

YOUR FPC: PHOENIXVILLE

Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

THIS WEEK'S PULSE

Wednesday, February 9th

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management Corp. (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. Compassionate Friends Meeting (Parlor)

Friday, February 11th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for Winter Coat & Clothing Giveaway (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 12th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Winter Coat & Clothing Giveaway (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 13th

8:30 a.m. Bible Study - Zoom

10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Sanctuary then Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler

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

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

Monday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

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

Tuesday, February 15th

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

7:15 p.m. Church Growth & Christian Ed Committee Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, February 16th

No events scheduled.

FEATURED EVENT



People to People's **Winter Coat & Clothing Giveaway** is scheduled for this Saturday, **February 12th**, from **10:00am-12:00pm**. Masks will be required for entry to Fellowship Hall and, if necessary, limits will be placed on the number of browsers allowed indoors simultaneously. For more information, check the People to People Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCPeopleToPeople>. Volunteers are welcome to help with the set-up on Friday starting at 9:00 a.m. and to help with staffing on Saturday.

THIS SUNDAY



BIBLE STUDY: Zoom with the Bible Study class and discover a deeper meaning about the Lord's Prayer. The study will be guided by *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton. Class is 8:30am - 9:30am by Zoom. Interested? Contact Sue Casey at skcinpa@aol.com for the Zoom link and book.

ONSITE LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If worshiping onsite, please be masked and distanced. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKqKqKqKqKqKqKqKqKqKqK) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpc-phoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

CHILDCARE: FPC'S childcare services will be available this Sunday, February 13th. All staff members who work or volunteer in the nursery have been vaccinated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sessions will run once a month starting this Sunday, February 13th. Children (ages 3 and up) will start in the Sanctuary with their families and then leave after the Children's Message for Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. Children under 3 will go to the Nursery.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: This Sunday, we will be collecting **canned goods** and **cash donations** for the Souper Bowl of Caring event. Proceeds support local hunger relief. Set aside your canned goods and bring them to church on the 13th. Donations can also be dropped off during the week in the church office.

NOTEABLES



One more date remains for **February's scrip orders**. Checks and orders are due on **Tuesday, the 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. Thank you for continuing to support this program!



All men of the congregation are welcome to meet with Pastor Doug for a **Men's Group** gathering after the service on Sunday, **February 20th**. Meet in the main office around **11:45am** and decide where to go from there. Chat, bond, and learn something new.



FPC's **Women's Circle** will meet on Sunday, **February 20th**, at **12:00pm** in the Parlor. Learn what Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us as shared in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Remember to pack your lunch. The gathering starts with food and fellowship that's followed by a short video, discussion, and prayer. Join us!



On Wednesday, **February 23rd**, at **7:30pm**, Congregation B'nai Jacob will host a League of Women Voters (LWV) presentation on **Election Law and Policy**. LWV Director of Government Policy, Susan Gobreski, will discuss election law and current threats to free and fair elections. This **Zoom** program is open to the public. Feel free to join and share this information. [Click here](#) to register for the Zoom link.



[Click here](#) for a copy of **FPC's 2021 Annual Report**. Read the the Pastor's overview, get the news from all the committees and ministries, and see the financial status of the church.



We are continuing to collect used **ink cartridges** to recycle at Staples. The church receives a \$2 credit for each cartridge. You may drop off your cartridges in the church office or through the mail slot on the office door. This program helps you recycle your cartridges, while at the same time assisting the church.



A rotation of local organizations host **"We Are" Vigils** in-person on the **third Thursday** of every month. These 30-minute reflective and prayerful sessions are in support of Black Lives Matter. At **7:00 PM** on February 17th, join with other community members on the corner of **Main & Bridge Streets** in Phoenixville to engage in this special experience.



Zoom with the **Antiracism Book Club** on Sunday, February 27th, at 7:00 PM. The group will be continuing discussion on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. If you don't have the book and would like to catch up, then tune in to the free audio on YouTube - https://youtu.be/xgf85EZ_eIE. Join us to chat, listen, and learn.



February, **Black History Month**, is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge and learn more about the contributions of Black people to American history. Why February? Carter G. Woodson, founder of the [Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History \(ASALH\)](#), established the first Negro History Week in 1926. It was celebrated during the 2nd week of the month because that coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, a lay AME preacher in New Bedford, MA. Both men were revered as icons in the fight for freedom.



Looking for an at-home COVID testing kit? The government is now offering up to four free tests per household. To order, visit [Covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Kits will be delivered free of charge by USPS.



HELP WANTED: There are a few spots open for **ushering** on Sunday mornings. Usher requirements are: a friendly smile (*behind your mask*) while assisting with bulletins, receiving the offering and occasionally directing congregation forward for communion. For more information please see Jewell Baker or Ken Brown.



Jen Johnson is collecting **notecards** of thanks and support for her nephew, Peter Johnson who is serving in the **Navy**, and his squadron. If you would like to participate, please put notes with either "Peter" or "Squadron" on the envelope in the basket in the Narthex. Jen will mail them to the military address. To send an email instead, please email your message to Jen Johnson at physedjj@verizon.net and she will forward the email to Peter or his squadron. If mailing is preferred, then send your note to Jen Johnson 107 Harvard Drive Trappe, PA 19426 - c/o Peter Johnson.



People to People is accepting **linens** (sheets, blankets, towels, etc) and **household items** (toys, tools, trinkets) and **clothing**. Contact [Sandy Heidel](mailto:SandyHeidel@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off time. Furniture, TVs, and computers are not accepted. Thank you!



Our prayer angels are ready to help and support you or loved ones. Please email **Prayer Chain** requests to 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.



The **Presbytery apportionment** amount for this year is **\$35.00 per member**. You will find an apportionment envelope in the beginning of your new box of offering envelopes. We thank you in advance for your contribution.



Redner's Markets has a **rewards program** that benefits FPC with a 1% return on purchases. It's a simple process. [Click here](#) to learn how easy it is to get a Rewards Card. Use your card at the check-out. Remember to bring your receipts noting the rewards' points to church. Place your receipts in one of the collection boxes located in the narthex and main office. Volunteers will handle the rest. Thank you!



Several church-goers have asked about **on-line giving**. The link to the Faithlife app that handles our on-line contributions is <https://faithlife.com/fpcop-n/give>. If you are a friend or member of the church and have an envelope number, you can enter the number when setting up an online payment. If you do not have an envelope number, you can contribute as friend. Direct any questions to fpctreasurer145@gmail.com. Thank you!



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.

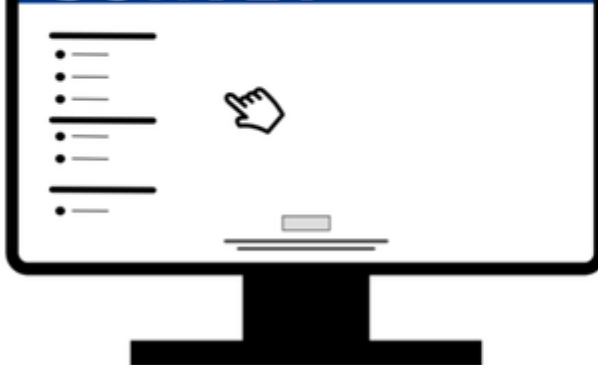
Jeremiah 17:5-10

and

Luke 6:17-26

**Take the
MAC**

SURVEY



The MAC Committee is interested in new ideas and suggestions focusing on efforts that reflect the priorities and callings of our diverse congregation - direct assistance in local and broader communities and also to advocate for the poor, hungry, oppressed, disenfranchised, and otherwise overlooked members of our shared world. Please visit this link

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8f8c76> and complete a short survey related to mission priorities.

Paper copies of this survey are available in the narthex at church. You can also use the QR code to get to the survey. Thanks!



Pastor Doug and Sue Casey invite you to fill out a form:

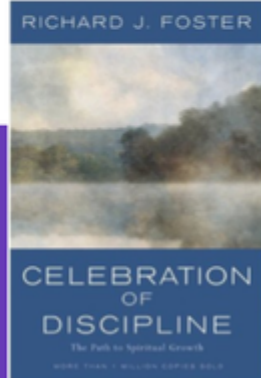
Lent 2022 Celebration of Spiritual Disciplines

During Lent 2022, we invite you to join us in studying *A Celebration of Discipline*, a classic text on spiritual disciplines. We will use the book as a starting-point for us to learn more about Christian spiritual practices during worship as well as during discussion times led by Sue Casey and Pastor Doug.

FILL OUT FORM

Click the FILL OUT FORM button for a survey to help determine the best time for discussion sessions.

If you would like copy of *A Celebration of Discipline* ordered for you, please let Pastor Doug know.



FPC PHOTOS



SUNDAY'S SERMON



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in February!

February 1: Joan Hicks

February 2: Ellen Carlino

February 3: Barbie Kepler,
Marilynn Morabito

February 8: Barb Small

February 9: Rich Barkley,
Alex Drummond

February 14: Rebecca Barkley,
Jessica Murphy

February 18: Cara Lewis

February 20: Lucinda Parrish

February 22: Sue Carbutt,
Cheryl Messere

February 24: Mona Sabia

February 25: Hermann Ball

February 27: Rob Drummond,
Janet Ferguson