

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, January 17

- 10:00 a.m. AARP Meeting (Parlor)
- 2:00 p.m. Church Growth Meeting (Panera, Collegeville)
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Get-Together/Dinner (Parlor)
- 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 18

- 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, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Grant Writing Group Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 20

- 9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (meet in the church parking lot)
- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Private Music Recital (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, January 21

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey - Zoom

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Rev. Doug Hagler - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

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

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (meet in the Main Office)

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

12:00 p.m. Children's Choir Planning Meeting

Monday, January 22

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

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

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle - Zoom

Tuesday, January 24

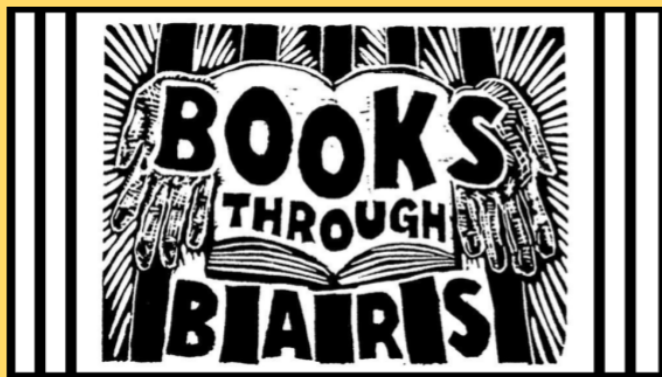
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, January 25

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

Featured Events



BOOKS THROUGH BARS

Saturday, January 20th

Books Through Bars volunteers will be in action this Saturday, January 20th. Registration to help is available via SignUpGenius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-47254630-books>, or call Maggie 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.

QUEER CIRCLE

Monday, January 22nd

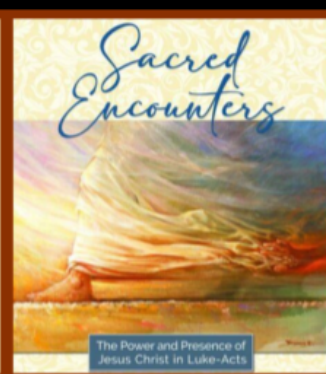
The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be this upcoming Monday, January 22nd, at 7:00 pm. Conversations will continue about *The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and*

Religion. Zoom with the group anytime to learn more about genders, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues. Please take our survey at <https://bit.ly/queercirclesurvey> to help us determine our next step (more details below).

THIS SUNDAY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study group will meet by Zoom this Sunday, January 14th, at 8:30 AM. All are welcome to our learning sessions! For more details, please contact [Sue Casey](#).

WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service 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 email him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Thanks!

MEN'S GROUP: All men of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship this Sunday, January 21st. Join Pastor Doug and the crew for a lunch outing!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: The learning continues this Sunday, January 21st, 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.

Notables



Congregants and friends are invited remember and celebrate the life of Helen Harrop this Friday, January 19th, at the Devlin-Gatcha Funeral Home (517 S. Main St, Phoenixville, PA). Visitation with her family will begin at 11:00 AM, and the funeral service will start at 12:00 PM. A private burial will follow in Morris Cemetery. More details can be found in her obituary - <https://www.gatchafuneral.com/obituaries/helen-harrop>



One January date for **scrip orders** remains - Tuesday, the **30th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) or send an email (brettdrew@comcast.net). Order forms will be completed for you. Checks are to be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". A percentage of each card ordered is donated to the church. Your support is appreciated!



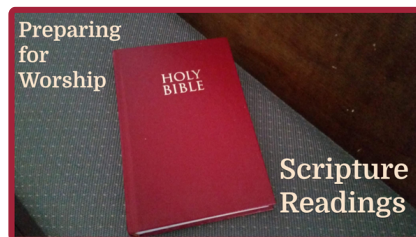
Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is **\$38** per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA.



Stay in the know! Be sure to like and follow FPC online:

- [Facebook Public Church Page](#)
- [Facebook FPC Family Group Page](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [Youtube](#)

And remember our hashtag, #lovingFPC.



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

Jonah 3:1-5; 10
and
1 Corinthians 7:29-31



Available
in the
Narthex

If you have not yet picked up your **2024 offering envelopes**, then please stop by the narthex after worship on Sunday to get your box. If you are worshipping at home, then please call the church office to arrange a pick-up or to request a delivery. Thank you.



Zoom with the **Antiracism Book Club** when they meet again on Sunday, **January 28th**. Discussion will flow from 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!



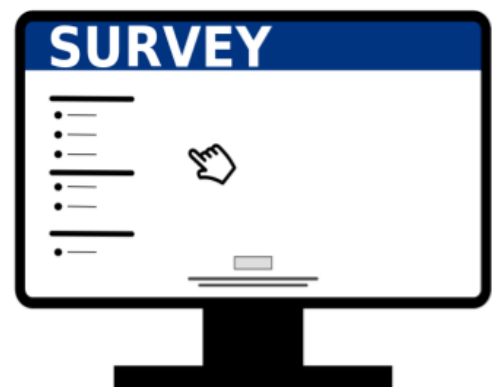
The first week in February is when our church will be providing **dinner meals** to the residents of **St. Mary's Shelter** - Monday, **February 5th** - Friday, **February 9th**. Servings are to be prepared for 15 people. Please [click here](#) to view the online sign up sheet. Thank you!



Join fellow congregants for the **Annual Meeting** after the worship service (**11:45 AM**) in **Fellowship Hall** on Sunday, **February 4th**. Come to accept the 2024 Nominating Committee, to receive the 2023 Annual Report, and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call. Note: Since the meeting will be held in person, you must attend the meeting in person in order to vote.



<https://bit.ly/queercirclesurvey>



The Queer Circle at First Presbyterian Church - with Session approval - has developed a survey to help us know whether it is time to move forward with more LGBTQ advocacy or whether we need to spend more time focused on learning and answering questions as a community. The survey is anonymous and can be completed quickly.

Click on this link - <https://bit.ly/queercirclesurvey>, or scan the QR code in the Queer Circle graphic. We appreciate your feedback!

Sunday's Snippets

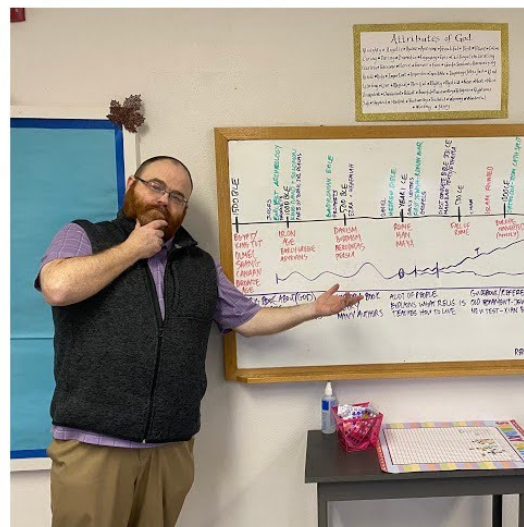


FPC Installation-Ordination 01-14-2024



Congratulations to our new class of officers!

- **Elders:** Ken Brown, Jacqui Busch, Eileen Naughton, and Doug Walker
Deacons: Deborah Barkley, Jan Johnson, Amy Mingsma, and Gail Oshroff



Confirmation Class...where there's learning, socializing, and celebrating! Happy Birthday to Evan!

Sunday's Sermon

FPC Sermon 01-14-2024



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in January!

Jan 4th: Dick Lusch,
Chris Wittrock
Jan. 8th: Sharon Wagner
Jan. 10th: A. J. Blackburn,
Megan Gray
Jan. 11th: Sharyn Funderwhite
Jan. 14th: Evan Lewis,
Joan Wallace

Jan. 16th: Abigail Dove
Jan. 17th: Mark Daly
Jan. 20th: Kristen Mark
Jan. 23rd: Bill Tonkin
Jan. 26th: Timothy Murphy
Jan. 27th: Brian Kennedy
Jan. 29th: Shane Pilotti
Jan. 31st: Jill Kleppinger



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