

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, September 20

12:30 p.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting (Panera Bread, Collegeville)

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

Thursday, September 21

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 22

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 23

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, September 24

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. End of Summer Salad Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club - [Zoom](#)

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Monday, September 25

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

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

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle - Zoom

Tuesday, September 26

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

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

1:00 p.m. Garage Sale Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)

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

FEATURED EVENT



QUEER CIRCLE

Monday, September 25th

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.

THIS SUNDAY



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study, "*Women of the New Testament*," continues by Zoom this Sunday from 8:30-9:30 AM. Note: this is not a women-only study. We welcome all to our learning sessions! 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/>.

MERRY RINGERS BELL CHOIR: Enjoy the sounds of FPC's handbell choir during our worship service this Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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 be 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!

SALAD SPECTACULAR LUNCHEON: Parish Life invites you to "Salad-brate" September with a Pot-Luck style lunch. Join us in Fellowship Hall after church this Sunday, September 24th. Bring your salad and we'll supply yummy rolls, beverage & dessert. To sign up and reserve your seat with or without a salad. please visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-endofsummer> or call the main office at 610-933-8816.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Confirmands will have lunch and learn about growing in their faith as they prepare for their public profession in the Spring. Select FPC youth will join Pastor Doug for instruction in the 3rd floor classroom at 12:00 PM this Sunday, September 24th.

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet this 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 the group at 7:00 PM and discover how much there is to learn! Newcomers are welcome!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

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NOTABLES



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



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.



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 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!



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.



The next **Pub Theology** night will be on Sunday, **October 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!



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 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!

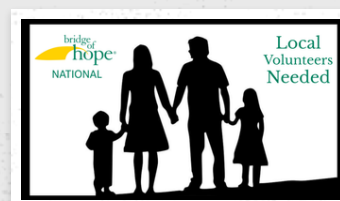


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

Philippians 1:21-30
and
Matthew 20:1-16



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 a helper?** 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*



Thank you to Rachel Thomas Steadman from **Bridge of Hope** for presenting details of this organization's mission which includes neighboring a local family. Training is available for volunteers. Be coached through meeting and working together with a family coming out of housing instability. For more details of Chester County's program, please visit <https://bit.ly/bridgeofhope-chesco>.

SUNDAY'S 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