



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LAMBERTVILLE  
First Presbyterian Church

**Many voices with one faith, one heart.**

**From Our Elder—Karen Thatcher**

## **Shrove Tuesday, part of the journey toward Easter**

Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday was a day for Christians to seek forgiveness and make amends before entering the solemn season of Lent\*. As such, it became a day of reflection and confession, aligning closely with the biblical concept of repentance found throughout scripture. Shrove Tuesday, also referred to as Pancake Day\*\*, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras, is observed in the Christian liturgical calendar as the day before Ash Wednesday. While Shrove Tuesday is not directly mentioned in the Bible, its significance and practices can be traced to biblical traditional and themes of repentance, preparations and spiritual reflection. The term ‘Shrove’ originates from the Old English word ‘shrive’, which means to confess. Shrove Tuesday is intrinsically linked to Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Christians often receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of repentance and mortality, signifying their commitment to a season of spiritual renewal (Job 42:6; Daniel 9:3). The transition from Shrove Tuesday to Ash Wednesday shows a significant shift from celebration to sober reflection. The act of confessing one’s sins and preparing for the spiritual journey ahead aligns with the biblical emphasis on humanity and the acknowledgement of human frailty (2 Chronicles 7:14).

\*Lent is a period of 40 days of fasting and prayer leading up to Easter Sunday commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning His ministry (Matt 4:1-11). This season serves as a time of reflection and preparation, encouraging believers to engage in acts of penance, self-denial and increased prayer.

\*\*The custom of pancakes and the use of rich foods – families would use up rich ingredients such as eggs, milk and sugar before the fasting period of Lent began. This practice directly connects to the biblical principals of sacrifice and preparation (Exodus 23:19). Just as the Israelites celebrated God’s provision with their offerings, families today often gather for a communal meal, reflecting gratitude for the blessings received.

## “From the Office”

God Bless and thank you for all of your help and patience as I navigate my new position. You all have been so kind!

Sue definitely left some big shoes to fill!

God Bless the Elders who have made tough decisions with the amazing amount of snow we've gotten this year and kept us safe at home.

Thankfully Spring is on the way and we are in the season of Lent!



**"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer."**

— Pope Francis

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## **Church News:**

Communion Sunday is March 1st and Pastor Gregory will be here. It is also the Second Sunday in Lent and Installation Sunday.

The last day of Roller Skating is Friday, March 13th.

LBL's last Saturday in the Gym is on Saturday, March 14th.

There will be Soup Sales in the gym on Saturday, March 7th and also Saturday, March 14th.

Bell Choir will resume on Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 pm.

**\*\* Daylight Savings Time is Saturday, March 7th! Remember to "Spring Ahead!"**

**\* Please see page 4 for the Easter Flower Order Form!**

## What is Revival?

- **2 Chronicles 7:14** “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”
- In the New Believers Bible there is a page that talks about Revival. It states that no Revival in American History has ever been brought about by a bunch of committees getting together and setting up a series of meetings.
- Revival is something God sovereignly does.
- It is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

### Revival begins with believers:

Our passion for the Lord needs to be revived.

### Revival is characterized by Prayer:

We must humble ourselves and pray.

### Revival comes as we put God first:

Christian Churches need to place God first again. We need to have a consistent time of prayer and Bible study. And most importantly it is time to honor and obey God by rooting out sin from our lives.



We need to see Revival in our own life before we expect to see it in our families, towns and country.

Blessings,  
Joanne DiBlasio

## 2026 Easter Memorial Flowers Information

Your name:

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Phone number:

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Easter Lily \$10.00 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths \$8.00 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips \$8.00 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline for ordering Easter flowers: March 29,  
(Palm Sunday)**

**Please fill out form and give it to either Gail  
Armitage or Donna Zambella.**

**Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian  
Church and indicate "flowers" on the memo line.  
We must receive payment (check or cash) at the  
time you place your order. Thank you!**

**[The flowers may be taken home after our Easter  
Sunday worship on April 5th.](#)**



## March Birthdays

1 Cooie Pidcock

7 Ashton Durborow

8 Stephen McCloughan

12 Zachary Griffiths

14 Declan Durborow

18 Marcus Reading

19 Nicolas Armano

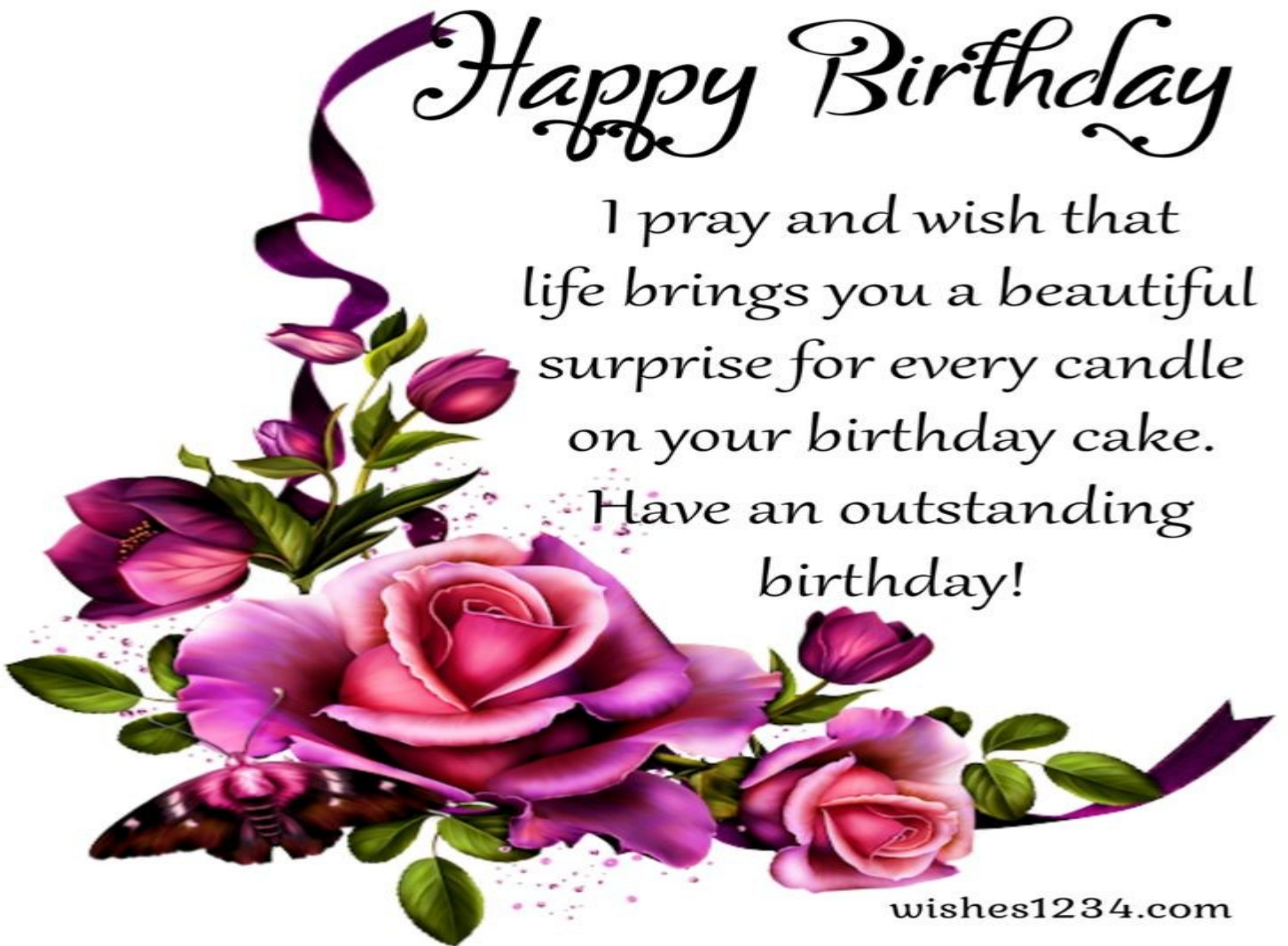
25 Rich Hopkins

29 Desre Pidcock

# Happy Birthday

I pray and wish that  
life brings you a beautiful  
surprise for every candle  
on your birthday cake.

Have an outstanding  
birthday!



# *Ministry and Outreach:*

## A note from our Deacons:

Hello everyone,

Hopefully everyone has made it through the Blizzard of 2026 with no problems.

Remember Deacons are always a phone call away for prayer and any other questions you may have. If we don't know the answer we can always reach out to a Elder on your behalf.

After the holidays we have been planning for the big Spring event which is the 2026 Shad Festival. It's never too early to start planning. Let's all plan to assist in some sort of way to bring the Lords message out into our community.

For now we can all do our part by praying for our country and community during these difficult times.

God's blessing to all,

Gail Armitage

Heidi Danberry

Jennifer Chernoski

LaNelle Gallagher

Dana Garrenger

Stephen McCloughan

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand:*

Isaiah 14:10 NIV

***The Food Pantry Items that are needed at this time:***

**Cereal**

**Diapers (all sizes)**

**Fruit Juice**

**Hand Soap**

**Pancake Mix**

**Rice**

## **March Assisting and Greeting Schedule:**

### **Elders:**

March 1– Joanne DiBlasi  
March 8– Pat Durborow  
March 15– Don Pidcock  
March 22—Karen Thatcher  
March 29—Russ Topping

**If you are in need of pastoral care after office hours, please phone the Elder on Call.**

### **Deacons:**

March 1—Dana Garrenger  
March 8— Jen Cheronowski  
March 15—Lanelle Gallagher  
March 22—Gail Armitage  
March 29— Stephen McCloughan

### **Greeters:**

March 1—Joan Yannerella  
March 8—Sue McCloughan  
March 15—Carol Griffiths  
March 22—Betsy Brown  
March 29—Connie Fisher



**Care & Share will be hosted by the Missions during March.**

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

## **The Sermon and Accompanist Schedule for March**

March 1st—Pastor Gregory will give the sermon and Hillary Orlando will be the accompanist.

March 8th—Stephen McCloughan will lead the Youth Service with our Sunday School kids and be the accompanist. It is also Missions Sunday and we will have a Moment for Missions.

March 15th—Elder Russ Topping will give the sermon and George Warner will be the accompanist.

March 22nd— Elder Russ Topping will give the sermon.

March 29th — Elder Phil McCloughan will give the sermon and Lucia Lee will be the accompanist.

Session Minutes  
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville  
Adult Sunday School Room

Joint Meeting of Session and Deacons

November 17, 2025 6:30 PM

**Class of 2026**

Pat Durborow

Phil McCloughan

**Class of 2027**

Don Pidcock

Karen Thatcher

**Class of 2028**

Russ Topping

Rev. William “Tex” Culton, Moderator  
Clerk of Session

Susan McCloughan,

**Elders Present:** Pat Durborow, Phil McCloughan, Don Pidcock, Karen Thatcher

Russ Topping and Pastor William Culton

**Deacons Present:** Jen Chernoski, Heidi Danberry, LaNelle Gallagher and Stephen McCloughan

**Excused:** Deacons Gail Armitage and Dana Garrenger

**Welcome:** Pastor Culton, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the November Joint Session/Deacon Meeting and opened in prayer.

**6:30 pm Devotion- Pastor William Culton/Start of Joint Meeting**

Pastor talked about **Psalm 46** and how even when bad things are going on around us, God is always with us.

He has been asked to speak at a few funerals this year, and how God has been his refuge. God resides in our hearts and his love is eternal and cannot be destroyed. In **Romans 8:39**, Paul tells us that “nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us for the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

We all have a purpose, as long as we are alive. The love of Christ comes to us when we are angry or depressed.

He will never leave us. We live unto our purpose until God says otherwise.

At this time, Pastor Tex welcomed the Board of Deacons.

**Deacon Update:** Jen talked about what the Deacons have been up to, and she read from the Deacon 1/1/25-Present Summary-Treasurer's Report. The highlights we: Flowers, Care Packages, Cards, Fisherman's Mark, Fire & Rescue Squad, Wreaths Across America, Churches of past members.

**Discussion of Mission Funding:** Russ Topping discussed that Missions have a collection on the 3rd Sunday of the month. He discussed the different missionaries that we have contributed to- The Baker's ministry, DelaVega's, Bob & Carrie Louer. Don mentioned that there isn't going to be a Dominican Republic trip in 2026. There may be a mission trip to North Carolina for 1 week this upcoming summer, for areas that were devastated by Hurricane Helene. Heidi visited Doup P. and he enjoyed the visit. Don said that visits are always good.

### **Calendar Highlights from December 2025 -February 2026:**

We are in the Advent season. We will have 4 readings/lighting of the Advent Candles starting on November 30th and a reader to light the Christ Candle for Christmas Eve. Members will be asked to read on those Advent Sundays.

The ISI Banquet is being held on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Riverside Symphonia is in our Sanctuary on Friday and

Saturday December 5 & 6, with their holiday concert on the 6th. The Lambertville Elks will be in the gym on Saturday Dec.6<sup>th</sup> for their annual Hoop Shoot in the morning On Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Women's Christmas Gathering at 6:00 pm, and Julie Henning is our Guest Speaker. The Children's Christmas Pageant is on 12/14 during the worship service. On 12/24-Christmas Eve, the 4:00 pm Candlelight Service will be led by Elder Phil McCloughan. Skating will be taking a break on December 26<sup>th</sup> & 1/2/26. It will resume on 1/9/26. The Sermon and Accompanist schedule will continue to be posted in the bulletins. Pastor Gregory will be retiring at the end of this year, but we keep alternating months of Communion Sundays with Mt. Airy Presbyterian. We will be at their church on 12/7/25 & 2/1/26.

**The Annual Report and Congregational Meeting-** The reports are due to the Church Office by the middle of January. The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 22, 2026 after the worship service. Pastor Culton is a possible Moderator for the Annual Meeting.

### **Nominating Committee for 2026- This year's Nominating Committee:**

Addie Andino, Sue McCloughan, Joan Yannarella and Donna Zambella. Pat Durborow is the Elder Representative and Heidi Danberry is the Deacon Representative. Pat and Phil have agreed to return to Session for a second term as Elders, and Heidi has agreed to come back for a second term as a Deacon.

**Other Joint Matters for Discussion:** The Bell Choir will be playing in December. Sue will continue to direct the bell choir after her retirement in December 2025. The Soup Sale fundraisers are scheduled to start in January during the basketball games here at our gym. Joanne D. will ask Karl M. about the January Communion. Stephen is looking to have some youth services during the upcoming year, he would like them to be monthly. LaNelle spoke about the trip to see "Noah" at Sight & Sound in the beginning of November, and there was a good turn out.

There is a trip to S&S for next fall to see “Joshua” a sign up will be posted shortly. She also spoke of the Children’s Sunday School and that there is a new teacher who is very happy to be here. Stephen will continue to come to the Sunday School to play music at the beginning of their time. Fred Kenney who does the show “Peter” will be asked to come back to our church during Shad Fest. The Ladies’ Gathering information will be sent out to churches in our area to

**7:35 pm**—Dismissal of the Deacons with prayer.

**7:40 PM Beginning of Session Business Meeting Around the Room**

Session Members discussed, shared praises and concerns, and blessings to all.

**Moderator Time**-Pastor Tex Culton

This was discussed earlier.

**Clerks Correspondence, Session Mail Box and Other Issues**- Susan McCloughan

**Review of Minutes:** Session reviewed the minutes from the **October 20, 2025** Business Meeting. A **motion** was called to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor.

**Mail Box-** Information was sent by email to the office regarding the ISI Christmas Banquet, and this was forwarded to the congregation. Those who would like to attend are asked to contact the Louer’s. Community Luncheon’s discussed with Session. Sue is in contact with Pastor Stephenie from Thompson Memorial. **There has been an interest for a wedding to be held here at First Pres.** on 8/8/26. Sue has been in contact with the Bride Christina. Sue has asked her to fill out the Wedding Form information that is on the website, and send it in. As of today, the form is still pending. The Memorial/Veterans Day list for 2025 was asked to be updated. Phil is going to visit the seniors at The Lambertville Estate on 11/24. Sue and the Bell Choir will be performing for them in the spring of 2026. Phil asked if we can send someone to them on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Maybe Stephen can bring our portable keyboard to play for them. Joanne is currently working on the Sermon Schedule for Jan/Feb. 2026. She is looking to have Pastors Karl Muhs, and Tinker from Trenton. She will update Dana in the office. The Chamber of Commerce is having their holiday party and member meeting on 12/9, at **Under the Moon** restaurant starting at 6 pm. Karen, Stephen and Sue may be attending. The September letter that was received by the Office from the Shade Tree Commission, Lambertville City, would be answered by Session. The letter that would be sent would include why the tree would not work in front of the Cemetery. The letter will be on file in the Church Office. Dana will start training for the Office w/ Sue shortly. Session will discuss Dana’s salary and hours and let her know.

**Discernment Dates with Mt. Airy and Jeanne Radak-** A date of 11/22/25 was picked for Retreat #2w/Jeanne and Mt. Airy and some members of our congregation.

**Pastor Search Committee-** Pastor Tex talked about there isn’t a timeline yet for when we’ll need a pastor. Session and the Presbytery’s COM will meet, and Session can recommend someone who is in line with both churches mission statements. Don and Phil continue their classes online with the Presbytery to give sermons(to be put on the Pulpit Supply List) and to be ordained to give communion. They will be giving their sermons to the Presbytery on December 13<sup>th</sup> in Flemington. A **motion** was made to have Don and Phil continue these classes. The **motion** was approved. Session thanked both for their dedication to our church.

**Book of Registry-** This will be kept on the agenda for future additions.

**Worship and Music/Church Life-**Karen Thatcher/Phil McCloughan

**Insurance Review-** Karen let Session know that she will be in touch with Franklin Mutual, so they will come early next year for the review.

**Young Adult Time-** Stephen talked about this earlier, he will be meeting with the Sunday School to see when they would be available to have an upcoming youth service. The last one was in September 2025, and it went very well.

**Accompanist/Music Director-** We are still having rotating Accompanists. Karen is currently our Music Director. She will continue, and Session thanked Karen for all her efforts.

**Spanish Ministry-** It's at 3:00 pm on Sundays. Things are going well with the Spanish Ministry, but still a very small group. Joanne will keep us updated.

**Joint Communion @ Mt. Airy-** This will be done in Lambertville on the odd months and at Mt. Airy the even months, 10:00 am at Mt. Airy, and 10:30 am here in Lambertville. Pastor Gregory will be retiring from doing communion at both churches at the end of this year. A certificate will be given to Peter from both churches at the December communion.

**July Joint Worship Service at Holcombe-Jimison Update-** Starting in March/April 2026,

the planning will be done for the service. Phil and Karen will be attending the meetings.

**Report of Commissioner to the Presbytery-**Phil Zoomed in on the meeting on 11/11/25. Unfortunately, the WI-FI signal was lost, so no report can be given at this time.

**Office/Clerk of Session-** Sue will work with Dana in the office, and Karen & Sue will work with Pat D. in the Clerk of Session position. Both positions are part-time.

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

**New Technology for the Church Service-** Not discussed.

**Organ-** The organ was tuned in August. Stephen will keep in touch with Session on when the organ would need to be tuned or for maintenance.

**Skating-** Is continuing. They will be taking a break from 12/26/25-1/2/26. Skating will resume on 1/9.

**Martinez Landscaping/Garden Wall-** They have been here to clean up the church yard. They did receive a deposit from Heather to fix the rock wall. This will be done in the spring.

**Hallway/Gym Bathrooms-** Joanne would still like to refresh the paint in the hallway going to the Chapel, after the timeline paper is removed. Pat mentioned to Joanne about refreshing the gym bathrooms. Joanne will be glad to address both of those in the spring 2026.

**Church Heaters-** Pat called Garden State and they came to fix the heaters in the in the Church. All is good for now.

**Monthly Fire Inspection/ WH Fire Escape-** Don has been testing our system, and all is going well. The city required that we get an inspection of the fire escape at Westminster House. The report is on file at the church office and is ongoing.

**Cub Scouts-** If there are any monies left from Troop 49, they will go to the church. Don is the liaison to the Cub Scouts. He will contact Rich Hopkins to discuss what his duties are to the Cub Scouts.

**Budget and Finance-**Don Pidcock/Sue McCloughan

Heather emailed in the report. Our Year-to-Date Summary from 1/1-11/17-25, and that our plate giving is over \$1406.26. Sue gave the report to Session for their review. The Morgan Stanley investments are reported.

**Lowell Hunter Estate-**There are no updates at this time.

**Boy Scouts-** No updates

**2025 Per Capita Review-** Not discussed at this time.

**Sunday School/Junior Deacons/Youth Group-** Don Pidcock

Sunday School was discussed earlier. When the junior deacons are in church, they have been helping during the Worship Service.

**Missions-** Russ Topping

This was discussed earlier.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** Was held on November 2, 2025 with Mt. Airy Presbyterian attending.

**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.

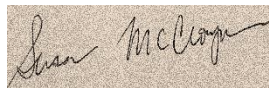
**Prayer Meetings-** Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 6 o'clock hour.

**Session Devotion Rotation**-For the December Meeting is: Karen Thatcher and for January, Russ Topping.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Susan McCloughan".

Susan McCloughan

Thank you to all for your help over the years!

Sue

Session Minutes  
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville  
Westminster House  
December 15, 2025 6:00 pm

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Pat Durborow	Don Pidcock	Russ Topping
Phil McCloughan	Karen Thatcher	

Rev. William “Tex” Culton , Moderator

Patricia Durborow, Clerk of Session

Present: Pat Durborow, Phil McCloughan, Don Pidcock, Karen Thatcher, Russ Topping and Rev. William Culton

**Excused:** None

**Welcome:** Reverend Culton, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the December 15, 2025 Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

**6:30 PM-Devotion - -Karen Thatcher using Proverbs 27:17** Karen spoke on how iron sharpens iron reminding us how 1)dull blades are dangerous, and they make you work harder to do the same job. 2) fellowship with each other makes us better,we can encourage each other and mentor each other, pray for each other and 3)in Hebrews 10:24-25 sharpening makes sparks. Sometimes as we correct one another it can cause friction. Thank you Karen.

**Around the Room**

Session Members discussed, shared praises and concerns.

**Moderator Time-** Rev. Tex Culton

Reverend Culton spoke more on loss of family, friends and church members especially at this time of year.

**Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box-** Patricia Durborow

Review of Minutes: A motion was called to approve the minutes from the November 2025 meeting. All were in favor, minutes approved. Sue reviewed all mail from the session mailbox. It was noted that as required by the Presbytery certain Policies (Boundary Training, Anti-Harassment, and Anti-Racism) needed to be secured. Karen forwarded Policies to Heather M. for review and updating. The church calendar was reviewed and any necessary changes were made, and updated on the church website. .

**Dates for Discernment Process::** The 2nd Retreat was postponed due to a medical emergency. Jeanne Radak will contact both FPCL and Mt. Airy to reschedule. Pastor Search Committee is still working along with Mt Airy. Book Of Registry was discussed ie, 50 year members and members that have passed away also baptisms that were performed. Nominating committee, Pat D. is the elder rep, Heidi D is Deacon rep., and the first meeting is set for Sunday January 18 following our church service.

As Sue has retired from office admin., we welcome Dana Garrenger as of 1/1/2026 to our staff and we know she will be a great asset. Sue has also stepped down from Clerk of Session and we welcome Pat Durborow as our new clerk, God bless you both. Session presented Sue with a retirement gift and let her know that all her past work was appreciated.

**Community Luncheons use of Church by Thompson Memorial-** Pastor Stephanie got back to Sue and gave details of the community luncheons. At this time they are planning for the meals to be the 2nd Wednesdays of the months to see how they go into the new year. The upcoming Lunches are 11/12 and 12/10. No chapel service at this time, just the luncheon at noon.

**Joint Session/Deacon Meeting-** was held at the November meeting, it was a wonderful gathering..

**Worship & Music (Church Life)-** Karen Thatcher/Phil McCloughan

**Insurance Review -** All the policies have been reviewed by Karen, and are on file in the Church Office.

**Young Adult Time-** Phil discussed, and the adults who are assisting or preaching should have a message for the young people just in case there are children in the congregation.

**Accompanist/Music Director-** Karen will continue with the Music Director position. She will work to keep the Accompanist schedule up to date. We are still going to be rotating the accompanists. The NovemberFest at Stockton was a great experience, and we have been invited back to their spring gathering to present our worship music.

**Spanish Ministry-** The Spanish Ministry meets in the church on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm.

**The Joint Communion Service (between Mt Airy and Lambertville)-** Don and Phil have been taking classes with our Presbytery to be able to carry out communion to our as well as area churches continue to preach. They will be able to give communion and preach on the Pulpit Supply list, pending approval/certification from the Presbytery. At this time we are continuing communion services with Mt. Airy.

**July Joint Worship Service/River Area Churches-** Karen will reach out to Stockton Pres. church to get the 2026 July joint service underway.

**Report of Commissioner to the Presbytery-** Phil had nothing to report at this time.

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

**New Technology for the Church Service-** More microphones/head piece are being looked at.

**Organ-** Stephen M. will keep Session informed when the organ needs to be tuned.

**Skating-** Steve Chernoski will be overseeing the Roller Skating this year. The skating began on Friday 11/21 and will continue until March 2026. There is no skating when SHR is not in session. The time is from 6-8 pm, for Youth up to 6th grade.

**Martinez Landscaping-** fall clean up completed, discussed snow removal and rock wall repaired. Pat will call them if needed.

**Gym Bathrooms/Garden Wall-** The gym bathrooms need refreshing, paint and possibly new faucets and vanity. Addie and Joanne were asked to come to refresh the bathrooms. Jim Troutman offered to have the LBL to pay for new auto faucets for the gym bathrooms. The repair of the garden wall will be fixed sometime during the spring. Martinez has been contracted to repair the wall.

**Church Heaters/SDG-** Pat called Garden State Heating, and they came out to service the heaters. Pat also called SDG and they came out and fixed the alarm. SDG also performed an inspection of our fire alarm service Don is keeping in touch with the city fire inspector.

**Monthly Fire Inspection/Fire Escape-** Don will continue with the fire alarms on a monthly basis. The Fire Escape at Westminster House has to be inspected before the church can pass their fire inspection with the city. Don called the Fire Escape Engineers & Services to inspect the fire escape. The church was quoted a price of \$700.00 to do the inspection. A motion was called to allow Don to call and we are to pay the \$700.00. The motion was approved. Don will follow up with the fire engineers to come and inspect the fire escape. He also went over the report of the City Fire Inspector of all the issues that were fixed. Don suggested that we clean out the basements so we can make sure everything is up to code.

**Cub Scouts-** Don will follow up **with** them to see if they are **meeting in the** gym on Monday nights, more to follow..

## **Budget and Finance - Heather McIntyre**

**Year-to-Date Banking Summary-** No update at this time

**Lowell Hunter Estate-** No update at this time.

**Boy Scouts-** No updates at this time

**Per Capita-** Not discussed tonight

**2026 Budget-** HeatherM and Debbie C provided 2026 budget figures. Heather reviewed all with session. Session voted on and approved the new budget. We thank both Heather and Debbie for their hard work and diligence.

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

The Children's Sunday School is started this past November in the Chapel. One teacher is still needed. Karen, Pat and Stephen are helping with the music at the start of their service. The Junior Deacons help during the Worship Service when they are in church.

**Missions** - Russ Topping noted that there is a monthly collection for missions.

### **Notations**

**Holy Communion-** will be held 2/1/2026 at Mt Airy.

**Sight & Sound-Joshua.**— Coming up Nov 2026 in Lancaster, PA, and most of the seats are filled. A luncheon is following the show at Bird & Hand.

**Preaching God's Word in the World and Presiding at the Table:** A Class for Ruling Eld Don and Phil have been taking Communion and Sermon Zoom classes through the Presbytery. On December 13th, they gave their sermons at the Flemington Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery will be ordaining them to be able to be able to give communion and to be put on the Pulpit Supply List.

**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 be held on the first Monday of each month. Members will be sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. Meetings are in person, unless specified, those unable to make the meeting, call in is available. If for personal reasons keep Session members from attending, the Session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 6 O'clock meeting time.

**Session Devotion:** January Phil McCloughan

### **Adjournment:**

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm and was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Durborow, **Clerk of Session elect**



