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## STEPHEN'S SEASONINGS

*Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:6)*

During my years as an interim pastor I have written many farewell articles for the newsletter. They have been no less difficult than writing to my first two churches of eight and eleven years. In each case I fall in love with the people, the church traditions, and the community—Jan and I will truly miss you all and this lovely Frenchtown Boro. This goodbye is a little different because it is likely my last full-time church experience unless God has other plans for my future. Jan retired from 35 years of government service at the end of 2012. And now I conclude 38 years in ordained ministry and will be granted honorable retirement status by the Presbytery of New Brunswick on June 13.

My last Sunday with you will be at **one service at 10 am** on June 11. We will celebrate communion, pray together and afterwards say our farewells. In the church calendar it is Trinity Sunday which brings to mind for me my roots in Trinity Presbyterian Church in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. I was confirmed there, ordained there and gave thanks for the lives of my parents there. It was nice to conclude my active ministry so near to my upbringing and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and help you also to move into a new day.

The moving van loads our household goods the next morning and we will prepare to relocate to Savoy, Illinois (near the University of Illinois) for a new chapter in our lives. We have a granddaughter and her parents in Indiana and another son and his wife in Portland, Oregon. There will be lots of traveling in the coming years!

I am excited for you as you welcome Pastor Courtney Cromie just a few weeks later! There will be a few touchups to the manse and then another moving van will arrive. She is very eager to begin her work with you. Elsewhere in this issue are some words of advice from Brian McLaren – behind his humor is some wisdom for helping Courtney share all of her gifts for ministry.

You are a congregation that cares for one another and your care extends into the surrounding communities. I will pray for you and for the groups that go forth this summer to build and to serve, to teach and to reach out. And I will remember the sound of the gravel in the driveway signaling the comings and goings of so many people whom you welcome into this place for healing and renewal. May God be with us all until we meet again.

Grace and peace are yours in Christ Jesus.

Stephen C. Kolderup, Interim Pastor



## 2017

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

There are plenty of events scheduled over the next few weeks, as well as some changes to our normal worship schedule – please be sure to note them on your calendar:

June 4 - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM - Communion will not be served at the 10:00 AM service.

June 11 - One service at 10:00 AM - Communion will be served and it will be Stephen's last Sunday at FPC. There will be cake reception following the service.

June 25 - 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - Summer schedule of 8:00 and 9:30 AM services begins and will continue through Labor Day weekend (9/3).

July 2 - One service at 9:30 AM - Communion will be served.  
We will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Courtney B. Cromie.  
A luncheon will follow the service. Presbyterian Women will be providing sandwiches, please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

September 10 - Rally Day!! Back to Regular Worship Schedule of 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

## MUSIC MINISTRY



**Calling all musicians – any age – any instrument – no matter how many years of lessons or how long it has been since you played!!** We are planning to meet two or three times over the summer to practice– with music written out specifically for each instrument – and then participate by accompanying with the hymns during worship at some point this coming Fall. Contact Diane Reed at [dianereed288@yahoo.com](mailto:dianereed288@yahoo.com) or Josh Wilson at [pianomanjosh117@gmail.com](mailto:pianomanjosh117@gmail.com) – or see us in church – if you are interested. Get those instruments out and we'll have some fun making music for our Lord!

*Psalms 99:5 Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is He!*

### Summer Music Soloists Needed!

The music program is in need of soloists for church services in the summer. Our first open Sunday will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to be part of Sunday worship and share your talents, please contact Kathy Hartman at [kdawgsings@gmail.com](mailto:kdawgsings@gmail.com) or Josh Wilson at [pianomanjosh117@gmail.com](mailto:pianomanjosh117@gmail.com).

We need your help! We'd love to have you! Vocalists, instrumentalists, no age limit!

Josh and I are also looking for FPC instrumentalists to create an "FPC orchestra" to play one Sunday during the summer. Doesn't matter what instrument you play, we'll take them all! Contact Josh Wilson to sign up & get more information.

Also: DRUMMER NEEDED for Praise Band! If you play drums and would be interested, contact Kathy or Josh! Limited rehearsal time required.

Kathy Hartman, Music Director

## NEWS FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

Greetings to my church Family! Spring is here in full bloom...time of new beginnings. I am asking for anyone who may want to serve their Church as a Deacon or Elder to contact me. I am happy to speak with you about what is involved so you can pray about it and make a decision. The Officers going off are set to do so at the end of June.

Also, Stephen and Jan's last Sunday with us is June 11th. There will be one service at 10:00 am to gather, say thanks and wish them well. Communion will be served at this service. There will be some presentations and a "basket for Best Wishes" in the back of the Sanctuary for cards and notes. There will be a cake reception after the service.

A time of new beginnings as Stephen and Jan head into a well earned retirement! I look forward to seeing our church Family there.

Kathy Skerbetz, Clerk of Session

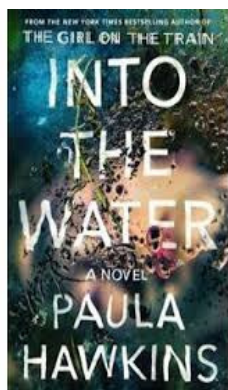
## COMMUNITY SERVICE & OUTREACH

The CS&O is sponsoring a new program – Senior Bingo Luncheons! Starting Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at our church from 11:30-1:00pm. Join other local seniors, play some bingo, have a delicious free lunch and learn more about senior opportunities in our community! Contact Penni at 908-237-0465 for more information and registration. All free!!!

### Health Fair

The Health Fair on April 29<sup>th</sup> was a fun day! About 50 people enjoyed the fair and 10 Seniors participated in the Lunch & Learn. The following Supporters shared their information and some provided door prizes!

- Frenchtown Home and Hardware
- The Spinnery
- Book Garden
- Yoga Loka
- TD Bank
- Shenberger Insurance
- Brokaw Photography
- Freedom Art and Music
- Raritan Headwaters Assoc. (well testing)
- Car seat safety check
- Ident-a-kid
- Old Dog Boxing club
- SFA Gallery
- Pulp
- Central Jersey Family Health Consortium
- Del Val Family Health- Hunterdon Healthcare
- Shop Rite- healthy eating
- Hunterdon Healthcare- Blood Pressure and info
- The Family Resource Network
- Mosaic Center for Creativity and Wellbeing



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH—BOOK CLUB

Come join us at the next Book Club: Tuesday, June 13th 7-9pm at Jimmy's Custard Stand.

Book: Into the Water  
Author: Paula Hawkins

"A single mother turns up dead at the bottom of the river that runs through town. Earlier in the summer, a vulnerable teenage girl met the same fate. They are not the first women lost to these dark waters, but their deaths disturb the river and its history, dredging up secrets long submerged.

Left behind is a lonely fifteen-year-old girl. Parentless and friendless, she now finds herself in the care of her mother's sister, a fearful stranger who has been dragged back to the place she deliberately ran from—a place to which she vowed she'd never return.

With the same propulsive writing and acute understanding of human instincts that captivated millions of readers around the world in her explosive debut thriller, *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins delivers an urgent, twisting, deeply satisfying read that hinges on the deceptiveness of emotion and memory, as well as the devastating ways that the past can reach a long arm into the present."

### **Softball Game Success!**

Thanks to all who came out to play, donate and cheer the Frenchtown Frenzy on to victory against the Milford Mayhem on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Old Frenchtown Field. It was a bit rainy and cool but we received 1,524 pounds of food (exactly same as last year!) split between our pantry and St. Edward the Confessor. Here's a little game history:

2017: Frenchtown Frenzy 22, Milford Mayhem 19  
Collected 1524 pounds of food, 1501 items  
First pitch by Dr. Jeremy Hewens

2016: Milford Mayhem 43, Frenchtown Frenzy 18 (yes, that really was the score...oh my!)  
Collected over 1524 pounds of food and \$200  
First pitch by Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay

2015: Milford Mayhem led 10 to Frenchtown Frenzy 9 when the game was called  
Collected 700 pounds of food and over \$150  
First pitch by Frenchtown Mayor Warren Cooper

2014: Frenchtown Frenzy led 13 to Milford Mayhem 11 when games was called  
College 374 pounds of food  
First pitch Milford Mayor Jim Gallos

## Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

The annual night at the ballpark with fireworks will be Saturday August 26th at 7pm. We will depart by bus from the church parking lot at 5:00pm for the Trenton Thunder home stadium at Arm & Hammer Park. A sign-up sheet will be on the "I Can Do That Board".

Trenton Thunder is an American Minor League Baseball team based in Trenton, NJ, that is a Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.



## MISSION POSSIBLE

### 2017 Mission: *Possible!* Trip

Come one, come all! The 2017 summer mission trip is set for July 9 – July 15, 2017 and we are heading back to one of our favorite destinations, the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families (<https://www.blackmountainhome.org/>) Please read up on Black Mountain Home and see for yourself the many wonderful services it provides in its mission "To glorify God by caring for children and families."



Black Mountain Home has recently acquired an adjacent tract of land that it will use to expand some of its existing programs, as well as implement new ones. There is much work to be done and we are blessed to be able to take part in this effort.

There is no age limit for this trip. I took my children here on their first mission trip in 2014 when they were seven and nine years old. They had a great time and continue to come on mission trips with Jess and I. Everyone is welcome.

There is no particular skill set that is required either. There are jobs for everyone. It doesn't matter if you think that you "don't know how to do anything". Trust me, you do and we will find a way to put you to work.

These trips are not all work. Sure, we do work but, the trips are fun also. We have a great time and you will find that you will learn more about, and grow closer to, those serving with you.

The location is beautiful. Black Mountain is located to the southeast of the Great Smokey Mountains, nestled in the mountains east of Asheville. You can't beat the scenery. The accommodations are great as well. Black Mountain Home offers a variety of housing options to volunteers.

So what are you waiting for? The perfect time in your life to take a week and go on a mission trip? That won't happen. The timing will never be perfect. Join us now and treat yourself to an experience that you will never forget.

Please contact either Pete Gordon (908-229-6835 or [pmg012469@yahoo.com](mailto:pmg012469@yahoo.com)) or Paul Pfisterer, (267-884-6198 or [pamadaka@epix.net](mailto:pamadaka@epix.net)) with questions or to sign up. We need to hear from you by June 25, 2017, so that we can plan the menu!



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## **FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

**June 24-September 3**

**8:00 a.m. with Communion**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**