

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, November 27th

10:00 a.m. AARP Board Meeting (Parlor)

10:00 a.m. Set-up for Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Community Service (First United Methodist Church, 865 Main St)

### Thursday, November 28th - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Church office is closed.*

12:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday, November 29th

*Church office is closed.*

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, November 30th

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Church Decorating (Sanctuary+)

### Sunday, December 1st (\*Childcare provided) Communion Sunday

*First Sunday of Advent*

Picture-Taking for Photo Directory (Last Names A-G)

9:15 a.m. \*Sunday School for all ages

9:15 a.m. \*Bible Study with Sue Casey (The House Office)

9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parlor)

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

12:00 p.m. Advent Workshop & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Parlor)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Universal Church (Sanctuary)

**Monday, December 2nd**

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting (Parlor)

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

4:30 p.m. Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. MAC Meeting (Parlor)

**Wednesday, December 4th**

6:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship (Parlor)  
6:45 p.m. Merry Ringers Quartet (Choir Room)  
7:30 p.m. Merry Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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**THIS SUNDAY**



1. **Sunday School for all ages** - The second floor classrooms are filled with lots of inquisitive children for learning, praying, and playing in faith! The fun starts at 9:15 AM.
2. **Bible Study** - Join Sue Casey at 9:15 AM in the House Office (the end of the glass hallway).
3. **Coffee Hour** - Christine and Martha happily host this **hospitality hour** with its **new location in the Parlor** starting at **9:15 AM**. Come for the coffee and stay for the camaraderie.
4. **Communion** will be served on Sunday, **December 1st**. In the breaking of bread, we remember and celebrate Christ's presence among us. Come to the table and share in this special worship!
5. Plan on participating in **FPC's tree trimming tradition**. Long-time congregants and newcomers are welcome to bring or hang an ornament on **December 1st** that's labeled with their name and date. Everyone trims the tree when the time is announced during the service. See Sunday's [bulletin](#) for more details.
6. Last call from the **Nominating Committee** for suggestions of **new Members At Large** to serve 2020-2021. Please submit nominees to Becky Sinapius or turn in to the main office by this Sunday, **December 1st**.
7. **SAY CHEESE! Pictures** will be taken for our **2020 FPC photo directory** starting **December 1st**. Those congregants with last names starting with A-G will be photographed 12-01; last names starting with H-M, 12-08; last names starting with N-Z, 12-15. If you can't make it on your assigned day, we can be flexible!
8. Stay after worship this Sunday, December 1st, and whip up a craft or two at the **Advent Workshop** starting with lunch for everyone at **12:00 PM** in **Fellowship Hall**. A good will offering will gladly be received to help with the cost of the supplies. Come and be jolly!



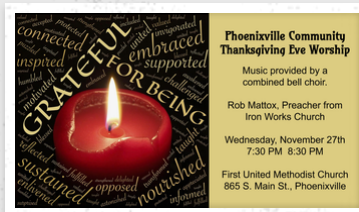
9. Read, reflect, and take action during this special season using FPC's custom-made **Advent Devotional** (Thank you, Sue Casey and Cheryl Messere!). A digital version will be emailed, and hard copies can be found in the narthex and main office.

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## NOTEABLES



It's time for ordering **Christmas poinsettias**. Please consider a **\$9.00** purchase to remember a loved one, honor a person, express appreciation, or to beautify our worship space. The plants will be available to take home and enjoy after Christmas! Simply drop off or send the order form and payment to the church office by **November 27th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display on Sunday, December 9th!



Give thanks along with friends and neighbors! **First United Methodist Church**, 865 Main St, Phoenixville, will host the annual **Thanksgiving Eve service** organized by the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association TONIGHT at **7:30 PM**. Music this year will be provided by combined bell choirs from First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and St. John's Lutheran Churches. The preacher will be Rob Mattox from Iron Works Church.



FPC will host a **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this Thursday, **November 28th**, 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 the main office at 610-933-8816.



It's almost time to deck the halls of FPC! **Christmas decorating** in the **church** will be on Saturday, **November 30th**, from **9:30 AM-12:00 PM**. Drop in when it's convenient or stay the whole time to help. Many hands make merrier work!



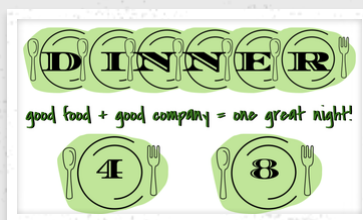
Once again this year we will be helping those in need celebrate Christmas. Two ways to help are: **Christmas Dinner Baskets** and **Star Tree Gifts**. Suggested item lists for family baskets and stars are available now and are to be returned to the church **BEFORE 12/8**. Thanks in advance for your generosity this holiday season! Questions? Please see Jewell, Becky, or a MAC Committee member.



All are invited to attend an **Advent Concert** at **St. John's Lutheran Church** (355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville) on Sunday, **December 8th**, at **7:00 PM**. Composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker will lead an inspirational hour of piano music, reflection, poetry, laughter, and hymn singing featuring his collection of Advent piano music, The Quiet Center.



The next **Clubhouse Cards** session will be on Wednesday, **December 11th**. Play times are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** at the **Clubhouse Villas** at French Creek, 300 Village Way, Phoenixville. Please call the main office for more information – 610-933-8816.



Share food, love, and laughter with fellow congregants at **Dinner for Eight** mini-dinner parties on (or around) 1/11, 2/8, 3/14. The **sign-up** sheet is in the **narthex** to host, attend, or to be an alternate. If hosting, dine at your residence or meet at a restaurant. Questions? Ask for details from a Parish Life Committee member.



Looking for a special stocking stuffer? **Scrip gift cards** (for over 700 retailers) are a great choice for family and friends, and our church benefits too with a percentage of your purchase. The list of retailers and order forms are available in the narthex and main office. Order by **December 15th** to receive your cards in time for Christmas. Now's the time shop and donate! Thanks!



The Wednesday Women's Fellowship (WWF) in collaboration with the "Integrate for Good" organization is starting a new project **making sleeping mats for the homeless**. The process involves a loom (on order) and "plarn" - plastic yarn made from recycle shopping bags. Everyone can help by bringing their **plastic bags** to church and placing them in the bin in the narthex. Much appreciated!



After worship on Sunday, **December 15th**, all men are welcome to gather by Pastor Doug's office for a **Men's Group** outing to a local restaurant for lunch, laughs, and light-hearted conversation based on topics of the groups choosing.



Sales for **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** have begun. For just \$5.00, you can gift family, friends, and co-workers with these "hand-crafted by church members" cards, gift tags and pins. The monies raised will support non-profit organizations. See the [bulletin](#) for more details.



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Romans 13:11-14** and **Matthew 24:36-44**.



A special thank you goes out to Jeanne Blackburn for many years of service coordinating the **Prayer Chain**. Her retirement leaves an opening for a **new coordinator**. Details can be found in the [bulletin](#). If you have been wondering and praying about how you can serve FPCP from the comfort of your own home, here is your chance! If interested, please call the main office at 610-933-8816.



There is a part-time **house manager position** open at **St. Mary's Shelter**, 209 Emmett St, Phoenixville. The night shift is 4:00 PM-8:00 AM with some flexibility and up to 7 hours of sleep time. For more information, please contact [Sister Bernadette](#) or call St. Mary's at 610-933-3097.





# *congregational* **MEETING**

**December 15th**



"This heavy box is from the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania."

## **Sew Powerful Purses**

are on their way to  
Zambia!



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## **SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS**



Lord\_I\_Lift\_Your\_Name\_on\_High...

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



Childrens\_Message\_DHagler\_20...

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



A\_New\_Song\_Anthem\_Choir\_20...

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





## Happy Birthday

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!**

Nov. 1st: Paul Parrish; John Zern  
Nov. 4th: Dot McIntyre  
Nov. 5th: Barb Giebler  
Nov. 7th: Keith Olsson  
Nov. 8th: Joanne Jarrell;  
Savannah Rivera  
Nov. 9th: Patrice Barnes,  
Kristen Skutch  
Nov. 12th: Megan Smith

Nov. 14th: Noah Pilotti  
Nov. 16th: Amy Roussey  
Nov. 17th: Helen Harrop;  
Chick Hiestand  
Nov. 21st: Doug Hagler  
Nov. 22nd: Ellen Williams;  
Eric Wintsch  
Nov. 23rd: Don Jarrell  
Nov. 29th: Doris Langevin

# Happy Birthday

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in December!**

**Dec. 1: Grace Kennedy**  
**Dec. 2: Ashley Schierenbeck**  
**Dec. 4: Joe Beregi,**  
**Nicholas Sinapius**  
**Dec. 7: Sandy Lusch**  
**Dec. 8: John Marosek**  
**Dec. 10: Marian Bayus**

**Dec. 11: Kathy Bacon**  
**Dec. 13: Chuck Heidel**  
**Dec. 16: Jeff McLaughlin**  
**Dec. 20: Lyra Morris**  
**Dec. 24: George Cockerill**  
**Dec. 27: Aaron Skutch**  
**Dec. 28: Karen Merkel**