

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

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8:00 A.M. with Communion & 10:00 A.M. with Kid's Communities

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Benevolence

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Short-Term illness

Jan Turenne 908-996-6392
Jen & Dave Griffith 609-397-8772
Sonja Mitchell 908-892-2021

Hospitality

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Debbie Godown 908-859-4038

Shut-ins and Long-Term illness

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Deborah Hill 908-507-8803
Deborah Fiebig 908-996-6436

Bereavement

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FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

8:00 A.M. Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Seeing & Believing"

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Charge and Blessing

10:00 A.M. Worship

Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord be with you.....

and also with you!

Choral Introit

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

God Gathers Us in Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

People: Once we lived in darkness, but now—

as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

People: give us eyes to see as you see!

*Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Prayer of Confession

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.

We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word.

We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing.

Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #447

"We Are Forgiven"

Children's Message

(Children may leave for Kid's Communities Youth, leave for Echo.)

Passing the Peace Hymn #447

"We Are Forgiven"

(Please pass the peace of Christ.)

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 23

Choral Anthem

"Lord, Be with Us on This Day"

A Reading from the Gospel

John 9:1-41

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Seeing & Believing"

God Calls Us to Respond

*Hymn #451

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gifts of the People

Offertory

Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

God Sends Us Out to Reflect His Love

*Hymn #702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"Gospel Amen"

Postlude

**please stand if able.*

***Child Care** available during the 10:00 am service for infants and young children. The nursery is located in room #5 down the back stairs and to the right.



Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for our **annual Church Picnic on May 21st** at Frenchtown Park. Picnic will begin after the 10am service at approximately 11:30am. Grilled meats and drinks will be provided, but please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Let's celebrate another year in the life of our wonderful church! We will need people to set up and clean up, so please contact Barbara Huey at 268-3063 or barbarahuey1@gmail.com if you can help.

Community Outreach

The new Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach Initiative (CS&O) is joining forces with the Harvest Family Success Center (FSC) and Frenchtown Borough to host a Health Fair on **Saturday, April 29th, from 10 am to 2pm** as the kick-off event for the CS&O. The Health Fair will take place here at the church and all events are free! The fair will feature health and wellness programs for the whole family. Healthy snacks will be available throughout the day, and door prizes will be drawn every half hour featuring gift cards for local businesses and product gift baskets. The day's events will also include a Senior "Lunch and Learn," yoga demonstrations, meditation and mindfulness programs, blood pressure checks, healthy cooking/eating classes and much, much more! There will be free events for the entire family running throughout the day. Plan on joining us for this fun filled day to kick off the start of the Frenchtown Community Service and Outreach Initiative, and mark your calendars now for April the 29th!

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a body of believers in Jesus Christ the Lord that strives to be a living reflection of God's love. We come together to confirm our individual faith while spreading the message of hope and love by serving those in need through mission and outreach.

NEWS AND EVENTS

EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

Monday

Men's Group, 7pm in the Memorial Parlor.
Alanon Meeting, 7:30pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 6:30am
PW Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday

Lenten Morning Prayer with Communion, 7am
AA Meeting 7:30pm
Bible Study, 9am
AA Meeting 6:30am
Food For Thought, 7pm

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday

Alanon meeting, 12-1pm

Saturday

Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 8:30am
AA Meeting 7pm

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Please contact the Deacon of the month **Deborah Hill 908-507-8803** if you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs other assistance from the Deacons.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer request list. If you would like to receive the prayer list by email or if you have any prayer request please contact **Ken Gerhardt 908-310-1884** or email him at kennyg12@ptd.net

***Online giving** is available. Go to the church website and click on the online offering link on the right hand side of the web page

Morning Service in Lent

Join us each Wednesday morning in Lent in the sanctuary at 7 am for a service of morning prayer and communion. We will have you on your way by 7:40 so that you can get to other responsibilities.

Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 9 am we will gather downstairs and look at one or more of the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. For Wednesday, March 29th , please read **John 11:1-45**.

Flowers for Easter

Time to order flowers for Easter. Flowers available are Daisy Mums, Daffodils, and Lilies for \$8.00 per plant and Tulips for \$6.50. All **orders need to be in by April 2nd**. Additional order forms are available at the back of the church. Contact Margaret Pfisterer at 610-294-9412 if you have any questions.

Mission Possible

Save the Date! The Summer Mission trip will be **July 9-16th** to Black Mountain Home for Children in Ashville N.C. This trip is open to all ages. If you are interested in going or have any questions please contact Paul Pfisterer at 610-294-9412.

Free Tax Prep Services

FPC is hosting United Way free tax preparation. Dates scheduled are March 28th and April 11th. Appointments are needed. Please dial 2-1-1 ext 27 to schedule an appointment. Hosted by Frenchtown Community Services and Outreach Group.

"Take Me Out To The Ball Game!"

All softball/baseball players - we need you! The 4th annual Benefit Softball Game, Milford MAYHEM vs Frenchtown FRENZY will be played on Sunday, May 7th @ 2:00 pm at Old Frenchtown Field (across from the school). This game is to benefit the Food Pantry. Last year we collected 1500 pounds of food! **BUT, we need players!** Please contact Dave Fleck at 973-903-4536 or Rob Ross at 609-571-8012 for questions. We will also need a few volunteers to help with the food collection. Please contact Barbara Huey 908- 268-3036 if interested.

Presbyterian Women

Attention all women of the church. Presbyterian Women are looking for you! Come to our meeting Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm in the Memorial Parlor to hear what Presbyterian Women are all about and what we do. Contact Gayla if you have any questions at 908-310-0702.

Youth Group

The youth group are selling Dorney Park Tickets. Tickets are \$35.00/ea (Regular ticket price is \$56.00/ea, a SAVINGS of \$21.00/ea). Orders must be received by April 30th, Tickets will be available by the end of May. Tickets will be good for any public operating day of the 2017 season. Contact Rob at 609-571-8012 or Michelle at 908-995-4967 with any questions and/or orders.

Confirmation Class Mission Project

The mission project for this year's 2017 confirmation class will be collecting donations of new adult sized socks and Underwear. This donation will take place through April 23rd. Bins will be located throughout the church where donations can be placed. If you have any questions please contact Robert Ross at 609-571-8012.