

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

**Welcome to...**

## **The BEAT**

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

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

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

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*

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

#### **Thursday, April 11**

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 12**

6:00 p.m. Spring Fling Bingo (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Saturday, April 13**

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

#### **SUNDAY, April 14** (\*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](#)

*One Great Hour of Sharing - Offering Dedication*

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)  
12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

### **Monday, April 15**

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)  
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, April 16**

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 17**

10:00 a.m. MAC Committee Meeting (Zoom)  
11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)  
12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends Meeting (Parlor)  
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**



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

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## **FEATURED EVENT**

**B I N G O**



# SPRING FLING

## Fun Night

### SPRING FLING BINGO

Spring Fling Bingo will be **THIS Friday, April 12th**, 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 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>.

## THIS SUNDAY

ADAM HAMILTON  
**LUKE**  
JESUS AND THE  
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,  
AND OUTLAWS

BIBLE  
STUDY

FPC Phoenixville  
Worship in  
the **SANCTUARY** and on **You Tube**

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Offerings will be received throughout Lent,  
with a special dedication on April 7th.  
Thank you!

### PUB THEOLOGY



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** The Adult Bible Study will be at 8:30 a.m. by Zoom on Sunday. Learning and discussion will continue with 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 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](mailto:fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com). Thanks!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The offerings for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) collection will be dedicated this Sunday, April 14th. It's not too late to contribute. Please remember to bring your special envelopes, or use one from the narthex, and/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.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** Join Pastor Doug this Sunday, April 14th, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Engage in discussions of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

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## NOTABLES



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



All **men** of FPC and friends are invited to meet in the **main office after worship** on Sunday, **April 21st**. Then, join Pastor Doug for a lunch outing. Enjoy hearty food and lively chats!



FPC's **Women's Circle** will meet at **12 noon** in the **Parlor** on Sunday, **April 21st**. This gathering will include a brief video presentation and discussion relating to the study of *Sacred Encounters - The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. Bring a snack or lunch. Bring your thoughts to share. All



throw axes at either **1:00 PM**  
or **2:00 PM** - specific time TBA.



One April date for **Scrip Orders** remains - **Mondays, the 22nd**. 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*



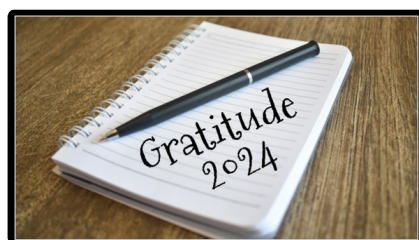
The **Nominating Committee** requests **names** from the congregation to be considered for the next class of **Session members (Elders)** and **Board of Deacons**. Some guidelines for making selections can be found on the nominating form. [Click here](#) for online access or see the details in Sunday's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



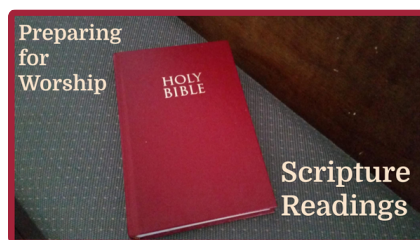
The Church Growth Committee is looking for a **Books Through Bars Coordinator** who will assist with finding volunteers for a monthly trip and assist with carpool arrangements. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Kristin at [kristin.c.craven@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.c.craven@gmail.com).



Do you like working with numbers and have a bit of time to spare each month? If so, then please consider helping the MAC Committee as the ministry's treasurer. If you are called to serve or would like to know more about this role, then please email [MissionsFPC@gmail.com](mailto:MissionsFPC@gmail.com).



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



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

**1 John 3:1-7**  
and  
**Luke 24:36b-48**



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



Tuesday, **April 23rd**, is the Municipal Election Primary. FPC's Fellowship Hall is a polling place. Polls are open on election day from **7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.** The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is April 16, 2024. More voting information can be found at [Vote.PA.Gov](https://Vote.PA.Gov).



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, 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.  
*The Stewardship Committee*

**Mother's Day** is Sunday, **May 12th**. Remember your mother or that special woman in your life with an **alternative card** to benefit Mom's House. Mom's House provides childcare for single parents enabling them to complete their education and a better future for their family. Cards are available on Sundays in the Narthex or in the office during the week. Thank you for your support of this caring organization. *Your MAC Committee*





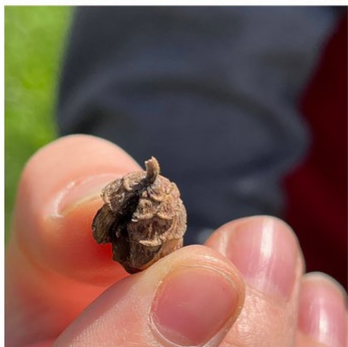
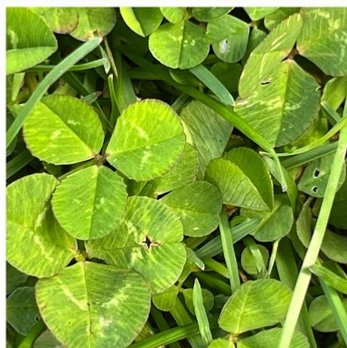
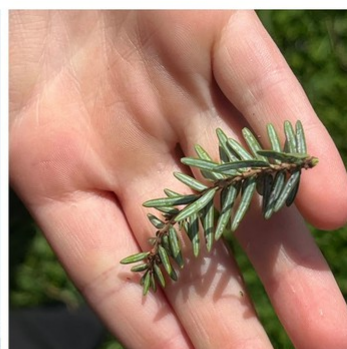
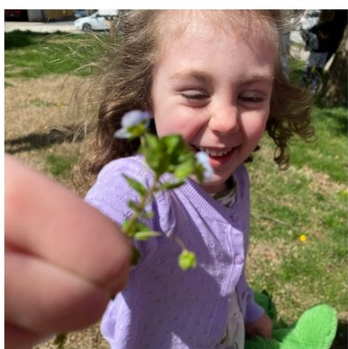
# SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS

FPC Sunday 04-07-2024 Jazz Ensemble Prelude





<https://youtu.be/lg-H4TdjqsA>



Life seems so fine when there's lots of sunshine!

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## SUNDAY'S SERMON





# 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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