



FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
September 5, 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)

TODAY is the last day for Lemonade on the Lawn.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. For those at home, you will need to have some bread and some wine or juice ready. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Communion is on the first Sunday of every month.

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

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the Glory of God by Martin for his wife Caroline's 64th birthday celebration on September 11; and by Chrissy and Jon in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness month and Sickle Cell Awareness month, and Prostate Awareness month. Let's hope for a cure!

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

(THIS INFORMATION IS CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 20, 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, 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

Bereaved: Bruce, Louisa, Mike; Mispa, Victoria and Jeff Gove, Doria, 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

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (August 26, 1910 – September 7, 1997) was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia. At age 18 she entered the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish order of nuns who worked in India. She taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta from 1931- 48. She then left the convent school to work among the poorest of the poor in the Calcutta slums. In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity, whose primary task was to serve those persons nobody was prepared to look after. Her simple message was, *"the poor must know that we love them"*. The Missionaries have spread all over the world, caring for the poorest of the poor, refugees, orphans, the sick and dying, and undertaking disaster relief work. A master of the use of media, Mother Teresa proved to be a wise administrator and an enterprising entrepreneur. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

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 *Benin, Cote d'Ivoire*

We pray for:

- Those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger that so many in these countries still experience.
- Churches faithfully bringing the gospel to, and serving, all people with greater respect for how those of other faiths express their spirituality.

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org

GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 (CONTINUED)

OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2021

We pray for the mission we share as part of the PCUSA.

Theology, Formation & Evangelism Ministries of the Presbyterian Church USA

Ray Jones is the Director of this Mission Area. It's work brings together ministries that form and transform disciples, leaders, congregations and new worshiping communities. It includes: 1001 New Worshiping Communities, Christian Formation, Scattered Church, Evangelism, Theological Education, Theology and Worship, and Youth/College/Young Adult ministries.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

WE WELCOME Nelda Clelland as our guest musician this morning.

Nelda Clelland works full-time as an engineering educator for a large corporation. She has over 45 years of experience as a church organist and music director for multiple denominations. She is a freelance pianist and accompanist. Nelda lives in Catonsville and has 2 grown sons and 3 grandchildren.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Liturgist: Jan (10:00)

Song Leaders: Clarence, Ben (10:00)

COME SING IN CHOIR!

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

- Begins: *Thursday, September 9, 2021*
- Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- *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, 7:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m.
- *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 Jonathan St. John at 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.

FALL WORSHIP

Begins NEXT **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

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).

SECOND GRADE BIBLES

Every year we give new Bibles to the second graders of the church. This year second graders and their Bibles will be blessed during worship on *Sunday, September 19, 2021*. Bibles will be delivered to families who are unable to attend worship that morning. Check with Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Education, to make sure your child is on the list. Watch your email for more information.

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 removed 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).

(Information current as of August 20, 2021)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP



CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Breakfast will be catered.

The cost is \$15.

Breakfast will be outside weather permitting.

The Rain Plan is to move to the Upper Commons/Branch Hall. All doors / windows will be opened for air flow.

R.S.V.P. to Carol, woodrowcollins@verizon.net

Pay upon arrival.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

Since 2006, the First Pres partnership with the Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery in rural southwest Guatemala has included a scholarship program for students in grades 7-12. The Guatemala Scholarship Fund Drive for the 2022 Guatemalan school year will run **September 12-October 3** this year. Their school year begins in January. During the months of November and December, registration and planning for each student takes place. Did you know the Executive Committee of the Boca Costa presbytery keeps a detailed record of all expenses with receipts, even down to how much is spent on pencils? Last year, our church funded 90 scholarships. Study continued in new ways thru the pandemic. Our goal is to maintain that number so that all of last year's scholarship students will be able to continue their education and new students can be chosen to replace graduates. The cost of a full scholarship is \$460, but contributions of any size are welcome. Pay on the church website www.firstpreshc.org through the church PayPal account or mail a check to First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045. Don't forget to indicate "Guatemala Scholarships" in the note section. For deferred or installment payments, contributions in memory or in honor of someone, or questions, please email guatemalasholarships@firstpreshc.org

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH (STC) WORK DAYS

Saturday, September 11 and/or Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am.

If you cannot attend the Church Work Day and are willing to help out around the church another time, please contact Debbie or Margot. We will be happy to give you a project and have you volunteer in accordance with your schedule.

MISSION TRIP to MASSANETTA

Calling all volunteers who would like to travel to Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center for **all or part** of *Thursday, September 23 through Sunday, September 26, 2021*. We will be winterizing the Petersburg Cottage. Contact Debbie if you are interested. High and Middle School participants are eligible if accompanied by an adult. NOTE: You must be vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate (12 & older).

Watch for details regarding an upcoming organizational meeting.

JUST ONE CAN...PLUS! – September – Food Staples

The Board of Deacons is campaigning for additional donations of **grains and beans** as part of our continuing efforts against hunger in Howard County. Suggested items: Rice, Pasta, Dried or canned lentils, Dried or canned beans, Packages rice/pasta side dishes. Please leave your donations in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mail box). And please don't forget your regular JOC food donations, as hunger is an on-going concern for too many of our neighbors especially this year. Thank you on behalf on the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

GENERAL INFORMATION



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day.

Monday, September 6, 2021

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!

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.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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.**

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

Sunday, September 5th

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION

LAST WEEK OF 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](#))

Monday, September 6th

LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED – STAFF HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 7th

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee via Zoom

Pastor-Parish-Personnel via Zoom

Peacemaking Social Justice Committee via Zoom

Strengthening the Church via Zoom

Wednesday, September 8th

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group

1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group

7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 9th

BALTIMORE PRESBYTERY MEETING – PASTOR SUE INSTALLED AS MODERATOR

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 10th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

1:00 p.m. Fold Bulletins

Saturday, September 11th

9:00 a.m. Church Workday

Sunday, September 12th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Hour – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship – Hybrid Service ([registration required](#))

11:30 a.m. Discipleship Hour – Church Picnic