

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, April 29th

No events scheduled.

Thursday, April 30th

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

Friday, May 1st

No events scheduled.

Saturday, May 2nd

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, May 3rd

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP SERVICE - Rev. Doug Hagler, preaching - ONLINE via [YouTube](#)

1:00 p.m. Men's Group - ONLINE via [Zoom](#)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology - ONLINE via [Zoom](#)

Monday, May 4th

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

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

7:00 p.m. MAC Meeting via [Zoom](#)

Wednesday, May 6th

7:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom

THIS SUNDAY



COFFEE HOUR: The FlipGrid coffee hour continues on the FPC FlipGrid board - <https://flipgrid.com/fpcpcoffeehour>. Record videos of yourself, your family, your surroundings, etc. and then post it to the board so everyone can see them. Visit FlipGrid before or after worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A [Zoom meeting](#) for FPC children has been scheduled for this Sunday, May 3rd, at 9:30 AM. Students will be able to show their artwork created from the packets mailed to them. Zoom in and share in the fun!

WORSHIP: Sunday's worship service will be at 10:30 AM on [FPC's YouTube Channel](#) - "FPC Phoenixville". Afterward, 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/>

NOMINEES: Names are being accepted now through this Sunday, **May 3rd**, for the office of **elder or deacon**. Please submit names by [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.

The [MEN'S GROUP will Zoom](#) at 1:00 PM, and [PUB THEOLOGY will Zoom](#) from 7:00-9:00 PM again this Sunday, 5/3. Click on the meeting title for access. In addition, invites will go out via

NOTEABLES



This Monday, **May 4th**, **Vivian Sedlacek** will celebrate her **95th birthday**! Since she loves receiving mail, let's help make her day extra special by mailing her **birthday cards** to: Mrs. Vivian Sedlacek, 13102 Shannondell Drive, Audubon, PA 19403. She'll be so happy!



Keep the **card-writing** going! Brenna (Ball) Reed could really use some words of encouragement. In addition to being a nurse during this pandemic, her son, Beau, has been having seizures since last fall. The family is hoping that a recent test will help doctors determine the right treatment plan. Supportive notes would be greatly appreciated. Cards can be sent to: Brenna Reed, 2210 Bradmoor Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.



About 35 people logged in for our first "**All in Zoom Social**" and it was so much fun...we're doing it again. Please Zoom-in at **7:30 PM** on Tuesday, **May 5th**, for church social #2 and we'll celebrate Cinco de Mayo together. Make it Taco Tuesday and have your family join us after your fiesta for more fun! A sombrero would be great to hide quarantine hair! Zoom info will be emailed before the event.



Last year a few members took turns **cutting the grass** at the church and we could use some more volunteers for this year. Two people are scheduled for each month, so you would only have to do it four times. Plus, it gets you out of the house. Please email or call the main office if you can help - secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or 610-933-8816.



Our **scrip program** is operational! Orders are due on **every other Friday: 5/1, 5/15**. Please call Lynne at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) to place an order. Checks are to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church DR and mailed to Lynne Williams, 14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Remember these cards make great "Thank You" gifts for front-line service workers.



Donations are still needed for **PACS** - both food AND non-food items. Items can be dropped off directly at the PACS location at Church and Gay Streets in Phoenixville. Monetary contributions are helpful too. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with PACS in the memo line, then mailed to FPC at 145 Main St, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Thank you!



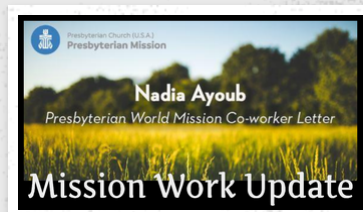
Please notify the church office with the names of those people who will be **graduating** from High School, College, Technical School or Grad School this year. (secretaryfpc145@gmail.com or 610-933-8816) We will recognize all our graduates on **May 17th** during the worship service.



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones during this health crisis. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com. Offers to be a prayer angel can be emailed to the same address, or call the main office at 610-933-8816.



Remember to visit the Phoenixville Jaycees' link: InThisTogetherPXV.com for **answers** to all your questions regarding **COVID-19** locally. It contains info about the Phoenixville Borough, businesses in operation, the PHX school district, Chester County readiness news, the hospital's preparedness, and more. It's a great resource during this challenging time.



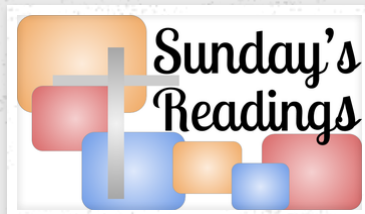
Church contributions made easy! Simply use your bank's "online bill pay" feature. First Presbyterian Church can be setup as a payee for designated dates and amounts. The church will receive a check in the mail, which will be credited as a contribution from you. In addition, the [FPC website](#) now has 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!

The **text** distribution list continues to grow. If you are interested in receiving church notifications on your phone, please text your first and last name to **484-302-8168**.

"In the Shelter of the Most High" is the title of the letter written by Nadia Ayoub, our mission co-worker serving in Greece. It begins with "Dear Friends and family, Peace and grace to you all. I thank God because he is faithful and able to shelter and protect us in this difficult time." [Read more...](#)



With everything being digital during the stay-at-home mandates, it would be good to boost FPC's online presence with some testimonials about our COVID-19 response, virtual services, Pub Theology, etc. Taking a few moments to write a **Google Review** will help FPC's online rankings. Simply search on **First Presbyterian, Phoenixville**. In the results on the right side, click on **Reviews**. In the pop-up window, click on the **"Write a Review"** button in the upper right corner. Thanks!



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Acts 2:42-47** and **1 Peter 2:19-25**.



The **FPC office** remains **closed**. Sue and Pastor Doug rotate visits to check the mail and to maintain other office functions. Every effort is being made to serve the FPC family with the usual dedication (*and then some!*). If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call 610-933-8816. Thank you!



Perspective
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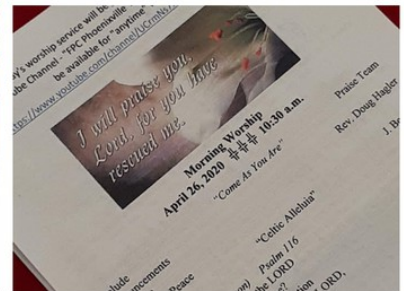
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The May Perspective newsletter is now available.

Click this image to find it on the FPC website.

WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND



SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in May!

May 1: Gene Mariani
May 2: Ben Dove, Mimi Hiestand
May 3: Sadie Josel
May 4: Judy Ball,
Michael Goodman,
Vivian Sedlacek
May 5: Kate Johnston
May 6: Dawn Buzzerd-Bader,
Anita Lopez
May 10: Karen Drummond

May 13: Kevin Roussey,
Megan Roussey
May 14: Brian Josel
May 20: Joseph Glincosky
May 22: Donna Dove
May 24: Lynne Williams
May 25: Blanche Chang
May 28: Caitlin Schierenbeck
May 29: Liz Carrabine,
Mike Naughton
May 30: Muriel Rowlands