

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

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)

Thursday, April 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. Christian Education Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

- 9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Axe Throwing (Angry Jack's, 420 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

SUNDAY, April 21 (*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. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

12:00 p.m. Men's Group (Main Office then out to lunch)

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

Monday, April 22

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

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

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle ([Zoom](#))

Click on the Zoom link or call 1-929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 857 7831 9381

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Primary Election Voter Poll (Fellowship Hall)

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

Wednesday, April 24

11:00 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

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

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

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

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

FEATURED EVENTS



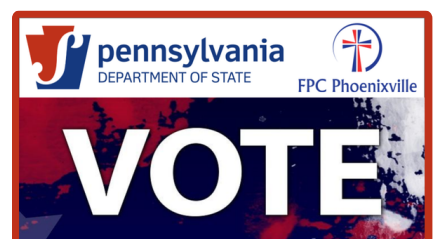
AXE THROWING

From shouting Bingo to perfecting an axe throw, FPC's activities entertain and are far from plain. A nice group will gather and game safely with Pastor Doug at Angry Jack's Axe Throwing Club (420 Bridge St, Phoenixville) this Saturday



QUEER CIRCLE

The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be on Monday, **April 22nd**, at 7:00 PM. The group has wrapped up discussions for *The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion*. What will the next book be? Join the



PRIMARY VOTING

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

afternoon, **April 20th**.
Bullseyes await!

Zoom and be a part of the decision-making process. It's a great opportunity to learn more about genders, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues. Remember that you can join the conversation any time whether you are reading the current book or not.

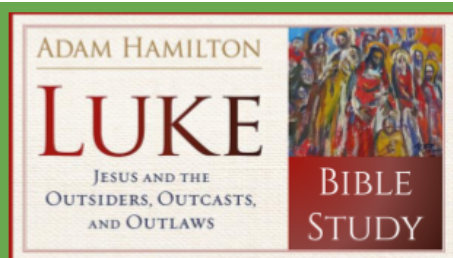
Zoom Link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778319381>

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voting information can be found at Vote.PA.Gov.

THIS SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

[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!

NOMINATIONS: All names to be considered for the next class of Session members (Elders) and Board of Deacons are due this Sunday, April 21st. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir will have a rehearsal this Sunday, April 21st, in the choir room after the worship service at 12:00 PM. The young voices will be preparing a special song for Pentecost Sunday.

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

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: FPC's Women's Circle will meet at 12 noon in the Parlor this 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 ladies are welcome to join in this fellowship and study session!

NOTABLES



One April date for **Scrip Orders** remains - **Monday, 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. 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.



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.



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.

Thank you! *The Stewardship Committee*

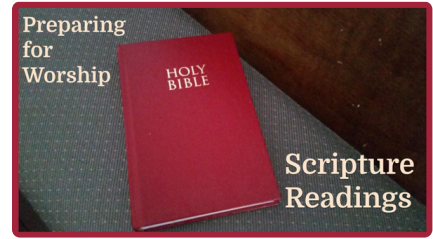


Mother's Day is Sunday, **May 12th**. Remember your mother or that special woman in your life with an **alternative card** to benefit Mom's House. Mom's House provides childcare for single parents enabling them to complete their education and a better future for their family. Cards are available on Sundays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

Thank you for your support of this caring organization. *Your MAC Committee*



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.

Acts 4:5-12
and
1 John 3:16-24



The next **Antiracism Book Club** Zoom gathering will be on Sunday, **April 28th**, at **7:00 PM**. The study of a newly selected publication will start, so this would be a good meeting to attend if joining is something you have been considering. Also, remember that you can attend any meeting to learn more whether you are reading the current book or not.



FPC's young disciples will have a **Confirmation class** on Sunday, **April 28th**, from **12:00 PM-2:00 PM**. They will meet with members of Session, and then continue for their final Confirmation Class. Please attend the full worship service and then meet in the **third-floor classroom** for lunch and learning.



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



Save-the-May-Dates

5th - Holy Communion Sunday with a Baptism

12th - Teacher Appreciation Sunday

19th - Outdoor Worship for Pentecost Sunday with a Baptism, Confirmation, and the welcoming of new members



It's not too late to bring your **OGHS envelopes and Gracie fish banks** to church.



Springtime is clean-up time! The Property Committee has scheduled a **Clean-Up Day** at church on Saturday, **April 27th**, from **9:00 AM-12:00 PM**. Rake, sweep, trim, and beautify our property. Please bring gloves, rakes, clippers, weed trimmers, brooms, and anything else that would make tidying easier. Many hands would be appreciated and more fun!

SUNDAY'S SNIPPETS



Spring has sprung and Bingo night is done!
Thanks to the organizers, volunteers, supporters, and attendees for making it a fun night!



SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 04-14-2024



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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