

# YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

# The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

## THIS WEEK'S PULSE

### Wednesday, May 26th

7:30 p.m. [Offering of Letters Zoom Gathering](#)

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

### Thursday, May 27th

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

### Friday, May 28th

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, May 29th

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for [Joanne Jarrell](#)

### SUNDAY, May 30th

*Trinity Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Zoom

9:00 a.m. OUTDOOR In-Person WORSHIP SERVICE (church lawn)

10:30 a.m. Live-Streamed WORSHIP SERVICE - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

11:45 p.m. Joys and Concerns - [Zoom](#)

*Click on the link or Call: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 873 4526 8002*

5:30 p.m. ASP Planning Meeting - [Zoom](#)

*Click on the link or Call: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 869 2842 6159*

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

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**Monday, May 31st**

**Memorial Day** - Office is closed.

No events scheduled.

**Tuesday, June 1st**

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

Click on the link or call: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 859 0472 8438; Passcode: 209848

**Wednesday, June 2nd**

No events scheduled.

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## FEATURED EVENT



Speaking Out  
Against Hunger  
and Poverty

# Offering of Letters

## OFFERING of LETTERS

Under the recently passed American Rescue Plan, children and families are receiving much-needed relief through expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and expanded SNAP (food stamp) benefits. As our nation continues to recover from the economic effects the COVID-19 epidemic, it is important that these benefits continue and even expand for poor and hungry families in the United States. In addition, the U. S. is in a position to assist with global food crises that have occurred in the wake of COVID-19.

Tonight, Wednesday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather (on Zoom) to write letters to our Congressional Representatives and Senators, urging them to support efforts to assure

assistance for the most vulnerable among us. Background information and sample letters will be provided.

We hope to see you at the Offering of Letters gathering on tonight, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. Bring paper and a pen!

ZOOM: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885531183?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82885531183?pwd=aThZTEQ0ak05V1FQdnYrTWFWwMFISdz09)  
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## THIS SUNDAY



**BIBLE STUDY:** Zooming this Sunday at 8:30 AM, the Bible Study class continues with discussion of the Book of Acts. Sessions run about an hour. Anyone is welcome to join at anytime. Questions? Contact [Sue Casey](#) for more information.

**OUTDOOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP:** For those who are comfortable getting a bit social, come and enjoy our "Month of May" 9:00 AM service in the great outdoors on FPC's church lawn. Bring your own chair or blanket for this casual-atmosphere event with acoustical music and best of all, it will be IN-PERSON! *(There will be a few church folding chairs available for those who do not have outdoor portable ones.)*

**LIVE-STREAM 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/>



**MINUTE for MISSION:** The Rev. Scott Dorsey of the Bridge of Hope organization will be presenting a Minute for Mission this Sunday. Hear how the Church has a unique opportunity and role in ending family homelessness. You can be a vital link in ending this national issue. For more information, visit [BridgeofHopeInc.org](http://BridgeofHopeInc.org).

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Pastor Doug is happy to present the Children's Message to our furry "fill-ins" that have migrated to the choir chairs. Now their masked faces are in full view of the camera. Smile, watch, and pray!

**JOYS and CONCERNS:** Join Pastor Doug virtually on Sunday at 11:45 AM for Joys and Concerns. Share some happiness, heartache, or anything in between and lift up each other in spirit.

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

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**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT:** There will be an ASP planning meeting this Sunday, May 30th. Sarah Shulman will share important information about the upcoming "work-cation" trip to the Alderson Community Center in Alderson, Greenbriar County, West Virginia! There are less than 60 days to go before their week away - July 18th to the 24th. Zoom with us and learn more about this mission.

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928426159>

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**ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB:** Join us to discuss chapter six of "*Black Radical*". Listeners and non-book readers are always welcome to hear the chat and ponder the topics. Zoom in at 7:00 PM Sunday.

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86420552972?pwd=dkN4WFJwUkpvQ3ZlK0xGYzlyREVNdz09>

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## NOTEABLES

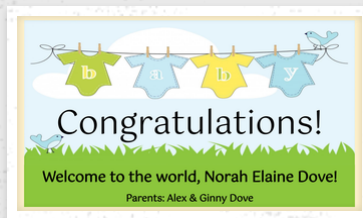


Dear God, we pray for our military and their families lifting them up with Your peace, protection, and hope. We thank them for their sacrifices to secure our liberties. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Adapted from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)*



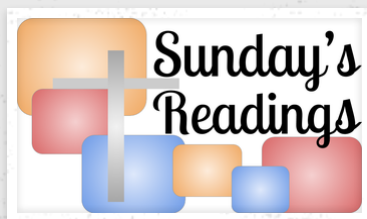
The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who ordered, picked up, and dined on tacos on Tax Day, Monday the 17th. There were 19 orders placed and \$95 raised for First Presbyterian Church. Most appreciated!



Ben and Donna Dove are happy to announce the **birth** of their granddaughter, **Norah Elaine Dove**. She blessed this world on Monday, May 10th. Norah's parents are Alex and Ginny Dove. The family resides in Fayetteville, NC. **Congratulations** to the Doves!



'Tis the season of nicer weather with more restaurants and shops opening up on Bridge Street causing our parking lot to be in high demand. The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to collect **parking donations** on **Friday and Saturday nights** from **5:00pm – 8:00pm**. If you would like to help, please call the main office at 610-933-8816 or [click here](#) to sign-up. Gloves and masks will be provided.



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings - **Isaiah 6:1-8** and **Romans 8:12-17**.



Check out the **DONATE** button on the [home page](#) of FPC's website. Online giving is really convenient now. Simply click the button, enter an amount on the Faithlife page, and then click the Next button to finish the process. Thanks for your support!



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](mailto: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.



# We Are One

This past Pentecost Sunday, the Sunday School children and families celebrated their last "Sunday School Zoom" get together. Despite of all the challenges that the past 14 months have presented, our Sunday School children faithfully joined us monthly for our Zoom sessions. We chatted, laughed, sang together, shared stories, took deep breaths, and prayed together ...all while being apart. Possibly the most important thing that we all learned this year was that we were able to stay connected. While we missed being together at church and in Sunday School, we discovered church is everywhere, and we are always together in our hearts and minds!

Thank you to each and every one of our Sunday School families. You have faithfully supported our teachers and helped us to continue to share God's message and love. We wish you a safe summer and we look forward to being together again in September...in Sunday School and in church.

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**FPC PHOTOS**













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## SUNDAY'S SERMON



## Happy Birthday

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in May!**

**May 2:** Ben Dove, Mimi Hiestand

**May 3:** Sadie Josel

**May 4:** Judy Ball,  
Michael Goodman,  
Vivian Sedlacek

**May 5:** Kate Kennedy

**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 24:** Lynne Williams

**May 25:** Blanche Chang

**May 29:** Liz Carrabine,  
Mike Naughton

**May 30:** Muriel Rowlands