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Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 1st

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 2nd

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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

Friday, December 3rd

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 4th

9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 5th - Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

- Onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

Monday, December 6th

6:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 7th

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)


7:00 p.m. MAC Committee Meeting (Parlor & [Zoom](#))

Click on the link or call 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 971 1341 5148; Passcode:187319

Wednesday, December 8th

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

FEATURED EVENT

	<p>Pastor Doug, along with a rotation of local organizations, hosts “We Are” Vigils by Zoom on the first Thursday of every month. These 30-minute reflective and prayerful sessions are in support of Black Lives Matter. Click here to Zoom in for a special experience this Thursday at 7:00 PM.</p>
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THIS SUNDAY

<p>Sunday, December 5th</p>  <p>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</p>	
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BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study group will be taking a look at Charles Dickens' A Christmas

references written by Alan Vermilye, but there is no need to purchase the study guide. All you need is a copy of A Christmas Carol—check your book shelves and contact Sue Casey if you need help locating a copy. This series will begin on November 28 and most likely run slightly into the new year. It is fine to "drop in" for a class or two if that is what will fit your schedule. This class is by Zoom from 8:30 to 9:30 AM Sundays—allowing those attending church in person to get there on time. Contact [Sue Casey](#) for the Zoom link.

ONSITE with Childcare & LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If worshipping onsite, please be masked and distanced. Childcare will be available for children up to and entering 3rd grade. Staff members have been vaccinated and will be wearing masks. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>. As part of our Sesquicentennial year of celebration, this service will focus on the second 50 years of First Presbyterian Church's life as a congregation - 1896-1946.

STAR TREE: Please remember that Star Tree gifts are due this Sunday, December 5th. Thank you for making this mission a success!

NOTEABLES



December's **scrip order** dates are set. Checks and orders are due on Tuesdays, **Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st**. Perfectly timed for Christmas gifts! Please call Lynne at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell) to place an order. The form will be filled out for you. Checks are to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church DR and mailed to Lynne Williams, 14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Thank you for continuing to support this program!



Your Parish Life Committee cordially invites **children of all ages** to join us for an **intergenerational Christmas caroling event**, outside on the church steps on Sunday, **December 12th, at 4:00 PM** (weather permitting). Following a time of singing and making music together, we will warm up with cups of hot chocolate and treats. Plan to join us for a fun time as we celebrate the coming of Christmas!



The next Women's Circle study session of "*What My Grandmother's Taught Me*" will be on Sunday, **December 19th, at 12:00 PM** in the Parlor. It will include a **Christmas Cookie Exchange**. Please let Jewell know if you plan to attend. That way the count can be shared for bakers to know the number of individual cookie packs to make. The Biblical video lesson will be on Ruth. Join us to share, snack, and study!



The **December** issue of the **Perspective** newsletter is now available online. Visit <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/e-newsletter/> to read or download a copy.



The Presbyterian Mission offers an **Advent and Christmas Devotional** for your spiritual journey during this special season. It is titled, "*Come to Bethlehem and Be Nourished*". Read, pray, and reflect about how "Advent's hunger gives way to Christmas' fulfillment". For online access with downloads, please visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2021/>.



For those on-the-go who would like the convenience of listening to **Sunday's sermons**, the audios are available on FPC's website. Click to listen or download to save to any smart device.

Visit - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/sermons/> for the most recent audios.



FINANCE NEWS (Jan-Oct 2021):

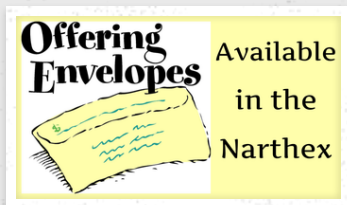
- Pledges are \$9,551 short
- Non-pledges are \$4,356 short
- Expenses are \$24,039 less than had been expected
- The church received \$37,606 in Covid-19 grant funds
- Revenues to expenses are favorable at \$11,837, but if we had not received the Covid-19 federal grant and made savings in our operating expenses, our position would be \$61,646 less than it is.



PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thanks to those who returned their **2022 pledge cards**. If you missed Dedication Sunday, it's not too late! Completed cards may be returned by mail, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office at 610-933-8816. Your generous and faithful offerings help support the ministry and good works of FPC and allow the Finance Committee to plan for the coming year. Much appreciated!
From the Stewardship Committee



For **contributions** to be **credited** to your **2021 statement**, offerings must be received by Sunday, **January 2nd, 2022**. Contributions received after that date will be reflected in your 2022 statement. Thank you.



2022 offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the narthex. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to get your box. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office at 610-933-8816 and your box will be delivered to you.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday of Advent - **Nov. 28**
with Communion
- 2nd Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 5**
- 3rd Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 12**
- 4th Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 19**

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

- Friday, Dec. 24**
- 5:00 PM** Family Service
- 9:00 PM** Candlelight Communion Service



The MAC Committee will be offering **Alternative Gift Greeting Cards** again this Christmas season. Buyers can choose from five mission-related organizations - Bethany Christian Services (Safe Families program), PACS, Beekeeping Program through Presbyterian Mission, Global Water Center (confronting the global water crisis), and a Blankets program. Recipients will see that a donation has been made to the selected organization in their names. Just \$5.00 a card will be a special gift and a great donation! See the display in the narthex on Sunday.



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by clicking here for the readings - **Malachi 3:1-4** and **Luke 3:1-6**.



People to People (P2P) has its own **Facebook** page - <https://www.facebook.com/FP/CPeopleToPeople> thanks to Kristin Craven's expertise and creativity. Check the page for upcoming events and P2P volunteer opportunities in our local community. Check in often for P2P news and perhaps post a comment or two. Spread the news and share the page with your friends on social media!



The **Antiracism Book Club** is taking December off. The next meeting will be on Sunday, **January 23rd**, at 7:00 PM by Zoom. The new book to be discussed is **"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson**. If you'd like a copy from Read's Bookstore in Phoenixville, then please contact Jeanie Osterhoudt.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 11-28-2021



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in December!

Dec. 1: Grace Kennedy
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

