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Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, November 25th

No Zoom Social - Happy Thanksgiving Eve!

Thursday, November 26th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Office is closed.

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, November 27th

No events scheduled.

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 28th

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, November 29th - ADVENT 1

8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Sue Casey - Zoom

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE - Rev. Doug Hagler - [LIVE STREAMED on YouTube](#)

12:00 p.m. Joys and Concerns with Rev. Doug Hagler - [Zoom](#)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club - [Zoom](#)

Monday, November 30th

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, December 1st

7:00 p.m. MAC Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:30 p.m. [All-Church Zoom Social](#)

Click on the link or call: 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 828 8553 1183, Password: 090870

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVENTS



TONIGHT, Wednesday, November 25th, is the annual **Community Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service** that you can view right from home! It's online at https://youtu.be/SA_tSKjq1IQ. The Phoenixville Area Clergy Association (PACA) has assembled a variety of our community's spiritual traditions with an emphasis on gratitude and thankfulness. The video is available to view anytime. However, it is encouraged for everyone to watch it at 7:30 this evening for unison communal prayer. For those who are moved to send a contribution to PACA's emergency assistance fund, please write a check to PACA and mail it to Grace Crossing, 248 Church St., Phoenixville, PA 19460. May the Source of all blessing and goodness continue among us in times of intensity and in times of ease, in struggle and in celebration. *Peace, Mark Young, Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville.*

TOMORROW, November 26th, at 12:00 PM is the annual **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. This year's event will be COVID-safe with take-outs only. Thanks in advance to all those who have or will support this special event with food and financial donations, time and energy. Questions? Please call the main office at 610-933-8816 or email secretaryfpc145@gmail.com. Thank you!

ZOOM SOCIAL NEWS



From November 18 - This past Wednesday was our 30th All Church Zoom, and yet it was something new. Maggie created a musical interactive crossword puzzle. The theme was Duets of the Decades and it had the 21 of us singing and dancing along to old favorites, and songs that were new to some. The competition for worst joke was back again, and it was a tight competition between Hermann, Jack, Mike and Kristen with no clear winner.

For November 25 - We are taking **tonight off** so everyone can prepare for Thanksgiving in whatever way you choose, be it making a pie, baking fresh sourdough, crushing some cranberries, taking a nap, or planning your timing for going to WaWa for your Gobbler.

Upcoming - Our next All Church Zoom Social will be Wednesday, December 2nd, for a Christmas Cookie recipe exchange. Then Thursday, December 10th, will be Christmas Music Quizzo hosted by Hermann and Judy Ball.

We are always open to new ideas and new participants so join us in December and let us know if you have a new activity to share.

ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885531183?pwd=aThZTEQ0ak05V1FQdnYrTWFWMFISdz09>

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From Becky, Jewell & Lynne for the Parish Life Committee

THIS SUNDAY



BIBLE STUDY: Zooming this Sunday at 8:30 AM, the First Sunday of Advent, the Bible study class will begin reading *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. Join us to explore the names and titles given to Jesus in the Christmas accounts from Matthew and Luke, as well as from the introduction to the Gospel of John: Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, the Word. The concluding chapter looks at what early Christians meant when they said, "Jesus is Lord." Contact [Sue Casey](#) for the book and the Zoom link. All are welcome!

WORSHIP: Due to the local spike in COVID cases, we are returning to online services only starting this Sunday, November 29th, at 10:30 AM. The service will be live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can follow along with the bulletin by visiting - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

LIGHTING CEREMONY: The first of the Advent candles will be lit during worship this Sunday - the Candle of Expectation. The accompany scripture will be from Psalm 80. Be God's light and shine bright!

JOYS and CONCERNS: Join Pastor Doug virtually **on Sunday at 12:00 PM** for joys and concerns. Share some happiness, heartache, or anything in between and lift up each other in spirit. Here are the Zoom details:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87345268002>

Call: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 873 4526 8002

ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB: The novel *"Ghost Boys"* by Jewell Parker Rhodes is the new selection for discussion. Zoom with us this Sunday, November 29th, at 7:00 PM. Read, chat, learn and share!

NOTEABLES



The **Nominating Committee** is in search of new Members At Large to serve **2021-2022**. Please submit nominees to [Becky Sinapius](#) or turn in to the main office by this Sunday, **November 29th**. Check the Sunday bulletin for more details.



Join in our decorating tradition by purchasing a \$9.00 **poinsettia** to enhance our worship experience during the Christmas season. Flowers can be dedicated to remember a loved one, honor a person, express appreciation, or to beautify our Sanctuary. The plants will be available to take home and enjoy after Christmas! Simply drop off or send the [order form](#) and payment to the church office by this Sunday, **November 29th**. Thank you for your generosity!



There are new **scrip** order dates for **December**- think Christmas Gifts! Checks and orders are due on Tuesdays: the 1st, 8th, and 15th. 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



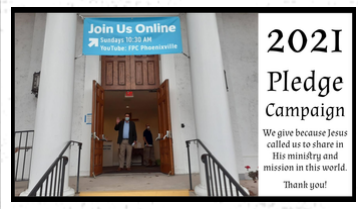
This year we are supporting 7 families with **gifts** and 10 families with **dinner baskets**. Stay tuned for the online sign-up details! Personal shoppers are ready to help if needed. Everything will culminate on December 13th.



Sales for **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** have begun. For just **\$5.00**, you can gift family, friends, and co-workers with these "hand-crafted by church members" cards, gift tags and pins. The monies raised will support non-profit organizations. To place an order, please call the main office at 610-933-8816 or email secretaryfpc145@gmail.com.



On Sunday, November 15th, Sarah Shulman facilitated a Q&A session about the **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**. She is rallying a group of volunteers for a mission trip in July. The Zoom session was recorded so everyone can learn more about the organization and what to expect during a work week. [Have a listen](#) and consider being a participant in this outreach ministry. [Email Sarah](#) any questions or to volunteer.



There's still time to return your **2021 pledge card**. It can be dropped off in the main office on Wednesdays or mailed to church at 145 Main St., Phoenixville, PA 19460. Thank you!



On Thursday, **December 3rd**, the next "We Are" Vigil will be led by Pastor Doug in support of Black Lives Matter. Zoom starts at **7:00 PM**. Vigils are also held live on the third Thursdays at Main and Bridge Streets in Phoenixville. Questions? Please contact [Pastor Doug](#) for more information.



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Isaiah 64:1-9** and **Mark 13:24-37**



FPC's FREE LITTLE LIBRARY



Inventory is coming soon!



Thank you to Paul Parrish for his fine craftsmanship!

Advent & Christmas Devotional

2020 has been such a different kind of year. This Advent can be too. Presbyterians Today offers a devotional with a new approach using Howard Thurman's poem, "I Will Light Candles this Christmas" as it's framework. There are traditional Advent passages mixed with reflections about this unusual time. It covers the first day of Advent, November 29th, through Epiphany, January 6th. Pray and reflect daily, or refer to it randomly. It's a great guide for God time!

For online access with downloads, please visit
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2020/>



SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!

Nov. 1st: Paul Parrish;
John Zern

Nov. 4th: Dot McIntyre

Nov. 5th: Barb Giebler

Nov. 8th: Joanne Jarrell;
Savannah Rivera

Nov. 9th: Patrice Barnes,
Kristen Skutch

Nov. 12th: Megan Smith

Nov. 14th: Noah Pilotti

Nov. 16th: Amy Roussey

Nov. 17th: Helen Harrop

Nov. 21st: Doug Hagler

Nov. 22nd: Ellen Williams

Nov. 23rd: Donald Jarrell

Nov. 29th: Doris Langevin

