

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

6:45 p.m. Merry Ringers Quartet (Choir Room)

7:30 p.m. Merry Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 5th

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

9:00 a.m. Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Friday, December 6th

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

Saturday, December 7th

No events scheduled.

Sunday, December 8th (*Childcare provided)

Second Sunday of Advent

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. Picture-Taking for Photo Directory (Last Names H-M)

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
6:00-8:00 p.m. Universal Church (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 9th

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 10th

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. Parish Life (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Main Office)

Wednesday, December 11th

1:00 p.m. Clubhouse Cards (Clubhouse Villas @ French Creek)
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)

THIS SUNDAY

 <p>Play, Learn and Grow... Together in Faith at Sunday School</p>	 <p>BIBLE STUDY Read Scriptures. Discover Truth.</p>	 <p>Coffee Hour</p>
<p>Sunday, December 8th</p>		
 <p>Say CHEESE! It's picture-taking time for FPC's photo directory.</p>	 <p>Christmas Dinner Baskets and Star Tree Gifts <small>Help those in need. Choose one or both ways to donate.</small></p>	 <p>An Advent Reflection of Music, Song & Poetry</p>

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).

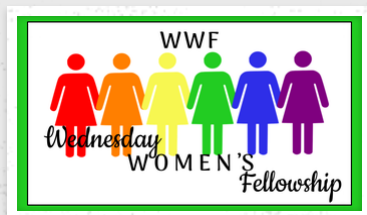
3. **Coffee Hour** - Christine and Martha happily host this **hospitality hour** with its **new location in the Parlor** starting at **9:15 AM**. Come for the coffee and stay for the camaraderie.

4. **SAY CHEESE! Pictures** will be taken for our **2020 FPC photo directory** on **December 8th** and **15th** in the **sanctuary following worship**. Please stay for a quick picture!

5. The **Christmas Dinner Baskets** items and **Star Tree Gifts** are due by this Sunday, **December 8th**. Thanks in advance for your generosity this holiday season! Questions? Please see Jewell, Becky, or a MAC Committee member.

6. 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.

NOTEABLES



Wednesday's Women's Fellowship (WWF) will meet in Fellowship Hall tonight, **December 4th**, at **6:30 PM**. It's guaranteed to be an evening full of laughter, conversation, and snacking while sorting clothes or making "plarn"! All women are welcome to join in the fun!



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.



There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, **December 15th**, following the **10:30 AM service**. Nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons will be presented and a vote will be held on this slate of officers. See [Sunday's bulletin](#) for more details.



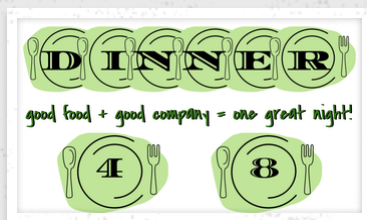
Looking for a special stocking stuffer? **Scrip gift cards** (for over 700 retailers) are a great choice for family and friends, and our church benefits too with a percentage of your purchase. The list of retailers and order forms are available in the narthex and main office. Order by **December 15th**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



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.



December's People-to-People Food Ministry trip into Philadelphia will be on Saturday, the **21st**. Helpers meet at **6:30 AM** in the **kitchen** for a 7:00 AM departure. A breakfast of eggs, pancakes, English muffins, pastries, and beverages is served at Our Brother's Place shelter. Prep is on Friday in FPC's kitchen starting at 7:00 AM. Please contact the main office at 610-933-8816 if you'd like to participate in any part of this mission. Thank you!



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.



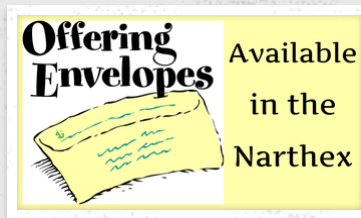
The Wednesday Women's Fellowship (WWF) in collaboration with the "Integrate for Good" organization is starting a new project **making sleeping mats for the homeless**. The process involves a loom (on order) and "plarn" - plastic yarn made from recycle shopping bags. Everyone can help by bringing their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



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 - **Isaiah 11:1-10** and **Romans 15:4-13**.



The **2020 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!



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 secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.



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 can be found on the [website](#) and hard copies are available in the narthex and main office.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 PM Family Service
9:00 PM Candlelight
Communion Service

1st Sunday after Christmas
December 29th

10:30 AM Special
Carol Sing Service

SATURDAY'S SNIPPET



SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS





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Thou_Did_Leave_Thy_Throne_Int...

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Childrens_Message_DHagler_20...

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I_Was_Glad_Anthem_Chair_201...

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I_Wonder_as_I_Wander_Offertory...

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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

