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Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, April 3

- 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 (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 4

- 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, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

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

SUNDAY, April 7 (**Childcare available*)

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Rev. Charlie Gross - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

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

12:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, April 8

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

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

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

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 a.m. MAC Committee Meeting (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Kathryn Grocki (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service for Kathryn Grocki (Sanctuary)

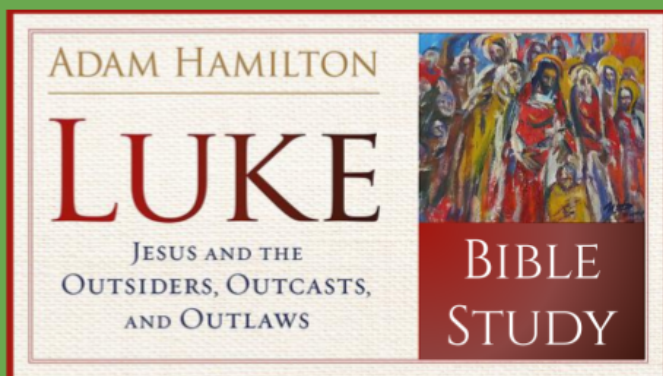
Followed by the burial and then a luncheon in Fellowship Hall

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THIS SUNDAY



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study resumes this Sunday, April 7th, at 8:30 by Zoom. Learning and discussion will continue the book, "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws", by Adam Hamilton. Something new will probably start either April 28 or May 5. Sessions will likely go to the end of June. Please contact [Sue Casey](#) for more details.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with our guest preacher, Rev. Charlie Gross. 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/>

- **About our Guest Preacher** - Charlie Gross grew up in East Petersburg, PA and now lives there again. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa, in 1973. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Charlie went to Grove City College, Webster University, Goldey Beacom College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Titan II Missile Combat Crew Commander in the U.S. Air Force, then attended pilot training and flew C-130s for twenty years. He retired in 1999 as a Lt Col in the Delaware Air National Guard. He entered the ministry in 1999 and served as the Associate Executive Presbyter and Acting Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Donegal. In 2011, he was called to pastor the West Grove Presbyterian Church. He retired in August 2019. Charlie loves travel, folk dancing at the Lancaster Liederkrantz, journaling, and spending time with his family. He started a podcast in 2020 titled, "Encouraging Words by Charlie Gross," (available on iTunes, Google, or at: <http://charliegross.com>). The podcasts are also available in book form at the same link.

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!

MINUTE for MISSION: The MAC Committee has invited representatives from the Meals on Wheels organization to present a Minute for Mission this Sunday, April 7th. For more information about the local program, visit the Meals on Wheels of Chester County website, <https://mowcc.org/>.

NOTABLES



April dates for **Scrip Orders** are on **Mondays**, the **8th** and **22nd**. 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



The time for **Spring Fling Bingo** is at hand. Join us on Friday, **April 12**, at **6:00 PM** in **Fellowship Hall**. Come as yourselves or dress in your spring floral finest. Wear your favorite spring hat! We also welcome bunnies, baby animal costumes, or anything that makes you smile. It consists



The next **Pub Theology** night will be on Sunday, **April 14th**, at **7:00 PM** at **The Foodery** (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! *The Stewardship Committee*

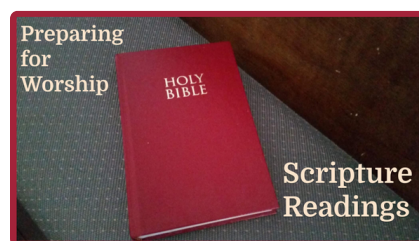
of 10 rounds, with both an adult and child prize for each round. Children/teens are welcome to bring a favorite joke to tell at intermission. Here's your chance to use the microphone! Keep it G-rated for good, godly fun! Please register by using this SignUp Genius link, <https://bit.ly/springflingbingo24>.



The **Nominating Committee** requests **names** from the congregation to be considered for the next class of **Session members (Elders)** and **Board of Deacons**. Some guidelines for making selections can be found on the nominating form. [Click here](#) for online access or see the details in Sunday's bulletin. Please submit nominees' names to Karin Goodman or to the church office by Sunday, **April 21st**.



On **April 20th**, the Men's Group will experience a **Gathering of Blades**. You are invited to join all at Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club in Phoenixville. This event started as a Men's Group gathering, but anyone is welcome. Let Pastor Doug know by Friday, **April 12th**, so that he can make a reservation. The plan is to throw axes at either **1:00 PM** or **2:00 PM** - specific time TBA.



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

Acts 10:34-43
and
Mark 16:1-8



The **gratitude journaling** prompt for the month of **April** is, "*How do you show kindness to nature?*" If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are



A **Celebration of Life** service for **Kathryn Grocki** will be held in FPC's sanctuary on Wednesday, **April 10th**. Visitation with the family will begin at **10:00 AM** and a worship service will follow at



Last May, we kicked off a **Capital Campaign** with the purpose of funding repairs to the sanctuary and roof. These repairs were necessary for us to safely return to worshipping together in the sanctuary,

grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!

11:00 AM. The burial will be in the Washington Memorial Chapel cemetery immediately after the service. Then, a luncheon will be held in FPC's Fellowship Hall.

which we were able to do in time for last Easter. We appreciate all who have already donated and pledged. To date, \$75,988 has been pledged, of which \$68,220 has been received. This is approximately **43%** of our goal of \$160,000. Every contribution helps secure the financial security and the future of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not yet pledged to this campaign, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so in the coming weeks and months. **It is not too late!** This effort will continue through the month of May. You may find pledge cards and envelopes in the narthex and the church office. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church.
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: The offerings for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) collection will be dedicated next Sunday, April 14th. There's still time to contribute! Please remember to bring your special envelopes, or use one from the narthex, or bring your coins to fill a Sunday Schooler's "fish box". Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Thank you for your life-changing offering.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Offerings will be received throughout Lent, with a special dedication on April 14th.
Thank you!

IN THE COMMUNITY



The **Khair Community Outreach Committee** invites you to an open house event their Mosque on **April 6th at 2 PM**. In a time where it seems misinformation and intolerance are at its highest, they are opening their doors to foster understanding and unity. There will be different stations set up for people to learn about various aspects of their faith and worship. A Q&A session along with light refreshments will be at the conclusion of the event. Click the following link to register so space and food can be well-planned: <http://bit.ly/ramadanopenhouse>.

SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS

Merry Ringers Bell Choir 03-31-2024 EASTER SUNDAY



Children's Choir 03-31-2024 EASTER SUNDAY





FPC Hallelujah Chorus 03-31-2024





SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 03-31-2024



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in April!

April 1: Lee Deveney

April 2: Sue Tyson,
Barb White

April 3: Cathy Walker

April 12: Jacqui Busch

April 15: Karilyn Bayus,
Ron Williams

April 17: Kevin Casey

April 19: Norma Carlson

April 21: Bob Williams

April 25: Evelyn Eitl,
George White

April 26: Paulette Mark



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