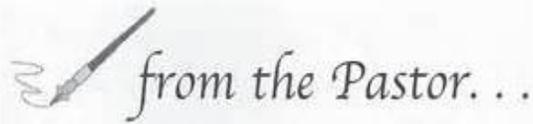


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If you stop by my office, you might be treated to a cup of strong English tea and you may get lucky to visit on a day when there are homemade cookies. As we chat, you might notice on the bookshelves an 8x10 photo of the beautifully painted mule that stands at the corner of Harrison and Bridge Streets, right here in town. Just over a year ago, when I began my call in Flemington, a local photographer, a man whose name I do not know, left it at the church as a welcome gift for me. I have no idea why he presented me with a photo of a Frenchtown landmark to welcome me to Flemington; perhaps it was just a sample of his best work. It is a lovely photo and so it took up residence among my books and liturgical paraphernalia.

I knew of the mule and the town before receiving the photo. I have lived upriver just a few miles from the crossing at the Riegelsville Bridge for over 16 years. The friend that brought my husband and me together was the pastor at the Methodist Church here in town for about a decade. I occasionally found myself at a Bible study or soup supper there. A few years ago, my friend moved and any ties I had to Frenchtown fell away. Frenchtown was another place along the river, a place to pass through on the way from here to there. And as with most people, I tended not to spend time visiting the treasures nearby.

When I answered the call to the church in Flemington, I had no idea that the mule in the photo would become a fixture in my daily routine. The statue greeted me day after day as I made my way to work. On these many rides through Frenchtown I began to notice the vibrancy of the town. It really struck me that each day as I passed through I saw people out and about, no matter what the time or the weather. There were people walking dogs, taking their children to school, stopping on the street to talk with a neighbor, hurrying to work or in good weather relaxing on the sidewalk with friends drinking coffee. This vibrancy felt like an invitation. Soon I began meeting some of my colleagues for coffee and walks along the path. Morning runs and quiet meditation along the river became a source of strength and healing as I dealt with my mother's decline. Frenchtown became much more than just a place I had to drive through on my way to a job in some other town. It fed my soul, and eventually opened my heart to accept the call to serve you.

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Why am I telling you this? As you know, I am your Transitional Pastor. I cannot be your called, installed, permanent pastor. But this does not mean that I am just “passing through.” My commute through Frenchtown over the past year has illustrated for me so clearly that places and times of transition can be times of discovery, healing, and richness. We could choose to just pass through this time of transition, anxious to get to the next thing, but then we would miss the gifts that God has for us here and now. I look forward in faith to the opportunities and experiences that God has in store for us that will prepare us for the next thing, whatever that may be.

All is grace,
Pastor Nancy



WELCOME REVEREND NANCY ASBURY

Reverend Nancy Asbury

Nancy Asbury, graduate of Drew Theological School, has served as pastor to ten congregations in New York and New Jersey. In her varied career, she has also served as Executive Director of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Care Chaplain at Morristown Memorial Hospital and had a corporate career as a trainer and technical writer. She is married to Charley, and is very happy to be Nana to 9-year-old grandson Matthew. Nancy and Charley fill their leisure time with biking, hiking, and camping.

NEWS FROM STEWARDSHIP

Dear Members and Friends of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church:

Your Session, with the help of the Administrative Commission, has been working diligently to implement the plans that were outlined in the letter from Session dated September 23, 2018.

We are blessed to have the Reverend Nancy Asbury as our Transitional Pastor and spiritual leader of our church. In a very short time Nancy has been actively and enthusiastically involved in helping us navigate through this period of change. We are very excited to have her with us.

In our letter we stated that we would review our financial position and take steps to address our current deficit. Your Stewardship Commission is meeting regularly for that purpose and is developing a long-term strategic plan for our church that will be supported by a process for creating responsible and realistic budgets to support the mission of our church.

As we move forward and start the pledge season for our 2019 budget, it's crucial that we close the gap in our 2018 budget. A large percentage of our current budget deficit can be eliminated simply by honoring and fulfilling our 2018 pledges and by each member paying his or her annual per capita assessment of \$33.21. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the church.

We are confident that you will continue to support the church that has given each of us, the surrounding community and organizations that it has touched through mission, so much to be thankful for.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Commission

Leslie Callanan, Diane Reed & Pete Gordon

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The Frenchtown Administrative Commission is currently assuming the role of the Personnel Committee and will soon be conducting annual staff reviews for the Secretary, Financial Secretary, Youth Director, Custodians and Treasurer. In accomplishing this task, we are requesting input from you, the members of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Please email us at ftac@ewingpres.org by November 4, 2018 with anything you wish to share about the staff of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Your comments will be kept confidential however we ask that you please include your full name and contact information.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight saving time (DST), also **daylight savings time (United States)**, also **summer time (United Kingdom and others)**, is the practice of advancing clocks during summer months so that evening daylight lasts longer, while sacrificing normal sunrise times. Typically, regions that use daylight saving time adjust clocks forward one hour close to the start of spring and adjust them backward in the autumn to standard time.^[1] In effect, DST causes a lost hour of sleep in the spring and an extra hour of sleep in the fall.^[2]

George Hudson proposed the idea of daylight saving in 1895.^[3] The German Empire and Austria-Hungary organized the first nationwide implementation, starting on April 30, 1916. Many countries have used it at various times since then, particularly since the energy crisis of the 1970s.

DST is generally not observed near the equator, where sunrise times do not vary enough to justify it. Some countries observe it only in some regions; for example, southern Brazil observes it while equatorial Brazil does not.^[4] Only a minority of the world's population uses DST, because Asia and Africa generally do not observe it.

DST clock shifts sometimes complicate timekeeping and can disrupt travel, billing, record keeping, medical devices, heavy equipment,^[5] and sleep patterns.^[6] Computer software often adjusts clocks automatically, but policy changes by various jurisdictions of DST dates and timings may be confusing.^[7]

On November 4th Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

"A Christmas Carol"

The Deacons are organizing a trip to the Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, NJ on December 9th to see "A Christmas Carol". The show begins at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person/\$22.00 per ticket if 15 or more attend. We will plan to stop for dinner after, place TBD. If anyone has questions or is interested in attending, please contact Dave Griffith, at 908-908-693-0405. Ticket orders due ASAP to Dave. Please put money in an envelope with your name on it. All are welcome!



HALLOWEEN PIT STOP

Donations of candy are needed for this fun annual event. Please leave any donations in the church kitchen labeled for the Pit Stop. If you would like to help the night of, please contact Barbara Huey 908-268-3063 or Robert Ross rob@frenchtownpres.org

SOLES4SOULES

About Soles4Souls:

Soles4Souls disrupts the cycle of poverty by creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, the organization repurposes product to supply its micro-enterprise, disaster relief and direct assistance programs. Since 2006, we have distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and generated over \$250 million in economic impact. A non-profit social enterprise, Soles4Souls earns more than 70% of its income and commits 100% of donations to programs. **Visit soles4souls.org for more information.**



To date, FPC has collected 3653 pair of shoes. There is a donation box in Fellowship Hall at the church. Our goal is to get to 5000 pairs by December.

CHRISTIAN ED-KID'S COMMUNITIES

We are in search of teachers for our Sunday School program this year. There is no experience necessary and all lessons can be reviewed the day you are teaching. You can sign up as little or as much as you would like. If you are willing to teach please see Krysten Eckert or call her at 973-534-9155, Tonya Reese 908-310-9240, or Lynn Freeman at 267-784-2152.



Snacks needed for Sunday School: Peanut and egg free preferred, If you are willing to donate, please drop the snack off in the kitchen and label it Sunday School.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help. On November 16th and 17st we will be holding our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you are crafty and would like to donate homemade items we would greatly appreciate them. PLEASE PRICE ITEMS. We will also be collecting white elephant items. Please NO Books, Clothes or DVD's. Please have items to the church No later by Thursday Nov. 15th. PLEASE PRICE ITEMS. We are also asking for donations of baked goods for our bake sale. Please have baked goods to the church on Thursday, November 15th.

Please do not price.

For info please contact Gayla at 908-310-0702



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**2018 HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND SOUP SALE
FRIDAY NOV. 16 9 AM -1 PM AND 5 PM – 7:00 PM
SAT. NOV. 17 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
SUN. NOV 18 8:30 AM – 12 PM**

**BAKED GOODS
HOLIDAY ITEMS**

**WHITE ELEPHANT
SOUP SALE**

SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

PLEASE PLACE ORDER FOR SOUP NO LATER THAN SUN. NOV 4TH
SOUPS ARE \$7.50 PER QUART – PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH
ORDER

---Quantity

VEGETABLE

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CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

POTATO DILL

Name _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Soup must be picked up by Sat. November 17th at 2:00 pm
Make checks payable to : PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Questions?? Call Kathy Kovacs 908 996-2840 or Lois Deats 908 996-4987

ANGEL TREE

Once again, the Deacons will be sponsoring the Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for the children and grandchildren our Food Pantry families and assist the Holiday Fund, which provides Christmas gifts to local families in need, which is sponsored by the Frenchtown Lions Club and the Frenchtown American Legion.



On Sunday, November 25th, the Christmas tree in the Rotunda will be filled with Angel tags that will have information about the child and a wish list, as well as wrapping instructions and other information. Please take an angel, or two, and help make Christmas morning brighter and happier for these children.

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Kacerek Cooley at 973.271.7094 or by email dkacerekcooley@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16th, 17th & 18th, Holiday Bazaar

Church Breakfast, November 18th

November 18th, Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

December 1st, Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

December 16th, Christmas Cantata , 2pm

December 21st, Christmas Pageant, 7pm

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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. with Communion

10:00 am with Kid's Communities

Monthly Breakfast November 18th