

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, May 6th

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

Thursday, May 7th

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

Friday, May 8th

No events scheduled.

Saturday, May 9th

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, May 10th

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

Monday, May 11th

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 12th

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

7:00 p.m. Parish Life Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, May 13th

No events scheduled.

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.

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/>

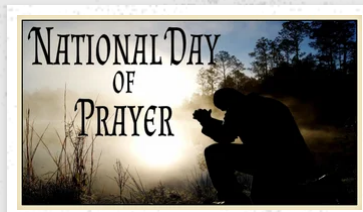
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To all mom's and motherly mentors - thank you for all your love, support, guidance, laughter, patience, understanding, comfort, and encouragement!

NOTEABLES



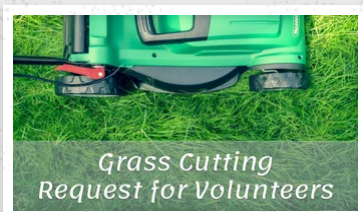
Today, **May 6th**, is **Nurses Appreciation Day!** *Thank you for dedicating your life today to the care of those who come your way, touching each one with healing hands and the gentle art for which you stand. And when the day is finally done, rest peacefully for having helped everyone.*



Since 1952, the **National Day of Prayer** has been observed on the first Thursday of May. The day was designated by Congress for people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." Since the whole world could use prayers during this pandemic, please take a moment tomorrow, **May 7th**, to pray something special. [Click here](#) for a guided prayer sheet that can be used for inspiration.



The **Personnel Committee** will meet virtually next Tuesday, **May 12th**. This would normally be an Open Forum session. If you have any staffing feedback you would like to provide to the Personnel Committee for discussion that night, then please send an email to Jeanie at jeanoster@comcast.net or one of the other personnel committee members - Jeanne Blackburn, George Cockerill, Karen Drummond, Kathy Grocki, Mona Sabia or Doug Walker.



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: 5/15**. 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!



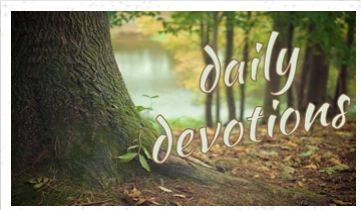
The "All in Zoom Social" events are great fun! Another date has been set for Thursday, **May 14th**. Please Zoom-in at **7:30 PM** and enjoy some fellowship right from the comfort of your home. Zoom info will be emailed before the event.



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.



Redner's receipts with rewards noted help the church, so please remember to use your Rewards Card at check-out. That way, the receipt totals can benefit FPC. [Click here](#) to learn how easy it is to get a Rewards Card. Turn in your receipts when the church reopens. Thanks!

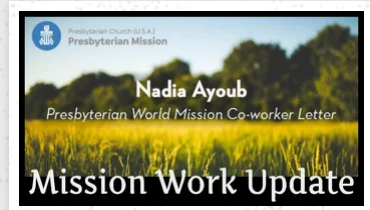


Should you find the extra need for prayer during this critical time, then here are some devotional resources suggested by our Deacons to help you make a daily spiritual connection.

- [Our Daily Bread](#)
- [In Touch Ministries](#)
- [How to Find Peace in a Pandemic](#)



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.



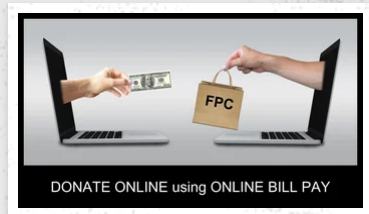
"In the Shelter of the Most High" is the title of the letter written by Nadia Ayoub, our mission co-worker serving in Greece. It begins with "Dear Friends and family, Peace and grace to you all. I thank God because he is faithful and able to shelter and protect us in this difficult time." [Read more...](#)



The Session and Board of Deacons have created a **COVID-19 Fund** to provide financial assistance, first to members of our congregation and then potentially to community members as well. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send a check to the church made out to "First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville" with "COVID-19" in the memo-line. If you are aware of anyone who might need assistance, or if you yourself might need assistance, please contact [Pastor Doug](#) or [Chuck Heidel](#), Chair of the Board of Deacons. More details can be found by [clicking here](#).



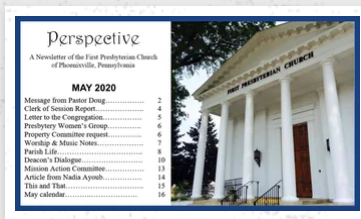
The **FPC office** remains **closed**. Sue and Pastor Doug rotate visits to check the mail and to maintain other office functions. Every effort is being made to serve the FPC family with the usual dedication (*and then some!*). If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call 610-933-8816.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



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!



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Acts 7:55-60** and **1 Peter 2:2-10**.



The May Perspective Newsletter is now available. [Click here](#) to read, download, or print it. Learn what's new in the FPC world!



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**.



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