

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. MAC Meeting - Zoom

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

### Thursday, September 7

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)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday, September 8

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, September 9

No events scheduled.

### SUNDAY, September 10

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

12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Old Library)

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

1:00 p.m. Softball (Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, 70 Holy Ghost Way, Phoenixville) - contact [Pastor Doug](#) if you're interested

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

### **Monday, September 11**

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

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom

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

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 12**

6:00 p.m. Parish Life Meeting (Luciano's Restaurant, 112 W Ridge Pike, Royersford)

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

### **Wednesday, September 13**

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

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## **FEATURED EVENT**



**IT'S TIME FOR CHOIR!**

**Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Yes, it is September again and time to begin our FPC Choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Our first Sunday in the chancel will be September 10th. This year, in addition to our regular anthems and service music for Sundays, we will be learning Will Todd's "Missa Brevis". This short, jazz work will be presented at the beginning of Lent.

New members are always welcome and needed. We sing a large variety of styles and composers. liturgically planned. and with favorites for everyone. You can always find me at the

organ on Sunday morning if you have any questions about our Fall startup. See you soon!

*Diane Legnini, Director of Music*

## THIS SUNDAY



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

**YOUTH in WORSHIP:** Some younger members of our FPC family will be participating in this Sunday's worship service with passages from Scripture and responsive readings. The readers are: Aurora Carrabine, Dahlia Gulden, James Hobbins, Audrey Kleppinger, Jeffrey Kleppinger, Noah Pilotti, and Luke Walker. Thanks to these young disciples for contributing to our worship service!

**LEMONADE in the SHADE:** Labor Day is over which means Lemonade in the Shade is also, but the cart will be back for Memorial Day Weekend 2024. Thanks to everyone who helped out this summer, especially the lemonade taste-testers...you know who you are! *Jewell for the Parish Life Committee.*

**FPC SOFTBALL:** Eight years ago, in ancient times, we were called upon to defend the honor of Presbyterianism through softball! Once again the call has gone out. Holy Ghost Orthodox Church is hosting a picnic this Sunday, the 10th, starting at 1pm, and they want to know if any FPC congregants would like to play softball with them. Let Pastor Doug know if you are interested by emailing [pastor145@comcast.net](mailto:pastor145@comcast.net).



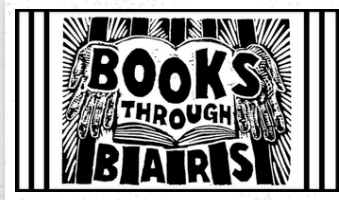
**PUB THEOLOGY:** Experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at 7:00 PM this Sunday, September 10th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

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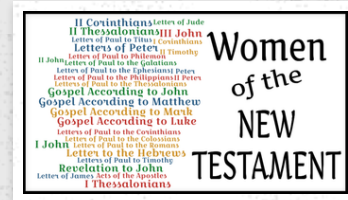
## NOTABLES



**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](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



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.



**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](#).



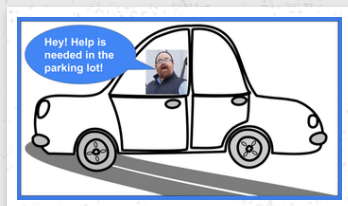
The regular 2023-2024 **Sunday School** year will begin on **September 17th**. For any questions about Sunday School or to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at [fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com).



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!



Zoom with the **Antiracism Book Club** when they meet again on Sunday, **September 24th**. Discussion will focus on pages 50-108 of the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. Join us at **7:00 PM** and discover how much there is to learn! Newcomers are welcome!



The next **Queer Circle** gathering will be by **Zoom** at **7:00 PM** on Monday, **September 25th**. On the agenda is discussion of the book *Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story*. There's an open invitation to everyone interested in learning more about gender, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues. Talk to [Pastor Doug](#), Sarah Shulman, or Jacqui Busch for more information.



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

**Romans 13:8-14**

and

**Matthew 18:15-20**



#### SEPTEMBER'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: **Who is in your village?** 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*



#### The People to People **Garage**

**Sale** will be held on Saturday, **September 30th**, in Fellowship Hall from **8:00 AM–1:00 PM**.

There will be housewares, toys, clothing for everyone, linens, glassware, books, household items, knick-knacks, jewelry, and much more at very reasonable prices. Come and find a unique treasure, too!

Help is needed:

**>Wed. Sept 27, 1 PM:** set up tables

**>Thurs. Sept 28, 9 AM-12 PM:** set out and display items

**>Fri. Sept 29, 9 AM-12 PM:** finish setting out items

**>Sat. Sept 30, 8 AM–1PM:** help customers and re-organize items

**>Sat. Sept 30, 12:30 PM– 2 PM:**

help pack leftovers, clean up

Please get in touch with Sandy Heidel ([csheidel@verizon.net](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net))

if you can help. Thank you so much for supporting our church's clothing and feeding ministry.

#### 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](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com). Thanks!

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## SUNDAYS SNIPPETS







## SUNDAY'S SERMON





## 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