

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management (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. Compassionate Friends Meeting (Parlor)

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (meet in the church parking lot)

SUNDAY, September 17

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Zoom

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

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

12:00 p.m. Women's Circle (Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (meet in the Main Office, then out to lunch)

Monday, September 18

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

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

Tuesday, September 19

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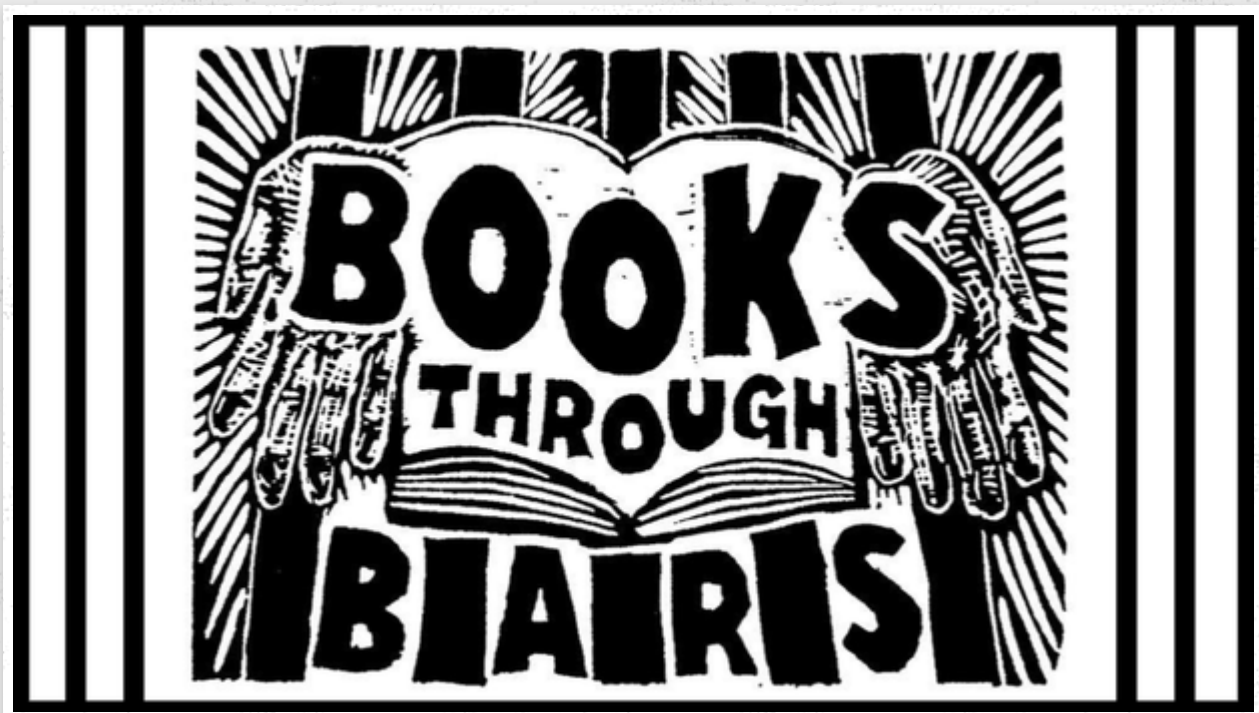
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

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

FEATURED EVENT



BOOKS THROUGH BARS

Saturday, September 16th

Join Books Through Bars' volunteers this Saturday, September 16th. Registration to help is available through 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.

THIS SUNDAY



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sessions will start by Zoom this Sunday, September 17th from 8:30-9:30 AM. The study is titled, "*Women of the New Testament*". Note: this does not mean that it is a women-only study. We welcome all to our study! For more details and to request a book and the Zoom link, please contact [Sue Casey](#).

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](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The new school year begins this Sunday, September 17th. Learning takes place during the worship service. Students will process out of the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon to the upstairs classrooms. Sessions will conclude when the worship service ends. For more information and/or to express interest in volunteering, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at church or contact him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Thanks!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: It's time for a new study. This Sunday, September 17th, FPC's Women's Circle will start 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. Join women of the congregation in the Parlor at 12:00pm and bring a friend! Questions about the program may be directed to Jewell Baker.

MEN'S GROUP: Men of FPC, join the Men's Group this 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!

NOTABLES



Choir rehearsals have begun, and there's still time to join in the fun! Lend your voice for rehearsals on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM** in the choir room and on Sundays in the sanctuary to enhance worship. The liturgically appropriate song selections cover a large variety of styles and composers with favorites for everyone. Please contact [Diane Legnini](#) if you have any questions about the choir or any aspect of FPC's Music Ministry.



The rebuilding process has begun across **Maui** following the devastating **wildfires** that killed at least 115 people and displaced thousands more. Overall, the wildfire has affected an estimated 3,453 acres of land. The burn area is restricted to authorized personnel only as federal agencies remove potentially dangerous ash and other debris. This could take months, officials have said. **To support Maui** in its rebuilding process, please write a check out to First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville with "Maui" in the memo line.



The **Garage Sale** is coming September 30th and the sorting team will be **accepting donations until Thursday, September 21st**. We need time to sort and price items before the big set up starts the following Wednesday. Please make sure your donations are clean and in working order. No TVs, furniture or car seats can be accepted. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help our community neighbors! Please consider joining us – you are always welcome!



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](#) or Sarah Shulman for more information.



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

Romans 14:1-12

and

Matthew 18:21-35



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: **How are you thankful for first responders?** 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) if you can help. Thank you so much for supporting our church's clothing and feeding ministry.



One **September** date remains for **Scrip Orders** - Tuesday, the **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



Please join us on **Sunday, October 8** from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a family / intergenerational hayride at **Colonial Gardens**, 745 Schuylkill Road, Phoenixville. The cost is \$8.00 per person, to be paid to Jill Kleppinger (see details in the RSVP sign-up) or to Jeff McLaughlin. To sign up for the hayride, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CA9AE23A5F85-fall1>. On the day of the hayride, you will also have the option to include the corn maze for an additional \$3.00 per person. If you have questions or for more information about the hayride, contact Jill Kleppinger at jillklepp@gmail.com.



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to 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.



The first week in **October** is when our church will be providing **dinner meals** to the residents of **St. Mary's Shelter**. The dates are **Monday, October 2nd - Friday, October 6th**. Please [click here](#) to view the online sign up sheet. Thank you!

SUNDAYS SNIPPETS-YOUTH IN WORSHIP







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