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Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service with communion and the imposition of ashes

Thursday, February 15

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)

2:00 p.m. MAC Meeting (Zoom)

3:00 p.m. M. Campbell Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Friday, February 16

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

10:00 a.m. Grant Writing Sub-Committee Meeting (Main Office & Zoom)

Saturday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (meet in the church parking lot)

SUNDAY, February 18 (*Childcare available)

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, then go to lunch)

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

Monday, February 19

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

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

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

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting (Main Office)

Wednesday, February 21

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

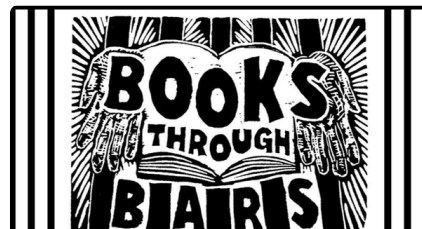
Featured Events



TONIGHT, **February 14th**, we will gather in **Fellowship Hall** for a **Soup Supper** and our **Ash Wednesday communion worship service** with the distribution of ashes. Join us for the meal at **6:00 PM** and for worship starting at **7:00 PM**.



A Valentine's Day Prayer: Holy God, thank You for the precious gift of love that You have given to us. Thank You for blessing us every day with Your love and the power and strength that we find in You. Your love sustains us. It's like food and medicine for our souls. Lord, some people are harder to love than others. Help us to be able to express



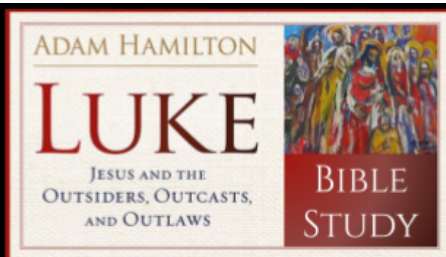
The next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip is this Saturday, **February 17th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-47254630-books>, or call Maggie O'Malley in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with sign-up. Please indicate if you are

and share the gift of love with those around us. Forgive us for the times we have not done so ... and continue the work You are doing in our lives so that we might have the heart of Christ. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

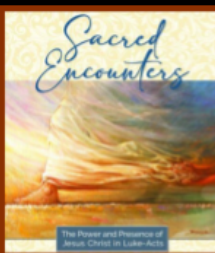
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willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at **10:30 AM** and return by **2:30 PM**. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry.

THIS SUNDAY



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 18TH



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group has started a review of the Gospel of Luke for Lent. The book being used to guide the study is *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. This Lenten series is by Zoom at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings. It will run through Palm Sunday (no class on Easter). Please contact [Sue Casey](#) for more details.

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](https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/) 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, February 18th. Join Pastor Doug and the crew for a lunch outing!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: The learning continues this Sunday, February 18th, 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: There will be a Pub Theology "make-up night" this Sunday, February 18th, since the Super Bowl on the 11th interfered with the regular schedule. 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, **February 18th**, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.

Notables



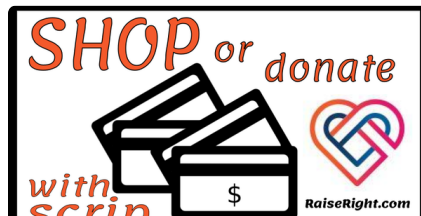
FPC's young disciples will have their next **Confirmation class** on Sunday, **February 25th**, from **12:00 PM-2:00 PM**. Please attend the full worship service and then meet in the **third floor classroom** for lunch and learning.



Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet again on Sunday, February **25th**. 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 next Zoom gathering for the **Queer Circle** will be this upcoming Monday, **February 26th**, 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.



If you would like some guidance for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Lenten season, then visit the [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's website](#) to download a copy of the **2024 Lenten Devotional** or pick up a hard copy in the main office. Audio links are also provided on the download page for your convenience.

MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this **short survey** to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Thursday, **February 29th** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

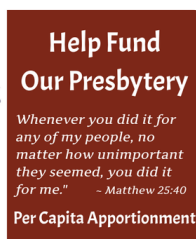
February dates for **Scrip Orders** are on **Mondays**, the **12th**, and **26th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to brettdrew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee



What is God like? During the month of January, the Sunday School kids explored the question, "What is God like?" Check out some of their ideas on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. And while you're there, record some of your own ideas in answer to the question, "What is God like?"



The **Grant Writing** sub-committee of Church Growth will hold its next meeting on Friday, **February 16th**, at **10:00 AM** in the **main office**. More team members are welcome to join. If you are interested in "Googling for Grants" and being a part of the grant writing process then please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.



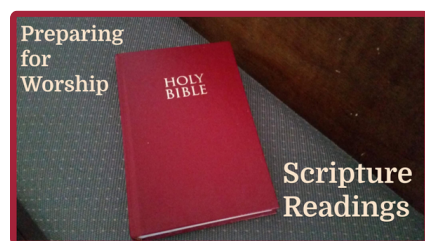
Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is **\$38** per member. Please use the blue envelope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



Save-the-Date! People to People's next **Garage Sale** will



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

be on Saturday, **March 23rd**, from **8:00 AM-1:00 PM**. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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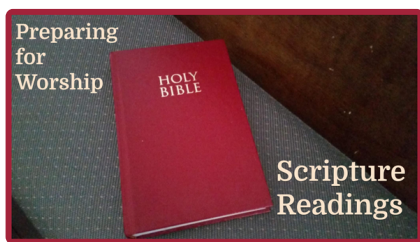
2 Kings 2:1-12

and

Mark 9:2-9



February's theme for journaling is "Gratitude in Relationships." This week's prompt: *How do you show someone you love them?* 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 during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!



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1 Peter 3:18-22

and

Mark 1:9-15



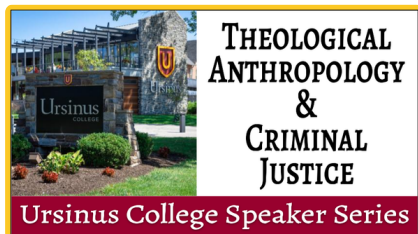
Stay tuned for upcoming activities in **March - PACS** collection, **letter-writing**, the People to People **Garage Sale**, **Palm Sunday**, **Holy Week**, and **EASTER!** Those events will accompany many of FPC's regularly scheduled monthly events - book studies, Men's Group, Women's Circle, Prison Ministry, Queer Circle., Pub Theology, and more. Find something of interest and join us.



Easter flowers are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. Hyacinth, tulip, and daffodil plants can be ordered through church **by March 10th** for **\$9.00 each**. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship

service. Please use the order form in Sunday's bulletin or visit <https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024>.

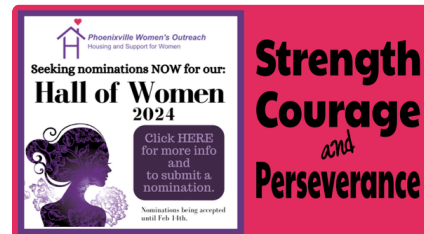
In the Community



As part of its **speaker series**, **Ursinus College** will host Professor Harold Trulear of Howard University's School of Divinity. The event will be held in [Bomberger Auditorium](#) on Friday, **February 16th**, at **4:30 PM**. His presentation is titled, *"Theology of the Human: Theological Anthropology and Criminal Justice"*. He will discuss definitions of "the human" and "humanity" and how they relate to the question, "What does it mean to be created in the image of God?" Those interested in attending and continuing the conversation at a local restaurant afterward can contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.



At **4:00 PM** on Sunday, **February 25th**, **St. John's Lutheran Church** (355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville) will hold a concert by **"Doppelflöte"** – a flute and organ program that is not just heard but experienced. Since 1998, Melissa Freilich, flute, and Vincent M. Ryan, organ, have performed together in numerous communities in the Philadelphia region. In 2022, they made their international debut in both the Castle Church and Town Church of Wittenberg, Germany. Being teachers-at-heart, Melissa and Vince love to connect with their audience. Come hear different flutes played and witness the building of a real pipe organ to be played during the concert. There is no admission charge however a freewill offering will be received. For more information on the program, please visit OrgelkidsUSA.org.



LAST DAY! Wednesday, **February 14th** is the last day to submit nominations for the **Phoenixville Women's Outreach (PWO) Hall of Women**. Each of their 4 rooms will be named after a notable woman of the world that will act as a torch-bearer for those who call The House home. Please submit as many names as you like of women (living or passed) who exemplify strength, courage, and perseverance. [Click here](#) to make a nomination or email HallofWomen@phxhouse.org. View progress on PWO's social media pages. Winning names will be announced on Friday, February 16th.

FPC's Leadership



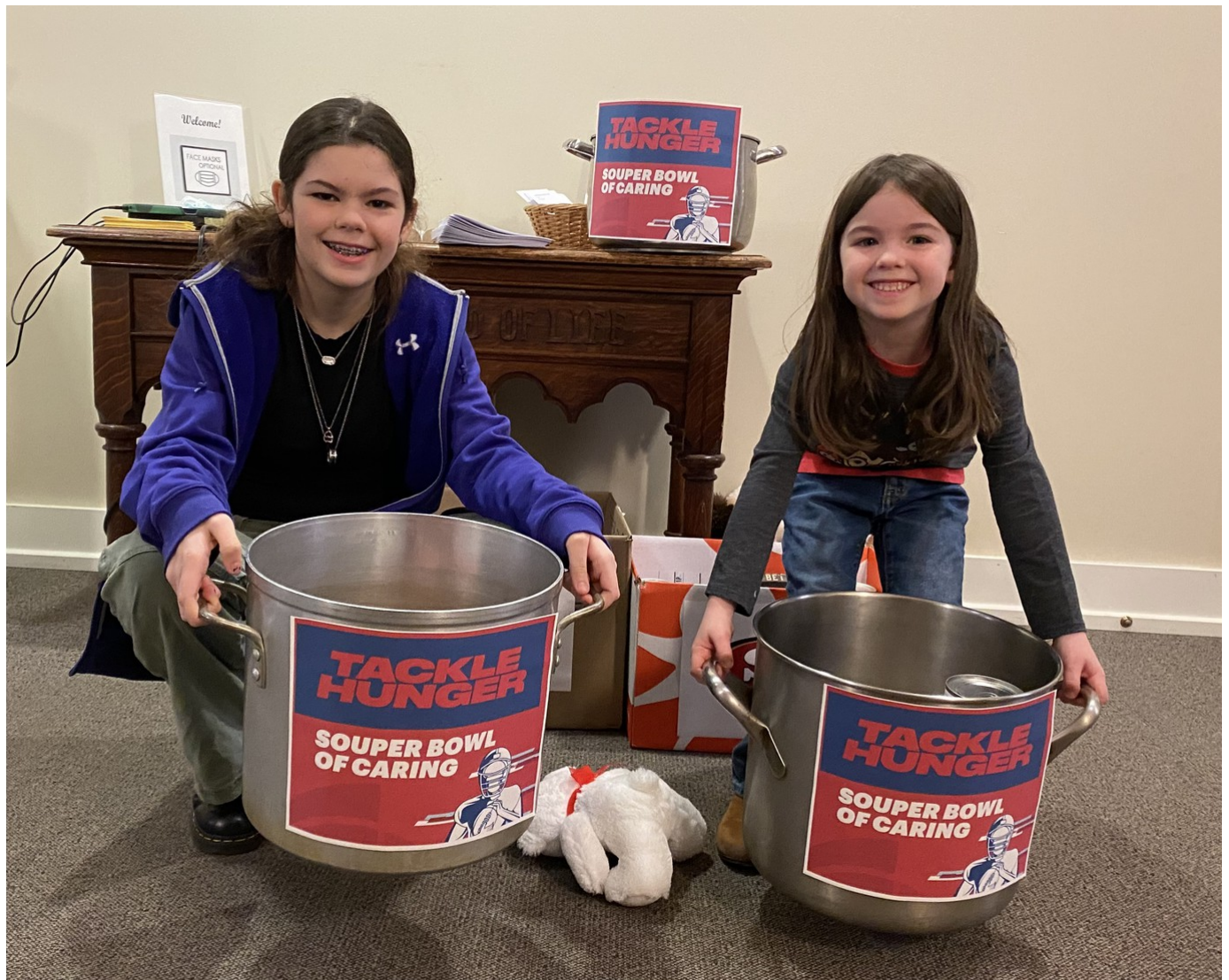
Sunday's Snippets

FPC's Praise Team Postlude and Valentine Sharing 02-11-2024





HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
from FPC Youth and Children



Thanks to everyone who donated to FPC's Souper Bowl of Caring event!

Sunday's Sermon

FPC Sermon 02-04-2024



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in February!

Feb. 1: Joan Hicks

Feb. 2: Ellen Carlino

Feb. 3: Barbara Kepler,
Marilynn Morabito

Feb. 8: Barbara Small

Feb. 9: Rich Barkley,
Alex Drummond

Feb. 14: Rebecca Barkley
Jessica Murphy,
Sarah Shulman

Feb. 18: Jodi Bergman,
Cara Lewis

Feb. 20: Lucinda Parrish

Feb. 22: Sue Carbutt,
Cheryl Messere

Feb. 24: Mona Sabia

Feb. 25: Hermann Ball

Feb. 26: Carolyn Stone

Feb. 27: Rob Drummond,
Janet Ferguson



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