

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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 27

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mom's House Fall Festival (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 28

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, October 29

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. Reception for the Spanish Health Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 30

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

10:30 a.m. Rob Ferguson's Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

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

THIS SUNDAY

Women of the NEW TESTAMENT

FPC Phoenixville

Worship in the SANCTUARY and on YouTube

Sunday, October 29th

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

Merry Ringers Bell Choir

Spanish Health Ministry

Meeting health needs
Obtaining medical care
Sharing spiritual messages
Demonstrating Christian love

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/>.

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 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!

SPANISH HEALTH MINISTRY: The MAC and Christian Education Committees will be hosting a very special worship service this Sunday, October 29th. Representatives from **Spanish Health Ministry** will present the Children's Message, participate in Sunday School, and end with a social in Fellowship Hall after the worship 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.

	<p>SHOEBOX <i>Collection</i></p> 	<p>Shoeboxes are needed to help Valley View Church in Eagleville. They will be having a packing party on Sunday, November 12th, for <u>Operation Christmas Child</u>. The more boxes, the more children will have a special Christmas. Please bring any extra empty shoeboxes you have to church this week. They can be left in the narthex or given to Jill Kleppinger. Thank you!</p>
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NOTABLES



Friends and family are invited to attend **Rob Ferguson's memorial service** at First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, Monday, **October 30th**, at **10:30 AM** - 145 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Rob's name to [First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville](http://www.FirstPresbyterianChurchofPhoenixville.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.



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 or call the church office at 610-933-8816.



Church Growth will host a **Holiday Card Writing** event on Sunday, **November 12th**, after the service in **Fellowship Hall**. We invite you to join us as we write holiday cards to those incarcerated at SCI Phoenix and Muncy. Light refreshments will be provided as well as holiday prompts if you feel like you're writing the same thing over and over. In addition, we are asking for donations of holiday cards with plain white envelopes, no decorations. If you have extra Christmas cards, we will take them. If you are purchasing cards to donate, we ask that you keep them holiday neutral as not everyone celebrates Christmas. Thank you.



Stewardship begins with gratitude to God for everything we have received from Him. We express our thanksgiving and gratitude by giving back to God a portion of His gifts. As we begin the **2024 Pledge Campaign**, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the many ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Your pledge helps the Finance Committee as they plan for the coming year. Please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday, **November 19th**. You may also return it by mail in the pre-addressed envelope that you receive with the card. Thank you for sharing your many gifts, and for your continued financial support.
The Stewardship Committee



Start Christmas shopping early with **scrip gift cards** from over 700 retailers! Orders are due on the following Tuesdays: **November 7th and 28th**. 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". As always, thank you for continuing to support this program! *The Stewardship Committee*



At **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** on Sunday, **November 12th**, at **The Foodery**, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.



Maggie O'Malley has started in her new role as FPC's **Office Manager**. Office hours will be on Mondays, Wednesday mornings, and Thursdays. Training time has been busy with Sue Smith transferring her church knowledge and office expertise. Thanks for your patience during this transitioning period.



REMINDER: **Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am** on Sunday, **November 5th**. Fall back and take advantage of an extra hour of sleep! Visit [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time) to read more about the history of saving daylight. - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time



The **Prayer Chain** ministry is in need of a new organizer. This position offers a special way to stay connected with FPC congregants without having to be onsite. For more details about how to lead our Prayer Angels, please contact the main office at secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or 610-933-8816.

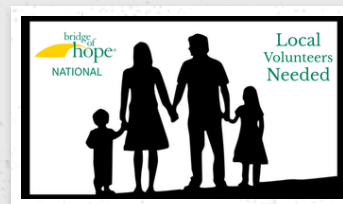


Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
and
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8



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: **Meeting a New Person**. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, SUE!





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