

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 28

No events scheduled.

Thursday, December 29

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

Friday, December 30

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 31

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Sue Casey in Fellowship Hall - *Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)*

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

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

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

Wednesday, January 4

No events scheduled.

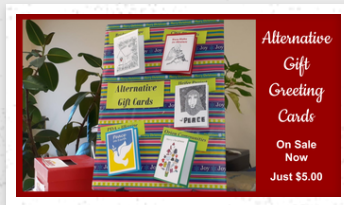


HAPPY NEW YEAR!: Give thanks for the opportunity of a fresh start in the New Year. Do good. Be good. Receive God's goodness!

ONSITE & LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service in Fellowship Hall with Sue Casey. 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/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the worship service, Sunday School students and teachers will leave Fellowship Hall for Sunday School in the upstairs classrooms. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

NOTEABLES



The MAC Committee is now selling **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards**. These cards are great for gift-giving with every **\$5.00** sale benefitting one of this year's selected organizations - Heifer Project, Church World Service Blankets, Bridge of Hope, Orion, and/or the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine. They can be purchased after church on Sundays and in the office during the week. Thank you!



Calendars are a frequent request from the recipients of **Books Through Bars** prison ministry. A collection has started. Please bring any **2023 calendars** to the **church office**. Chris Wittrock will collect them throughout January.



Perhaps you would like to participate in the Sunday worship service next year? We are in need of **ushers** for the first Sunday of each month and we are also looking for **liturgists** to assist Pastor Doug with the call to worship and scripture readings. Please contact Sue Smith in the church office if you would like to participate - secretaryfpc145@gmail.com, 610-933-8816.



People to People ministry members extend a thank you for your generous **donations** of household items and clothing. If you have additional items to donate, **please hold** them until **January 16, 2023**. The sorting team would like a break for the holidays between Christmas and New Year's (12/26 – 1/2, 2023).



The next **Coat & Clothing Giveaway** is Saturday, **January 14th**. Sorting and organizing will be done on Thursday, January 5th and Monday, January 9th. Extra helping hands would be appreciated for any of the following dates and times:

- Table set-up Wed, Jan 11 starting at 12:30 PM
- Set out coats & clothing Thurs, Jan 12 from 9 – 12noon
- And possibly Friday, Jan. 13 from 9 – 12noon
- Help at the Giveaway Jan. 14 from 9 – 12noon

Questions? Please contact [Sandy Heidel](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net) (csheidel@verizon.net). Thank you for understanding and lending a helping hand when you can.



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the "**Raise Right**" gift card fundraiser in **2022**. You helped to raise **\$2,708.84** for the church. Thank you! We will be taking a pause for the month of January, and begin again in February.



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

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

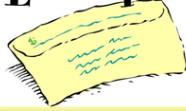


The next **Pub Theology gathering will be** on Sunday, January 8th, at **7:00 PM** at **The Foodery**, (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!



Your Church Growth Committee has a plan for a simple church-wide practice in the coming year, based on something we do with the children each week in Sunday School. If you are like us, you have some **unused notebooks and journals** lying around, or on shelves, or in a closet. Maybe you bought them thinking, "I'll start journaling this year" but you haven't started yet. **Bring them to the church office** during December, because we need them, and keep an eye out for a **church-wide practice** we'll be introducing in **2023**.

Offering Envelopes



Available
in the
main
office
hallway

Contribution envelopes for next year will be available on Sunday, **December 11th**. They will be on the table outside the church office. If there are any questions please contact the [church office](#) or fpctreasurer145@gmail.com.

serve.
grow.
Stewardship
give.
receive.

Pledge Cards
are now being
accepted.

Contribution Statements



Thank you for your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church throughout this past year. As 2022 is quickly coming to a close, please note that **Sunday, January 1, 2023**, is the last day to have your **pledge and offerings** posted to your 2022 statement. Receipts received after that date will be posted to your 2023 statement.

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their **pledge card** for **2023**. Your generous and faithful offerings support the ministries and the many of FPC's good works. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please know that it is not too late! Please take a moment to reflect on your giving for the coming year. Know that by completing your pledge card, you are helping the Finance Committee plan for 2023. Completed cards may be returned by mail (145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460), dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.



FPC PHOTOS



CHRISTMAS EVE SERMONS

FPC Sermon 12-24-2022 5pm



FPC-FUMC Sermon 12-24-2022 9pm



FPC Sermon 12-25-2022



CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC

FPC Praise Team 12-24-2022 5pm



FPC FUMC Combined Choir 12-24-2022 9pm



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in January!

Jan 4th: Dick Lusch,
Chris Wittrock
Jan. 8th: Sharon Wagner
Jan. 10th: A. J. Blackburn,
Megan Gray
Jan. 11th: Sharyn Funderwhite
Jan. 14th: Evan Lewis,
Joan Wallace

Jan. 16th: Abigail Dove
Jan. 17th: Mark Daly
Jan. 20th: Kristen Mark
Jan. 23rd: Bill Tonkin
Jan. 26th: Timothy Murphy
Jan. 27th: Brian Kennedy
Jan. 29th: Shane Pilotti
Jan. 31st: Jill Kleppinger