

# FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSTALK



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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)*

This month promises to be a big step in the life of this congregation as you hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and proceed to the election of the next pastor. I do not want to presume the outcome of the election, but I do urge you to fully participate in the process that includes a "Meet & Greet" the candidate on Saturday, May 6, 4-6 pm and then the ONE SERVICE at 10 am on May 7 followed by the congregational meeting. The PNC has been working hard since last September. They are very excited to present this person and you need to hear their report.

In the meantime, I want to encourage you in all the ways that you are being a vital church. That was evident lately in the vibrant worship on Easter, the great hospitality that you offered at the memorial service for Richard Donelon, and the energy of jazz hymns at the end of the April (followed by a full jazz concert on May 6). You also hosted a community Health Fair as a beginning of offering more outreach services in the Delaware Valley. Our church will be visible at the annual Milford-Frenchtown softball showdown on May 7th at 2pm, and at the picnic in the park on May 21. Rob has led another group of youth through the confirmation process and we will celebrate their profession of faith on Mother's Day, May 14. May 6th we are getting help from the Boy Scouts on a church cleanup. Frenchtown Presbyterian Church is a happening place with so many members who make it all work. I am grateful for all of you!

One of the things that needs to be said as you move into the future is the continuing need to support the work of the church through your financial gifts. I appreciate the generosity of those who give on a regular basis. We do indeed meet all our obligations but lately we have been paying some bills from our modest cash reserves. This is not a long-term strategy for church health and so I urge you to consider your giving and make an increased effort to support the many things I described in the previous paragraph. We have been blessed by grant money for special projects but that does not fund the day-to-day expenses. I know that you will want to greet the next pastor with a church that is ready to move ahead.

As we do each month, Jan and I invite you to join us at the Manse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (May 19) for "3rds on 4<sup>th</sup>." Come at 6 pm with a dish to share and we'll say grace around 6:30. Or come later for fellowship time lasting until around 9. We love these gatherings and the opportunity for the Manse to be a welcoming place.

Grace and peace are yours in Christ Jesus.  
Stephen C. Kolderup, Interim Pastor



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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the Congregation for **Sunday, May 7, 2017** for the purpose for hearing a final report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and proceeding to the election of the pastor. **This meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately after the ONE SERVICE of worship that day (which begins at 10 am).** The candidate will preach and lead worship, assisted by members of the PNC. While all members and friends are encouraged to attend on this important Sunday, only members on the roll of Frenchtown Presbyterian are eligible to speak and vote in the meeting.

On Saturday, May 6, from 4-6 pm, all members and friends are invited to meet and greet the candidate in



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### 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



## YOUTH GROUP

### May and June Youth Schedule

May 7th - Frenchtown vs. Milford Softball Game @ Old Frenchtown Field

May 14th - NO Youth - Mothers Day/Confirmation Sunday

May 21st - Church Picnic @ Frenchtown Park

May 28th - NO Youth - Memorial Day Weekend

June 4th - Youth vs. Parents Kick-ball Game & Cookout @ Old Frenchtown Field

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**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 meeting 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!

Thanks to all who helped to make our sanctuary bright and beautiful for the Holy Week services, and to those who brought music to life through song – our Children's Choir, the Chancel Choir and soloists.

There are plenty of events scheduled over the next few weeks – be sure to note them on your calendar:

- May 14th is Mother's Day and will also be Confirmation Sunday
- May 21st is the annual church picnic and will be the last Sunday for Kid's Communities.
- June 18th will be the last Sunday for choir to sing
- June 25th our summer schedule of 8:00 and 9:30 AM services will begin and will continue through Labor Day

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

## 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](mailto:barbarahuey1@gmail.com) if you can help.



## MISSION POSSIBLE

Save the Date! The Summer Mission trip will be **July 9-16th** to Black Mountain Children's Home in Asheville North Carolina. 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 as soon as you can so arrangements can be made.







## SPRING CLEAN UP

May 6th, please join us in our Spring cleanup at 9 a.m. The scouts will be helping but we sure could use some church members. We need help raking, pruning mulching, cleaning and repairing things inside and out along with window washing and lots of stuff on Maries' list. Please come help!!

Contact Eugene Hill if you have any questions 908-310-0702.



With every new beginning....there is a farewell. Stephen's last day at Frenchtown Presbyterian will be Sunday June 11th. It will be a time for expressing our best wishes and thanks for his leadership that has brought us to this place. There will be a "basket for best wishes" in the back of the Sanctuary where folds can drop a card. Presentations will be made at the end of the service with a cake reception following for Stephen and Jan in Fellowship Hall. Please join our Faith Family on this special day. Thanks!

Kathy Skerbetz, Clerk of Session



## Alexandria, Frenchtown & Milford Churches Invite You to 2017 Vacation Bible School: VBS Hero Central!

At VBS Hero Central, children will interact, be energized, and enjoy a Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They'll become Heroes as they explore God's mission through songs, games, & stories which reveal Hero Codes to equip every Hero for an active life with God.

July 31 to August 4  
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Alexandria First Presbyterian Church  
141 Little York-Mount Pleasant Road

The program is designed for children entering Pre-K through 5th grade this fall  
Teen and adult volunteers are welcome.

See page 6 for registration form.



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## **FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Regular Worship Schedule**

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

**10:00 a.m. with Kids Communities**