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Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, September 27

5:00-7:30 p.m. Garage Sale Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)

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

Thursday, September 28

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. People to People Garage Sale Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Friday, September 29

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. People to People Garage Sale Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 30

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. People to People Garage Sale (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, October 1 - World Communion Sunday

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)

Monday, October 2

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

2:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting - Zoom

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

Tuesday, October 3

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

Wednesday, October 4

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

FEATURED EVENT



GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 30th

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:

- **Thurs. Sept 28**, 5 PM -7:30 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.

THIS SUNDAY



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study, "Women of the New Testament," continues by Zoom this Sunday from 8:30-9:30 AM. 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/>.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Let us pray: "God of the joyful feast, today in the north and the south, in the east and the west, we are grateful as we meet you around tables full of gifts you have given us. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us so that when the meal is over and we leave this table, we might be a part of extending every table around the world. Help every meal we share look more and more like your heavenly feast; everyone welcomed, everyone fed, everyone nourished. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen." *Excerpt from a prayer by Molly Spangler found on the Pres-Outlook.org website.*

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!

NOTABLES



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!



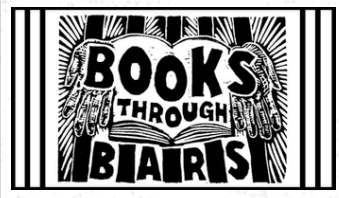
You're invited to come and have fun playing bingo in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 13th. Decorate your table; dress in costume - Halloween-style! Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm. Each game will have two winners, one child and one adult. Snacks and drinks will be available for a donation. Bingo cards will be provided. BYOM-Bring Your Own Markers - pennies, beans, crayons, etc. This event is for FPC families only. We ask that you sign-up for the event by calling the church office or using the sign-up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-family2>. If you'd like to donate a prize, please give Sue Smith a call in the office at 610-933-8816.



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



October dates for **Scrip Orders** are on Tuesdays, the **10th**, and **25th**. 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 next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is on Saturday, **October 21st**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books2> 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.



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



GRATITUDE 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 kindness?** 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

Merry Ringers Bell Choir 09-24-2023









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

Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in October!

Oct. 1: David Dzordzorme,
Don Gerace, Bill Tyson

Oct. 4: Gary Giebler,
Jen Guthan

Oct. 7: James Hobbins

Oct. 10: Jeanne Blackburn,
Lilly Blackburn,
Rick Schnaedter

Oct. 11: Amy Myers

Oct. 13: Wendy Pennypacker

Oct. 14: Betty Miller

Oct. 16: Mike Eitl

Oct. 19: Tom Allred

Oct. 21: Kathy Thais

Oct. 23: Abigail Dzordzorme,
Doug Walker

Oct. 24: Nancy Gray

Oct. 25: Keith Roussey

Oct. 26: Eva Carlino

Oct. 29: Jewell Baker,
Dave Mandrusiak