



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

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

From Our Elder: Rich Hopkins~

When Peter retired in October, one of the elders thought it would be a good idea if we took turns writing for the monthly church newsletter. That elder sure wasn't me! But, now it's my turn. I am by no means a writer, nor have I ever written anything before for others to read. So, this is a bit scary.

I've seen many interviews given by writers over the years. As I recall, they all seem to say that writers should write about what they know best. So, what exactly do I know best? Well, I know lots about bicycling and the best roads to ride on in both Hunterdon and Bucks County. I also know lots about baseball, especially the losing history of the NY Mets. And, unfortunately, I also know way too much about filing tax returns. But none of these topics seem too appealing for the church newsletter.

However, I don't recall any writer saying you should write about what *you wish you knew best*. That's an easy one for me. What I wish I knew best was my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The apostle Paul talks about this in his letter to the Philippian church. In Philippians chapter 3, verse 8, Paul says, "*I consider everything as a complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, to know Christ Jesus my Lord.*" Paul then goes on to say in verse 10 of the same chapter, "*All I want is to know Christ*".

This appears to be a contradiction. First, Paul says that nothing is greater than knowing Jesus. Then, two verses later, Paul says he wants to know Jesus. Well, which is it Paul? Do you know Jesus or not??!!

The problem lies in our English language. In Greek, the language of the New Testament, the word used for "know" in verse 8 is different than the word used for "know" in verse 10.

Let me explain it this way. Hopefully, all of us know Jesus Christ in that we have inquired, investigated and decided we want to be followers of Jesus. That is, we all know and have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. That is what Paul is talking about in verse 8.

In verse 10, Paul wanting to know Jesus has a much deeper meaning. It is not obtained by mere intellectual activity, but by operation of the Holy Spirit after we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. It has no finality. It is a lifelong quest. It is a relationship that can only be strengthened by prayer, by reading the Bible, and by living a life dedicated to serving God. When Paul says in verse 10 that he wants to know Christ, he understands that he will never fully know Christ on this side of eternity. But Paul spent the rest of his life trying. And, with God's help, so will I. What excitement and joy it is getting to know Jesus more and more each day!

As I said before, hopefully all of you reading this know Jesus and have accepted Him as your Lord and Savior. If you're not sure, please seek me out any Sunday and I would be delighted to introduce you to Jesus.

And for those of you who already know Jesus, let's continue this wonderful and amazing adventure in Lambertville as we pray together, read God's Word together, and worship together, and really, really, really get to know Jesus

“From the Office”

Thank you for your continued support in sending information for the Newsletters as well as the Annual Report. The Handbell Choir is taking off the month of January and most of February. We'll be resuming our Thursday practice schedule on February 27th. We plan on ringing in church in mid-March. The information for the Newsletters is due to the Church Office around the 20th of each month.

Blessings!

Sue



Church News:



Our Preaching Schedule for February:

February 2nd– Communion Sunday, Pastor Ken Good

February 9th– Dan Serlenga

February 16th– Dan Serlenga

February 23rd– Dan Serlenga

The Annual Congregational Meeting & Pot Luck- February 16th (After Church in the Gym)

A sign-up will be posted to bring a dish.

The New Hope Community Church Youth Group will be meeting in the Gym Sunday Feb. 9th and Sunday Feb. 23rd. They will meet in the Church Gym 2 times per month. For any questions about the youth group, please see Mark Dudick or Carol Griffiths.

Roller Skating and Friday Night Hang are continuing in the Gym on the 7th, 14th 21st and 28th.

See the flyer on page 3 regarding the Community Blood Drive at the Lambertville Rescue Squad on February 19th!

May Those Who Come Behind Me Find the Faithful...

On Saturday January 4th, our church pews were filled with people young and old, paying tribute to our dear friend, Helen Jane Baker. Acknowledging the legacy she has imparted to all whose path she crossed, locally and internationally.

May each of us strive to live up to that same calling that Jesus puts before us.

Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

Psalm 145: 4

Respectfully,
Joanne D.



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

TIME: 2:00 - 7:00 PM

PLACE: Lambertville-NewHope Rescue Squad
70 Alexander Road, Lambertville NJ 08530

Make an appointment online at
www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor name
callawayhendersonsirlambertville
or call 609-397-1974

Hosted by: Callaway Henderson Sotheby's International Realty



Help save a life.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.

A message from our Guest Worship Leader for Sunday February 9, 16 & 23
Dan Serlenga

I am really looking forward to sharing with my church family at First Pres. I will be leading worship 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23, and I can hardly wait to be together.

God has led me to share from the book of Hebrew's. Maybe it's what's going on worldwide, but when the Holy Spirit taps me on the shoulder I better obey. Maybe it's the result of some of the recent attacks on Jews and my prayer for peace and unity. Maybe it's the result of our very own PCUSA denouncing Israel and calling for a boycott of relations with Israel. Or maybe I need to remember Jesus was a Jew.

We don't know the author of Hebrews but we do know that it was written and shared with Jewish converts to Christianity that were at risk of slipping back into the traditions of Judaism because they had not put down roots in the soil of Christianity. We all run the risk of back sliding. We all want to do what bring us the most comfort or what we think is the safe bet.

Hebrews recognizes the Old Testament traditions and Law, but makes a clear and convincing argument that all of the Old Testament, that many wanted to cling to, points to the one and only true God, Jesus Christ. No longer were you separated from God by your "unholiness". Nothing stands between me and a relationship with the living God Jesus except my own fear. Hebrews restores our Faith and Hope in the one true God.

Imagine the thousands of firsthand accounts of Jesus that the first century Jews heard, but didn't believe. If it was that hard to believe an eyewitness account of the Messiah for first century Jews imagine the stumbling block today for 21st century Jews....and Gentiles.

Three weeks is not enough time to adequately cover the entire book of Hebrews, but let's work together to cover as much as we can. Please ready chapters 1-5 for 2/6. Chapters 6-10 for 2/16 and 11-13 for 2/26. We will be hopping around so get ready to hold on.

I look forward to being together and growing in the love of Jesus Christ.

2020 Lenten Worship Services

All Services are on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. Unless otherwise noted:

Ash Wednesday February 26th– Titusville Presbyterian

March 4th– Mt. Airy Presbyterian

March 11th– Lambertville Presbyterian

March 18th– Kirkpatrick Memorial

March 25th– Titusville Presbyterian

April 1st– Lambertville Presbyterian

April 5th, Palm Sunday – Cantata & Pot-Luck to Follow at Kirkpatrick Memorial. Time TBD (An email to be sent out at a later date)

April 9th– Maundy Thursday– Mt. Airy Presbyterian

April 10th-Good Friday– Stockton Presbyterian



Ministry and Outreach:

News from our Missions Team~ John Desai was our guest preacher for Sunday January 26th and did a “Minute for Missions” and he was talking about the International Student Ministry at Princeton University, which included a slide show. The Christmas Banquet on December 7th, was sponsored by the International Student Ministry as well and was attended by some of our Mission Team as well as members from our congregation. Please check out our bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary. We will miss Helen Jane Baker, who was an inspiration to us all!

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

Happy New Year, from your Deacons!

It has been a busy and wonderful holiday for us. Setting up the outside nativity, sending our poinsettias to those who are shut-in, ill or those in need of some cheer, helping out with the Christmas service, sending out College packages, and just being in prayer for those in need.

Our Nativity has been a blessing to our Community, with families-even taking pictures inside the manger. Last week, the manger was dismantled and put away, thanks to certain church members; especially Phil, who directed the project, although slightly disabled! Many thanks!

The new folding chairs in the gym were much appreciated at Helen Jane’s Memorial Service, which was a “Joyous” occasion with many former members sharing the joy, that Helen Jane lived.

On to our next project, the Backpacks!

Bless You All

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



February Birthdays

1 Josh Serlenga

3 Julia Armano

4 John Zambella

9 Marianne Clark

9 Peter Gregory

26 Joel Thatcher



Just for Kids.....

Please have adult supervision...

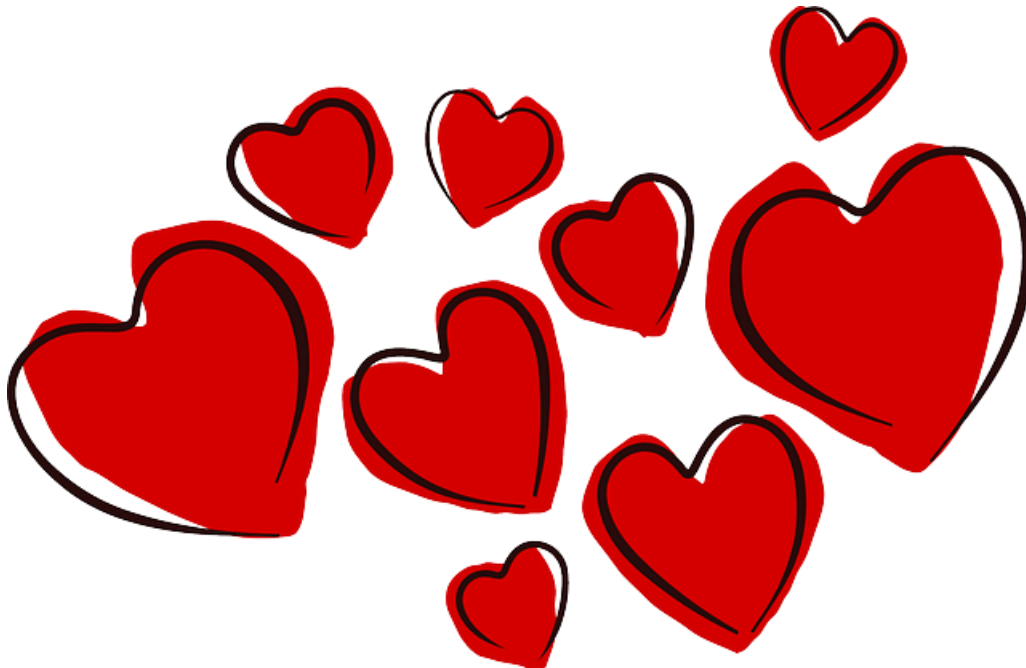
Fingerpainted Cookies

Ingredients:

- Sugar Cookies
- Egg whites
- Food coloring
- Sprinkles

Directions:

1. You can take sugar cookie dough that is purchased out of the refrigerator section at the grocery store, or you can make your own.
2. Cut it into 1/4' slices.
3. Take an egg white and mixed red food coloring in it.
4. The kids "fingerpainted" hearts onto the cookies. (make one fingerprint at an angle and then make a second fingerprint at the opposite angle)
5. Lightly sprinkled the cookies with red sprinkles.
6. Bake as directed on the package or your recipe.



February Assisting, Greeting and Care & Share Schedule:

Elder Schedule

February 2- **Communion** *Don Pidcock, Leading Service Elder

February 9- Rich Hopkins

February 16- Carol Griffiths

February 23- TBD

Deacon Schedule

February 2- **Communion** *Heather Pursell (Stair Glide), Terry Peck

February 9- Jessica Cummings

February 16- Gail Armitage

February 23- Danielle Griffiths

Greeting Schedule

February 2- Karen Thatcher

February 9- Boy/Cub Scouts

February 16- Connie Fisher

February 23- The Dudick Family

Care & Share– LaNelle Gallagher, Ginny Moraski, Desre Pidcock & Pat Warford

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

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville
Westminster House

November 18, 2019 6:00 PM

Class of 2020

Rich Hopkins

Class of 2021Joanne DiBlasi
Mark DudickClass of 2022Pat Durborow
Carol Griffiths
Heather McIntyre
Don Pidcock
Russ Topping

Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

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

Guests: Timothy Stevens, Morgan Stanley Representative
Debbie Crow, Treasurer of the Corporation
David Redman, Committee on Ministry Representative, New Brunswick Presbytery

6:00 PM Timothy Stevens-Morgan Stanley Representative-

The meeting started with Tim Stevens from Morgan Stanley who spoke regarding the church's annual investment review, and that our portfolio is doing well. A copy of the Custom Report was distributed to the Session Members as well as Debbie Crow who is our Treasurer of the Corporation. Tim was available for questions. Also discussed, was Pastor Peter Gregory's retirement and the Hunter Estate. A copy of the Custom Report is on file in the Church Office. Debbie Crow was excused at 6:15 pm.

Welcome: At 6:40 pm, Reverend Leasure, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the November Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

Devotion- Russ Topping

The Devotion was based on Habakkuk Chapter 3: 16-18. How does one look at a crisis? Start with a praise and look at what God has done for us. The passage talks about crops that fail and there are "no sheep in the pen" or "cattle in the stalls", but though things might look bleak, we should still rejoice in God.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Session Business and Joint Deacon 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.

Handouts for *Pastoral Guidance* and *When it's time to Consider a Sabbatical in a Church Program*, were given to Session to review. If needed, they will be discussed at a later Session Business Meeting.

Church Calendar Review-Sue McCloughan

The calendars were reviewed from December 2019 through March 2020. **The highlights were:** Skating and Friday Night Hang, these are both going well. Both Skating and Friday Night Hang will conclude on Friday March 13, 2020. **Sight & Sound**, the prices for the tickets and buffet at Bird-in-Hand, PA are still being discussed, and Joanne DiBlasi will coordinate with Karen Thatcher on how much will be charged for the show/lunch. The information for the **Annual Reports** is due to the Church Office during the week of January 13, 2020. The Annual Meeting & Potluck is scheduled for February 16, 2020 in the Gym after the worship service.

Liaison from Committee on Ministry, New Brunswick Presbytery-

Is David Redman, a ruling Elder from Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church in West Windsor, NJ. Mr. Redman wanted to introduce himself to our Session Members, as he took over the Liaison position to our church from Bob Tomlinson. He would like to meet with our Pastoral Search Committee when they get together to discuss our search of a new Pastor. Mr. Redman explained the process of what the Presbytery's role is in finding a new pastor.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC): Joanne DiBlasi-

The process of finding a Pastor is moving along, Joanne is keeping in touch with the Presbytery and the PSC via email. The PSC will continue to keep in touch and they are praying about finding the new Pastor. A discussion was done with David Redman regarding the Pastor Job Description. The Pastor Job Description is to be put in the December 2019 Newsletter.

Worship and Music-Joanne DiBlasi

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

11/24/19- Bob Holland

12/8/19- Rich Hopkins

12/15/19- No Sermon (Children's Christmas Pageant)

12/22/19- Rich Hopkins

12/29/19- George Warner (Also 9:30 am Adult Sunday School)

1/12/20- Russ Topping

1/19-20- Rev. Dan Darrow

1/26/20- Pastor John Desai

The Pulpit Supply List is filled until March 1, 2020. A schedule was given to Session for the Pulpit Supply. The list will also be updated in the next month's Session Minutes.

2020 Lenten Services- Joanne has been in contact with Pastor Mike Atzert from Kirkpatrick Memorial regarding the 2020 Lenten services. Our church is interested in participating with the River Churches for the Lenten Services. Joanne will keep in contact with Pastor Atzert. More information to follow.

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

The church roof is being worked on. The snow guards have been placed on the church roof. The chimney on the Westminster House roof will be worked on shortly. The Kitchen will be painted soon. Electric will have to run to the stove area so we can get a new electric stove. The gas stove that is in the kitchen is going to be removed, and the gas line turned off. Pat will call the plumber to have them come and disconnect the gas line in the kitchen. There will possibly be new wiring in the kitchen. More discussion to follow.

Pidcock Family Stone- There are 3 of them. Coorie spoke with a contact, and more information to come soon.

Franklin Mutual Insurance- A representative will be coming to inspect the Church property so that we can have our policies reviewed.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

Banking Summary presented year to date. Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was given out, from January 1, 2019 through November 17, 2019. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session. The Budget Committee is to present their information to Session at the December meeting for the first review. The Budget Calendar Year is from January-December. Rich Hopkins is going to present the Budget to Session.

Rev. Byron Leasure- Spoke to make sure that our insurance policy covers our church for the sexual misconduct policy.

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

The New Hope Community Church Youth Group is in the Gym for the months of November and December. Starting in January the group will be going from house to house, so they will no longer be using our Gym for the Sunday Night meetings. As per Nate Wilson, the NHCC Youth Group director.

Sunday School- A **motion** was brought forward for the Sunday School to go back to the 9:00 am spot. The **motion** was accepted, all were in favor. Starting in January 2020 Sunday will move from 9:30 am to 9:00 am.

Junior Deacons or “Generation Next”- was discussed by Carol Griffiths. Being discussed was that if Junior Deacons are ordained or commissioned. More discussion to follow. Some examples of what the Junior Deacons would be responsible for is to help during the service; collection, greeting, reading the Scriptures, assist in the Nursery. Discussion of having children from ages 10-17 be the participants. A plan would be for an Elder to meet with the Adult Deacons to discuss how we can incorporate the Junior Deacons into the weekly worship schedule and various duties about the church. There is going to possibly be a vote in the January 2020 Session Business Meeting for the responsibilities of the Junior Deacons/Generation Next.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was celebrated on November 3, 2019

Christmas Eve Service- Is at 4:00 pm on December 24, 2019. It is going to be a Family and Candlelight Service. Rich and Becky Hopkins will be leading the Service.

The Lambertville Chamber of Commerce- Has paid the plumbing bill from the April 2019 Shad Fest.

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 December meeting, is Joanne DiBlasi, followed by Mark Dudick, Pat Durborow. and Carol Griffiths.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville
Westminster House

December 22, 2019 12:00 PM
Rescheduled from December 16, 2019 7:00 PM

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Rich Hopkins	Joanne DiBlasi Mark Dudick	Pat Durborow Carol Griffiths Heather McIntyre Don Pidcock Russ Topping

Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths, Rich Hopkins, Russ Topping, and Rev. Byron Leasure

Excused: Mark Dudick, Heather McIntyre and Don Pidcock

Guest: David Redman, Committee on Ministry Representative, New Brunswick Presbytery

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

Devotion- Joanne DiBlasi

The Devotion was based on 1 Peter 1:13-16 and Leviticus 19. It's important to take time to be Holy. The word "Holy" does not mean "Goody-Goody"; but it means to be set apart for Sacred use. That happens when we spend quiet moments in God's presence. When we focus our minds and hearts on Jesus. The Holy Spirit transforms us into the person he designed us to be. We become a cleansed temple of the Holy Spirit. When those of us sitting in church are living no differently then those outside the church-we have compromised the truth of God's word and our Christian Witness. **Ephesians 3: 10-12:** How can we come boldly and confidently into His presence if we are living no differently then non-believers?

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from the November 18, 2019 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.

A handout was received from Suez Water regarding Lambertville and Lead in the pipes. This was discussed and the handout was given to Russ Topping. Russ would call Suez to discuss the matter and get back to Session at a future meeting.

The Book of Registry- Session was advised that the following names were printed in the Book of Registry: Pastor Peter W. Gregory retired on 11/1/19. Ordained Elders, Carol Griffiths and Heather McIntyre on 2/24/19, Installed Elders Pat Durborow, Don Pidcock and Russ Topping on 2/14/19. Pat Buchanan was Installed as an Elder on 2/24/19. Heather Pursell and Terry Peck were Installed as Deacons on 2/24/19. Pat Buchanan passed away on 8/5/19, and was noted. Allison Joy Zambella was baptized on 9/22/19. Julia Armano, Nick Armano, Ella Grace Dudick, Donald Gallagher and Stephen McCloughan were received into membership on 10/6/19.

2019 Clerk of Session -Review of Book of Minutes and Book of Registry- Sue participated in the 2019 Clerk Review of books on Thursday December 12, 2019 at Kirkpatrick Memorial Church in Ringoes. The Books were approved without exceptions.

Church Calendar Review-Sue McCloughan

The calendars were reviewed from December 2019 through March 2020. **The highlights were:** Our Christmas Eve Service is at 4:00 pm on December 24th, and will be led by Rich & Becky Hopkins. The Annual Reports are Due to the Church Office during the week of January 13, 2020. The Annual Report/Pot Luck is being held after Church on Sunday February 16, 2020 in the Gym. Ash Wednesday is on February 26, 2020. We will be participating with our Sister Churches during the Lenten Season. First Pres. of Lambertville will be hosting on Wednesday March 11th and Wednesday April 1, 2020.

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:

12/29/19- George Warner (Also 9:30 am Adult Sunday School)

1/5/20- Communion Sunday, Rev. Byron Leasure

1/12/20- Russ Topping

1/19- Rev. Dan Dorrow

1/26- Pastor John Desai

2/2- Communion Sunday, Rev. Ken Good

2/9, 2/16 & 2/23- Dan Serlenga

3/1- Communion Sunday, Pastor John Desai

This is the most current list.

Sight & Sound for November 2020- A **motion** was brought to Session to vote on the prices for the Trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA for November 2020. The **motion** was accepted to charge **\$50.00 per Adult and \$25.00 per child. Donations for the trip are also going to be accepted.** Joanne will reach back out to Karen Thatcher to coordinate the event.

Lambertville Chamber of Commerce (COC)- They have been in contact with us regarding Shad Fest 2020. Joanne will be get back in touch with the COC to see if it will be feasible to use our Gym for the upcoming year.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC): Joanne DiBlasi-

The process of finding a Pastor is moving along, Joanne is keeping in touch with the Presbytery and the PSC via email. The PSC will continue to keep in touch and they are praying about finding the new Pastor. Our Church is not looking to “share” a pastor with another church. The PSC is in the process of gaining resumes and interviewing, and they are still excited about the search process.

Liaison from Committee on Ministry, New Brunswick Presbytery-

David attended the December Business Meeting and along with Reverend Leasure suggested different ways to contact potential candidates for Permanent Part-Time Pastor. The suggestions were to look at different states on the East Coast, and how to get the Job Descriptions out in the most effective way.

Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow

The gas stove in the kitchen was discussed. Pat is working on having it removed and having the gas line disconnected. The pipe from the outside is to be moved to the inside. Then the electric has to be re-routed so that we can go from a gas stove to an electric one. We will need an electrician to re-route the electric. Mejia painting will come and give the church an estimate to paint the kitchen and cabinets. The Iron Fence in front of the church will be painted when the weather warms up. Not able to paint now. Pat will contact Russell Smith of Lambertville to set this up.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins

Banking Summary presented year to date. Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was given out, from January 1, 2019 through December 16, 2019. This was reviewed by Rich to the Session. The Budget Committee presented the first draft of the 2020 Budget, and the budget was handed out. Rich went over the **highlights** of the Budget-Morgan Stanley, Staff Salaries, Worship and Music. A **motion** to adopt the 2020 Budget as written. The **motion** to adopt was accepted, but parts of the 2020 budget are going to be amended. More discussion of the 2020 Budget at the January 2020 Business Meeting.

Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School- Carol Griffiths

Junior Deacons or “Generation Next”- was discussed. Deacon Debbie Crow emailed Carol and discussed the Junior Deacons with her and Pat Durborow. The Deacons could be in charge of the Junior Deacons, we have approximately 16 children in the age group from 10-17. The name of the Junior Deacons was discussed and maybe the children in the 10-17 age group can come up with a different name other than being called Junior Deacons. Maybe being called “Assistant Deacons.” A **motion** was presented that the Junior Deacons, can help with Church Duties which can include; Nursery, Visit Shut-Ins (visiting with a parent or Deacon/Elder), Projects, Shad Fest, Roller Skating, and Community Service, just to name a few. The **motion** was seconded and accepted. The Deacons will be contacted by Carol Griffiths and the process of adding the children aged 10-17 will be added to the Deacon duties. **The New Hope CC Youth Group** will be using our Church Gym 2 Sunday nights per month free of charge starting in January 2020. A schedule will be sent to Sue in the Church Office from Nate Wilson, Leader of the NHCC Youth Group, and it will be posted on the Church Calendar. A **motion** was brought forward for the New Hope CC Youth Group to use the Gym 2 Sundays per month free of charge. The **motion** was seconded and accepted.

Moderator Time-Rev. Byron Leasure

Rev. Leasure talked about the New Brunswick Presbytery regarding to have a better connection with Churches in the Presbytery. He also talked about per-capita and how this effects membership and how much each church is charged. Joanne DiBlasi mentioned that we have spoken to the New Brunswick Presbytery in the past about our per-capita. Also, Rev. Leasure spoke about the Book of Order, and it is written that the Committee of Ministry needs to keep in contact at least every 3 years with each church the Presbytery represents.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was celebrated on December 1, 2019 and was led by Rev. Marcia MacKillop.

Church Services-Since Pastor Gregory retired, we have had our current and past Elders step up to lead our services: Rich Hopkins, Russ Topping, Bob Holland and Mark Dudick.

Nominating Committee for 2020- Is Karen Armano, Heidi Danberry, Desre Pidcock and Joan Yannarella. Joanne DiBlasi will contact Heather McIntyre to see if she can be the Elder Representative to the Nominating Committee, and a Deacon Representative will be contacted as well.

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.

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Session Devotion Rotation-For the January meeting, is: Mark Dudick followed by Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths and Rich Hopkins.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session