

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, March 18th

6:30 p.m. WWF - POSTPONED until further notice

6:45 p.m. Merry Ringers Quartet Rehearsal - POSTPONED until further notice

7:30 p.m. Merry Ringers Rehearsal - POSTPONED until further notice

7:30 p.m. Community Lenten Worship - CANCELLED

Thursday, March 19th

10:00 a.m. Food Ministry (Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - POSTPONED until further notice

Friday, March 20th

7:00 a.m. Food ministry - POSTPONED until further notice

Saturday, March 21st

6:30 a.m. Food Ministry in Philly - POSTPONED until further notice

Sunday, March 22nd (*Childcare provided)

9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour - POSTPONED until further notice

9:15 a.m. *Sunday School for all ages - POSTPONED until further notice

9:15 a.m. *Adult Bible Study - POSTPONED until further notice

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE - Rev. Doug Hagler, preaching - ONLINE via YouTube Live

12:00 p.m. Africa Trip Presentation/Luncheon - POSTPONED until further notice

Monday, March 23rd

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class - POSTPONED until further notice

Tuesday, March 24th

Flea Market Set-Up - POSTPONED until further notice

4:30 p.m. Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

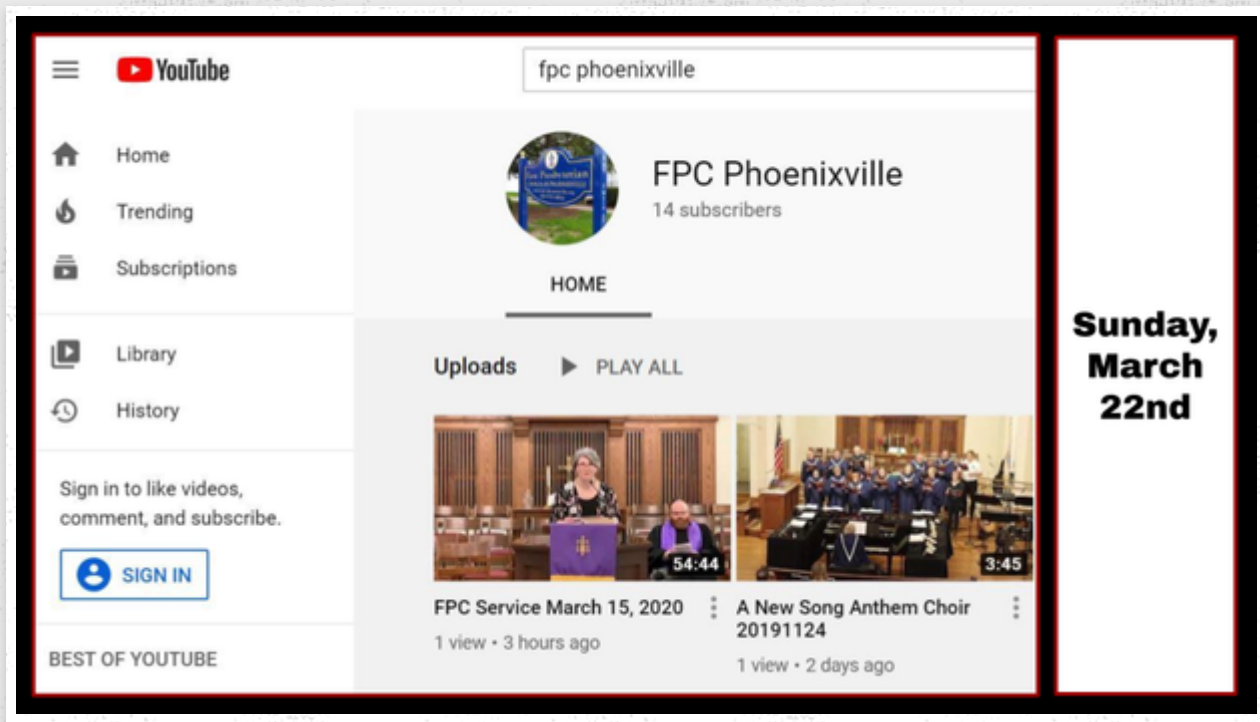
7:30 p.m. Session Meeting (TBA)

Wednesday, March 25th

Flea Market Set-Up - POSTPONED until further notice

1:00 p.m. Club House Cards - POSTPONED until April 8th

THIS SUNDAY



This Sunday's worship service will be [broadcasted live](#) (10:30 AM) on FPC's YouTube Channel - "FPC Phoenixville". Then the recorded version will be available for "anytime" viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrmNs7JdvZNJpsNjs0Ds8vg>.

Sunday's bulletin will be posted on the FPC website for your convenience to follow along with the worship service. - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

NOTEABLES



During this **month of March**, FPC will be **restocking** the Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) **pantry shelves**. **Nonperishable staples** and **money** will be collected for those in Phoenixville facing difficult times. A **drop box** will be **outside on the landing by the office door**. Items will be picked up and delivered to PACS frequently. Checks may be written to First Presbyterian Church with PACS on the memo line. Thank you!



The next **Clubhouse Cards** session that was scheduled for Wednesday, **March 25th**, has been **postponed**. Please plan on resuming play on April 8th. We are looking forward to card-gaming then!



The **WWF** (Wednesday Women's Fellowship) is **suspended** until further notice. Making plan from home would be much appreciated. We'll have some great times ahead with weaving, snacking, chatting, and movie watching. For now, take care!



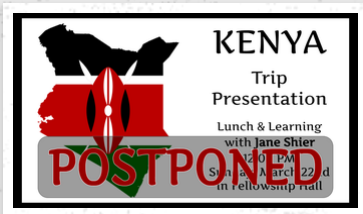
The Phoenixville Area Clergy Association has made the decision to **cancel** the remaining **Wednesday Lenten Worship Services** that were to be held at various local churches.



Easter flowers are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. **Lily and tulip plants** can be ordered through church by **March 22nd** for just **\$8.50 each**. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 worship service. Please use the order form in Sunday's bulletin.



FPC's **Flea Market** has been **postponed** until further notice due to health concerns regarding COVID-19. This decision was made to safeguard the health of both attendees and volunteers. Thank you for your understanding. Updates will be posted when available. Be well.



The **Mission Sunday presentation and luncheon** that was scheduled for March 22nd has been **postponed** until further notice. We look forward to hearing about Jane Shier's experiences in Kenya. Stay tuned for details when we are able to return to "in-person" gatherings.



Lent continues! The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary **Lenten Devotional** is available to assist us through the season. [Click here](#) to access it online. Offered each day are the meditations that can be read, printed or listened to. There will be a few hard copies available in the narthex or the office for those that do not have access to a computer.



Please continue to save clean, used **plastic bags** and hold onto them until church is back in session. We'll be happy to resume our collection then for use in making mats for the homeless. Thank you!



All **March 29th** activities - Sermon Talk, Pub Theology, and Dine-Around - have been **postponed** until further notice. If you are interested in a live broadcast of Pastor Doug's musings on various questions in the style of Pub Theology, please contact him via email at Pastor145@comcast.net.



The **One Great Hour of Sharing** is a great way to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Please hold onto your offerings until further notice. A special collection will be announced in the near future.



The Holy Week schedule remains as-is.
Palm Sunday, 4/5, 10:30 AM Worship
Maundy Thursday, 4/9, 7:30 PM Worship
Easter Sunday, 4/12, 10:30 AM Worship
Easter Egg Hunt, 4/12, 12:00 PM Church Grounds



There is an opening for a **sanctuary flower sponsor** on Sunday, **April 19th**. One arrangement is available at a cost of **\$25**. If you'd like to sponsor the arrangement, please contact the church office at 610-933-8816 or secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.



Easter Egg Hunt candies will be needed! Parish Life will be collecting individually wrapped candy pieces that are small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Please hold donations until church is back in session (hopefully soon).



Church services are suspended, but the **Prayer Chain** is fully operational. Requests for needing prayer and offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com or called in to the main office at 610-933-8816.



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Ephesians 5:8-14** and **John 9:1-41**.



There's still time to return your **\$36 2020 "per capita apportionment"** for the Donegal Presbytery. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, noting "Per Capita" in the memo field and then mailed to church at 145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Thank you!



The **Women's Retreat** will be **Friday, April 24th-Sunday, April 26th** at the **St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center** (227 Isabella Rd, Elverson). Registration forms are in the office and narthex. A one day Saturday visit is an option too. Questions? Please see Jewell for details or call the main office at 610-933-8816.



MAIN OFFICE PROTOCOL

Please be advised that until further notice, the church office is closed to in person visitors. The church staff members are available via email or by calling the office and leaving a message. These measures have been taken to keep everyone safe. We appreciate your understanding and prayers as we navigate these uncharted waters.



**Help Us Be Mindful
of Those Who are
Without a Bowl of
Soup to Eat.**

**Click here to visit the
Souper Bowl of Caring
Facebook page.**

Read how food insecurity issues get
relieved with community action.

Some ideas to care for our neighbors in this challenging time:

1. Donate to your local food bank. There is a much greater need than normal with food needed by school children and their families.
2. Create food/meal bags for local families and drop them off on their porch or at the food pantry. If you know a family who struggles, you don't have to ask, just help!
3. If you are well and not in a high-risk group, consider volunteering at your local food pantry if they are requesting help. They are in pandemic mode, meaning that boxes need to be packed and folks in need are driving through to get those boxes.
4. Pray for healing and that all of God's Children are getting what they need to stay healthy in this time of social distancing.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE

FPC Service March 15, 2020



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 9: Zach Wintsch

March 11: Sandy Heidel

March 14: Chris Roussey

March 15: Sandra Parrish

March 17: Nancy Cockerill,
Sasha Glincosky,
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 Osterhoudt