

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 18th

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

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

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

Thursday, December 19th

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

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 20th

7:00 a.m. Food Ministry (Kitchen)

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

Saturday, December 21st

6:30 a.m. Food Ministry (Kitchen)

Sunday, December 22nd (*Childcare provided)

Fourth 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

Monday, December 23rd

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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** in the **Parlor** starting at **9:15 AM**. Come make some friends and enjoy the fellowship!
 4. 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 last day for sign-up as a host, attendee or alternate is this Sunday, **December 22nd**. The **sign-up** sheet is in the **narthex**. Questions? Ask for details from a Parish Life Committee member.
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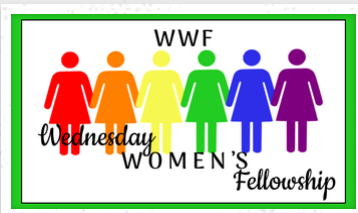
Read, reflect, and take action during this special season using FPC's custom-made Advent Devotional (Thank you, Sue Casey and Cheryl Messere!). A digital version can be found on the [website](#) and hard copies are available in the narthex and main office.



There is a limited supply of **Church Keepsakes** for sale - the Cat's Meow Church Replica is \$10 and the Church Adorned Red Christmas Ball is \$8. Purchases can be made in the narthex on Sundays or in the main office during the week. All proceeds go toward a mission trip fund.



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.



Tonight the **Wednesday's Women's Fellowship (WWF)** will have their Christmas gathering. The next regular meeting will be in the new year. Stay tuned for details of January 8th's get-together. Most likely it will include snacking and laughing! All ladies are welcome!



December's People-to-People Food Ministry trip into Philadelphia will be this 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!



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!



FPC's 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service will include an improvisational **Christmas pageant**. Volunteers will pose as sheep, wise "persons", angels, Mary and Joseph, and any other miscellaneous cast members. During the service, Pastor Doug will guide the participants in acting out the readings. It's a festive and fun way to share the story of Jesus' birth! Interested in participating? Please call the main office at 610-933-8816, or email [Pastor Doug](#).



All are welcome to celebrate Christmas Eve at our **9:00 PM Candlelight Service** on Tuesday, **the 24th**. Pre-service music will include organ selections on a French noel, and our jazz ensemble will be joined by Sarah Shulman on vocals. The service will include communion and the choir leading the congregation for festive arrangements of traditional carols. Dismiss darkness and let His light shine...join us!



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



Join us on Sunday, **December 29th**, at **10:30 AM** for a special **Carol Sing** service. Readings will be interspersed with congregant-requested Christmas-themed hymns. Check this Sunday's bulletin for a request form. Come and sing the joy of our Savior's birth!



After worship on Sunday, **December 29th**, you'll have a special chance to share feedback with Pastor Doug about his recent sermons. Meet in his office to discuss your takeaway. **Sermon Talk** is a great opportunity for all opinions to be voiced in an open and informal setting.



Pub Theology will meet on the last Sunday of the month, **12/29**, at **7:00 PM**. Come to **The Foodery** at 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville. Share some food, fun, and engaging conversations about God in today's society. Pastor Doug brings the topics and the commentary follows. All viewpoints are welcome!



Celebrate **Holy Communion** the first Sunday of the new year, **January 5th**. Everyone has a place at the table of God. Join us at **10:30 AM** to give thanks and be nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.



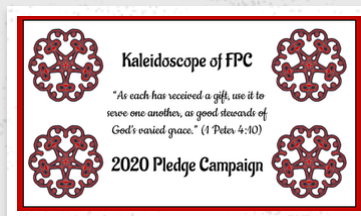
The recently voted upon nominees for **church elders and deacons** will be **installed** during the first worship service of 2020 on Sunday, **January 5th**. Come, offer your support and share in this special time with some dedicated people!



If you missed getting your **photo** taken for the **2020 directory**, then stay tuned for dates of upcoming picture-taking Sundays in **January**. Thanks for your cooperation!



After today's get-together, the next **Clubhouse Cards** session will be in 2020 on Wednesday, **January 8th**. 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.



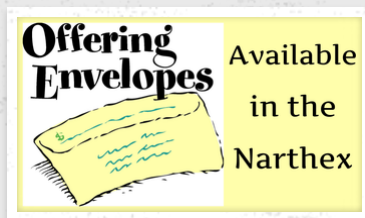
2020 pledge cards continue to be returned. It's not too late! Please remember to bring outstanding cards to church on Sunday to be placed in the offering plate. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation!



FPC is **hiring** for the **Children's Hour**. If you know anyone who would like to be paid for helping out with the older children from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM on Sundays, let [Sue Smith](#) or [Pastor Doug](#) know by calling the main office at 610-933-8816.



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Isaiah 7:10-16** and **Matthew 1:18-25**.



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.

SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS



Silent_Night_Prelude_PraiseTea...

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Thou_Did_Leave_Thy_Throne_Int...

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Away_in_a_Manger_Childrens_C...

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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

