.m. – Local Mission Program with FIRN in Lyle Buck Hall*

*Refreshments provided by Lydia Circle*

*(see insert for details)*

### **Next week: *Sunday, May 5***

*Cinco de Mayo Taco Lunch*

Everyone is invited! Come and create your favorite tacos from our taco fixings bar and enjoy getting to know your church family.

Also get your picture taken at the photo booth for the Church Online Directory.

*Everyone is invited! Gather for fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.*

**LITURGISTS:** Evelyn (8:30), Linda (10:30)

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

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Marla in honor of Angela's birthday; and by Andi in celebration of the birthdays of her wonderful daughter and granddaughter.

**WE LIGHT A REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning to remember Richard, husband of Blessing, who died on April 27, 2017.

**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, 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 to the bags and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for TODAY *Sunday, April 28, 2019*, at the close of the 10:30 a.m. service (approximately 11:35 a.m.). The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2019

**Please pray for:** *Emmanuel*, Mispa, Henrietta, Burt, Janet, Dave, Dylan, Reva, Morton, Mil, Blondelle, Robb, Jim, Paul, Doris, Shirley, Shirley, Beth

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

**Friends & Family:** *Evelyn's brother, Bruce*; Walter, Tim, John, Emily, David

**Bereaved:** Judy, Sarah, *Toran*, Beth; Jean, Carolyn, John & Ellen, Scott & Kaye, Kathy

**Care Center:** Marvin

**Recovering from Surgery:** Patience, Maggie, Martin, *Jonathan*

**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

**Athanasius**, (c. 295 – 373) served as the Bishop of Alexandria. He is best known for his wise counsel at a critical moment in the church's understanding of itself – its doctrinal life. Faced by the widespread belief that Jesus was neither fully human nor fully God but a special creature combining some qualities of each (a doctrine called Arianism), Athanasius managed to persuade the whole church that since redemption is through the Christ event, Jesus must be fully God (as actor) and fully human (as one of us). Thus the church declared that God become human in order for humans to become divine. One of the pastoral letters that he wrote to surrounding bishops gives a list for books that should be considered canonical scripture. He lists the twenty-seven New Testament books that are recognized today. His day of remembrance is May 2.

**We also remember: May 4, 1961** was the day the first Freedom Ride departed Washington DC headed for New Orleans. When they reached Alabama they divided onto two buses. The first was firebombed; riders in the second bus were severely beaten. The FBI and local police intentionally stayed away from the bus depots.

**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 Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan. *Pray for:*

- The people in these lands who suffer from poverty and repressive rule;
- An end to clashes related to tribalism, traditionalism, and modernization;
- The land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse;
- Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel and find the strength to live according to God's word.

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 of our congregation.*

**La Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery:** *Iglesia Galilea in the village of LaLadrillera*

**Boca Costa Coffee Projec.** This Saturday is our Family Run for Coffee 5K. In May, families plant the newly purchased coffee plants on their small plot of land. This is the tenth year of our project, and we have helped many, many families in the Boca Costa Presbytery community achieve a greater self-sufficiency.

# WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### Rehearsals:

**Handbell Choir** – *Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.*

**Chancel Choir** – *Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.*

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



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

**THE ALLELUIA BANNERS** were created using Celtic Hand letters and filled in with Zentangle® and Celtic designs. The Zentangle® designs used were: Crescent moon, Printemps, Hollbaugh, Waves, Tagh, Jonzal, Chillion, Grouth, Swirls, Queen and King Crown, Keeko, Flukes, Web, Flying Geese, W2, Cadent, Cross Stich, Cruffel with Flux, Enyshou, N'Zeppel. Zentangle® is a registered trademark. The "Celtic Designs" were inspired by the coloring book from Studio Series by Peter Pauper Press. Other influences for designs came from our own artists: Syd, Julianna, Virginia, Evelyn, and Debbie. These include: Chinese Brush painting. A quick glance of a stained glass window in a program about historic places in England, and grape vine leaves. There is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> Alleluia on one of the letter "L" written in Hebrew, keeping with the tradition of repeating the praise to God in the Triune fashion. Thank you to our talented and creative artists who gave of their time to create these beautiful banners! ALLELUIA!

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

**HISTORIES AND MYSTERIES: The Rise of Islam and the First Crusade**

*led by Bill - Sundays, April 28-May 19 – 4 weeks – Room 252*

**PLAY READING & DISCUSSION – Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman,**

*led by Marla - Sundays, April 28-May 19 – 4 weeks – Room 258*

**The Bible in Depth: Isaiah - facilitated by Doyle—Clark Parlor**

*Continues all year—all are welcome to join in at any time*

**Games & Conversations - facilitated by Brian & Ann— 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 studying the Book of Hebrews. Everyone welcome!

There will be no class on *Wednesdays, May 1 and 8.*

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

**Senior High Supper**

*Wednesday, May 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room 258*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 –

#### **Who Is My Neighbor? – Learning to Love Like Jesus**

*Monday-Friday, July 22-26, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon*

3 years (potty trained) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Registration open through July 7** — Cost: \$10 per child

Register at [firstpreshc.org/vbs](http://firstpreshc.org/vbs)

Please direct questions to VBS Director at [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org)

Interested in volunteering? Please fill out the VBS bulletin insert.



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION

First Presbyterian Church will honor High School Graduates in worship on **Sunday, May 12, 2019**. Please send information about your graduate to the church office, [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org), by **Monday, May 6**. Please email 3-5 pictures, digital copies are best, to Virginia Callegary, [vcalleary@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vcalleary@firstpreshc.org), by **Monday, May 6**. If you prefer, you may leave physical copies of the pictures in Virginia's mailbox (#3 outside the main church office) so they can be scanned. These pictures will be returned to you.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FRANCISCAN CENTER

*May 1 through May 23*

First Presbyterian Church is collecting gently used clothing for men, women and children, new undergarments, shoes and socks, coats and jackets, personal care items, sports apparel, bedding, and school supplies. Items will be donated to the Franciscan Center, a non-profit faith based organization in Baltimore City, which provides supportive services to families in need. Among the services are employment assistance, providing appropriate clothing for individuals as they transition into self-sufficiency. Your donation is tax deductible. The forms will be on display along with boxes and plastic bags in the coat room and the coffee area. Please clean out your closets and donate to this worthy cause. Questions? Contact Blessing or the church office.

### MISSION TRIP TO Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

*Sunday, May 5—Friday, May 10, 2019*

We will help rebuild after the damage from hurricane Florence. No experience necessary! If interested, contact Pat, Brett, Stacy, Mark, Woody Collins, our Co-Pastors or the church office.

**KNITTING MINISTRY** will meet on *Sunday, May 19* (the third Sunday) at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. For more info contact Shirley or the church office.

### JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – April – BABY ITEMS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donation of baby items. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" cart in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY**

*TODAY Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.*

A Decade of Listening, Learning and Acting! Come hear from past speakers and Earth Forum partners about the last ten years of environmental stewardship – and the plans and directions. Our featured guest will be Mike Tidwell, founder and director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the impacts and solutions associated with global warming in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Celebrate 10 years with cake and ice cream!

**2019 JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM - We made it to Jerusalem!** Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Hudson Coastal* a new restaurant located in Maple Lawn Shopping Center on *Tuesday, April 30, 2019* at 11:30 a.m. The address is 11811 West Market Place, Fulton, MD. Retirees and empty nesters are invited to enjoy some time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Sign up in the Lower Commons or email [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org). Want to carpool? Contact Andi or the church office.

## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 5K FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE!**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Run for Coffee is *Saturday, May 4* at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia. Sign up to run, walk or volunteer today in the Lower Commons, or online at <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=175405>. Do you know a business who would make a good corporate sponsor for the event? We need sponsors who are willing to give a cash donation. Contact Becky or Pat or the church office for more information.

## **TRIVIA IS BACK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!**

*Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.*

Gather up to 7 of your brainiest friends and see if you've got what it takes to win. Sign up by yourself or in smaller groups and new lifelong friends will be provided. You can register in the Lower Commons, or contact the church office. If you register by May 1<sup>st</sup> you get a freebie, the answer to one question that will be used in the game. All proceeds from the event go to our University Scholarship Program in Guatemala. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and \$10 for kids 12-18. Start studying!

## **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. 4-6 spaces are left, talk to Pastor Sue if interested in going!



# Bridging Cultures. Building Community.

## ABOUT US

FIRN is a nonprofit organization in Howard County, Maryland that empowers immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them to access community resources and opportunities. FIRN provides immigration counseling and citizenship classes, interpreting & translation services, English tutoring, information and referrals and a variety of workshops.

FIRN opened its doors in October 1981. In its first year, the project served 90 persons from 10 countries. In 1984, FIRN was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Today, FIRN serves immigrants from over 75 countries and is well known as the key resource in Central Maryland for the foreign born. It also provides valuable assistance and guidance to health and human service agencies that serve immigrant clients.

## VALUES

- FIRN believes our community is stronger and richer because of its diversity, and values the differences of cultures and peoples.
- FIRN believes that each individual has unique strengths, and values the contribution each makes to our community.
- FIRN believes in treating the people it serves with respect and sensitivity, and values a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere.
- FIRN believes in the power of collaboration, and values the opportunity to work in partnership with other organizations to “bridge cultures and build community.

## VISION

FIRN empowers foreign-born individuals by providing programs and direct services that help them access community resources and opportunities.

## MISSION

A community that welcomes foreign-born neighbors, values their cultures and celebrates their achievements.


**JOIN US TODAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Discipleship Hour  
to Meet Hector Garcia, CEO,  
and Learn More about FIRN  
and How You can Become Involved.**

# 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, April 28<sup>th</sup>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

EARTH SUNDAY

Minute for Mission – Earth Care

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. Congregational Meeting

11:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Mission meets FIRM

Run for Coffee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum

## Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. PDA Mission Trip Meeting

## Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

## Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper

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

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir | PW Coordinating Team Meeting

## Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

MILLTOWN QUILT SHOW – 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

MILLTOWN QUILT SHOW – 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

11:30 a.m. Tidings and Bulletins Folded

6:00 p.m. Packet Pick-up for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Family Run for Coffee

## Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

MILLTOWN QUILT SHOW – 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY | COMMUNION

Minute for Mission – Wills Emphasis Sunday?

Deacons Compassion Fund | 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 – Taco Cinco de Mayo

11:45 a.m. SMLT Meeting

3:00 p.m. Guatemala Trip Orientation Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Quiet Time

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.firstpresch.org](http://www.firstpresch.org), the current issue of Tidings, or call the church office 410-730-3545.

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To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: [fpcadmin@firstpresch.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpresch.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [fpcadmin@firstpresch.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpresch.org) by **Thursday, May 16, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2019 Issue #6.