



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
August 22, 2021

TODAY

9:00 a.m. OUTDOOR SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

Continues on the front lawn, weather permitting. Thirty good minutes of prayer, song and a Bible Lesson. The Park and Ride provides the most convenient parking. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, and please wear a mask. There are self-service chairs available. Humidity season is on the rise. It's OK to bring water/coffee/tea! Check the website for weather updates on murky Sunday mornings.

9:35 a.m. LEMONADE ON THE LAWN EVERY SUNDAY (Weather permitting)

Everyone is invited for a glass of lemonade and a chance to see each other after 9:00 a.m. worship or on the way to 10:00 a.m. worship. We haven't seen each other in over a year, and we're all wearing masks – so it's OK to ask people their names. See you on the front lawn!

10:00 a.m. SUMMER WORSHIP, HYBRID STYLE!

Our in-person and our online livestream congregations now share worship together! *To worship in the Sanctuary, please watch your email box on Mondays for the link to [SignUpGenius](#), or go to the [church's website](#), so you can reserve a place in the Sanctuary.* We have about 75 spaces for the time-being, and we'd love to have all seats filled every week! We'll keep wearing masks and observing physical distance in the Sanctuary so we can pray and SING together safely, and make sure there is a place for *everyone* – all ages, all families, all friends – to worship through the summer months.

FOR OUR 10:00 a.m. ONLINE CONGREGATION

Here's a few ideas about how to make a home worship space. Include a candle and matchstick, so you can light the Christ Candle in your house. The current liturgical color is GREEN, so find some green or rainbow cloth, or a green plant. Pick up a copy of the bulletin so you can join in the liturgy at home. You can find the week's materials on the church's website: www.firstpreshc.org

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS AND CRAYONS are available. Please keep your crayons and save them for next time or use them at home.

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

WE WELCOME The Rev. McKenna Lewellen as our guest preacher this morning.

The Rev. McKenna Lewellen is a pastor in the Presbytery of Baltimore. She currently serves as the Assistant Director of The Center, an initiative of the presbytery that supports and equips congregations to engage faithfully in God's mission in their communities.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Jan in memory of her mother's birthday on August 19; and by Jean in loving memory of Jonathan born 46 years ago this week.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Please pray for: *Virgie*, Burta, Dave, Jane, Hilda, Dylan, Natalie and Jeff, Paula, Blessing and Obinna, Mil, Rose, Evelyn and Stacy and Family, Rhydeil, Bob, Doris, Maria, Pat, Barb, Ruthie and Family, 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; those in the congregations of the Union Maya Boca Costa Presbiterio in Guatemala who have tested positive for Covid-19.

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

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Vivian, Barb

Friends & Family: Bob, Catherine, Tony, Andrew, Mary, Sarah, Tony, Michelle, Louise, Eli, Myrna, Evan, Barton, Sam Dnson, Akhtar, Rosalie and George, Rosemary, Al, Marilyn, Liam, Aaron, Eyler, Julian and family, Peggy, William, Hattie, Matt, Charles, Chuck, Trey and Piper.

Care Center: Carol, Paul, Barbara

Deaths: *May the peace of Christ be with Bruce, in the death of his wife, Dorothea D. (Dede), on August 14, 2021.*

May the peace of Christ be with Doria, in the death of her daughter, Elizabeth-Joy, on August 15, 2021.

Bereaved: Louisa, Mike; Mispa, Victoria and Jeff, Suzie and Joe and Family

Seminarians: Blake, Emma

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

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

Ralph Vaughn Williams (October 12, 1872 – August 26, 1958) was an English composer who creatively wove English folk music into his compositions. He wrote in diverse forms, including nine symphonies, and a favorite composition *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. We remember him for his excellent church music and his immense contribution to our own tradition of singing in worship. He edited the 1906 English Hymnal, the 1925 Songs of Praise, and the Oxford Book of Carols. These songbooks had a huge impact on hymn singing in the English-speaking world. Look in the author/composer index of *Glory to God* (p. 998) to find all the tunes he either wrote or arranged. They include: *Sine Nomine* (For All the Saints), *Down Ampney* (Come Down, O Love Divine); *Forest Green* (Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds and O Little Town of Bethlehem – if you are British!) and *Kingsfold* (O Sing a Song of Bethlehem). Described as a “cheerful agnostic” – which reminds us that God uses even those of feeble or little faith for the glory of God.

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021 (CONTINUED)

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 *Liberia, Sierra Leone*

We pray for:

- The churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others.
- The majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health.

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 2021

We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.

- ✠ Korean United Church – *Jeong Han, Pastor*
- ✠ Lochearn Church in Gwyn Oak – *John Brewington,
Commissioned Ruling Elder*

To the Church Triumphant Dorothea D. (Dede) Newport June 16, 1948 – August 14, 2021

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held
at First Presbyterian Church, day and time to be announced.

*"And there will be no more night...for the Lord God will be their light,
and they will reign forever and ever." Revelation 22.5*

To the Church Triumphant Elizabeth-Joy Musaga July 15, 1997 – August 15, 2021

Visitation at Slack Funeral Home
3871 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043
on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held
at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
a reception at the church will follow the visit to
the cemetery for interment and the committal service.

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WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS for Sunday, August 22

Worship Leaders at 9:00 a.m.: Virginia Callegary, Kathy Moore

Liturgist: John (10:00); WAM Elder: Kathy (10:00)

Song Leader: Clarence (10:00)

Ushers & Greeters: Sara (9:00); Nancy (10:00)

Tech Crew: Laura, Jean Robert, Tracy

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

COME SING IN CHOIR!

The fall 2021 season of Chancel Choir begins soon! No experience necessary.

- Begins: Thursday, September 9, 2021
- Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30PM - 9:00PM
- *Please wear your mask & be fully vaccinated to participate.

Contact Matt in the Music Office (mmay@firstpreshc.org) for more information and/or to participate.

BELL CHOIR BEGINS SOON!

The fall 2021 season of the bell choir begins soon! No experience necessary.

- Begins: Wednesday, September 8, 2021
- Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:30PM - 9:00PM
- *Please wear your mask & be fully vaccinated to participate.

Contact Matt in the Music Office (mmay@firstpreshc.org) for more information and/or to participate.

THE TECHNICAL SERVICES MINISTRY needs YOUR help.

We are looking to add AT LEAST 20 new audio and video techs, as well as more power point operators to our ranks, so we can accommodate future needs. Training will be provided. For more info or to sign-up, please contact technicalservices@firstpreshc.org

AVAILABLE DATES FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are a few openings available on Sundays for November 14, 21, 28, and December 5, 12. Please go to [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com) to reserve flowers for the above dates or on any available Sunday in 2021.



PANSIES FOR AKWAABA!

Akwaaba Sunday is **September 12, 2021**

Help us decorate the sanctuary with colorful pansies!

Deadline for ordering is NEXT **Sunday, August 29.**

\$5.00 each for a 4 inch pot.

[CLICK HERE](#) to order Pansies on SignUpGenius. Be sure to hit the submit button so your order is processed.

Contact: janicebga@aol.com if you have questions.

Summer WORSHIP

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Continues through **Sunday, September 5, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:35 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. In-person & Livestream Worship
from the sanctuary

Go to www.firstpreshc.org and click on links

FALL WORSHIP

Begins on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Akwaaba**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - In-person only

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship - In-person & Livestream
from the Sanctuary

Go to www.firstpreshc.org and click on links



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Let's get ready for school to start by blessing backpacks! During worship **NEXT Sunday, August 29** we will bless backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes – any type of bag. There's no need to bring your actual bag because we'll give you a tag to attach to it to remind you it has been blessed. If you aren't able to attend the blessing in person, feel free to pick up a backpack/bag tag from a container near the kitchen starting after worship on **August 29**. If you can't make it to church let us know and we'll mail your tags.

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



illustratedministry.com

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

Check out the table in Branch Hall with lots of goodies on it free for the taking! Please help yourself! Have fun and decorate your home or office with these fabulous fall items!

NURSERY IS OPEN!

The Nursery is open for children age 4 and under during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Children age 3 and up are encouraged to wear a mask. Other Covid health and safety protocols will be followed. Please note that this is subject to change. For more details or questions email DCE Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY ONLINE CHAT & GAMES (formerly Circles of Care)

TODAY Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. - small group ZOOM meeting

This is a fun group that meets for lively discussion and online games via Zoom. So, if you're home and want some virtual fun and conversation, join us!

Contact sharonqlennen9804@gmail.com to get the Zoom link for the meeting.



CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 12TH:

A NEW TWIST ON AN OLD TRADITION

Covid-19 has turned our lives inside out, including our church traditions. We usually have the church picnic before summer starts; this year we're holding it on September 12th when summer ends. We usually grill hotdogs and hamburgers and invite you to share a dish; this year we're serving pre-made wrapped sandwiches from a local restaurant and other wrapped individual foods that you'll serve yourself. We usually crowd together around picnic tables; this year bring your own chairs or blankets and spread out. We'll still have fun and play Covid-safe games that will keep you laughing. Come to the 10:30a.m. church service on September 12th and stay for the picnic. All we ask is that you sign up ahead of time so we can get a head count to order sandwiches. Look for a future email with a SignUpGenius link or contact Caroline Smith, Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org to let her know you plan to attend. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 8th.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – August – Paper the Town Day

The Board of Deacons' is campaigning in August for donations of – PAPER PRODUCTS. This is part of our church's continuing efforts against Hunger in Howard County. Food Stamps do not cover paper products so struggling families must spend their dwindling cash for such things. Recommended items are: paper towels, toilet paper, gallon size Ziploc bags, aluminum foil, plastic wraps, any household paper products. **There is a real need right now for food and paper products, please remember your neighbors!** Drop off your items - plus Paper Products - and place them 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE COLLECTION 2021

Today is the last day to contribute school supplies.

The Deacons are collecting school supplies for Running Brook Elementary School, Bridges to Housing Stability and Luminus Network for New Americans (formerly FIRN) this year. Drop your donations in the bin marked "School Supplies" outside the kitchen door.

If you wish to make a cash donation to enable the Deacons to shop for school supplies, please donate through the church and mark your donation clearly for "School Supplies/Deacons."

Questions? Contact snreinhardt2527@gmail.com



**SCHOOL
SUPPLY**
Drive

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAT CURRAN – ORIOLES BIRDLAND COMMUNITY HERO

Baltimore Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays

Sunday, August 29 at 1:05 p.m. – TODAY IS LAST DAY TO ORDER TICKETS!

Please join us as the Baltimore Orioles honor Feed Howard County (and our own Pat Curran) as a Birdland Community Hero for their efforts during the pandemic to help those in need in Howard County.



Tickets are \$34 and will be in Section 14.

(you are free to buy your own tickets directly if you choose)

Contact Kevin, kevin@totalimpressions.net, 443-745-0626, if you would like to order tickets. Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church of Howard County" or pay via PayPal – please note "Orioles – Feed Howard County." (this is non tax deductible)

Please submit your order by August 22nd.

Tickets will be available for pick up at church the day of the game or we can arrange for you to get them ahead of time.

BUILDING REOPENING UPDATE

Session approved the following Recommendation for the opening of the church:

Recommendations: The church building be re-open based upon the following:

1. Church groups may schedule meetings and meet inside the Church after July 1 in designated rooms. Use of masks is required through September 30, 2021, and until further notice. Room reservations must be made through the church office.
2. Outside groups may schedule meetings and meet inside the Church after October 1 in designated rooms. Use of masks is recommended until further notice. Room Reservations must be made through the church office.
3. Osher Institute may schedule use of rooms after September 15, 2021.
4. Inspirit Counseling may schedule use of their office space at any time.
5. Church and outside groups may schedule use of the church grounds through the church office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, August 31 – Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, September 6, 2021 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** for Labor Day.

This is a holiday for the Church Staff, and they will not be working, the office and building will be closed. Enjoy your holiday as safely as you can!



STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

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. [FIND OUT](#) other ways we can continue to give. **PLEASE NOTE: The letter drop in the Bell Tower doors will be closed beginning Tuesday, August 31, due to increased foot traffic inside the Church.** In-person worshippers may leave their offering in the basket in the Upper Commons after the worship service. Thank you for all the ways you support the Church!

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of August 18, 2021	\$529,033.00
Actual Expenses as of August 18, 2021	<u>511,269.17</u>
Total	\$17,763.83

It takes an average of \$2,156.74 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church. The total surplus/deficit shown above is 8 days ahead/(behind).

CHURCH STAFF NEWS

CHURCH BUILDING ACCESS THIS WEEK

The church building will have reduced access this week due to staff vacations. If you need to enter the church building this week, please call the church to confirm that a staff member will be in the building to let you in. Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Schedule

(through September 5)

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:35 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

10:00 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Worship

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live

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

LINKS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE www.firstpreshc.org

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CHURCH STAFF CAN BE REACHED VIA EMAIL, SEE LISTING IN FIRST DAY

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN TO CHURCH MEMBERS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.

(CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR WOODY'S CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARRIVE)

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ACCESS TO THE OFFICE THIS WEEK IS LIMITED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FIRST.

DEACON'S SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday, August 22nd

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Outdoor In-person Worship Service

9:35 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

9:45 a.m. Infant and Toddler Care

10:00 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Service ([registration required](#))

2:00 p.m. Sunday Online Chat & Games via Zoom

Thursday, August 26th

BULLETINS PRINTED

10:00 a.m. Service of Witness to the Resurrection –
Elizabeth Musaga

1:00 p.m. Fold Bulletins

7:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal

Friday, August 27th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

Sunday, August 29th

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10:00 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Service ([registration required](#))

The Church Office and Building are currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Please contact the Church Administrator, fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org if you need access to the church building. 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 or the current issue of Tidings.

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, September 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2021 Issue 9.