

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

**Welcome to...**

## The BEAT

**The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church**

### **This Week's Pulse**

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)  
12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, March 14**

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 Committee Meeting (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (Parlor)

#### **Friday, March 15**

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

#### **Saturday, March 16**

9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Books Through Bars (meet in the church parking lot)

**SUNDAY, March 17** (\*Childcare available)

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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](#)

*Dedication of Bread for the World Letters*

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 (Choir Room)

**Monday, March 18**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

**Tuesday, March 19**

5:30 p.m. Parish Life Meeting/Pizza Dinner (Parlor)

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, March 20**

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

12:30 p.m. Garage Sale table set-up (Fellowship Hall)

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

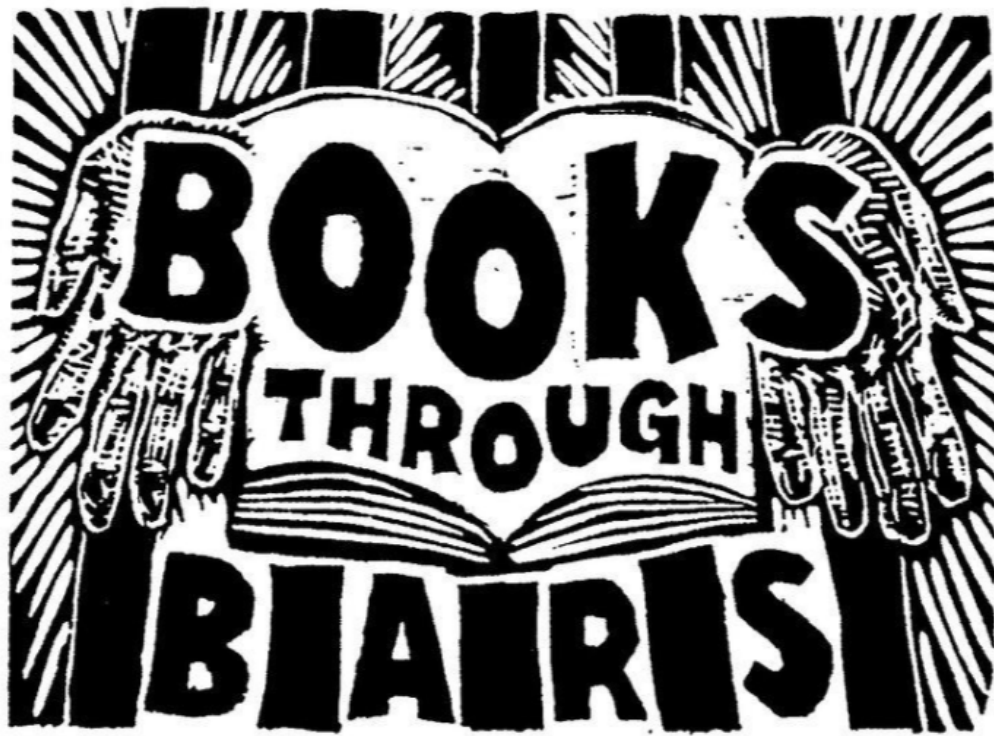
2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Garage Sale inventory set-up (Fellowship Hall)

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

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## FEATURED EVENT



### BOOKS THROUGH BARS

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be this Saturday, **March 16th**. 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 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!

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### An Old Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day

May your days be many and your troubles be few. May all God's blessings descend upon you. May peace be within you, may your heart be strong. May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam. May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God

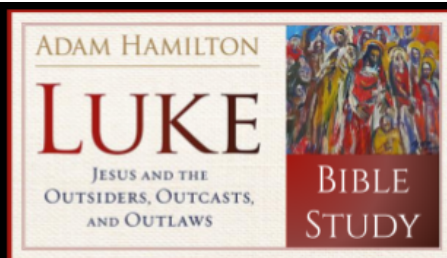
instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.

*Written by St. Patrick*

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## THIS SUNDAY





**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** The Adult Bible Study Group continues their Lenten study of the Gospel of Luke being guided by the book, "*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*", by Adam Hamilton. The group will Zoom at a 8:30 AM. 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](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com). Thanks!

**BREAD for the WORLD OFFERING of LETTERS DEDICATION:** Thanks to all who wrote letters to elected representatives, urging them to support the Farm Bill, which includes programs to help poor and hungry families. The March 10th letter-writing event was the 21st time our congregation participated in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. During this Sunday's worship service, we will dedicate our letters before mailing them to Washington, DC. Please remember to bring letters if you wrote any while at home. More information about Bread for the World can be found at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** The newly formed Children's Choir will have a rehearsal this Sunday, March 10th, in the choir room after the worship service at 12:00 PM. The young voices will be preparing a special Easter Sunday song selection.

**MEN'S GROUP:** All men of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship this Sunday, March 17th. Join Pastor Doug and the crew for a lunch outing!

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** The learning continues this Sunday, March 17th, with the FPC's Women's Circle studying *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.

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## NOTABLES



**PANTRY**

**March  
FPC Food Drive**

FPC's food and money collection for **Phoenixville Area Community Services** (PACS) continues throughout the **month of March**. Help this non-profit become the lead resource for food insecurity in our community. Food donation boxes are positioned throughout the church. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office or during a Sunday service. Visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed - <https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Create a win-win for PACS and FPC by using scrip cards to purchase food donations. Thank you!



There will be **no Sunday School** classes on **Easter Sunday** morning, **March 31st**. Children are welcome to participate in the regular worship service. We will have activity bags on hand to help keep the younger folks occupied.



Saturday, **March 23rd**, will be the next **Garage Sale** for People to People. Help is always needed prior to and the day of the sale. Help is needed: **Wed 3/20** at 12:30 to set up tables  
**Wed 3/20** at 5 - 7 PM to bring out items  
**Thurs 3/21** from 9 AM - 12 to arrange clothing & items  
**Fri 3/22** from 9 AM - 12 to finish set up  
**Sat 3/23** from 7:45 AM - 1 PM for sale  
**Sat 3/23** from 12:30 - 2 PM for clean up  
Please bring in donations no later than Thursday, **March 14th**, so they can be sorted and the set up can begin the next week. Contact Sandy Heidel at [csheidel@verizon.net](mailto:csheidel@verizon.net) if you can help, even for an hour. This is a great support for the People to People ministry of our church. Much appreciated!





**"One Great Hour of Sharing"** (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help neighbors in need around the world. This offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food scarcity, injustice, and oppression. **This Lent**, you are invited to give generously for these causes. Envelopes are in your offering boxes, in the narthex and church office. You may also send a check with **OGHS** noted as the memo. Offerings will be received throughout Lent with a special dedication on the Sunday after Easter, April 7th. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Thank you for your life changing offering!



All are welcome to these Phoenixville community services in which Pastor Doug will be participating.

**Good Friday - The 7 Last Words of Christ**

March 29th at 12:00 PM  
GraceCrossing Community Church  
248 Church Street, Phoenixville

**Easter Vigil - Christ's Resurrection**

March 30th at 7:30 PM  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
355 St. John's Circle,  
Phoenixville  
(bring a lawn chair)



One **March** date remains for **Scrip Orders - Monday, 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



FPC's Holy Week Schedule is as follows:

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

Communion Worship Service  
March 24th at 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday**

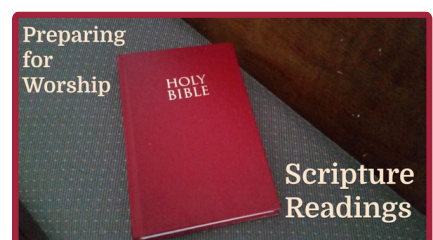
Prayer Service  
March 28th at 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday**

Worship Service & Egg Hunt  
March 31st at 10:30 am



The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's **Lenten Devotional** offers guidance for prayers and reflection this season. To download a copy, visit the seminary's website at <https://www.pts.edu/devotional>. A few hard copies are available in the main office. Audio links are also available on the webpage for your convenience.



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

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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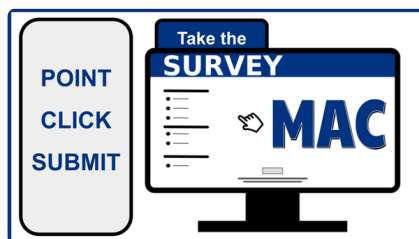
**John 12:20-33**

## Egg Hunt - Church Lawn after the service



**Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club** when they meet on Sunday, **March 24th**.

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! Remember that you can join the conversation whether you've done the reading or not.



**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 Sunday, **March 31st** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!



The **gratitude journaling** prompt for the month of **March** is, "*How do you show kindness to yourself?*" 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!



The next **Zoom** gathering for the **Queer Circle** will be this Monday, **March 25th**, 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. Remember that you can join the conversation whether you've done the reading or not.



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com). Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.



Now **through April 30th**, Schuylkill Township is running a recycling program for **jeans and socks**. The Township is partnering with TerraCycle through their GoldToe Socks Recycling Program and Zappos for Good collaboration with Cotton's Blue Jeans Go Green program. Our People to People clothing sorters have started bagging some items already. Please check your clothing drawers and closets for jeans and socks to bring to church to donate. Your used items can be any color and, in any



condition so long as they are clean. [Barbie Kepler](#) will deliver the donations to the Schuylkill Township drop-off location. Please let her know if you have any questions about this recycling effort.

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## THE MERRY RINGERS BELL CHOIR



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<https://youtu.be/uAelRsbIAQs>





# SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 03-10-2024



## Happy Birthday

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in March!**

**March 1:** Jeanie Osterhoudt

**March 2:** Joshua Carlino,  
Olivia Drummond

**March 4:** Adam Deveney,  
Pam Hagler

**March 7:** Ayden Mandrusiak

**March 11:** Sandy Heidel

**March 14:** Chris Roussey

**March 15:** Holly Kennedy,  
Sandra Parrish

**March 16:** Fenner Gulden

**March 17:** Nancy Cockerill,  
Mark Morabito

**March 18:** Lew Osterhoudt

**March 20:** Amelia Mincavage,  
Luke Walker

**March 26:** Alexander Pehlman,  
Adam Smith

**March 30:** Michael Morabito

**March 31:** Amy Ellis



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