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APRIL

Happy
Spring

April 2023

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

COMBINED SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE
ON GOOD FRIDAY.

APRIL 7TH, 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY,

APRIL 9TH, 9:30AM - Egg hunt will follow worship.

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WELCOME NEW DEACONS AND ELDERS

On February 26th we had a service of ordination and installation for new deacons and elders.

Please welcome, Shari Bethman Bjellquist, and Gayla Gerhardt to Session and Lorainne Sellitto, Barbara Kerekes, Debbie Godown, and Amy Varecha as our new Deacons.

WELCOME MUSIC DIRECTOR HUGH SUNG

Hugh Sung was hired as FPC new Music Director. Welcome Hugh! We are lucky to have him.

IN A FEW WORDS...

Hugh Sung has been hailed as one of the finest collaborative pianists of his generation. Hugh has performed and recorded with the likes of violinists Aaron Rosand, Hilary Hahn, and Leila Josefowicz; flutists Julius Baker, Jeffrey Khaner, Jasmine Choi, and Gary Schocker; and composers Jennifer Higdon, Robert Maggio, and Harold Boatrite. He has also worked extensively with the Philadelphia and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras. Hugh served on the faculty of The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia for 19 years as its Director of Student Recitals and Instrumental Accompaniment.

In 2008, Hugh co-founded AirTurn, a company that creates hands-free page-turning pedals for digital sheet music.

In 2014, Hugh joined the roster of ArtistWorks, the premiere online music and art school that teaches students through an extensive video curriculum combined with the innovative Video Exchange system, enabling him to work one-on-one with students anywhere in the world.

Hugh continues to perform around the world, and is Vice President at Cunningham Piano, representing Yamaha and Bösendorfer pianos.

Click [here](#) to see his full bio





DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE YOUTH CHOIR ?

Hey Kids! Do you love to sing? we are starting a youth choir and would love to have your voice join us. Contact Tonya Reese tonya.reese@hotmail.com, Shari Bethman-Bjellquist at moonriverdelaware@yahoo.com or Diane Reed dianereed288@yahoo.com, with any questions.

CHRISTIAN ED COMMISSION

The Christian Education Committee is asking for donations of filled or unfilled plastic eggs and/or candy for our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 9th.



Please place donations in the Church kitchen. Thank you.

New Members Class Coming up!

Introducing "FPC101"! April 16 and April 30, 2023, 10:45 a.m.

Please Join Us!

Become a Member of Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

Along with other visitors, friends and guests, we would like to explore with you what membership in Frenchtown Presbyterian Church might look like in these post-pandemic days. Let's have a conversation about all the ways our church is involved in the community and how you can be a part of it!

Join members of the Membership Committee and the Pastor, as well as some elders and deacons for a discussion about all things Frenchtown Presbyterian after worship at 10:45 on April 16 and again on April 30, 2023.

Please call or e-mail the Church Office 908-996-2227 and/or office@frenchtownpresbyterian.org and let us know you plan to attend. Or call, text or e-mail Pastor Merideth Mueller-Bolton at 609-303-0500 and/or pastor@collegehillpc.org.

Be sure to provide your name, telephone number, and e-mail address so we can be in touch. We can't wait to hear from you and explore this exciting opportunity together!



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

We are trying to solve the heating challenges in fellowship hall & reach a happy temperature as well as control our expenses..

If you feel it needs to be warmer... PLEASE only raise the temperature by pressing the + in the upper right corner... Various attempts by folks have knocked the program entirely out of wack.

Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated!!!

Your B & G Team

Paul Pfisterer 610 294-9412

John Fiebig 908 996-6436

Carl Stokes 215-429-1010



SUMMER MISSION POSSIBLE

This year we have an opportunity to work in the Drexel Hill, PA area helping homeowners with flood damage repair during the week of July 30 - August 5.

The vast majority of the work will be tearing out damaged drywall and installing new. We will work under the supervision of their crews. Please understand that you do not need to be an expert in drywall installation but you do need to come prepared to work hard and learn. I cannot guarantee that there will be any other jobs for people that week. I can guarantee that your work will be rewarding. You will be in people's homes helping them recover from damage caused by flooding in 2020.

In order to plan effectively for the projects, based on the size and skill set of our team, please email Pete Gordon at pmg012469@yahoo.com by April 15th, if you can come for the week or not. Accommodations will be arranged by Project Restoration and, to do so, they need to know in advance how many to plan for.

This year we are asking that people interested in attending play to stay the week, rather than plan day trips or partial week visits.

This is a very good group of volunteers. If we can get this team on the ground in PA, we'll have a great experience and really make an impact.

THINGS GOING ON AT THE CHURCH

Community Outreach—Senior Program

When? Every Tuesday from 11:15-1:15pm

Where? Frenchtown Presbyterian Church

What? This FREE program starts with a 45- minute Chair Yoga Class from 11:15-12pm, then enjoy your brown bag lunch from 12pm, and our guest speaker/craft is 12:15-1:15pm!

Questions? Call Penni @908-237-0465 All programs are FREE!

Upcoming programs;

April 25th - Kim Seppelt- SNAP- Healthy Eating!

May 16th - Alexandra Greci from Rutgers with Mindful Eating

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SOME CARDS?



We meet every Tuesday in the Church Hall at 2:00 PM and play until 4:00 pm. It is fun for all men and women that attend.

Don't be concerned if you do not know how to play cards, we will teach you. Everyone now playing did not know how to play any of the games we now play and they are all very comfortable with all of them now.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will be meeting on April 10th at 1pm downstairs in the church. The book they are discussing is the "Flight of the Sparrow" by Amy Belding Brown. All are welcome!



FIFTH SATURDAY IN FRENCHTOWN

The Community Outreach Committee at FPC has come up with a themed "Fifth Saturday in Frenchtown" Every month that has a 5th Saturday we will be having a fun for all ages special event, hosted by the church.

April is the first month with a 5th Saturday. So join us on Saturday April 29th for our first 5th Saturday in Frenchtown event. Family Bonfire and Game Night from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a free event!

Outdoor and indoor games, snacks and fun for everyone! RSVP to Jen Campbell by text to 908-502-2575 so we know how many to expect. See you there!

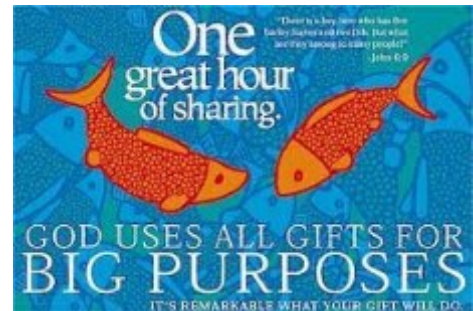




BLOOD DRIVE

FPC Blood Drive, Wednesday, April 19th from 1-6pm in Fellowship Hall. Call Jennifer Campbell at 908-502-2575 to schedule an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter FrenchtownPresby.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Donate to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

Every year, the Presbyterian Church USA assists people throughout the world who are suffering because of natural disaster, hunger, oppression, or injustice. One Great Hour of Sharing is the offering collected each year during Lent to support assistance programs of the Presbyterian Church. If you wish to donate, you may use a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope from the pew rack or you may mail your donation to the church. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Frenchtown Presbyterian Church.



Camp Johnsonburg - Summer Camp Registering Now! Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God's beautiful creation...and we are registering for SUMMER CAMP! As New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, we have been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids across our 63 years. We've got six 1-week overnight sessions for kids in rising 1st-12th grades from June to August. Our program has tons of activities, and our camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers. Summer camp has been shown to increase social and emotional wellness in children and youth, as well as teaching them to be more independent and helping them to make friends. Compliment the faith building you are doing in church and at home with what will be your child's favorite week of the summer. For more information, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10th - Book Club, 1pm

April 16th - Monthly Breakfast

April 16, 30 - New Members Class, 10:45am

April 19th - Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

April 29th - Bon fire and game night, 6:30-8:30pm

May 21 - Opera Project Concert, 3pm

June 11th - Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic, at Alexandria Park

