

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, October 11

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

10:00 a.m. AARP Board Meeting (Parlor)

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

### Thursday, October 12

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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, October 13

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

6:00 p.m. Halloween-themed FPC Family Bingo event (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, October 14

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

### SUNDAY, October 15

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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

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

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (Main Office then out for lunch)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting (Zoom)

### **Monday, October 16**

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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

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

### **Tuesday, October 17**

[People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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

7:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 18**

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

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

Until 8:00 p.m. [People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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## **FEATURED EVENTS**



### **FPC's HALLOWEEN-THEMED FUN NIGHT BINGO**

**Friday, October 13th**

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.

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ONLINE AUCTION WITH MAXSOLD**  
**NOW until 8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 18th**

People-to-People's MaxSold October Auction has started. There are lots of interesting items: guitar, sports attire, toys, jewelry, vintage items, fall & holiday items, and more. Check out the auction that benefits People to People's outreach to our community. The auction can be found by clicking on this link <https://bit.ly/P2POctAuction>, or by scanning the QR Code. 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*

## THIS SUNDAY

**Women of the NEW TESTAMENT**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 15th**

**Men's Group**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**PUB THEOLOGY**

**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](#).

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare:** Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals service on the church lawn. Pets of all types, including stuffed animals and pictures, are invited to share in an outdoor service to receive a special blessing. (*In case of inclement weather, the worship service will be in the Sanctuary without animals.*) 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/>.



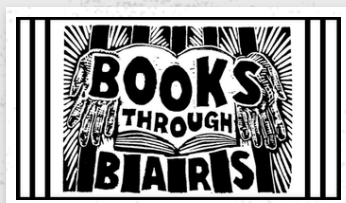
**MEN'S GROUP:** Men of FPC, join the Men's Group this Sunday, October 15th, for a lunch outing and book discussion of *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. Meet in the main office after the worship service and then go to lunch Contact Pastor Doug if you have any questions about the group. Book or no book, all are welcome!

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** The learning continues this Sunday, October 15th, with the FPC's Women's Circle studying the *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.

**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, October 15th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

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## NOTABLES



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 Session of First Presbyterian Church invites you to a **celebration of Sue Smith!** Sue is retiring after 17 years as our Church Office Manager, and we will send her off with a **reception** following worship on Sunday, **October 22nd**. Please join us in **Fellowship Hall** for cake and other goodies but more importantly to show Sue some love.



**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** on Sunday, **October 22nd**.



[Zoom](#) with the **Antiracism Book Club** when they meet again on Sunday, October 22nd. Discussion will flow from 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, **October 23rd**. On the agenda is discussion of the book [The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion](#) edited by Ruth Hunt. 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.



**Betty Miller** will be celebrating her **97th birthday** on **October 14th**. Please send a birthday card for a card shower to make her day special. She has been a member and Deacon of our church for many years and has served on various committees. Her address is: **Betty Miller, Oxford Senior Living, Brunswick B 37, 290 E. Winchester Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047**. Thanks for adding a little "joy and sparkle" to her special day!



One **October** date remains for **Scrip Orders** - Tuesday, the **25th**. 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



On November 5th, **All Saints' Sunday**, we will note in the bulletin the names of the saints (believers) from our congregation who have died during the past year. We will also note other relatives and loved ones who have died in the past year but were not members of this church. If you would like the names of those loved ones listed, please send a message to Sue Smith at [secretaryfpc145@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfpc145@gmail.com) or call the church office at 610-933-8816.



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.



**Thanks** to all who provided **meals** for **St. Mary's Shelter** last week, including all of the families who provided ingredients for Wednesday's taco dinner. This is a long-term ministry for our congregation and the folks at St. Mary's Shelter are grateful for our consistent support.



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*



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to [fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com](mailto: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.





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

**Job 38:28-33, 39-41**

**Job 39:1-8**

and

**Job 40:15-19**



#### **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: **Discovering a new place (in your neighborhood or travel)**. 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*



You may remember that we are recruiting for our next **Bridge of Hope** cohort to work together to keep a family from experiencing homelessness. So far we have three people who have expressed interest, and ideally we would like to have at least three more. If you have questions, or are interested, talk to [Pastor Doug](#), and if you want to know more about what Bridge of Hope has been like over the past two years, you can talk to Chris and Bob Wittrock or Jeff McLaughlin.



**New Office Manager** - We are happy to announce that we have found a **new Office Manager** to take over when Sue retires at the end of October and it is our very own **Maggie O'Malley**! She will be working at FPC as one of her two jobs, and her hours initially will be 10 hours on Mondays, 4 hours on Wednesdays, and 10 hours on Fridays. (Pastor Doug will still plan to be in the office at least on Tuesday and Thursday to ensure that it is always covered.)

**The rule:** You are welcome to congratulate Maggie, but please hold off on discussing anything related to her new position as Office manager until **October 23rd**. (This means not talking about what she'll be doing, what you want her to do when she starts, making appointments to meet with her, etc. Let's let her enjoy her last few days, until we are paying her). On behalf of the Personnel Committee, we are happy and excited that this position change will work for Maggie and we look forward to working with her.

**Finally:** We are so thankful and grateful for the time that Sue Smith has been with us, and wish her the very best retirement ever!. -Pastor Doug

## 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