

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

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

Thursday, December 3rd

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

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall & Back Lot)

7:00 p.m. "We Are" Vigil - [Zoom](#)

Friday, December 4th

1:00 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall & Back Lot)

Saturday, December 5th

No events scheduled.

SUNDAY, December 6th - ADVENT 2

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 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](#)

12:30 p.m. Deacons meeting - Zoom

Monday, December 7th

Tuesday, December 8th

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting - Zoom

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

Wednesday, December 9th

This week's Zoom Social will be on **Thursday, December 10**. Stay tuned for details.

FEATURED EVENTS



ALL-CHURCH ZOOM SOCIAL - WEDNESDAY

We hope everyone had an enjoyable although different Thanksgiving. We didn't Zoom this week but we have the month of December packed full of fun activities. Please join the festivities.

- *Tonight, December 2* - Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange-munch on your favorite Christmas cookies while we share holiday recipes. It will be a great occasion to add to your cookie repertoire.
- **Thursday, December 10** - Christmas Music Quizzo hosted by Judy and Hermann
- *Wednesday, December 16* - Christmas Scavenger Hunt, plus wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater
- *Wednesday, December 23* - NO ZOOM- finish decking your halls
- *Wednesday, December 30* - "New Years Eve, Eve" Social, break out the Eggnog while we look back on 2020

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>

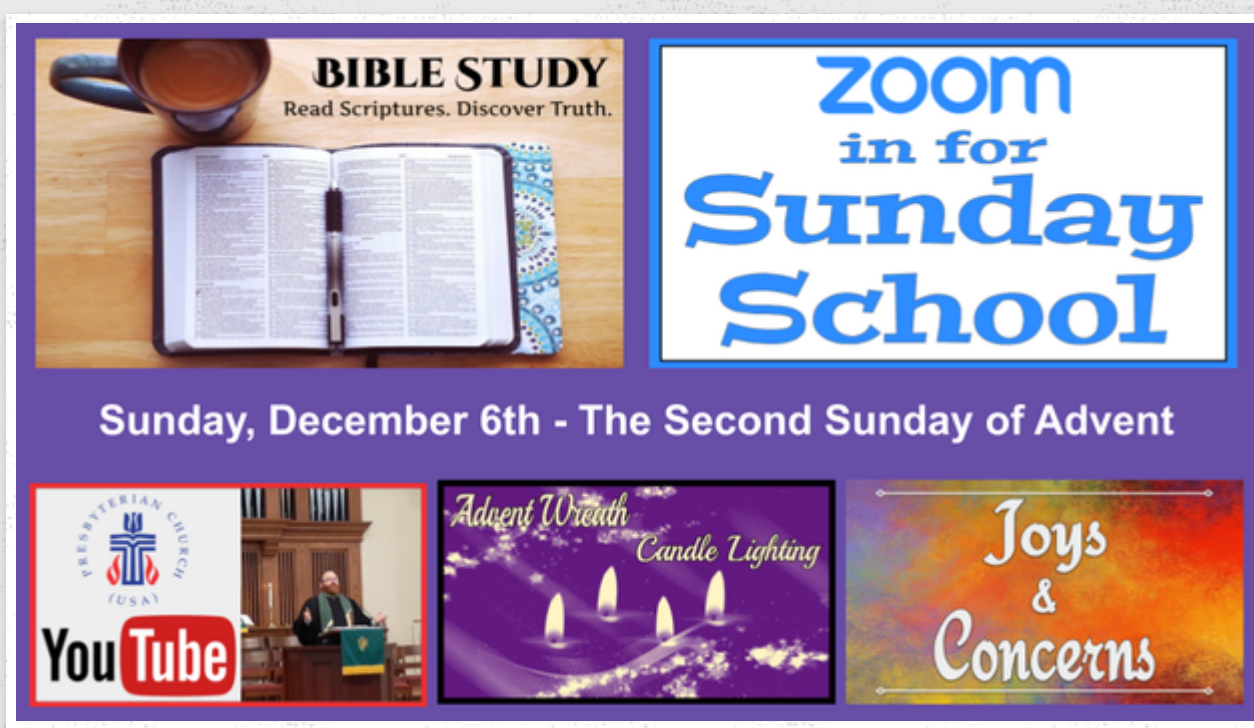
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From Becky, Jewell & Lynne for the Parish Life Committee

"WE ARE" VIGIL - THURSDAY

This Thursday's virtual prayer service and reflection 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.

THIS SUNDAY



BIBLE STUDY
Read Scriptures. Discover Truth.

Zoom in for Sunday School

Sunday, December 6th - The Second Sunday of Advent

You Tube 

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Joys & Concerns

BIBLE STUDY: Zooming this Sunday at 8:30 AM, the Bible study class continues 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Calling all FPC children for some Zoom fun at 9:30 AM this Sunday! It's Advent and time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Watch your email messages for the meeting details. We look forward to catching up with everyone! *Jeanie, Lynne, Becky and Gail*

WORSHIP: Our 10:30 AM service will be live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can follow along with the bulletin by visiting - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING: The second Advent candle, Listening, will be lit during worship this Sunday in addition to last week's candle, Expectation. The accompanying scripture will be from Psalm 85. 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

NOTEABLES



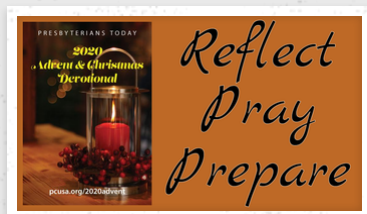
There are new **scrip** order dates for **December**- think Christmas Gifts! Checks and orders are due on Tuesdays: the 1st, 8th, and 15th. Please call Lynne at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) to place an order. Checks are to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church DR and mailed to Lynne Williams, 14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460



This year we are supporting 7 families with **gifts** and 10 families with **dinner baskets**. Personal Shoppers are ready to help if needed. [Click here](#) to view and sign up for gifts/food items. Donations are requested by December 13th.



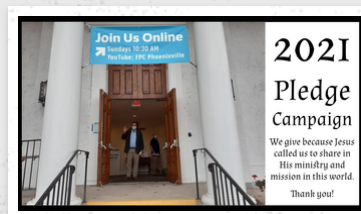
Sales for **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** have begun. For just **\$5.00**, you can gift family, friends, and co-workers with these "hand-crafted by church members" cards, gift tags and pins. The monies raised will support non-profit organizations. To place an order, please call the main office at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



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. There are entries through to the Epiphany, January 6th. Pray and reflect daily, or refer to it randomly. It's a great guide for God time! [Click here](#) to access.



The **December & January** issue of the **Perspective** newsletter is now available online. Visit <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/newsletters/> to read or download a copy.



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!



The **Antiracism Book Club** met on Sunday, November 29th, to preview the new book selection, "Ghost Boys" by Jewell Parker Rhodes. It's an easy read yet steeped with great meaning. The next meeting on **December 13th** will cover pages 1-70. With or without the book, all are welcome to [Zoom](#) in at 7:00 PM to learn, listen, and chat.



Did you miss the sermon on Sunday? The audio is available on FPC's website. Click to listen or download to save to any smart device. Visit: <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/sermons/> for the most recent audios.



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!

THANKSGIVING DINNER WRAP-UP



This Thanksgiving we provided a combined 117 meals between the First Presbyterian and the First United Methodist teams and kitchens. At First Presbyterian there were 55 'takeout' meals picked up and 19 deliveries. At First Methodist there were 43 delivery meals.

We extend a special thanks to...

Sue Smith for taking the called in orders and organizing the information, and

All the volunteers who

- Helped with the prep and kitchen work
- Donated pies (we had 2 pieces left!); turkeys (we still have 9 for the future, after we got an additional donation of 10 fresh Turkeys)
- Acted as delivery drivers (or backup drivers)

Thank you for keeping our Thanksgiving tradition of giving alive in Phoenixville!

From Bob Russell on behalf of People to People and the MAC Committee

FPC PHOTOS



SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in November!

Dec. 1: Grace Kennedy
Dec. 2: Ashley Schierenbeck
Dec. 4: Joe Beregi,
Nicholas Sinapius
Dec. 7: Sandy Lusch
Dec. 8: John Marosek
Dec. 10: Marian Bayus

Dec. 11: Kathy Bacon
Dec. 13: Chuck Heidel
Dec. 16: Jeff McLaughlin
Dec. 20: Lyra Morris
Dec. 24: George Cockerill
Dec. 27: Aaron Skutch
Dec. 28: Karen Merkel