

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, March 25th

No events scheduled.

Thursday, March 26th

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

Friday, March 27th

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 28th

No events scheduled.

Sunday, March 29th (*Childcare provided)

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

1:00 p.m. Men's Group - ONLINE via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology - ONLINE via Zoom

Monday, March 30th

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 31st

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

Wednesday, April 1st

THIS SUNDAY



GOING DIGITAL

COFFEE HOUR: Cara Lewis created a FlipGrid as a way for families to say hi and keep in touch without physically attending coffee hour. There will be a different topic for discussion every week. Cara uses FlipGrid in her classroom a lot. Students can record a video of themselves and then post it to the board so everyone can see them. This is a great way for everyone (especially kids) to see each other. Here is the link, <https://flipgrid.com/fpcpcoffeehour>. See you at Coffee Hour!

WORSHIP: 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. 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/>

MEN'S GROUP will meet over Zoom at 1:00pm.*

PUB THEOLOGY will also meet via Zoom from 7:00-9:00 PM.*

* Invite links to the Zoom meetings will go out via email and be posted on our Facebook group page - [FPC Family](#). *(request an invite to join if your not already a member).*

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!



Church contributions made easy! Simply use your bank's "**online bill pay**" feature. First Presbyterian Church can be setup as a payee for designated dates and amounts. The church will receive a check in the mail, which will be credited as a contribution from you. In addition, the [FPC website](#) now has a **PayPal link** on the homepage. This feature is good for one-time donations or to set-up regularly scheduled contributions. Of course, **checks can be mailed** to First Presbyterian too - 145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Your continued support during this operational shutdown is GREATLY appreciated!



Lent continues! Now is a good time to check out the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary **Lenten Devotional** to assist us through the season. [Click here](#) to access it online. Read or listen to the daily prayers and reflections.



The Holy Week schedule is all virtual. **Online** viewing details for these services will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!
Palm Sunday, 4/5, 10:30 AM Worship
Maundy Thursday, 4/9, 7:30 PM Worship
Easter Sunday, 4/12, 10:30 AM Worship



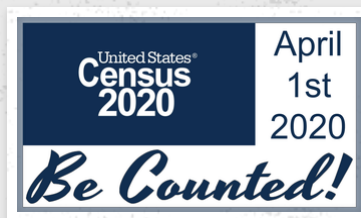
A First Presbyterian Google Voice number has been set-up to send and receive **text messages**. If you are interested in receiving church notifications on your phone, please text your first and last name to **484-302-8168**.



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!



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.



April 1st, Census Day 2020, is quickly approaching. By now you should have received a mailing of the census questionnaire. Be sure to get it in the mail soon, or respond online at My2020Census.gov. Responding is a legal requirement and helps the US and local governments make good decisions when allocating funds and resources. *The website is secure and responses are kept confidential.*



Nominees are being accepted now through **May 3rd** for the office of **elder or deacon**. Please submit names by **mail** or **email** of active members from FPC's congregation that closely fit the description found in the [bulletin insert](#) that's posted online. Questions? Please call the main office at 610-933-8816.



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Ezekiel 37:1-14** and **Romans 9:6-11**.



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 **2020 Donegal Presbytery Women's Retreat** is cancelled due to the coronavirus. The good news is Rev. Patty Stoltzfus has agreed to lead us next year, so reserve April 23, 24 and 25, 2021 on your calendar now!



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.

SESSION IN SESSION VIA ZOOM



SUNDAY'S SERMON

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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