

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 8th

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

Thursday, December 9th

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. Compassionate Friends Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, December 10th

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 11th

No events scheduled.

Sunday, December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with a Baptism

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

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling (Church Front Steps)

Monday, December 13th

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

Tuesday, December 14th

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th

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

THIS SUNDAY



The collage features five distinct images: 1) A dark blue banner with a white star and the text 'Advent 25 Days of Expectation'. 2) A black and white illustration of a street scene with a lantern, next to the text 'A CHRISTMAS Carol BIBLE STUDY'. 3) The YouTube logo next to a photo of a man in clerical attire speaking at a pulpit. 4) A colorful circular graphic of people holding hands, with the text 'Sunday congregational MEETING December 12th'. 5) A cup of cocoa with a marshmallow, next to golden and silver Christmas bells and musical notes, with the text 'Caroling & Cocoa'.

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study group will be taking a look at Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol as the Advent study this year. The study will be guided by questions and Scripture 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. There will be Advent wreath candle lighting and a Baptism. 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/>.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for this Sunday, December 12th, at 11:45 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to present the nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons, and to vote on this slate of officers. The names will be published in Sunday's bulletin.

CAROLING & COCOA: Festiveness and food are a great combination! Join in the fun at our intergenerational Christmas caroling event for kids of all ages. It will be outside on the church steps this Sunday, December 12th, at 4:00 PM (weather permitting). Following the singing of seasonal songs, warm up with cups of hot chocolate and treats. Come and enjoy this celebratory Christmas event!

NOTEABLES



December's **scrip order** dates are set. Checks and orders are due on Tuesdays, **Dec. 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!



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!



CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER
All are invited to consider sending a **Christmas card** to **Termaine Hicks**, who will be spending his first Christmas as a free man after his exoneration. He was wrongfully imprisoned for the last 19 years. His address is **413 Fenway Circle, Blue Bell, Pa 19422**. This is a simple way to share holiday joy!



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.



REMAINING ADVENT SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 12**

4th Sunday of Advent - **Dec. 19**

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 24

5:00 PM Pageant Service

9:00 PM Candlelight

Communion Service



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/>.



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.



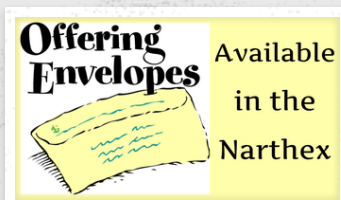
PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

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!

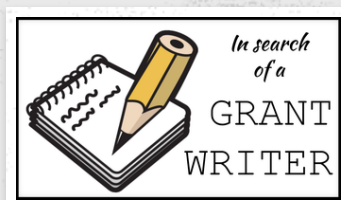
From the Stewardship Committee



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.

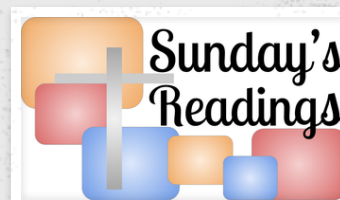


2022 offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the narthex. Please take a moment in the coming weeks to get your box. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office at 610-933-8816 and your box will be delivered to you.



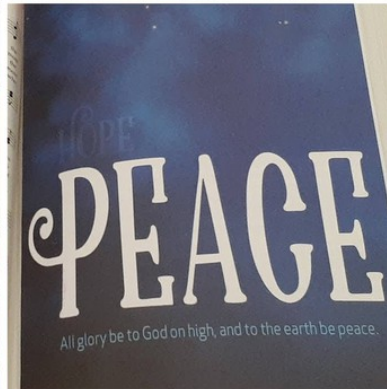
SEEKING A GRANT WRITER

We are looking for someone who is interested in working with the **MAC Committee** to write grants to support some of our current mission and future initiatives. If you enjoy writing and want to help but don't have experience with grants, we can look into opportunities to learn. If you are interested, contact [Pastor Doug](#) or [Chris Wittrock](#).



Prepare for this Sunday's worship service by clicking here for the readings - **Micah 5:2-5a** and **Luke 1:39-55**.

FPC PHOTOS



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Thank you
for making
Christmas
extra special
for local
families!

SUNDAY'S SERMON

FPC Sermon 12-05-2021



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