

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

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

**From Our Elder: Don Pidcock~**

I hope you are enjoying this new year! I hope that you are continuing in your new year's resolutions. WHAT? New Years resolutions. Did I make any? What did I resolve to do in this new year? It has only been a few months and I have already forgotten, sometimes on purpose, to follow through with the things I promised myself to do.

At the ending of each year, we all look back and reflect on things that have happened in the previous year, hoping to begin the next year with a fresh start. A new beginning, so to speak. But just because the calendar changes doesn't mean that unwanted things disappear and wanted things appear. Unless we bring God into the situation these things will not change. We, the people of God, should know that any situation without God will not end the way He wants for us. We need to pray that God will give us the wisdom that the situation needs. And then as the request unfolds to our success the credit should not reflect on us but on God. We need to start and end every day with God in the forefront of our lives. God's wisdom is so much greater in every way compared to the wisdom we think we have.

Charles Dickens once wrote, "There is wisdom of the head, and a wisdom of the heart." What a great way to compare our wisdom with the wisdom of our God. Wisdom of the head is about the times when we think about something and come up with plans and ideas of our own. They are generally based on our emotions and feelings. God's wisdom is from the heart and this is the type of wisdom that we need in our resolve to change, in our resolve to improve, and our resolve to become more like Him.

King Solomon was a very young man when God came to him in a dream and asked him what he wanted: Money? Success? Fame? Family? As King of Israel Solomon knew he had a responsibility to lead his people and he was not sure if he could manage the job. So he asked God for wisdom. And God gave it to him—so much Wisdom that Solomon became known throughout the world. And even though Solomon didn't request fame and fortune, God gave him fame and fortune anyway. What a wonderful God!

So now—right now—ask God to bring your resolutions for the new year to fruition. Make God a part of your everyday life so you too can enjoy success, and you will look back in January 2021 at this past year and be glad.

Amen

## “From the Office”

Please keep the Newsletter information coming, and it has been a blessing to keep the Newsletters going during this time, and the Congregation is a big part of our Church Newsletters! The Handbell Choir resumed their rehearsals at the end of February. We are looking forward to ringing in church again soon! As Clerk of Session, I am able to give information at the end of the Newsletter with the Minutes from each of our meetings. I am in the office from Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. You can always send me an email, if needed at: [lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com)

Blessings!

Sue



## Church News:



### Our Preaching Schedule for March:

**March 1st-Communion & The First Sunday in Lent– Pastor John Desai**

**March 8th– Coocie Pidcock**

**March 15th– Russ Topping**

**March 22nd– Mark Dudick**

**March 29th– Rich Hopkins**

***Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 Hour on Sunday Morning March 8th at 2:00 am!!***

There is going to be a Collection for Missions on Sunday March 8th and March 15th.

The New Hope Community Church Youth Group will be meeting in the Gym Sunday March 8th and Sunday March 22nd 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 in the Gym on the 6th & 13th. March 13th is the Last Friday for both.

The last week for the Lambertville Basketball League is Saturday March 14th.

The Easter Flowers-The Flyers to order the Flowers will be in the Bulletin starting on March 22nd. The last Sunday to order your Flowers will be on Palm Sunday April 5th.

For any questions, please see Donna Zambella or Gail Armiatge

*2020 Schedule for the Lenten Services*

*All Services are at 7:00 pm and Wednesday's unless otherwise noted:*

**March 4<sup>th</sup> - Mt. Airy Presbyterian.**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> - Lambertville Presbyterian.**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> - Kirkpatrick Memorial.**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> - Titusville Presbyterian**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> - Lambertville Presbyterian.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday-Cantata 4:00 pm at Kirkpatrick Memorial  
with a Pot-Luck to follow.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> -Mt. Airy Presbyterian.**

**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> -Kirkpatrick Memorial**



## 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!

- **Hebrews 10:25**

Why have so many of us forsaken gathering together in fellowship Sunday mornings?

Is your Faith just an add-on to your life, or is it an important part of who you are and what your life represents.

Let's really think about this, brothers and sisters.

- **Romans 1: 16-17 and 2 Corinthians 13:5**

Why we need fellowship with other believers:

- Fellowship provides us with encouragement
- Fellowship allows us to learn from spiritually mature Christians
- Fellowship helps us discern false teachings
- Fellowship prepares us for Christ's return

Let us continue this journey of Faith together.

Joanne D.

## *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~**

It's definitely going to be busy for the Deacons during the next couple of months. We are working on the Backpacks for Fisherman's Mark, and organizing The JR Deacons program. The Deacons are also getting ready for the Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Morning April 12th. Then we are switching gears to get ready for The Shad Fest, there will be a Deacons Table and the Fish Pond. A bake sale is also in the works. Our group has been in contact with The Rescue Mission of Trenton for a Clothing Drive for later this year. If there is a need, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Bless You All!

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



March Birthdays

1 Cooie Pidcock

7 Ashton Durborow

8 Stephen McCloughan

12 Zach Griffiths

13 Missy Pursell

14 Declan Durborow

18 Marcus Reading

19 Nick Armano

25 Rich Hopkins

29 Desre Pidcock

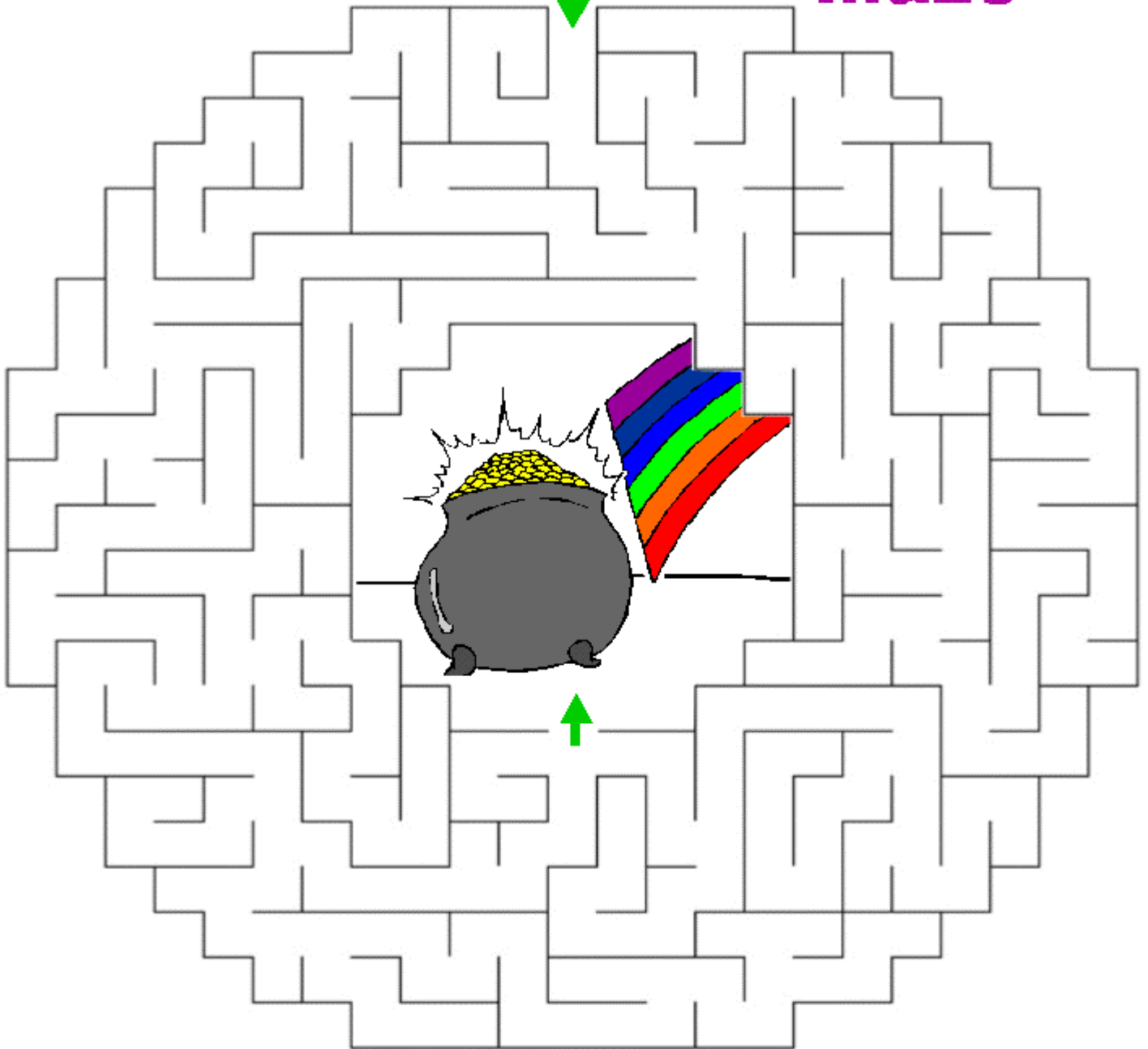


Just for Kids.....

Help  
Sean  
find his  
pot of  
gold...



# St. Patrick's Day Maze





## **March Assisting, Greeting and Care & Share Schedule:**

### **Elder Schedule**

March 1- **Communion**- Joanne DiBlasi Leading Elder  
March 8- Heather McIntyre  
March 15- Don Pidcock  
March 22- Russ Topping  
March-29-Joanne DiBlasi

### **Deacon Schedule**

March 1- **Communion** \*Phil McCloughan (Stair Glide), Debbie Crow  
March 8- Jessica Cummings  
March 15-Phil McCloughan  
March 22– Danielle Griffiths  
March-29– Terry Peck

### **Greeting Schedule**

March 1– Addie Andino  
March 8- **Girl Scouts**  
March 15-Jen Chernoski  
March 22-Don & Desre Pidcock  
March 29-Donna Zambella

**Care & Share**– Jen Chernoski, Jessica Cummings, Danielle Griffiths & Konni Sandford

**\*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

January 20, 2020 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, Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock, Russ Topping, and Rev. Byron Leasure

**Excused:** Mark Dudick

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

**Devotion- Rich Hopkins**

The Devotion was based on 1 Timothy 6:20 and 2 Timothy 1:14. In both letters, Paul tells Timothy to "guard what has been entrusted to his care." The question is, guard what?

The answer is found in both letters-it's "truth."

2 Timothy 2:15 calls scripture "the word of truth." In 2 Timothy Paul describes it as "opposing ideas falsely called knowledge." In 2 Timothy, Paul says we need to utilize the Holy Spirit to help us, and in 2 Timothy 2:2 we need to pass it on. It's quite a responsibility. Guard the truth above all things, study the word of truth.

**Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box-** Susan McCloughan

**Review of Minutes:** Session reviewed the minutes from the December 22, 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.

**Calendar Highlights from February-April 2020:** Boy Scout Sunday is February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Girl Scouts are also welcomed to wear their uniforms/sashes and to participate in the service. The Ordination/Installation Sunday is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Handbell Rehearsal resumes 7:00 pm on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The First Sunday of Lent is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The last day for both Skating and Friday Night Hang is March 13<sup>th</sup>. So far, the **Lenten Services** are: Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm, Titusville Presbyterian, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> here at First Presbyterian. More services to be announced soon. Easter Sunday was discussed and the Deacon Breakfast is going to be scheduled for 8:30 am with the Easter Egg Hunt to follow for the children. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, due to the Chamber of Commerce in the Gym.

A letter from Gallicchio & Buchanan regarding the Lowell Hunter Estate was discussed. A copy of the letter is on file at the church office. Session Duties and Points of Contact handout were given, and session to review. If needed, session will discuss the handout at a future meeting.

**Book of Registry-** Helen Jane Baker a long-time member of our congregation, passed away on December 27, 2019, and was noted. A letter from Sue & Tom McCusker was read to session regarding Helen Jane.

**Nominating Committee for 2019-** Carol Griffiths is the Elder Representative, Terry Peck is the Deacon Representative, along with Karen Armano, Heidi Danberry, Desre Pidcock and Joan Yannarella. They will be contacting Elders/Deacons to be Elected and Installed for the Congregational Meeting in February 2020.

A rug was donated to the Westminster House Meeting Room from the residence of Pat Buchanan.

#### **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:**

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  
 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

**2020 Lenten Services-** Pastor Mike Atzert from Kirkpatrick will be getting back in contact with us to update the Lenten Schedule with the area churches.

**Lambertville Chamber of Commerce (COC)-** They have been in contact with us regarding Shad Fest 2020. Joanne will get back in touch with the COC regarding the fees for the Gym. The COC is requesting to use our Gym on April 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. For this year Cindy Kunas is our point of contact with the COC.

#### **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. Joanne will get in contact with David Redman our Liaison from the Presbytery regarding the information on their website.

#### **Information Regarding Upcoming Worship Schedule and Shut-Ins-Rich Hopkins**

For Communion Sundays, we will need an Elder to lead the Service and Children's Sermons. Rich will get a schedule to Sue in the Office. Rich will contact Pastor Amy Lincoln from Flemington Presbyterian Church to see if she would be able to give our member who is in the Hunterdon Care Center, communion. It might be possible for any of our Elders to give our member communion as well, as it is allowed by the PCUSA.



**National Day of Prayer**-Joanne will let Sue in the office know, what materials should be ordered, when the date gets closer. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 7, 2020.

**Building and Grounds**- Pat Durborow

**Kitchen updates**- The gas stove isn't being removed until after Easter. Pat will consult with Grace Reading before buying a new stove. There will be a general cleaning of the kitchen. Also painting of the kitchen and cabinets was discussed. More discussion of the kitchen needs at a future Session Meeting.

**Iron Fence in the front of the Church**- It needs to be repaired and painted. Joanne will research, and get a quote to repair in the spring.

**The Church Gym**- It has been painted and there have been a lot of compliments on how much look of the gym has been improved.

**Reiner Heating**- Heather McIntyre has been looking into our contract with Reiner and the issues we have been having with the furnaces. Our furnaces were installed in 2014. We received a second opinion from Harris Comfort to see if they can fix the furnace at a lower cost. Heather will possibly be sending Reiner a letter regarding our Service Contract with them.

**Budget and Finance**-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

Banking Summary presented year to date. Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was given out, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and 1/1/20-1/20/20. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session. **The 2020 Budget** was Approved at the December Business Meeting.

**Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School**- Carol Griffiths/Pat Durborow

**Junior Deacons**-Carol and Pat are to attend the Deacons Meeting next Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>, to see if there is an interest for the Junior Deacon program and to see if the Senior Deacons will be able oversee the Junior Deacons. The program should start simple and build.

Pat mentioned that changing the Sunday School back to 9:00 am seems to help, and that Sunday School is going well.

**Moderator Time**-Rev. Byron Leasure

Rev. Leasure read from the **Book of Order: W3.0414 (3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph)** regarding Communion after church (extended service of communion) and not to make it social, but to make it an extended part of worship, and how Session guides this process.

**New Brunswick Presbytery**-Rev. Leasure talked about the Presbytery and to have a former Moderator from the New Brunswick Presbytery to come and speak with our Session at a future Business Meeting. He will talk with our Liaison David Redman and meet with the Presbytery regarding this before the next Session Business Meeting.

**Around the Room**

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** Was celebrated on January 5, 2020 and was led by Rev. Byron Leasure.

**Recognition of a former Pastor-** A plaque was discussed for Dr. Henry and putting the plaque in the gym, since he was a big part in having our gym built in 1957. More information to follow.

**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.

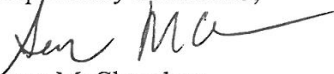
**Prayer Meetings-** Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

**Session Devotion Rotation-**For the February meeting, is: Pat Durborow, followed by Carol Griffiths, Rich Hopkins and Heather McIntyre.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan McCloughan  
Clerk of Session