

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, December 19th

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting (Parlor)

### Thursday, December 20th

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. Food Ministry (Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday, December 21st

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, December 22nd

9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, December 23rd ADVENT FOUR (*\*Childcare provided*)

9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Glass Door Hallway)

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP - Rev. Doug Hagler preaching

### Monday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Family Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

10:00 p.m. Refreshments served in the parlor

11:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

12:00 p.m. Community Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 26th

No events scheduled.

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 A graphic for 'Glass Door Café Coffee Hour' featuring a wooden background. It includes a sign that says 'Glass Door Café', the words 'Coffee Hour' in a cursive font, a small pile of coffee beans, and a white cup of coffee on a saucer with a spoon and some cookies.	<p><b>Sunday, December 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><i>"...let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth."</i></p> <p>- 1 John 3:18</p>
 A graphic for 'Advent Candle Lighting' featuring a close-up of a hand lighting a white candle with a match. The background is dark with other lit candles visible in the distance.	<p><b>Advent Candle Lighting</b></p>

## THIS SUNDAY - ADVENT FOUR

1. Join in some fun fellowship during **Coffee Hour** at the **Glass Door Cafe** (FPC's main hallway)! Stop by any time between **9:15 and 10:30 a.m.** for coffee, juice, snacks and great conversation. Contact [Martha](#) or [Chris](#) if you're able/interested in helping with supplies.
  2. The **fourth candle** of the **Advent Wreath** will be lit this Sunday, **December 23rd**. This candle represents **love**. Come and be a witness to this beautiful reminder to **prepare** our hearts and home for Christ's birth.
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## NOTEABLES

# Christmas Worship Schedule



## Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th

5:00 PM Family Service

9:00 PM Candlelight  
Communion Service

10:00 PM Social Hour

11:00 PM Lessons & Carols

## 1st Sunday after Christmas December 30th

10:30 AM Special  
Carol Sing Service



The **Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsals** continue on Thursdays from **7:00-7:30 pm** in the **Choir Room**. The choir welcomes new voices to make this service extra special!



FPC will host a **Free Community Christmas Dinner** on Tuesday, **December 25th**, at **12:00 p.m.** in **Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome to attend. Help with set-up, serving, delivering meals, and clean-up would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Please contact Bob Russell at 610-935-3855 or the main office at 610-933-8816.



**Sign-ups** are now available for the **Dinner for Eight** mini-dinner parties on (or around) **1/12, 2/9, 3/9**. Use the sheet in the **narthex** to host, attend, or to be an alternate. If hosting, dine at your residence or meet at a restaurant. Have kids? Check with your host if there's a children-friendly option. Questions? Ask for details from a Parish Life Committee member. **Sign-up ends December 30th.**

*Food+Friends=Fun!*

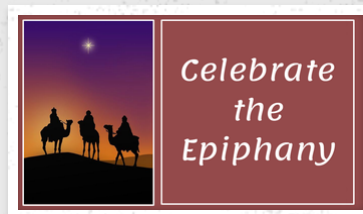




Remember... \$5.00 alternative gift greeting cards help missions around the world. Shop with joy, gift with charitable awareness, and benefit a worthy mission locally and/or globally. See the card option in the narthex. Any MAC committee member will be happy to help you with your selections. Thanks!



Join us on Sunday, **December 30th**, at 10:30 AM for a special **Carol Sing** service. Readings will be interspersed with congregant-requested Christmas-themed hymns, and Sue Casey will facilitate discussion on the readings. It's sure to be a one-of-a-kind worship celebration!



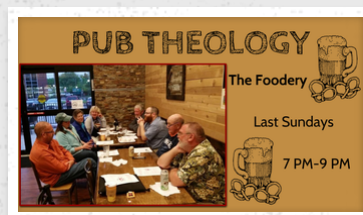
Please plan on attending FPC's **Epiphany** Sunday service on Sunday, **January 6th**. **Communion** will be a part of the worship service. Come and experience our oneness in Christ as we share the bread of life and the cup of salvation.



The last **Sunday School** sessions for 2018 were held on the 16th. Classes will resume on Sunday, **January 6th**. Enjoy the break! See you in the new year!



Due to scheduling conflicts, the next **Sermon Talk** meeting will be in **February** on the **24th** after the 10:30 a.m. service in **Pastor Doug's office**. In the meantime, feel free to take notes to discuss later. Good conversation will surely ensue!



**Pub Theology** would meet on December 30th, the last Sunday of the month. However, this get-together will be postponed to the last Sunday in **January, 1/27 - 2019!** That will give Pastor Doug more time to research challenging topics. Join in the fun! Stop by **The Foodery** at **7:00 PM** and discover his selections.



Are you in need of **prayers**? **Requests** can be submitted via the form in the red friendship pads in church, a note or phone call (610-933-8816) to the main office, or an email to [fpcprayerchain@me.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain@me.com). Let us help lift you up in prayer.

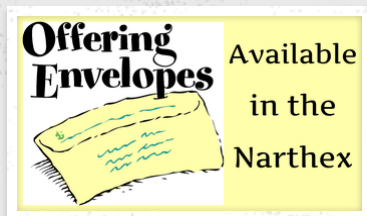


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings -

**Micah 5:2-5a**  
**Luke 1:39-55**



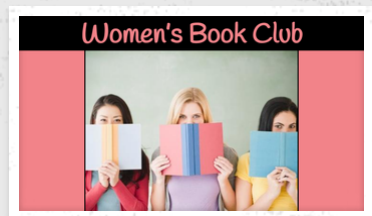
Now is the time to sign up to be a **liturgist**. This is a rotational ministry scheduled for **4-5 times per year**. If interested, please contact Sue Smith in the main office at [secretaryfpc@comcast.net](mailto:secretaryfpc@comcast.net).



The **2019 Offering envelopes** are available in the **narthex**. If your set isn't found or if you'd like to arrange to get some, please contact the main office at 610-933-8816. Other than using envelopes, donations can be done via direct deposit. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



**2019 pledge cards** continue to be returned. It's not too late. Please remember to **bring** outstanding cards **to church** on Sunday to be **placed in the offering plate**. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation!



The **Women's Book Club** will resume at **6:00 PM** in the **parlor** on Wednesday, **January 9th...2019!** Discussion will continue about Lisa Scottoline's book, "*Save Me*". Read, mark your calendar and prime yourself for some great conversations!

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## MISSIONARIES' VISIT

Thank you to the Vissani Family for coming all the way from Zambia and making FPC a stop in their US travels. They are doing great work in Africa by combining agriculture studies with Christian mentorship.





## SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS



People-Look-East-Anthem-Choir...

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)



O-Come-Let-Us-Adore-Him-Offe...

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# Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in December!

Dec. 1: Susan Irby,  
Grace Kennedy  
Dec. 2: Ashley Schierenbeck  
Dec. 4: Joe Beregi,  
Nicholas Sinapius  
Dec. 5: Jack Bennett,  
Christopher Carbutt  
Dec. 6: Catherine Small  
Dec. 7: Sandy Lusch  
Dec. 8: John Marosek  
Dec. 10: Marian Bayus

Dec. 11: Kathy Bacon,  
Nancy Olsson  
Dec. 13: Chuck Heidel  
Dec. 16: Jeff McLaughlin  
Dec. 19: Marisa Chinici  
Dec. 20: Lyra Morris,  
Alana Schierenbeck  
Dec. 23: Elizabeth Beckerman  
Dec. 24: George Cockerill  
Dec. 28: Karen Merkel  
Dec. 29: Chris Baniewicz