

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, August 31

No events scheduled.

Thursday, September 1

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

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

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

Friday, September 2

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

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Parking Lot Volunteers

Saturday, September 3

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

SUNDAY, September 4 - Communion Sunday

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler

- Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

11:45 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade (FPC's Front Sidewalk)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - Office is closed.

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

Tuesday, September 6

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

7:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting - [Zoom](#)

Click on the link or call: 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 281 605 882

Wednesday, September 7

No events scheduled.

THIS SUNDAY



ONSITE & LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

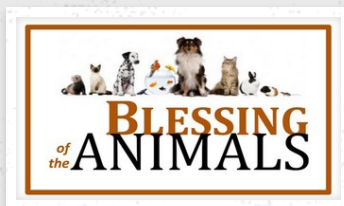
COMMUNION SUNDAY: Sunday's service will include Holy Communion. The bread is ready, the cup is filled, the table is set. Let all who are hungry for the love of God, come and be fed. Let all who are thirsty for new life, come and share the cup. Let all who want to follow Jesus, come and join the feast. (Ministrymatters.com)

LEMONADE in the SHADE: Join us on the front sidewalk after the worship service on Sunday for light refreshments. Mix and mingle and eat some treats thanks to the Parish Life Committee! This will be last Lemonade in the Shade event for the season. Be sure to take advantage of this fun fellowship opportunity.

NOTEABLES



At **Pub Theology**, experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at **7:00 PM** on Sunday, **September 11th**, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.



On **September 11th**, we will once again gather outdoors for a **Blessing of the Animals** service at **10:30 AM**. You are welcome to bring your animals, photos of your animals, stuffed animals, etc. to the service. Our back-up weather date for the service is to be announced.



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

Exodus 19:1-9

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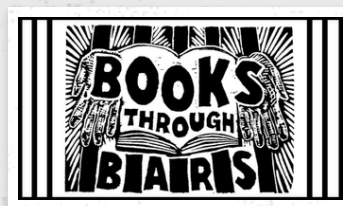
1 Peter 2:1-10



Sunday School begins on **September 18th** during the worship service. The teachers are ready with Bible-based curriculum and activities. There's still time to volunteer by contacting [Jeff McLaughlin](#). No experience necessary, just a love for educating children. Lesson plans are provided and there will be two adults per classroom at all times. Make a difference in the lives of little ones!



FPC's Choir returns! The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, **September 8th**, at **7:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. Sunday, September 18th will be our first Sunday to lead our worship service. We look forward to seeing returning and new members in the choir loft soon. Questions? Contact Diane Legnini, FPC's Music Director, at diane.legnini1@verizon.net. Come sing!



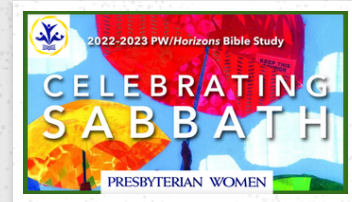
Our next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is Saturday, **September 17th**. If you would like to join us, or if you would like to volunteer on one of our other scheduled dates, please register via this [Sign-Up Genius](#), or call Sue Smith to help register you. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM and return by 2:30 PM.



Parish Life is looking for volunteers to assist with **kitchen cleaning** in preparation for the upcoming county Health Department inspection. The anticipated inspection date range is early September. If you can help, please contact Jewell Baker at 484-459-3585 or jebaker38@gmail.com, or Lynne Williams at 610-955-4749 or brettdrew@comcast.net.



The People-to-People Ministry is accepting **donations of household items and clothing** for our next Garage Sale on October 1st (no furniture or computers/TVs, please). In addition, volunteers will be needed for set up, assistance during the sale, and clean up; watch for details. Donations are also welcome for the next MaxSold online auction to take place in September or October.



Ladies of FPC, it's time to prepare for the new **Presbyterian Women's Study, Celebrating Sabbath**. The group will meet in the parlor on the **3rd Sunday** following worship. The gatherings will start on Sunday, **September 18th**. Please let Jewell know if you are interested in being a part of this fun learning experience.



Calling all men! The **Mens Group** will meet on Sunday, **September 18th**, starting in the main office **after worship** and then going to lunch usually at Molly Maguire's Tavern. The group is reading *The Will to Change* by bell hooks. Men who are interested in reading it can either get their own copy, or ask Pastor Doug to order them one. Join the group for fun and learning!



September scrip date are set. Please have orders and checks submitted on two Tuesdays, the **13th and 27th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955-4749 (cell), or send an email to brettdrew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! *The Stewardship Committee*



What's up? A **structural engineer** will be at church on Thursday, **September 1st**, to examine the sanctuary ceiling and attic beams. As a precaution, please stay out of the sanctuary until the engineer's assessment has been completed. Thank you!

A SPECIAL GIFT!



FPC Phoenixville

August 26, 2022

It is with great joy that we announce a generous gift from Grace Harrop, a long-time member here at First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, who passed away on July 14, 2021. Ms. Harrop's gift was among the largest amounts ever bequeathed to our church, in excess of \$450,000.

Grace was baptized in our sanctuary in 1934 and was confirmed in 1947. She served three terms as an Elder and was Clerk of Session in 2001. Grace attended Phoenixville High School, graduating in 1952 as the Valedictorian. She received her undergraduate degree from West Chester University and her graduate degree from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Grace was a gifted musician and organist. She was a music teacher in the Spring-Ford School District for many years. She also served as an organist at several area churches. Here at the First Presbyterian Church, Grace sang in our choir and also served as substitute organist. It was always evident when she was at the console as all her hymn playing accentuated the text of the hymn. She was also a member of the Afternoon Music Club here in Phoenixville. Along with being a talented musician, Ms. Harrop was a talented seamstress who made many of her own clothes. Needlework was also one of Grace's fortes. On many Thanksgiving mornings Grace could be found in the church kitchen helping prepare dinner for those who had no family close by.

Having served FPC in many ways during her life, she is able to serve one last time by giving our congregation a tremendous gift. The Session is currently discussing how her gift will be used, to ensure that Grace Harrop will continue to have an impact on our church for generations to come. Now that all of the legal and financial considerations have been addressed, we are overjoyed to share this news with the rest of our FPC family.

Sincerely,

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville

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FPC PHOTOS





SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in September!

Sept. 1st: Cora Carlino
Sept. 2nd: Bob Wittrock
Sept. 4th: Eileen Naughton
Sept. 6th: Celia Breden,
Pat Guthan, Mary Tyson
Sept. 10th: Kevin Carrabine,
Ridge Palko
Sept. 11th: Adam Kleppinger

Sept. 13th: Judy Tonkin
Sept. 15th: Jack Skutch
Sept. 16th: Sandy Rittenbaugh
Sept. 24th: Connie Wilson
Sept. 25th: Martha Mandrusiak
Sept. 27th: Karin Goodman,
Ann Moskowitz