

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

The BEAT

The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, December 22nd

No events scheduled.

Thursday, December 23rd

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

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

Friday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant Family Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

-Both services are onsite and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

-Childcare will not be available for these services.

Saturday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, December 26th - First Christmas

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Sue Casey

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

-Childcare will not be available for this service.

Monday, December 27th

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

Tuesday, December 28th

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

Wednesday, December 29th

No events scheduled.

FEATURED EVENTS



CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th

At **5:00 PM**, First Presbyterian's Christmas Eve service will include an improvisational **Christmas Pageant**. Volunteers will pose as sheep, wise "persons", angels, Mary and Joseph, and any other miscellaneous cast members. During the service, Pastor Doug will guide the participants in acting out the readings. It's a festive and fun way to share the story of Jesus' birth! All are welcome knowing that mask-wearing is required for the safety of all attendees and liturgical ministers. Join us for this unique worship service!

At **9:00 PM**, First Presbyterian Church will host a **Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service**. The service will include communion and the choir leading the congregation for festive arrangements of traditional carols. All are welcome to make First Presbyterian their church home this Christmas. Listen to scripture, enjoy hymns of the season, and celebrate His birth!

THIS SUNDAY

Christmas Sunday



Let the birthday celebration continue! Join Sue Casey as she leads worship on Christmas Sunday, December 26th, at 10:30 AM. Enjoy traditional carols and joyous scriptures. Participate in-person or view from home by accessing the FPC Phoenixville YouTube Channel.

NOTEABLES



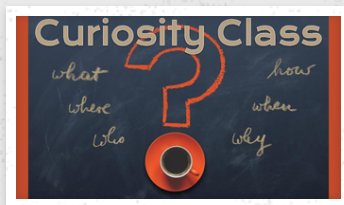
The MAC Committee is thankful for those who purchased **Alternative Cards**, which benefited five different organizations, including both local and global missions. In all, 123 cards were sold. The most "popular" cause (most cards sold) was PACS (29 cards), with Bees (27) running a close second place. All income from sales of the gift cards will go to the five organizations represented.



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. [Click here](#) to read Termaine's story, and visit [YouTube](#) to learn more about the Innocence Project and how Termaine is living free. His address is **413 Fenway Circle, Blue Bell, Pa 19422**. This is a simple way to share holiday joy!



A few days are left in the Presbyterian Mission **Advent and Christmas Devotional**, "*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/>.



Pastor Doug will once again be hosting a **Curiosity Class** for those wanting to learn about Christianity, Presbyterianism, and the FPC congregation in particular. The class will begin in **January** with the time and place to be determined. All are welcome including curious visitors, new members, and members wanting a refresher. If interested **contact Pastor Doug** at Pastor145@comcast.net.



People to People **Clothing Ministry** members request that all **donations** be **held** until after the holidays. Volunteers will be taking a break to enjoy the Christmas season. Drop-offs may resume after **January 3rd**. Thank you!



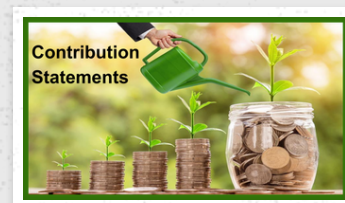
Join Pastor Doug for **Pub Theology**! Experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! The next gathering will be on Sunday, **January 9th, at 7:00 PM**, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville.



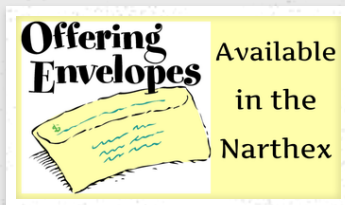
The latest edition of the **Church Directory** is available now. The digital PDF version has been emailed to the church distribution list, and hard copies are in the narthex. Please check the contents for your contact information. Notify Sue Smith in the main office if anything needs to be updated - 610-933-8816 or secretaryfpc145@gmail.com. Thanks!



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.



Be sure to regularly check the **People to People Facebook page** to learn about upcoming events and calls for volunteers. The address is: <https://www.facebook.com/FP/CPeopleToPeople>. If you have something to post to the Facebook page, please send the information to Jeff McLaughlin at jeffmcl@icloud.com.



Prepare for the Christmas Eve worship services by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

5:00 PM and 9:00 PM
Titus 2:11-14 and Luke 2:1-20

	<p>Thank you for making Christmas extra special for local families!</p>	<p>STAR TREE GENEROSITY</p> <p>Thanks to all who contributed to the Star Tree and to the food baskets for local families.</p> <p>We pray that the receiving families sensed the amazing love of Christ as the ultimate gift of this season.</p>
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MERRY MUSIC

Merry Ringers Bell Choir Prelude 12-19-2021



FPC PHOTOS



Women's Circle Cookie Exchange



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SUNDAY'S SERMON



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