

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

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

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

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

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

SUNDAY, September 3

10:30 a.m. Communion WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler- *Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)*

11:45 a.m. Lemonade in the Shade (front steps)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Office is closed.

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that You be with those whose faces
we might never see but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all. Amen.

<https://www.osv.com/TheChurch/Papacy/Article/TabId/663/ArtMID/13705/ArticleID/15390/A-Prayer-for-Labor-Day.aspx>

THIS SUNDAY

**Sunday,
September 3rd**



**Pastor Doug
RETURNS!**

**Worship in
the SANCTUARY and on You Tube**

COMMUNION SUNDAY



COME TO THE TABLE

If life
gives you
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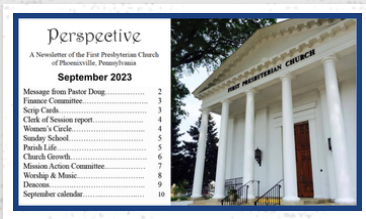
WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service in the sanctuary with the return of Rev. Doug Hagler. If watching from

home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>.

HOLY COMMUNION: Come to give thanks and be nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation as we share in the feast of Holy Communion this Sunday, September 3rd.

LEMONADE in the SHADE: Join us in the shade in front of church this Sunday immediately after service. The snack and beverage cart will be ready for the volunteers to share treats and lemonade with you. Cool off and catch up with fellow congregants. Please join us!

NOTABLES



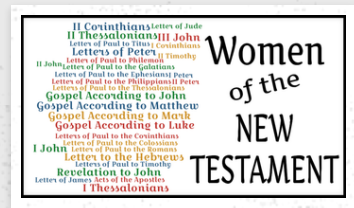
The **September** issue of the **Perspective newsletter** is now available online. To read or download a copy, visit <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/newsletters/>.



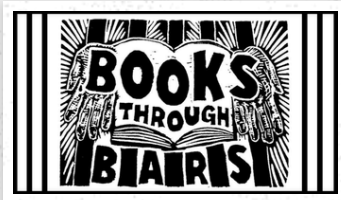
The next **Pub Theology** night will be on Sunday, **September 10th**, at **7:00 PM** at **The Foodery** (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!



September dates for **Scrip Orders** are on Tuesdays, the **12th**, and **26th**. 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". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee



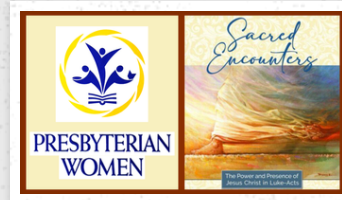
Adult Bible Study will start on Sunday, **September 17th**. As before, we will meet via **Zoom** from **8:30-9:30 AM**. We will start with a study titled, *"Women of the New Testament"*. Note: this does not mean that it is a women-only study. Women have been studying men in the Bible for close to 2000 years! We welcome all to our study! For more details and to request a book and the Zoom link, please contact [Sue Casey](#).



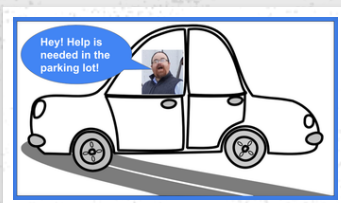
The next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is on Saturday, **September 16th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aada722a1fb6-books1/121281582#/>, or call Sue Smith in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with sign-up. Please 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.



Men of FPC, join the **Men's Group** on Sunday, **September 17th**, for a lunch outing and book discussion of *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. **Meet in the main office** after the worship service and then go to lunch. Contact [Pastor Doug](#) if you have any questions about the group. Book or no book, all are welcome!



FPC's **Women's Circle** will resume on Sunday, **September 17th**, with the 2023-24 PW/Horizons Bible Study *Sacred Encounters*. Review the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles to explore the sharing of the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Please contact [Jewell](#) to order a study guide. Join women of the congregation in the **Parlor** at **12:00pm** and bring a friend!



The church Stewardship Committee is asking for volunteers to sign up for **"Parking Lot Collection Help."** This will occur on the first Friday of each month. Please [click here](#) to view the online sign up sheet. Thank you!



The regular 2023-2024 **Sunday School** year will begin on **September 17th**. For any questions about Sunday School or to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.



On Sunday, **October 8 (3:00 p.m.)**, an **intergenerational hayride** will take at [Colonial Gardens](#) in Phoenixville. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and everyone is invited. A sign-up link will soon be distributed but in the meantime, put the date on your family calendar! For more information about the hayride, contact Jill Kleppinger at jillklepp@gmail.com.



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

Romans 12:9-21

and

Matthew 16:21-28



AUGUST's JOURNALING:

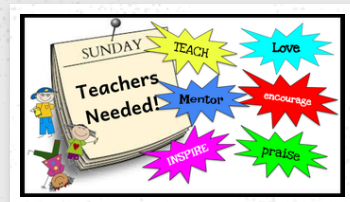
During our year-long journey of gratitude, we invite you to record your responses in a journal so you can reflect at the end of the year. This week's prompt is: **How are you thankful for your chores?** If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know and we can let you share! *The Church Growth Committee*



There is a basket in the narthex for your **cards, letters, and notes** for individuals serving in the **military**. Jen Johnson will be delivering these notes to her nephew Peter Johnson and his Navy squadron. Contact Jen (physedjj@verizon.net) for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The new Sunday School year begins on September 17 and we are still seeking teachers to participate in the program. As you know, Sunday School takes place during the worship service each week. An impressive group of teachers is already in place and ready to begin the new year. However, with a few additional volunteers, we could assure that no single teacher misses worship more than once (or occasionally twice) a month.



On Sunday mornings, there are two teachers with each Sunday School group, one designated as "lead teacher" and one as "assistant teacher." Lesson plans are distributed in advance and all necessary materials are provided. Therefore, your actual preparation time will be minimal. If you are uncertain, consider starting out as an assistant teacher. This will give you a chance to see how the program works before deciding to join the group for the school year. For more information and/or to express interest, speak with Jeff McLaughlin at church or contact him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Thanks!





SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in August!

August 1: Jeffrey Kleppinger
August 2: Brian Goodman
August 3: Adam Blackburn
August 4: Roger Warwick
August 7: Ashley Mandrusiak,
Peggy Zielinski
August 8: Dahlia Gulden
August 12: Sue Casey
August 15: Morgan Craven
August 16: Sarah Barkley

August 17: Olivia Craven
August 18: Jennifer Johnson
August 19: Meg Krauth,
Rob Mark
August 24: Ken Brown,
Poppy Hagler
August 27: Joan Ryder
August 30: Kathy Morris,
Carol Warwick

Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in September!

Sept. 1: Cora Carlino

Sept. 2: Bob Wittrock

Sept. 4: Eileen Naughton

Sept. 6: Celia Breden,
Pat Guthan, Mary Tyson

Sept. 8: Solveig Anderson

Sept. 10: Kevin Carrabine,
Ridge Palko

Sept. 11: Adam Kleppinger

Sept. 13: Judy Tonkin

Sept. 15: Jack Skutch

Sept. 16: Thomas Smith

Sept. 24: Connie Wilson

Sept. 25: Martha Mandrusiak

Sept. 27: Karin Goodman,
Ann Moskowitz