



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
May 17, 2020

TODAY

Today, during the coronavirus alert, we are Live Streaming worship at 10:30 a.m. so stay home and stay healthy and join us online. Share the Peace, Spread the Word, not the virus.

ON-LINE WORSHIP IS A NEW EXPERIENCE. Here's a few ideas about how to make it more meaningful. To enhance the audio, use headphones, earbuds or a small Bluetooth speaker. Gather some items for a home worship space. It might be your coffee table or kitchen table or desk – wherever you are sitting to watch/participate in the Live Stream. Include a candle and matchstick so you can light the candle in your home when Pastor Sue lights the candle in the Sanctuary. The Liturgical Color for the season of Easter is WHITE. You could place some WHITE cloth under the candle. A copy of the bulletin is a good idea – either a hard copy that you print or a soft copy on another device – so you can refer to it and join in the liturgy while you watch. Are there flowers blooming in your garden? Put one or two in a bud vase for your home worship space. Mark the text beforehand in a Bible, so you can follow the reading (the text will also be printed in the online bulletin.) Other ideas? Take a photo of your home worship space and send it to sharris@firstpreshc.org.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to the Live Stream Worship Team.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God.

REMEMBRANCE CANDLE – We light a candle every week during the Covid-19 crisis to remember those who have died from this virus.

ZENTANGLE® ARTIST: Thanks to Ginny for the Zentangle® art in this week's worship bulletin.

ALL IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES, STUDY GROUPS, MEETINGS AND SERVICES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH May 31, 2020. Some groups will meet via ZOOM or other online apps. **THE CHURCH OFFICE is currently CLOSED**, and the church staff are working from home, but someone will be checking the building daily. The building is locked. Please contact the church staff via email, listed on the back of First Day! So, contact us if you need us, we're here for you. Keep washing your hands! Stay healthy!

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

for today Sunday, May 17, 2020, following the 10:30 a.m. livestream service.

The meeting will be via Zoom and a link was emailed to all active members. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

Please pray for: Mispa, Justin, Burta, Dave, Phil, Dylan, Mil, Rose, Carol, Christine, Renee, Betty, Dede, Doris, Shirley, Shirley, Beth; for everyone living in Charlestown, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; those in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid – 19; healthcare workers and essential employees working during Covid-19 pandemic.

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

Friends & Family: Evan, Andrew, Dennis, Rosemary, Joyce, Peter, Aaron, Ed, Tim, Myrna, Emily, David, Mary

Recovering from Surgery: Donna, Emma, Dan

Bereaved: Marvin, Alice

Care Center: Marvin, Reva, Jim

Seminarians: Blake, Emma

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

Members and friends who are staying home during the Corona Virus outbreak.

Please contact 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

David Ng (September 1, 1934 – April 29, 1997) was a Presbyterian minister, Christian educator and seminary professor. He was born in Chinatown, San Francisco, which he called, “the only ghetto which is also a tourist attraction.” As a youth, he was active at Cameron House, a Presbyterian mission in Chinatown, and, although his father had forbidden it, he was baptized there. After graduating from college and San Francisco Theological Seminary he was ordained in 1959 to serve as the collegiate pastor at Cameron House and the Presbyterian Church of Chinatown. Later he served as denominational Associate for Youth Resources, and taught at Austin Seminary. While at Austin Ng played a leading role educating the church about children, helping Presbyterians change our understanding and practice of admitting children to the Lord’s Table. In the 1980’s Ng served the National Council of Churches overseeing the project to develop the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible, and the Inclusive Language Lectionary – a very controversial project, during which death threats were made against Dave and others on the committee. He quipped, “When I get to heaven, I hope I find a God who writes left-handed in Chinese!” His book, *Children in the Worshipping Community* (1985), co-authored with Virginia Thomas, is a classic text on including children in the total life of the church.

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.

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 *Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles*

We thank God for:

- The economic developments that have lifted some out of poverty.

We pray for:

- The fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands, that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises.
- Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

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 2020

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✦ Franklinville Church in Harford County
- ✦ Frederick Church – *Eric Myers, Pastor*
- ✦ Glen Burnie Korean Church – *Sunjin Kim, Pastor*

WORSHIP, ART AND MUSIC NEWS-

THE PENTECOST OFFERING unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The Pentecost Offering lets us support the development of children, youth and young adults in our community and throughout the country. Forty percent of this offering stays within our community because we want to build the household of God together, in this place. The remainder is sent on to our denomination so that young adults can lay a foundation for their lives through a year of service as part of the Young Adult Volunteer program. On *Pentecost Sunday, May 31*, please support this worthwhile effort for the young people in our church and across PC-USA.

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL CHOIR!

All are welcome and invited to participate in our virtual choir! No choir experience necessary! This will be an ongoing activity this spring and summer with several opportunities to sing. Our “performances” will be added to Sunday’s live stream worship as part of our musical prayer. If you are interested in participating, contact Matt, mmay@firstpreshc.org for more information.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir & Chancel Choir rehearsals are cancelled until further notice. Questions? Contact Matt May, mmay@firstpreshc.org

THE ALLELUIA BANNERS were created using Celtic Hand letters and filled in with Zentangle® and Celtic designs. The Zentangle® designs used were: Crescent moon, Printtemps, 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 3rd 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

ALL IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CANCELLED until further notice. Check your email and the church [YouTube page](#) for online adult education opportunities.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM – with Pastor Sue

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. We’re continuing with the story of King David in 2 Samuel. *Please don’t come to the church!* Enjoy Bible Study in the comfort of your home. Please email fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org or Pastor Sue, sharris@firstpreshc.org, if you would like to receive a ZOOM link. We send the link out on Tuesday night. Everyone welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IN-PERSON CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES has been **CANCELLED** until further notice. Church School for children is being held on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Email Virginia Callegary vcallegary@firstpreshc.org if you would like more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Christian Education Ministry Area has decided to cancel our 2020 VBS scheduled for July 27-31, 2020.

Questions? Contact DCE Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org

STUDENT MINISTRIES

SENIOR HIGHS VIA ZOOM, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.

MID-HIGHS VIA ZOOM, 2ND & 4TH Wednesdays

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.

MID-HIGHS, SENIOR HIGHS AND PARENTS –

Let's stay connected through *GroupMe* and *Remind* text messages. Email Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org if you would like to be added to the text message lists.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

JUST ONE CAN ... PLUS! - May: "Spic and Span"

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 May is donations of cleaning supplies.

Food stamps do not cover any paper or cleaning products, so such non-food items as cleansers and paper products are especially welcomed according to the Howard County Food Bank. Recommended items are: Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Clorox, General Household Cleaners.

Please bring your items - plus Spic and Span items - and place them in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mail box).

Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL reports the Howard County Food Bank is open and helping people, but because of the increased demand, they are requesting online monetary donations. [Click here to donate to Howard County Food Bank](#)

RECYCLE YOUR OLD LINENS

Mandy is collecting sheets to make wildlife rehabilitation pouches and towels to make bibs for students in her special needs school. Items don't need to be in the best shape; she can cut around any bad spots. There will be a collection box in the Lower Commons when we start to gather again. Save them up and bring them in at that time. Thanks for your support!

CORONAVIRUS AND THE CHURCH

FEED HOWARD COUNTY LAUNCHES IN HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Feed Howard County – a partnership between **COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster)**, **The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation** and Howard County restaurants has launched its efforts to help feed families who are food insecure during these challenging times. <http://feedhowardcounty.org/>

The idea is simple — **Pay restaurants across Howard County to prepare nutritious meals for those in need.** The end results create a win-win-win: Keeping people fed; keeping people employed; and keeping businesses afloat.

The **Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation**, has offered to serve as the fiscal sponsor and is accepting donations at: <https://www.ripkenfoundation.org/donate> — (Choose “*Feed Howard County*” under giving options)

To pay by check, make checks payable to: *Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation*

Memo Line: *Feed Howard County*

Mail the check to the following address:

Cal Ripken Sr Foundation Inc., PO Box 825452, Philadelphia, PA 19182-5452

The distribution of meals will be coordinated through **COAD** — with locations chosen to best serve those in need. Each distribution event will deliver 100 meals with the initial goal to deliver 200-300 meals per week.

[The Howard County Community Organizations Active in Disaster \(COAD\)](#) *is a collaborative effort of community stakeholders, each having an equal role in the organization. Their goal is to organize and deploy community resources in an efficient and timely manner, effectively contributing to each phase of a disaster.*

Questions: FeedHowardCounty@gmail.com Pat - 443-695-0756

To Donate: <https://www.ripkenfoundation.org/donate> - (Choose “*Feed Howard County*” under giving options)

Press inquiries – Kevin: kevin@totalimpressions.net

Social Media – [FaceBook](#)

Pat Curran is leading the charge as we bring this idea to Howard County. Please take the time to donate and just as importantly - spread the word! Reach out with any questions.

Feed Howard County logo was designed by Manuela Fantcho.

Meals delivered through *Feed Howard County*:

5/2/2020 – 100 meals from *Tino’s Italian Bistro* for ARC

5/8/2020 - 120 meals from *Absolutely Catering* for The Longwood Senior Apartments

5/11/2020 - 100 meals from *Shannon’s Restaurant* for PopUp Pantry at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center



COVID-19 TEAM – Interested in assisting people with getting groceries, medicines, etc. as needed? Contact Pastor Sue, sharris@firstpreshc.org

FACE MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY IN MARYLAND

If you need a face mask, please contact Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org She will be able to make arrangements for you to get one. If you would like to make face masks go to <http://www.firstpreshc.org/face-masks/> for info.

Please be safe! Share the Peace, Spread the Word, but not the virus.

Domestic Violence Support & Resources

If you are in a dangerous situation, please call, we can help you find safe shelter.

For more information on Howard County efforts, please visit WeAreHopeworks.org.

HopeWorks

24-Hour Hotline:
410-997-2272

National Domestic

Violence Hotline:
1 (800) 799-7233

Protective/ Peace Orders

District Court for Howard County (10-01)
(410) 480-7700

**Maryland Network
Against Domestic Violence**
301-429-3601

**Commissioner's
Office**
(410) 313-4740



Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive



GENERAL INFORMATION

A NOTE ABOUT FIRST DAY! – First Day has three versions: the printed version, the email version, and the web version. The web version does not include last names, phone numbers, emails, or any pertinent information about church members - mainly for security reasons. If you want all the details about church news and who to contact, please refer to the version sent in the Friday email. If you are not receiving the Friday email please contact Caroline Smith at fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org Thank you!

OPEN FLOWER DATES - Two flower arrangements in the sanctuary look really pretty! Thank you to people who volunteered to fill the May dates. We have more Sundays available for you to donate flowers – June 7 we need one person and June 14 we need two people. If you are interested please send an email to Caroline Smith, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org to reserve one. The cost is \$35 and you can send a dedication to be printed in First Day and if you want to pick your arrangement up they will be placed outside the kitchen door after the worship service. Just let Caroline know. Help decorate the sanctuary!

FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT FOR KIDS AND THEIR GROWN-UP FRIENDS.

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. join Pastor Sue as she gets everything ready for Sunday worship. She'll have stuff for everyone to do to get ready – maybe some art, maybe learn or practice a song, maybe a home scavenger hunt. Come and see.

MANY CHURCH EVENTS SCHEDULED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, some will be RESCHEDULED. Watch Tidings, First Day, Friday Email, and the church website, www.firstpreshc.org for new dates and more information concerning the church's activities.

IT'S A NEW WORLD! Virginia, Morton and Sue are available for phone calls, and if you would like face to face time ask for a zoom link. Give them a call or send them an email to set up a zoom link.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOMINATED OFFICERS:

Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders, Deacons and Church Officers

Sunday, May 17—immediately following live-stream worship — via Zoom
Watch for email with information

Orientation and Training Class for Nominated Deacons

Tuesday, May 19—7:00-9:00 p.m.— via Zoom

This training is required by the Book of Order. Pastor Morton will email a link to the ZOOM meeting. If you cannot make this date, please contact Pastor Morton, mharris@firstpreshc.org as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 26—begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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.*

Ordination and Installation of Elder and Deacons

Sunday, June 14—during live-stream worship service at 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

PER CAPITA FOR 2020 is \$36.00. The “Per Capita” is each church member’s share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. *Have you paid your per capita? Thank you to those 88 people who have paid already!*

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD’S WORK

Actual Income as of May 14, 2020	\$ 286,741.92
Actual Expenses as of May 14, 2020	<u>282,620.11</u>
Total	\$ 4,121.81

It takes an average of \$2,238.90 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is 2 days ahead/(behind).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Since we can’t pass the offering plate as usual, many people have asked about other ways to make their contributions and pledges. Here are some ways we can continue to give:

1. **PayPal** – You could contribute immediately online through PayPal. This works even if you do not have a PayPal account. There is a button on the church website. When you click the button, it will take you to a page that clearly says “First Presbyterian Church of Howard County: General Giving.”
2. **Automatic payments through your regular bank account** -- if your bank provides an automatic payment service, you could set it up to send a contribution to the church as a payment.
3. **U. S. Mail** – This way still works! You could mail checks to First Presbyterian Church, 9325 Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MD 21045. Checks are delivered to a strong, locked mailbox on the church premises.
4. **Automatic bank drafts by completing the church’s Electronic Giving Form** – you could fill out and return an Electronic Giving Form (available on the church website). Mail or bring the completed form to the church office. This form gives permission for a bank draft on the account you specify, in the amount and frequency that you specify. www.firstpreshc.org/electronic-giving-form-fpchc/

We are exploring other ways of contributing that will be safe, easy and convenient. Those will be included on this list as they become operational. Thank you for all the ways you support the Church!

Pakistan Geography and People

Pakistan, officially the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, is located in Southeast Asia and is the fifth most populous country in the world with a population exceeding 212 million. It is a multi-ethnic country with a predominately Indo-Iranian speaking population, bordered by Iran, Afghanistan, India and the Arabian Sea. The name Pakistan literally means "land of the pure".

Pakistan has a diversity of landscapes from mountain ranges, a complex of valleys and inhospitable plateaus to the fertile Indus River plain. It contains a section of the ancient Silk Road and the Khyber Pass. Four of the regions mountains peaks exceed 26,000 feet including K2 in the Northern Areas and Nanga Parbat, in the Pakistani-administered region of Kashmir.

Modern Pakistan's population can be divided broadly into five major and several minor ethnic groups. Roughly half of the population are Punjabis. About one-eighth are Pashtuns (Pathans). The other largest groups are Sindhis, Muhajirs (Muslims who fled to Pakistan after tie partition in 1947) and Balochs. Multiple languages are spoken in Pakistan. The national language is Urdu and the official language is English.

The majority of the people of Pakistan are Muslims; the two main groups are Sunni and Shi'ite. Other religions include Hindu, a small but significant number of Christians, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism and Zoroastrianism

The capital of Pakistan is Islamabad. The largest city is Karachi followed by Lahore in size. The currency is the Pakistani rupee.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule
10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed
www.firstpreshc.org

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
CHURCH STAFF CAN BE REACHED VIA EMAIL, SEE LISTING BELOW

ZOOM AND YOU TUBE LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE: WWW.FIRSTPRESHC.ORG

Sunday, May 17th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASIAN-AMERICAN MONTH

10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed
11:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle via Zoom

Tuesday, May 19th

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting via ZOOM
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting via ZOOM
Deacons-Elect Orientation & Training via ZOOM

Wednesday, May 20th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE
9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study via ZOOM
6:00 p.m. Senior Highs via ZOOM

Thursday, May 21st

2:00 p.m. Facebook Live Worship Prep with Pastor Sue

Friday, May 22nd

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

Sunday, May 24th

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASIAN-AMERICAN MONTH

10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle via Zoom

Staff Contact Information

Morton Harris, Co-Pastor: mharris@firstpreshc.org
Sue Lowcock Harris, Co-Pastor: sharris@firstpreshc.org
Virginia Callegary, Christian Educator: vcalleqary@firstpreshc.org
Matt May, Director of Music Ministries: mmay@firstpreshc.org
Caroline Smith, Church Administrator: fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org
Pat Travers, Bookkeeper: bookkeeper@firstpreshc.org
Woody Collins, Church Sexton: sexton@firstpreshc.org

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, June 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for the July/August 2020 Issue #7.**