



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 12, 2019

TODAY



DISCIPLESHIP HOUR TODAY: *Sunday, May 12 – CALLING ALL MOMS*
Happy Mother's Day! We adore you. Stop by the Goody Table near the Welcome Desk in the Upper Commons after each worship service.

Next week: *Sunday, May 19 – LIFE IN ISRAEL with Shay Rubinstien*

Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Ruth Circle

Join us in Lyle Buck Hall

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: *Ushers & Greeters:* Margot (8:30); Sara (10:30);
Tech Crew: Laura, Tracy, Margot

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Melanie in celebration of Davey and Lizi's wedding anniversary; by Janet and Brett in loving memory of Janet's Mother and in honor of Brett's Mother; and by Sue Lowcock Harris in celebration of Morton's birthday.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, at the 10:30 a.m. service, for Alexander John, son of Elizabeth and Drew.

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.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE will meet TODAY *Sunday, May 12* at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

OUR 10TH ANNUAL FAMILY RUN FOR COFFEE on May 4 was a great success! Thanks to everyone who ran, walked, sponsored a friend, made a donation, or volunteered. We raised enough to give micro-grants to at least 24 families in the Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery, our partner presbytery in Guatemala. These families will raise coffee as a cash crop. This brings our total number of families supported over 10 years to at least 235.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

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

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

Friends & Family: Walter, Tim, John, Emily

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

Care Center: Marvin

Recovering from Surgery: Patience, Maggie, Jonathan

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

*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

Syngman Rhee, (March 25, 1931 – January 14, 2015) was a Presbyterian minister who served as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2000. He was born in Pyongyang, (now North) Korea. His father was a Presbyterian minister. When the war broke out in 1950, he and his brother fled, leaving the rest of the family in the north. He lost contact with his family for 28 years until reunited with his sisters in 1978. After emigrating to the US, he attended Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia, and Louisville Seminary. He was ordained in 1960. He served as campus minister at the University of Louisville in the 1960s, and was active in the civil rights movement there. Rhee served for twenty-five years on the national staff of the United Presbyterian Church and, after reunion in 1983, the PCUSA. He coordinated mission work in the Middle East and East Asia and then became associate director for the PCUSA's Worldwide Ministries Division. In 1998, Rhee was appointed visiting Professor of Mission and Evangelism and director of the Asian American Ministry and Mission Center at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He retired in 2013. He was generous, gracious, and committed to "sticking his neck out" for social justice.

We also remember:

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. We give thanks for the diversity of Asian languages, cultures and religions, and celebrate the distinctive quality of Asian culture as it embraces and practices Christianity and enriches our own experience of the means of grace.

Today is Fair Trade Sunday. Fair Trade is a trading partnership that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers. Did you know that when you have a cup of coffee here at church, you are supporting Fair Trade? We purchase Fairly Traded Coffee through the Presbyterian Coffee Project!

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 Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal. *Pray for:*

- Those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure;
- Those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions;
- Religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony.

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 churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ First Church of Cumberland – *is currently without a pastor*
- ✦ First Church of Frostburg Laurel Underwood, *Supply Pastor*
- ✦ First Church of Westminster – *Matthew Glasgow, Pastor*

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsals:

Handbell Choir – *Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.*

Chancel Choir – *Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.*

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



PENTECOST GERANIUMS

Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

Order forms are in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk.

Plants are \$6.00 each.

The deadline to order is *Sunday, May 26th*.

Contact: the church office, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org

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– through Sunday, May 19 – Room 252

PLAY READING & DISCUSSION – Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman

led by Marla - through Sunday, May 19 – 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 beginning a new study – *Scenes from the Life of Elijah.*

Everyone welcome!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior High Supper & Healthy Relationships

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE LAST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES is *Sunday, May 19, 2019.*

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 5th graders

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

Register at firstpreshc.org/vbs

Please direct questions to VBS Director at vbs@firstpershc.org

Interested in volunteering? Go to firstpreshc.org/vbs



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 Lower Commons. Please clean out your closets and donate to this worthy cause. Questions? Contact Blessing Gunden.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – May – “Spic & Span”

As part of the Deacon’s 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 May is donation of cleaning supplies - dish soap, laundry detergent, Clorox, general household cleaners. Please leave your regular contribution - plus cleaning items - in the wooden *Just One Can* bin in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

MISSION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN – Did You Know?

Our church supports Mission Co-Workers in two countries: Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru and Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Congo. These missionaries publish monthly letters sharing their challenges, faith and experience in these far-away places. You can learn more and share in their journey by going on-line to the following URLs: www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball and www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd. You are encouraged to take a few minutes to read their letters. We are very privileged in Howard County and can become insulated from the challenges faced in other parts of the world.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

TRIVIA IS BACK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!

NEXT 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 call the church office. 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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE A JEWISH WORSHIP SERVICE?

Bet Aviv of Columbia welcomes you to a Friday night service on *Friday, May 24, 2019* arrive at 7:15 p.m. for introduction, service and reception with coffee, cookies, etc. at The Meeting House, the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045 in Room 200. Please RSVP to the church office, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org or 410-730-3545, since Bet Aviv wants to make sure they have enough chairs and cookies! Questions? Contact Debbie Richmond

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on *Monday, May 27, 2019* in observance of Memorial Day.

THE LUNCH BUNCH is having its next gathering at *Dandelion Bistro* at 3800 Ten Oaks Road in Glenelg on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. 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. Want to carpool? Contact the church office.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELECTED OFFICERS:

Saturday, May 18—9:30 a.m.—Orientation and Training Class for Elders-elect

Tuesday, May 21—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Orientation and Training Class for Deacons-elect.

Tuesday, May 28—Dinner at 6:30 p.m.;

Stated Session meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elders-elect and Deacons-elect meet with the Session for examination, which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. *Examination is required by the Book of Order.*

If you would like dinner, please let Caroline Smith know by Friday, May 17. Cost is \$5.

Sunday, June 9—10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

First Sunday of Summer Worship

Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons
and recognition of other officers.

Tuesday, June 11—7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.—Super Tuesday Meetings

Tuesday, June 18—7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting

Saturday, June 22—9:00 a.m.—Session Conference/Retreat Day at Church


All new and serving Session members

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, May 12th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY | BAPTISM

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES | MOTHER'S DAY

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 – Mother's Day Goody Table

11:45 a.m. Conversations on Race

Monday, May 13th

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

Tuesday, May 14th

SUPER TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Education | Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Mission | Strengthening the Church

Wednesday, May 15th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper | Healthy Relationships Class

6:30 p.m. Baltimore Presbytery Cuba Team

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Thursday, May 16th

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, May 17th

11:30 a.m. Bulletins Folded

Saturday, May 18th

9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

9:30 a.m. Orientation/Training for Elders-Elect

Sunday, May 19th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY | HANDBELLS

LAST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

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 – Life in Israel with Shay Rubinstein
Coffee Fellowship, hosted by Ruth Circle

Guatemala Summer Mission Trip Meeting

Knitting Ministry

2:00 p.m. Trivia Event – Guatemala University Scholarship Fund

6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

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, May 16, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2019 Issue #6.