

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, March 8

10:00 a.m. AARP Board Meeting (Parlor)  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management Group (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 a.m. People to People Food ministry (Kitchen)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends Meeting (Parlor)

### Friday, March 10

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, March 11

No events scheduled.

### SUNDAY, March 12

8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Sue Casey - Zoom  
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE celebrated by Rev. Hagler in Fellowship Hall - *Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)*  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

### Monday, March 13

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

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom

### Tuesday, March 14

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, March 15

12:30 p.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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## FEATURED EVENT

 <p>BOOK DISCUSSION</p> <p>THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MIGRATION</p> <p>BRIAN D. McLAREN</p>	<p>Join Bob &amp; Chris Wittrock for the <b>Lenten Book Study</b> of <i>"The Great Spiritual Migration, How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking A Better Way To Be Christian"</i> by Brian McLaren. The group meets on <b>Thursdays</b>, now through March 30th at <b>7:00 PM</b> via <b>Zoom</b>. Please email <a href="#">Chris</a> to sign up and get the Zoom link.</p>
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## THIS SUNDAY



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** Remember to change your clocks one hour forward this weekend. Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 AM this Sunday, March 12th.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The adult Bible Study group has just started a Lenten series looking at the Gospel of John. The Study is using Adam Hamilton's book [\*"John the Gospel of Light and Life"\*](#) as a guide. Learning and discussions start at 8:30 AM on Sundays by Zoom. All are welcome! Sue Casey will be happy to send the Zoom link and connect attendees with a copy of the book. If interested, please email her at [skcinpa@aol.com](mailto:skcinpa@aol.com).

**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 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/>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Students and teachers will leave the worship service as usual and go to the upstairs classrooms. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).

**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 this Sunday, March 12th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

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## NOTEABLES



During the month of **March**, FPC will be restocking the **Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS)** pantry shelves. Nonperishable staples will be collected for those in Phoenixville facing difficult times. See the [bulletin](#) for specific items needed, or visit <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Donations can be dropped off in the main office containers. Questions? Please contact Kristin Craven ([MissionsFPC145@gmail.com](mailto:MissionsFPC145@gmail.com)). Thank you!



One **March** date remains for **scrip orders - Tuesdays: the 21st**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955-4749 (cell), or send an email to [brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto:brettdrew@comcast.net). We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! *The Stewardship Committee*



Our next big **Garage Sale** will be on Saturday, **March 25th**, from **8:00 AM-1:00 PM**. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, March 16th, then hold all donations until after the sale. The reasonably-priced inventory includes housewares, toys, clothing for everyone, linens, glassware, books, household items, knick-knacks, jewelry and much more. Treasures await your discovery! Help is needed:  
**Wed. March 22, 1PM:** tables set-up  
**Thurs. March 23, 9AM-12PM:** display items  
**Fri. March 24, 9AM-12PM:** finish displaying items  
**Sat. March 25**  
**8AM-1PM:** help customers and manage displays  
**12:30 - 2PM:** pack unsold items & clean up  
Please contact [Sandy Heidel](#) if you are able to help.  
Thanks for supporting this ministry! *People to People*





The Church Growth Committee has launched the **Journey of Gratitude** church-wide activity. The theme for the month of **March** is "**Gratitude Amidst Chaos**". Sunday, March 5th's question for reflection is "**What is my positive affirmation each day this week?**" Collect your thoughts and note them in your journal. Some extra journals are available in the main office in case there is a need.



If you would like some guidance for prayer and reflection during Lent, then visit the [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's website](#) to download a copy of the **2023 Lenten Devotional** or pick up a hard copy in the main office. This year's theme is *Imago Dei* (Latin for "*Image of God*"). Devotional selections relate to how humans are a reflection of God's divine nature. Audio links are also provided on the download page for your convenience.



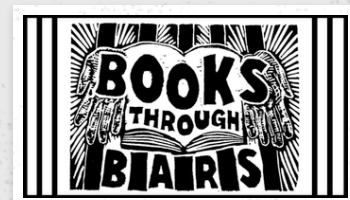
**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is coordinating efforts to provide needed resources and support to the communities in Turkey and Syria affected by the 7.8-magnitude earthquake on February 6th. If you want to donate to this effort, please make a **check** payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville with Turkey & Syria** on the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at 145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460.



Join the **Men's Group** after the worship service on Sunday, **March 19th**. The group will discuss the book, "*The Fellowship of the Ring*", by JRR Tolkien. See Pastor Doug if you have any questions or if you would like him to order you a book. Come and enjoy lunch out and the fellowship whether reading the book or not.



For the ladies of FPC, the **Women's Study**, *Celebrating Sabbath*, will continue on Sunday, **March 19th**, at **12:00 PM** in the **parlor**. Learn ways to declare rest time. Bring a snack or your lunch. Enjoy a brief video session followed by discussion and prayer. Join in this fun learning experience.



Our next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is Saturday, **March 18th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books>, or call Sue Smith in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with sign-up. 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**. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry



Create & Donate at ***Nailed It DIY Studio*** in Phoenixville on Friday, **March 31st**, at **6:00 PM**. Make customized art projects while sharing some laughs, conversation, food, and drinks! 15% of purchases gets donated back to FPC. [Click here](#) to reserve and pay for your spot by the 25th. Email [Jill Kleppinger](#) after sign-up to add your reservation to the attendee count. Friends are welcome so spread the word!



The **Antiracism Book Club** will start a new discussion about "*A Raisin in the Sun*", by Lorraine Hansberry. The story tells of a black family's experiences in south Chicago, as they attempt to improve their financial circumstances ([Wikipedia](#)). Newcomers are welcome! [Zoom](#) with us on Sunday, **March 26th**, at **7:00 PM**. Read the book and/or view the play on [YouTube](#) before the meeting.



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to [fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com). Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.



Reminder: Our **Sunday School lessons** are designed for **50-60 minute sessions**. Children generally leave church around 10:45 or 10:50 to walk upstairs. This means that the actual **ending time** for Sunday School is around **11:45**. Please remain in Fellowship Hall or elsewhere after the worship service and wait until 11:45 to come to the Sunday School rooms. This will give our teachers time to wrap up their lessons before parents arrive. Thanks!



During the season of Lent, we invite you to give generously to "**One Great Hour of Sharing**". A gift to this offering enables the church to share God's love by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help to low-income communities. Envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes, on the entry table in Fellowship Hall, or you may send a check with **OGHS** noted in the memo line. Offerings will be received throughout Lent, with a **special dedication** on the Sunday after Easter, **April 16**. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Thank you for your life changing offering.



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

**Exodus 17:1-7**  
and  
**John 4:5-42**



## SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS



### Sunday School Recap

Rebecca Barkley introduced kids to the ukulele. It was great fun and they sounded great! We hope to put together one or two songs to share with the congregation in a future worship service.

## SUNDAY'S SERMON



## Happy Birthday

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

**March 1:** Jeanie Osterhoudt

**March 2:** Joshua Carlino,  
Olivia Drummond

**March 4:** Adam Deveney,  
Pam Hagler

**March 7:** Ayden Mandrusiak

**March 11:** Sandy Heidel

**March 14:** Chris Roussey

**March 15:** Holly Kennedy,  
Sandra Parrish

**March 16:** Fenner Gulden

**March 17:** Nancy Cockerill,  
Mark Morabito

**March 18:** Lew Osterhoudt

**March 20:** Amelia Mincavage,  
Luke Walker

**March 26:** Alexander Pehlman,  
Adam Smith

**March 30:** Michael Morabito

**March 31:** Amy Ellis