

**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LAMBERTVILLE
First Presbyterian Church**

**Many voices with one faith, one heart.
One family under God.**

Our Elder: Mark Dudick~

From My Pew...

We are living in troubled times. COVID-19/Coronavirus is taking over our world and a global pandemic is upon us. Closures are everywhere, the stock market is crumbling, healthcare needs solutions, unemployment claims are rising dramatically, an election is approaching and the list goes on. Ephesians 2:8 says “For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not for yourselves - it is a gift from God.”

The Christian life is not always roses and sunshine, it is filled with trials, challenges, pain and hardship. It is faith in the Bible that we need to stick to. God’s heart is hurting along with our hearts. There can be beauty in the unknown and we turn to Him for comfort. Fear can overtake use, but God holds the power to give men and women strength and courage. God does not leave us, so please take your fears and grievances to the Lord.

In this Lenten season remember what Christ went through. Our dependence on Him can lead us past the darkest time. As Pastor Gregory once said “our number one job as Christians is to pray.” The walk as a Christian can be challenging and accepting Christ doesn’t mean life is simple. God never forsakes us or leaves us and that is reality and something to remember.

“From the Office”

Thank you to all who have been submitting information for the Newsletters. The Congregation is a big part of our Church Newsletters! During this time of closures, I will be in the office sporadically. Please leave a message by phone or email. My email is: lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com, and I will get back to you. Prayers that we will be past this Coronavirus soon!

Sincerely,

Sue



Church News:



Our Preaching Schedule for April:

All Dates are Tentative and Schedule is Subject to Change.

Please check your email/Church Website or the Church Answering Machine for updates! The church website: www.lampres.org

Palm Sunday April 5th– Services are Cancelled. The Cantata for today has been postponed to a later date.

Easter Sunday April 12th-Rich Hopkins is Leading the Service

The Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt have been Cancelled.

Service time TBD

April 19th-Bob Holland

Service time TBD

April 26th-10:00 am Worship Service with New Hope CC at New Hope

Shad Fest for April 25/26 has been postponed until a later date.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Bernice Allshouse
 Richard A. Armitage
 Helen Jane Baker
 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Buchanan, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Buchanan, Sr.
 Pat & Win Buchanan
 Paul R. Clark
 Mr. G.M. Crews
 The Danberry Family
 Ms. Jennie DiBlasi
 Alan Durborow, Sr.
 Cora Durborow
 Raymond Durborow
 Mr. & Mrs. John Eichlin
 Marge & Jack Ewing
 Mrs. Carol Ann Feller
 Anna & Harry Fischer
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Frangakis
 Daniel S. Gallagher
 Constantina Georgeadris
 Leo & Mary Kathryn Gregory
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Griffiths, Sr.
 Marie Gulick
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hartpence, Jr.
 Herbert Hendricks
 M. Frances & D. Clarke Hendricks
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Holcombe
 Calvin & Mary Holland
 John & Bertha Holland
 Pam Holland
 Dave Hudak
 Frederick & Dorcas Jacobs
 Mr. & Mrs. John H. Johnson
 Dr. Kenneth Judy
 Connie Kies
 Helen Kline
 Dr. Walter Knouse
 Billy Leary
 Sandy Lobley



EASTER

James & Lula Martin
 Mr. & Mrs. Loren W. Marvin
 Jessica Masterson
 Paul Matthews
 Fred McGowan
 Honora McGowan
 Tom & Anita Mullane
 Arlyce Mullen
 Frank & Mayme Mullen
 Mr. & Mrs. George Myers
 Nelson Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Olsen
 Rev. Phil Olson
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pidcock, Sr.
 Joan Pierman
 Sgt. Jonathan T. Porter
 Franklin & Bertha Pursell
 Norman T. Raike
 JR & Marian Reasoner
 Angelo & Hester Sevdale
 Mr. Rick Shaw
 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Stout
 Evelyn & William Terrani
 Rev. William G. Thompson
 Joyce Topping
 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Topping
 Grace Vaccarino
 Marie J. Vaccarino
 John W. Vernam
 Barbara Von Kleeck
 Beverly C. Voorhees
 Matilda Walker & Family
 Robert Walker
 Kay Weidemann
 June Worstall
 Judy Wyckoff
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Yannarella
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Zambella

Help Wanted for Rollerskating!!

The Lambertville Presbyterian Church's Friday Night Roller Skating program is seeking an individual to be director(s) of roller skating starting in November 2020. Cooie and Desre Pidcock are retiring from that position as of April 2020 after 20 years of service.

On Friday night during the winter months children in sixth grade and under attend free skating from 6pm to 8pm in our church's activity building. As this is a mission outreach of the church, a short (5 to 10 minute) Bible study lesson is given for the children around 7 pm.

The director will need to start about 5:40 pm by setting up chairs, music, lights, and checking bathrooms. While the children are there, the director will oversee the activities to ensure safety and can introduce "corner games" and other variations that the children enjoy. After the Bible lesson, children are invited to participate in races, in which they compete against others in their grade level (for example, first and second grade boys or fifth and sixth grade girls). The races are very popular among the children. It is necessary to have some volunteer assistants, as the director must be focused on the skating area, rather than the snack table. When the skating session ends, the director will have to do general clean-up of the floor, seating areas and bathrooms so the gym can be used for the "teen hang" program that begins at 8 pm.

If you enjoy meeting people and having fun with kids, this is the position for you! Friday Night Skating is in its 63rd year and going strong. Please contact Sue at the church office or contact Cooie for more information.

PS: Pastor Jack Hyles writes, 'the greatest blessing in the whole world is being a blessing.'

AMEN to that!

Ministry and Outreach:

News from our Missions Team~ Please check out our bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary.

Your Missions Team: Addie Andino, Gail Armitage, Konni Sandford, Russ Topping and Donna Zambella

News from your Deacons~

As full as our last report was, this months report is a bit different. Thanks to the Coronavirus, many activities have been put on hold, even our Sunday worship service will have a different venue. We still look forward to the promise of Easter and behold its glory! We must be patient with each new day, be vigilant in pur prayers and worship and yes, remember that God God is still in charge. Keep praying for each other and those who have to make the difficult decisions to keep us all safe. Your Deacons are praying for you and always are ready to be here when you need us.

Your Deacons: Gail Armitage, Debbie Crow, Jessica Cummings, Danielle Griffiths, Phil McCloughan, Terry Peck and Heather Pursell.



April Birthdays

2 Becky Hopkins

4 Kendra Thatcher

7 Dan Serlenga

9 Julia Stratuik

9 Donna Zambella

11 Jason Shurts

15 Carol Shurts

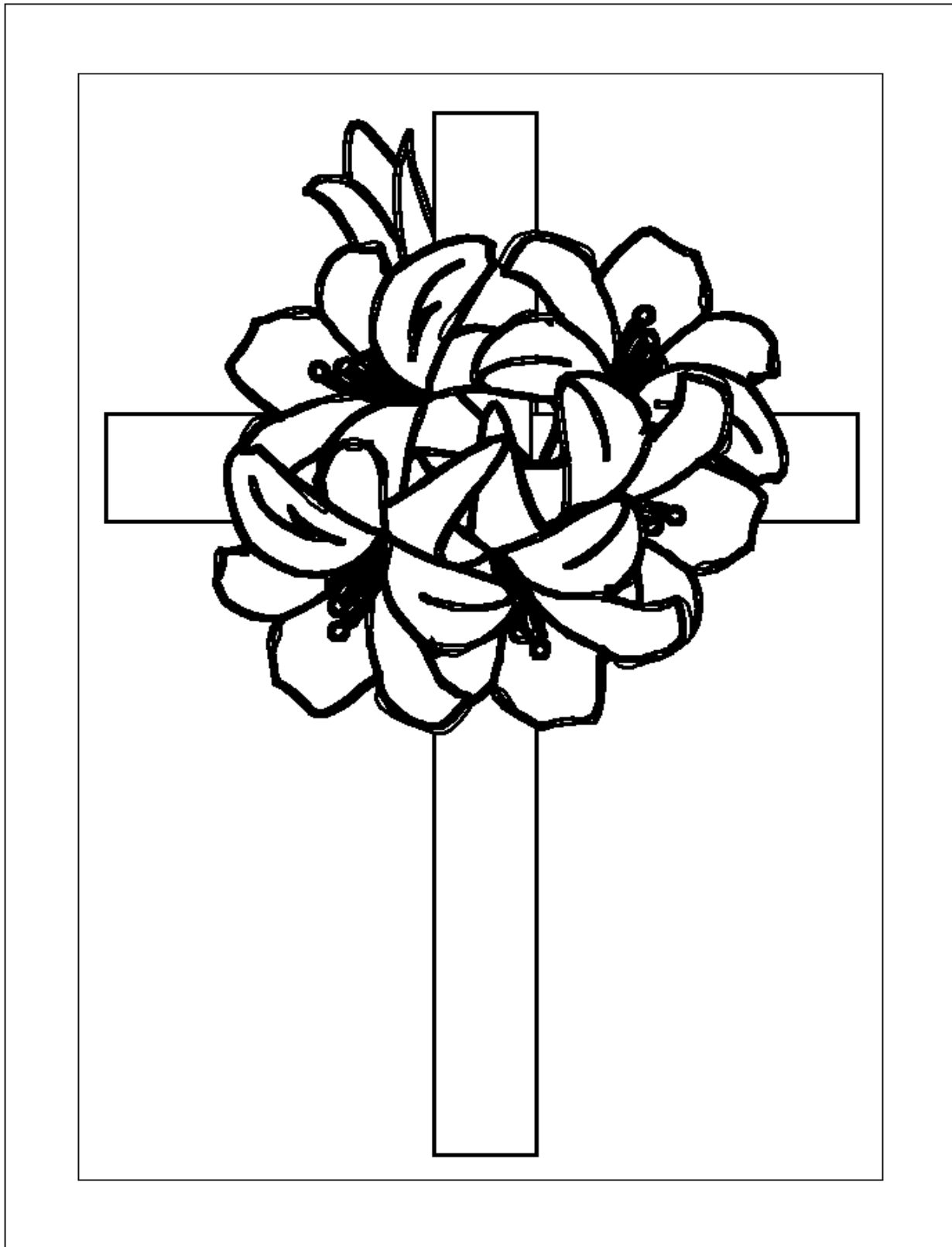
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Just for Kids.....



April Assisting, Greeting and Care & Share Schedule:

Elder Schedule

April 5– Rich Hopkins
April 12- Mark Dudick
April 19– Pat Durborow
April 26– Worship at New Hope CC

Deacon Schedule

April 5– Heather Pursell
April 12-Danielle Griffiths
April 19– Debbie Crow
April 26– Worship at New Hope CC

Greeting Schedule

April 5– Joan Yannarella
April 12-Terry Peck
April 19-Carol Griffiths
April 26-Worship at New Hope CC

Care & Share– Karen Armano, Heidi Danberry, Terry Peck and Joan Yannarella

***If you unable to serve your scheduled dates,
please find a replacement and contact the church office. Thank you.**

Schedules are subject to change

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville
Westminster House

February 17, 2020 6:45 PM

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Joanne DiBlasi	Pat Durborow	Rich Hopkins
Mark Dudick	Carol Griffiths	
	Heather McIntyre	
	Don Pidcock	
	Russ Topping	

Rev. Bob Tomlinson, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Mark Dudick, Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths, Rich Hopkins, Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock, Russ Topping, and Rev. Bob Tomlinson

Excused: None

Guests: Molly Dykstra, Past Moderator, Cherry Oakley Current Moderator, New Brunswick Presbytery. David Redman, Liaison, New Brunswick Presbytery

Welcome: Reverend Tomlinson, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the February Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

Devotion-Rev. Tomlinson

The Devotion was based on Philippians 2. Rev Tomlinson spoke of stewardship and how the Elders were to be the leaders of the church. Also, in as the Elders are leaders, they also should reach out to help those in the need. Show love for each other and not be jealous or proud. To think as Jesus would think and would like us to act. Jesus was humble and died on the cross, we are blessed with a gift of leadership and should not be afraid to use it. Humility of love is faith. Value others as you would yourself.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box Part 1- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from the January 20, 2020 Session Business Meeting. A **motion** was called to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor. The approved Minutes will be sent to Sue/Church Office to be printed in the Book of Minutes and to be included in the Church Newsletter. There was a **motion** for the Agenda for tonight's meeting to be approved, all were in favor.

Moderator Molly Dykstra, Cherry Oakley and Liaison David Redman from the New Brunswick Presbytery-

Molly is the Current Pastor and Cherry Oakley is a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian of Trenton. They came to speak to the Session regarding how our church can be more connected with the Presbytery. The letter from Pastor Gregory was discussed at the meeting, that was sent to the Presbytery when he retired. The letter brought to light a few issues so it was discussed on how we can improve our relationship with the Presbytery and its members. Rev. Tomlinson also commented on how would we like to be more connected. More relationship development was discussed to improve that between the churches.

David Redman discussed the Committee on Ministry and that possibly to keep the Liaison on after finding a pastor, to be able to check in with the church/congregation. A Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Tuesday March 10, 2020, time to be announced. It was encouraged that our Elders attend. This portion of the meeting was ended in prayer.

Calendar Highlights from February-May 2020: The Ordination/Installation Sunday is February 23rd. We will need to have an Ordained Minister for that service for the Ordination/Installation. Heather Pursell organized Soup Sales during the month of February to raise funds for the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic in the fall of 2020. Turning the clocks Ahead 1 Hour on Sunday Morning 3/8 at 2:00 am. The last week for Skating, Friday Night Hang and Lambertville Basketball League is March 13th and 14th. There is No Women's Bible Study during Lent. On Palm Sunday April 5th at 4:00 pm, there is a Community Church Cantata and Pot Luck at Kirkpatrick. The Maundy Thursday Service is at Mt. Airy at 7:00 pm and The Good Friday Service is at Kirkpatrick in Ringoes at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday April 12th, is the Deacon Breakfast at 8:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt, and Worship at 10:30. April 25 & 26 is Shad Fest weekend. Our church will be worshipping with New Hope Community Church. More details to follow. The New Hope CC Youth Group will not be in the Gym on April 26th, due to the Chamber of Commerce in the Gym. Sundays in May were discussed, 5/3, 5/10 and 5/24.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box Part 2-

Bob Tomlinson discussed with Session the process of getting a new pastor, and how a permanent pastor will help the overall church stay more positive, than if having to change pastors every few years.

Don "Cooie" Pidcock gave a letter to Session that he and Desre will be retiring from being the Directors of the Skating on Friday Nights after the 2020 Season. We are to look to the Congregation for a replacement for Cooie and Desre to take over the Skating. Session thanked Cooie for all his and Desre's years of service for the Friday Night Skating program. An "Advertisement" will be put in the upcoming Bulletins and Newsletters asking for new Directors for the Friday Night Skating program.

The Newton Presbytery-An email handout was given to Session regarding the combination of the Presbyteries. David Redman spoke to Session regarding the Presbytery changing. New boundaries are being worked on. The Elizabeth and New Brunswick Presbyteries are discussed. More information to come in the months ahead.

Worship and Music-Joanne DiBlasi

The Pulpit Supply List: Here is the list of Elders (and Guest Pastors) who will be preaching on Communion and Non-Communion Sundays:

2/23- Dan Serlenga

3/1- Communion Sunday, Pastor John Desai

3/8- Don Pidcock

3/15- Russ Topping

3/22- Mark Dudick

3/29- Rich Hopkins

4/5- Palm & Communion Sunday, Pastor Byron Leasure

4/12- Easter Sunday, Rich Hopkins

4/19- Bob Holland

4/26-Shad Fest Sunday (we are most likely worshipping with the New Hope Community Church)

5/3- Communion Sunday, Rev. Ken Good

Karen Thatcher will be our point of contact for the Joint Service with our Sister Churches on July 5, 2020, at Holcombe-Jimison. More information to follow soon.

Shad Fest 2020- The Lambertville Chamber of Commerce (COC) Sent in a deposit to rent the Gym for Shad Fest. They will be occupying the Gym on April 24, 25 and 26. Our church will be selling hot dogs/grilling for the Shad Fest. We need to get the Permit to Sell from City Hall. Sue from the Church Office will call and obtain the form and have one of the Elders to complete and return.

The Iron Fence in front of the Church- Two estimates to fix the fence were obtained. More details will be discussed at an upcoming Session Business Meeting.

Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow/Don Pidcock/Heather McIntyre

Kitchen updates- The church members will be coming in to clean the kitchen on February 22, 2020 at 9:00 am. Session discussed replacing the counter on the island, cleaning and possibly painting the cabinets. Most likely, the gas stove will be replaced with another gas stove. Grace Reading will be consulted when a new gas stove is going to be purchased.

Don Pidcock did some work on our flagpole that is in the Church Cemetery. He replaced the rope on the flagpole, so the flag can be in better working order. He also discussed with Session the George Prall Trust and its importance to Lambertville. Cooie suggested that our new pastor (when they arrive) be on that committee. The Plaque for Dr. Henry, to possibly to be placed in the Gym, will be discussed at a later date.

Reiner Heating- The furnaces are still being worked on. Phil, Nate, Pat D. and Cooie will get together in the near future after church to talk about how to resolve the problems with the furnace and how the problems can be resolved in regard to the back, boiler room. We keep getting an alarm for that area of the church, and how that room needs to be/stay more ventilated. A **motion** was brought to the table to assess where we are in regards to our contract with Reiner and getting a committee together to see if we can get another company/new heating contract. The **motion** was passed. More information on the Committee in future Session Meetings.

Heather also discussed with Session the walkway to the gym area to have it resealed.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

Banking Summary presented year to date. Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was given out, from January 1, 2020 through February 17, 2020. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session. Heather will reach out to Dennis Duryea at the Duryea Agency in April/May for our Annual Insurance Review. Dennis will most likely be scheduled to come and speak to Session at that time.

Rich spoke with The Law Office of Bill Buchanan regarding the Hunter Estate. There is a document that Bill Buchanan has in his possession, and Rich will follow up and update Session accordingly.

Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School- Mark Dudick/Carol Griffiths

Mark will reach out to Nate Wilson the director of the New Hope Youth Group and see if they would like to participate in our Friday Night Hang here at the church. An update will be coming shortly.

Junior Deacons-Carol gave Session a handout from Danielle Griffiths regarding the Junior Deacons. The Deacons will discuss this handout at their upcoming meeting. There will be a meeting with Danielle and the parents of the future Junior Deacons at a meeting after church on either March 8th or 22nd 2020.

Moderator Time-Rev. Bob Tomlinson

Rev. Tomlinson appreciates us as a church and how we are doing. He also mentions on how the times of the church are changing and how we have to change with them. He also talks about the Pastoral Search Committee and how the process is progressing.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was celebrated on February 2, 2020 and was led by Rev. Ken Good

The Annual Report/Meeting- was held on Sunday February 16, 2020, with a pot-luck. Elders and Deacons were re-elected and are being installed on Sunday February 23, 2020.

Continuing of Education- Elders are encouraged to continue in and share the word of God through reading His Word, devotions, prayer and to be involved in education.

Elders-Are to continue Pastoral Care.

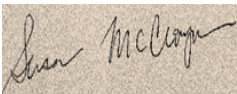
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the March 2020 meeting, is: Carol Griffiths, followed by Rich Hopkins, Heather McIntyre and Don Pidcock.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session