

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, October 18

Now until 8:00pm [People to People MaxSold Auction](#)

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

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

### Thursday, October 19

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, October 20

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

### Saturday, October 21

7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Parking lot rented by St. John's UCC

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

10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (leave from church parking lot)

10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. MaxSold Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

### SUNDAY, October 22

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. Retirement Reception for Sue Smith (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

*Click on the link or call 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 829 6538 9092*

### **Monday, October 23**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle - Zoom

### **Tuesday, October 24**

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

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 25**

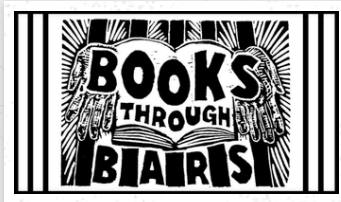
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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## **FEATURED EVENTS**



**LAST DAY!** People-to-People's **MaxSold October Auction** concludes at **8:00 PM** this evening, Wednesday, **October 18th**. 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. Pick up of items will be in Fellowship Hall this Saturday, October 21st. Enjoy looking and the thrill of bidding! Thank you, *People to People*



**Books Through Bars** volunteers will be in action this Saturday, **October 21st**. Registration to help 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 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.

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## 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/>.

**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 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](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com). Thanks!

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:** 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.

**CONFIRMATION:** 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 after the Retirement Celebration this Sunday, October 22nd.

**ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB:** Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet this Sunday, October 22nd. Discussion will focus on 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 **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.



FPC's new **Office Manager** will be Maggie O'Malley. Her first day on the job will be Monday, **October 23rd**. Initially, office hours will be on Mondays, Wednesday mornings, and Fridays with Pastor Doug covering Tuesdays and Thursdays along with his other hours of availability. This is an exciting transition time for FPC as we welcome Maggie into this role and wish Sue all the best in her retirement.



Together, the MAC and Christian Education Committees will be hosting a very **special worship service** on Sunday, **October 29th** for Sunday School and the Congregation. Representatives from [Spanish Health Ministry](#) will present the Children's Message and Sunday School and end with a social in Fellowship Hall after service. Come and learn about their mission to respond to the medical needs of Spanish-speaking high-risk pregnant women and families of disabled or medically fragile babies and children while sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**  
and  
**Matthew 22:15-22**



#### **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: **Learning about a new culture.** 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.

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## **FRIDAY FUN NIGHT - BINGO!**



## 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