

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, October 4

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

Thursday, October 5

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

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

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

Friday, October 6

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

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

5:00 p.m. Church Parking Lot Collection

Saturday, October 7

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

SUNDAY, October 8

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

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

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

2:45 p.m. Fall Hayride (Colonial Gardens, [745 Schuylkill Rd, Phoenixville](#))

Monday, October 9

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10

- 6:00 p.m. Parish Life Meeting (Liberty Union Grill, 519 Kimberton Rd, Phoenixville)
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

- 10:00 a.m. AARP Board Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THIS SUNDAY

Women of the NEW TESTAMENT

II Corinthians, Letters of Jude, II Thessalonians, III John, Letters of Paul to Titus, I Corinthians, Letters of Peter, I Timothy, Letters of Paul to Philemon, II John, Letters of Paul to the Galatians, Letters of Paul to the Ephesians, Peter, Letters of Paul to the Philippians, II Peter, Letters of Paul to the Thessalonians, Gospel According to John, Gospel According to Matthew, Gospel According to Mark, Gospel According to Luke, Letters of Paul to the Corinthians, I John, Letters of Paul to the Romans, Letter to the Hebrews, Letters of Paul to Timothy, Revelation to John, Letters of James, Acts of the Apostles, I Thessalonians

Sunday, Oct. 8th

Worship in the SANCTUARY and on YouTube

Play, Learn and Grow... Together in Faith at Sunday School

Fall Hayride

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. 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: 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!

FALL HAYRIDE: FPC families and individuals (young and old) will enjoy some Autumn fun this Sunday, October 8th! Although the Hayride sign-up limit has been reached, there's still opportunity to take in all that Colonial Gardens (745 Schuylkill Road, Phoenixville) has to offer. Consider a stop during the Hayride time from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Spectate. Go through the corn maze. Support local!

FEATURED EVENT



The next **MaxSold Auction** will start Saturday evening, **October 7th**. There are lots of interesting items: guitar, sports attire, toys, jewelry, vintage items, fall & holiday items, and more. Please look at the auction that will benefit People to People's outreach to our community. The auction can be found at "MaxSold Philadelphia", look for Phoenixville Seller Managed charity/fundraising-Jackson Street. We are catalog ID# 85527. The auction will conclude on Wednesday, **October 18th**, with pick up in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 21st. Enjoy looking and the thrill of bidding! Thank you, *People to People*

NOTABLES



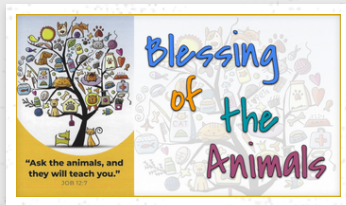
October dates for **Scrip Orders** are on Tuesdays, the **10th**, and **25th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to brettdrew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee



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 next **Pub Theology** night will be on Sunday, **October 15th**, 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!



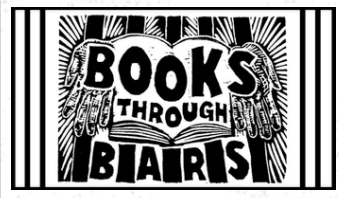
BLESSING of the ANIMALS: On Sunday, **October 15th**, pets of all types, including stuffed animals and pictures, are invited to share in an outdoor service to receive a special blessing. Gather by **10:30 AM** on the church lawn. Come help us celebrate the bond between people and pets! (*In case of inclement weather, the worship service will be in the Sanctuary without animals.*)



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Our church's **People to People Garage Sale** welcomed people waiting at our door before 8 AM to find their treasures. Fellowship Hall was full of clothes, household items, linens, toys, shoes and more that were shared with our community along with smiling people ready to assist them. Over \$2,100 was realized for our mission to feed and clothe our neighbors. **Thank you** to those who donated items, sort regularly, helped set up tables, arranged items, helped at the sale, and clean-up. Thanks to 28 helpers this week, their many hands, and hours given, made the sale possible. Glory be to God! *People to People*



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!



Men of FPC, join the **Men's Group** on Sunday, **October 15th**, 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 meet on Sunday, **October 15th**, to learn from the 2023-24 PW/Horizons Bible Study **Sacred Encounters**. Join the group to review the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. Discover the sharing of the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Please contact Jewell to order a study guide. The gathering will be in the **Parlor at 12:00 PM**. Bring a snack/lunch and bring a friend!



In May, 2023, we launched a **Capital Campaign** to recover funds that were used for sanctuary and roof repairs. Our goal is to raise \$160,000. To date, approximately 25% has been pledged. We have until the end of May, 2024, to reach this goal. Thank you to all who have already pledged and donated. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so in the coming weeks/months. Pledge forms can be found in Sunday's bulletin. Thank you from *The Stewardship Committee*.



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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
and
Philippians 3:4b-14



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: **Having a new experience/trying something new (food, sailing, etc.)?** 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*

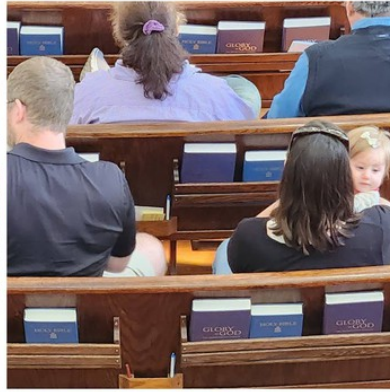


On Sunday, October 1st, some FPC volunteers at the **Bridge of Hope** had a celebration with our Neighbor family as they "graduated" from the program. Training is available for more volunteers. Be coached through meeting and working together with a family coming out of housing instability. For more details of Chester County's program, please visit <https://bit.ly/bridgeofhope-chesco>.

GARAGE SALE SNAPSHOTS



SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS





SUNDAY'S SERMON



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