



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

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

***From the Pastor's Pen***

Dear church family,

At our last Session meeting, we met together for the final time with our departing elders Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths, and Rich Hopkins. I'm very grateful for their leadership, and we bless them and praise the Lord for their faithful, caring service. As the apostle Paul tells us:

Encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.  
But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
to respect those who labor among you,  
and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;  
esteem them very highly in love because of their work.  
Be at peace among yourselves.                      1 Thessalonians 5:11-13

As Joanne DiBlasi comes to join our Session, let's make an effort to hold all of our leaders in high esteem and respect, supporting them in their work, including by upholding them in prayer.

And let us live together in peace. How can we do this? When we are centered on our Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who unites us to himself and to each other with the love of the Holy Spirit. And then our unity and love for each other will be a shining witness to our neighbors, drawing them to join us in seeking after our Lord.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dan

## “From the Office”

Hi All!

Spring will be here soon! Don't forget to turn your clocks *ahead* at 2:00 am on Sunday March 13th. The bells are looking forward to playing for you this month. The last day for LBL is Saturday March 19th. We are in the Lenten Season, please look below for the Ash Wednesday Service. As always, thank you for your submissions for the newsletters. Sue




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## Church News:



Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. There will be a 7:00 pm Service at Kirkpatrick Memorial, in Ringoes.

On March 6th is Communion Sunday, and is the Installation of our Deacons and Elders. We will be having Care & Share after the service. The Ladies' Bible Study is hosting this month. Please contact Karen if you are able to help in future Care & Shares on Communion Sundays.

Skating is at 6:00 pm and Friday Night Hang at 8:00 pm, and will be continuing through to at least March 11th.

The last Soup Sale to fundraise to see the show *David* at Sight & Sound is Saturday March 5th, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm., in the Gym. The soup is \$10.00 per quart and \$6.00 per pint. There is also a sign-up for “David” in the hallway of the church. The Soup Sales have been successful, and thank you to those who participated!

For the month of March, we have Joanne Dorrow, Stephen McCloughan, Pat Guth, Emily Atzert and Hilary Orlando as our Accompanists.



## *Ministry and Outreach:*

**News From Your Missions Team~** Please see the bulletin in the back of the Sanctuary.

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

### **Greetings From Your Church Deacons~**

It has been an interesting year for us. We as a church family have been challenged in many ways and with God's guidance, we have been able to accomplish what we needed to do.

As always, you are in our prayers and thoughts, and here for you and for our community. If you or someone you know needs our help, please let us know, and we will follow through.

Bless you all as we continue to pray for you and your return to our fellowship.

**Gail Armitage, Jen Chernoski, LaNelle Gallagher, Danielle Griffiths, Phil McCloughan, and Heather Pursell**



## Live A Life of Hope and Expectation

- We can expect great things from God and we should attempt great things for Him when we step out in faith.  
*\*1 Peter 4:10-11 and \*Romans 12:9-13.*
- Are we serving God enthusiastically? We must realize that God is the one accomplishing the work through us.
- The things we want to attempt must not conflict with God's word.  
*\*Matthew 6:31-34*
- God wants us to bear much fruit for Him, but our dreams and goals must glorify Him, not ourselves or others.  
*\*John 14:12-21 and Galatians 6:8-10*
- Remember, we may often face opposition from people or from Satan. Take time to use discernment and to obtain confirmation from the Holy Spirit.  
*\*James 1:5-8 and verses 12-18.*

Joanne DiBlasi



### March Birthdays

1 Don Pidcock

7 Ashton Durborow

8 Stephen McCloughan

12 Zach Griffiths

13 Missy Pursell

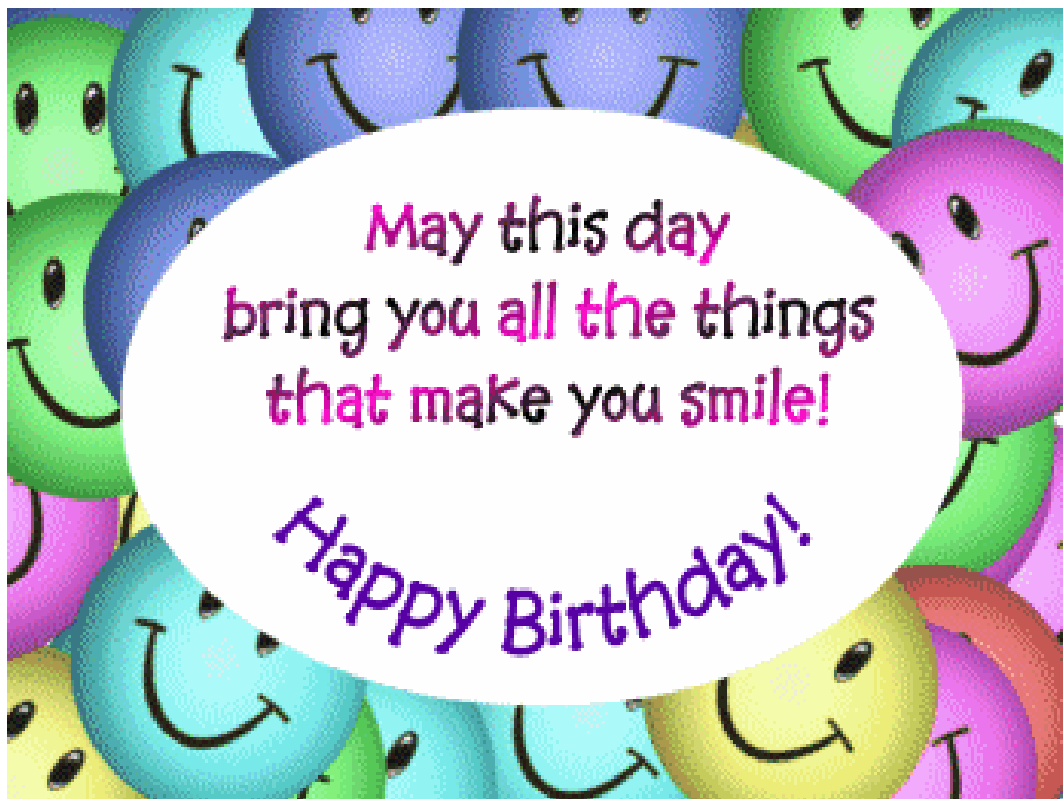
14 Declan Durborow

18 Marcus Reading

19 Nick Armano

25 Rich Hopkins

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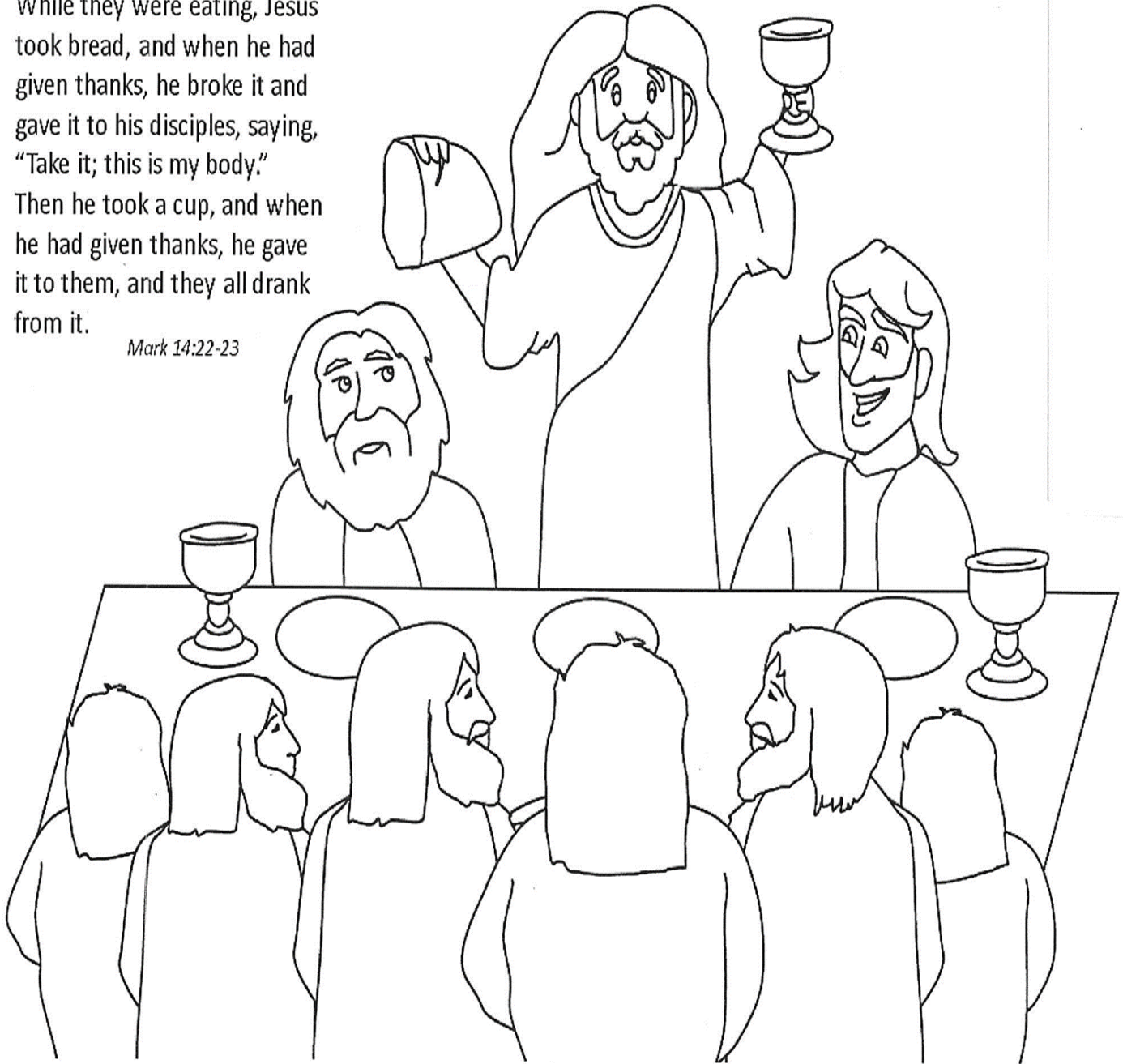


Just for Kids.....

## The Last Supper. Coloring Page

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

*Mark 14:22-23*



## **March Assisting Schedule:**

### **Elder Schedule**

February 6– **Communion**/Pat Durborow

March 13– Joanne DiBlasi

March 20– Don Pidcock

March 27– Karen Thatcher

### **Deacon Schedule**

March 6– **Communion**/ \*Phil McCloughan (Stair Glide), Heather Pursell

March 13– Jen Chernoski

March 20– Danielle Griffiths

March 27– LaNelle Gallagher

### **Greeting Schedule**

March 6– Connie Fisher

March 13– Dana Garrenger

March 20– Joan Yannarella

March 27– Sue McCloughan

**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 via Zoom

January 17, 2022 Session Business Meeting 7:00 PM

**Class of 2022**

Pat Durborow

Carol Griffiths

Heather McIntyre

Don Pidcock

Russ Topping

**Class of 2023**

Rich Hopkins

**Class of 2024**

Karen Thatcher

Rev. Dan Dorrow, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

**Present:** Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths, Rich Hopkins, Don Pidcock  
Karen Thatcher, Russ Topping, and Rev. Dan Dorrow

**Excused:** Heather McIntyre

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

**Devotion** – Rich Hopkins

Psalm 73 was written by a person named Asaph. He voices a complaint I've often had over the years: why do the arrogant and wicked prosper while the Godly suffer? Asaph very clearly enumerates all of his complaints in verses 2 through 15.

Asaph's conclusion? In spite of all of the apparent worldly wealth and health of the wicked, he writes in verses 23 and 24, "Yet I am always with you, you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory." That ought to be our focus as believers. And that ought to be our focus as we make try to make disciples in Lambertville.

**Around the Room** - The Elders, Dan and myself went around the room and shared our concerns.

Dan closed this section with prayer of what was discussed.

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

**Review of Minutes:** Session reviewed the minutes from December 20, 2021 at tonight's 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.

**Mail Box**-None at this time.



### **Calendar Highlights from February-April 2022:**

Communion will be held on Sundays 2/6, 3/6 and 4/3. Skating and Friday Night Hang will continue on Friday Nights until mid-March. The Soup Sales to fundraise to see *David* at Sight & Sound will be held on Saturday's during basketball, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/5. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday February 27, 2022 after the Church Service and the Ordination/Installation will be during the worship service on Sunday March 6, 2022. Dan will be away the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday is 3/2/22, and Dan is speaking to Rev. Brad Morgan from Mt. Airy to set up Lenten Services. More information to follow. The last Saturday for LBL is 3/19. The March & April Session Prayer and Business meeting dates were given. Palm Sunday is April 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Shad Fest is most likely going to be coming towards the end of April, more information to follow on that as well.

**Book of Registry-** Grace Hendricks passed away on 1/9/22, and this was noted to Session.

### **Worship and Music/Church Life - Karen Thatcher**

We are getting 50 tickets to Sight & Sound for October 15, 2022. Karen asked Sue to do a sign-up sheet for the downstairs hallway, to keep a headcount. It looks at this time to be \$100.00 per person, but with the fundraising it may be less. The bus is extra. More details of the trip as it gets closer.

The church is holding Soup Sales on some Saturdays during basketball. The sale from 1/8/22, made \$600.00. The Presbytery is looking for our church to enhance our Sexual Misconduct Policy. Karen is working on getting a quote from the Duryea Agency to see what coverage that we'll need to carry. Once she has obtained this information, she will send the info. to Session.

The Accompanist position is being worked on with Karen as well as members of our congregation.

We have 2 possible people that may be interested. Hilary was asked to possibly become permanent in the Accompanist position, she said that she would pray on this. Dan suggested to structure the position for Hilary. He will email Karen regarding this. George will be playing for us on 2/6 and 2/27, and Emily will play for us on 2/13 and 2/20. Children's Time Sermon, Dan was asked to take the month of March, he said that he would pray on that.

### **Building and Grounds - Pat Durborow/Don Pidcock**

Pat spoke about Martinez Landscaping and how they cleaned up the garden area and the branches of the tree by Dan's office window. They will also be taking care of our snow needs. Skating and Friday Night Hang, have been happening, but it's been week by week. Russ, Pat and Terry Peck have been there for FNH.

The heat has been working well in all about the church. The leak in the Gym has been fixed.

Don Pidcock spoke with Craig Reading regarding books of history that he has, and they belong to the church. Session discussed what should be done with the books. Rich will talk to Craig about having the books come back to the church. A letter will be drafted and given to Craig regarding the books. Session will talk more about this at the next business meeting. No information on the first floor bathroom as of yet.

### **Budget and Finance - Rich Hopkins**

The Year-to Date Summary was not addressed at tonight's meeting. The summary and Zoom information will be sent in by Heather at a later date. There is no new information on the Lowell Hunter Estate. Rich will keep Session posted on any updates of the estate. Updates on the Boy Scouts and what is going on with the legal issues were given as well. We are waiting to see what happens legally in other places. The annual Boy Scout Sunday is being worked on for February by Rich and Brian Claus, the leader of Troop 49.

There was a **motion** to approve the 2022 Church Budget, as the information that was presented by the Budget Committee. A three percent increase was recommended for paid staff as well, and was accepted as part of the budget. The 2022 Budget was approved by Session.

**Sunday School/Junior Deacons** - Carol Griffiths/Don Pidcock

Carol spoke about the Junior Deacons, and there are two families that are interested in the Jr. Deacons at this time. The McCloughan and Dudick families were mentioned, but this is still a work in progress. Don talked about the Sunday School, and how we will need more children for enrollment, and we'll need to have the parents stay to have at least 2 adults for each class. There aren't any children at this time in grades 7-9 Sunday School. The high school teens usually attend the Adult Sunday School. Pat added that Covid has affected a lot of the local schools.

**Moderator Time** - Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan mentions that he would like to be away on Sunday 2/20 and 6/26/22, and he also mentions to possibly use the "Pulpit Supply List" while he is away. Karen suggested that we could have on 2/20 "What Jesus Means to Me." Sunday, which Session thought was a good idea. Dan would like this to be on going at the Session meetings: 1. What should we let go of? 2. What should we keep? 3. What's next? These questions may help frame our thinking. **Session went around the room and these were some of the suggestions for our long-term vision:** Do we wait for the pandemic to be over, or do we go on and try and to bring in new people, but we have seen more new faces recently. Our doors are open, and the Presbytery should bring in more people, or use some type of media to reach people. Maybe not try to change things too much, because of the pandemic. Since these are troubled times, the church should do more outreach. Friday Night Hang was discussed on how to improve attendance, we need to do something, but not quite sure what. Also, to possibly do an Adult Bible Study on some evening. Dan said that since we still are in the pandemic, we should not rush into new plans to reach out to our community, but now is the time to prayerfully consider how we may function in the next 1-3 years. To listen to God and each other, and to all pray for more pastoral involvement.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** There was no Communion in January 2022.

**The Year-to Date Banking Summary for January and Zoom Reports-** Were forward by Heather M. via email to all Session Members and to the Clerk of Session.

**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 as needed.

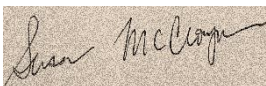
**Prayer Meetings-** Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will continue on Zoom. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock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

**Session Devotion Rotation-**For the February Meeting is: Heather McIntyre and is followed by Don Pidcock.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan  
Clerk of Session