



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

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

**Our Elder: Joanne DiBlasi~**

**America's Godly Heritage**

**Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen for His own inheritance."**

Over the years, I have heard it said by both Christians and non- that most of the Founding Fathers of our nation were Atheists, Agnostics and Deists who formed a secular government. However, nothing can be further from the truth.

Don't take my word for it, take the historical writings and prayers from John Adams, George Washington, Samuel Adams, Ben Franklin, Robert Morris, Alexander Hamilton, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Francis Hopkinson, Joseph Hopkinson, John Penn, John Witherspoon, George Mason, John Quincy Adams, John Jay, James Wilson, George Ross, Joseph Hewes, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, Charles Carroll, James McHenry, Fisher Ames, Abraham Baldwin and yes, even Thomas Jefferson.

Did you know that 55 Founding Fathers who framed the Constitution were members of Orthodox Christian Churches and many were outspoken Evangelicals.

In fact, it was signers of the Declaration of Independence who started the Sunday School movement, as well as several Bible Societies and Missionary Societies. I highly recommend books from Historian Author David Barton- website: [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com)

Did you know that the Philadelphia Liberty Bell is called the Liberty Bell because of the biblical inscription from **Leviticus 25:10** emblazoned on it.

There is abundant documentary evidence proving that the general principals of Christianity were firmly embraced by the vast majority of our Founding Fathers, and those principals formed the foundation of the American Government.

Over the years, secularism has slowly removed most of these documents from our current textbooks, trying to erase our Godly heritage.

I challenge you to research this yourself, it is quite fascinating. Just as Progressive Christianity is trying to change the truth of God's word, so has Secularism tried to change America's Godly Heritage.

## “From the Office”

Thank you to all who have been submitting information for the Newsletters. The Congregation is a big part of our Church Newsletters! During this time of closures, I will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Very soon, I hope to be back in the Office from Tuesday-Friday. Please leave a message by phone or email. My email is: [lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com), and I will get back to you. Bell Choir is cancelled for now, but I am hoping to start rehearsals again in the near future! Prayers that we will be past the Coronavirus soon!

Sincerely,

Sue



## Church News:

### Our Preaching Schedule for May:

**All Dates are Tentative and Schedule is Subject to Change.**

**Please check your email/Church Website or the Church Answering Machine for updates! The church website: [www.lampres.org](http://www.lampres.org)**

May 3rd-We will be having Communion with Titusville Church via Zoom at 9:30 am. Ken Good is leading the service. I will send out more information as it becomes available.

May 10th-Happy Mother's Day! The Sunday Message will be from Rich Hopkins and uploaded to the Church Website.

May 17th- The Sunday Message, from Dan Serlenga to be posted on the Church Website.

May 24th- Memorial Day Sunday, Message from Pastor John Desai, to be posted on the Church Website.

May 31st- The Sunday Message, from Russ Topping to be posted on the Church Website.

Thursday May 7th is the National Day of Prayer-please pray wherever you may be.

## Help Wanted for Rollerskating!!

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

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

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

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

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

AMEN to that!

## *Ministry and Outreach:*

### **News from our Missions Team~ Dear Church Family:**

During these trying times, the Lord still reminds us that: 1) He is always in full control 2) We are not alone and 3) We should not fear. Although we will never fully understand God's purposes: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways," declares the Lord.....(ISAIAH 55:8-9), we can rest assured that we are in His good and loving hands. Knowing our God is faithful and will give us "our daily bread," we can have His peace in the midst of the storm.

Let us remember to pray for our missionaries: John and Aruna Desai, Grace Morillo and Terry Slemmer. They, as well as the church, are all on the front lines of this spiritual battle. May the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to give us perseverance, joy and His peace in the days ahead. (PSALM 29:11).

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

**News from your Deacons~** The Deacons have been making phone calls to our congregation to see how they have been fairing during the Coronavirus. The Deacons' meetings have been via email, to keep in touch with one another, and they are planning to work on different ministries as soon as they can again meet in person. As always, we are praying for all at this time. If anyone needs help, please reach out to the Deacons.

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



## *From Your Pastoral Search Committee*

Dear First Pres. Church of Lambertville~

Your PSC (Pastoral Search Committee) is now your PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee.)

We have put forth a candidate to the New Brunswick Presbytery Committee on Ministry for their review. During the process we were instructed to keep their name confidential. Please continue to pray for this process and for continual guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Thank you,

- Heather M.
- Donna Z.
- Phil M.
- Russ T.
- Joanne D.



## In Honor and Remembrance

**Adam Pachnieski United States Army**  
**Alan Durborow United States Navy**  
**Alexander McCallicher United States Army/Merchant Marine**  
**Allen R. Searle United States Navy**  
**Anthony F. Martini National Guard**  
**Bernardo DiGregorio United States Navy**  
**Bob Garrenger United States Army**  
**Brian Fattori United States Marine Corps**  
**Brian Link United States Army**  
**Carmello DiGregorio United States Navy**  
**Chad Ege United States Marine Corps**  
**Charles Danberry United States Marine Corps**  
**Charles Robertson United States Navy**  
**Charlie J. Pierman United States Army**  
**Christopher Danberry United States Air Force**  
**Clarence Hartpence United States Marine Corps**  
**Clarence Keen Army National Guard**  
**Dave Sheetz United States Army**  
**Donald L. Schaible United States Navy**  
**Donald P. Pidcock, Sr. United States Army**  
**Dorsey L. Schaible United States Army**  
**Ed Warne United States Navy**  
**Edward L. Crow United States Navy**  
**Eli Serlenga United States Navy**  
**Frank D. Olsen United States Army**  
**Frank McGough United States Army**  
**Franklin V. Pursell United States Army**  
**Fred McGowan United States Army**  
**Frederic Echgelmeier Merchant Marine**  
**Frederick J. McCloughan, Sr. United States Army**  
**George D. Hartpence United States Marine Corps**  
**James H. Chrismer United States Navy**  
**James F. Pierman United States Marine Corps**  
**Jim Echgelmeier United States Marine Corps**  
**Joel J. Thatcher United States Navy**  
**John N. Allshouse United States Navy**  
**John S. Allshouse National Guard**  
**John D. Eichlin United States Army**  
**John Vaccarino United States Army**  
**John W. Zambella United States Army**

**Kenneth W. Danberry Jr. United States Marine Corps**  
**Kyle P. Donnelly United States Marine Corps**  
**Leo DiGregorio United States Navy**  
**Martin Hartpence United States Army**  
**Norbert Rosso United States Navy**  
**Paul R. Clark United States Air Force**  
**Paul Frangakis United States Army**  
**Peter DiGregorio Royal Italian Navy**  
**Peter Gregory United States Navy**  
**Peter Maurin United States Navy**  
**Phil Olson United States Army**  
**Phillip N. Conner United States Navy**  
**Richard Bladis United States Army**  
**Richard Shaw United States Army**  
**Robert Hartpence United States Army**  
**Robert Holland United States Army**  
**Robert Hullard United States Army**  
**Robert J. Hayes, Sr. United States Navy**  
**Russel P. Topping United States Army**  
**Sean Hindley United States Navy**  
**Stephen Rush United States Army**  
**Thomas Crews United States Navy**  
**Thomas K. Pierman United States Marine Corps**  
**Tucker Griffiths United States Army**  
**Virginia M. Miller United States Army**  
**Walter L. Kintzel United States Coast Guard**  
**Walter Knouse United States Navy**  
**William H. Kelly United States Army**  
**William G. Terrani United States Army**  
**Winfield J. Buchanan United States Air Force**



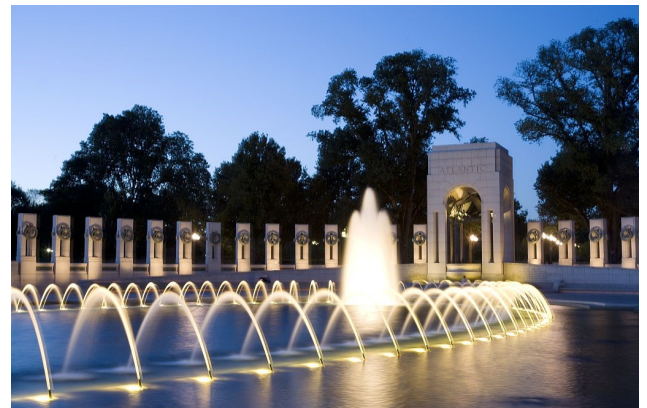
**Memorial**  
**Day**  
*Never Forget*  
*Ever Honor*

## World War II Honor Roll

Alfred J. Buchanan Jr.  
 Andrew J. Zambella  
 Arthur Lawton  
 Barbara Alvarez  
 Bradford Smith  
 Burrowes Hunt  
 Charles Hann  
 Charles D. McCracken  
 Charles W. Skillman  
 Charles E. Wagg  
 Chris Solliday, Jr.  
 Clarence Bodine  
 Clarence Hackney  
 Clarence Swazey  
 Claude A. Van Horn  
 Comly Sine  
 Dominic C. DiBlasi  
 Dominick Fry  
 Donald Burroughs  
 Donald W. Lawton  
 Douglas P. Stout  
 Earl Hartpence  
 Earl Heins  
 Earl Van Horn  
 Edward Closson  
 Edward A. Ottarson, Jr.  
 Elmer E. Case  
 Elmer Trauger  
 Francis A. Drake  
 Frank S. Olsen  
 Frederick B. Cochran  
 Frederick Edwards  
 George W. Bailey  
 George Kline  
 George Scott  
 George Sutterly

Harry Atwood  
 Harry C. Gomedinger  
 Harry Hartpence, Jr.  
 Helen R. Klein  
 Horace LaRue, Jr.  
 Horace G. Prall, Jr.  
 Ira H. Walker  
 J. Warren Caulton  
 James T. Holcombe  
 James Kintzel  
 James Magill  
 James Marriott  
 John J. Dudick III  
 John Ewing  
 John Griffith  
 John M. Hackney  
 John Hartpence  
 John Gibson Holcombe  
 John T. Lugar  
 John E. McCracken  
 John Naylor  
 Joseph Patterson  
 Joseph Sutterly  
 Kenneth S. Trauger  
 Lawrence Teel  
 Leonard Hite  
 Lewis Danberry  
 Martin Swanson  
 Millard H. Todd  
 Norman T. Raike  
 Paul B. Jarret  
 Paul Kintzel  
 Ralph B. Strauser  
 Raymond Kintzel  
 Raymond H. Myers  
 Richard Matthews  
 Roman Fry

Robert Griffith  
 Robert J. Reading  
 Robert Swanson  
 Robert K. Van Horn  
 Robert C. Wagg  
 Russel Hartpence  
 Theodore Lewis  
 Theodore L. Myers, Jr.  
 V. Windsor Patterson  
 Walter Slack  
 Warren Putman  
 Welling G Howell  
 Wesley E. Myers  
 Whitfield T. Hartpence  
 Willard Gomedinger  
 William L. Armstrong  
 William Beaumont  
 William Hunt  
 William B. Keller  
 William R. Naylor, Jr.  
 William Prutzman  
 William Sprout  
 William Swanson  
 William H. Van Camp



**May Birthdays**

3 Joanne DiBlasi

9 Addie Andino

9 Sean Alan Durborow

13 Brooke Pursell

13 Kris Gregory

14 Jeffrey Pursell

16 Jace Vaccarino

18 Bertha Marriott

20 Joan Gilbert

22 Brayden Chernoski

23 Ginny Moraski

24 Emma Chernoski

25 Tom Griffiths

30 Tristen Pursell

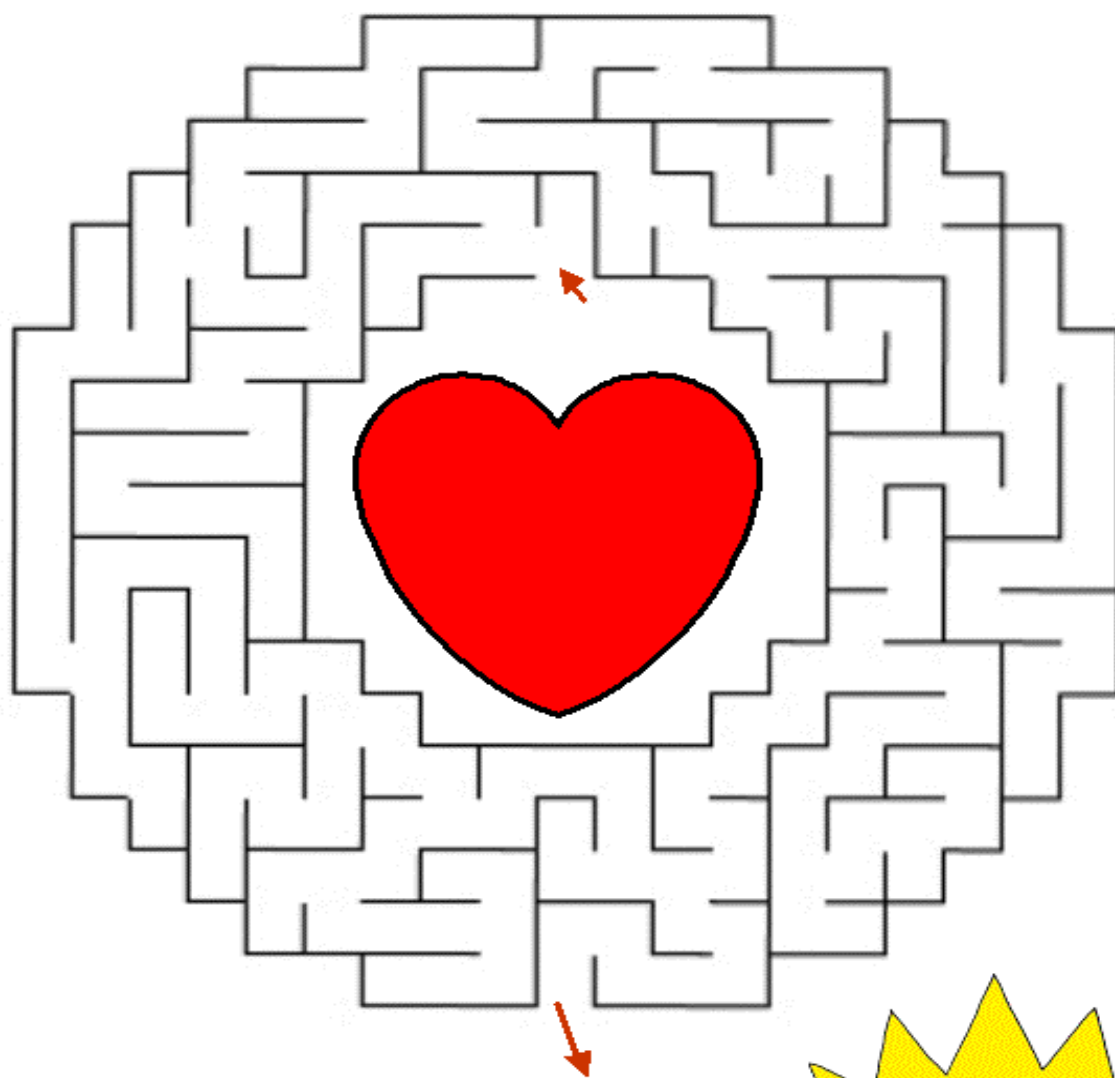




Just for Kids.....

# Mother's Day Maze

Help your love reach your special mom.



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

### **Elder Schedule**

May 3- Communion W/Titusville Pres. via Zoom

May 10- Rich Hopkins

May 17- Heather McIntyre

May 24- Don Pidcock

May 31- Russ Topping

### **Deacon Schedule**

May 3- Communion W/Titusville Pres. via Zoom

May 10- TBD

May 17- TBD

May 24- TBD

May 31- TBD

### **Greeting Schedule**

May 3- Communion W/Titusville Pres. via Zoom

May 10- Tucker Griffiths

May 17- Grace Reading

May 24- Heidi Danberry

May 31- Gail Armitage

**Care & Share**– Pat Durborow, Sue McCloughan, Heather McIntyre and Konni Sandford

**\*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 Online Meeting**

**April 2, 2020-Rescheduled March 16, 2020 Session Business Meeting 5:10 PM**

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

Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

**Present:** Joanne DiBlasi, Rich Hopkins, Heather McIntyre, Russ Topping, and Rev. Byron Leasure

**Excused:** Pat Durborow, Mark Dudick, Carol Griffiths and Don Pidcock

**Guests:** David Redman, Liaison New Brunswick Presbytery

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

**Devotion-Rev. Leasure**

The opening prayer was considered the devotion.

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

**Review of Minutes:** Session reviewed the minutes from the February 17, 2020 Session Business Meeting.

A **motion** was called to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor. The approved Minutes will be sent to Sue/Church Office to be printed in the Book of Minutes and to be included in the Church Newsletter. There was a **motion** for the Agenda for tonight's meeting to be approved but to accept the revised emergency Agenda. All were in favor. A letter from the NB Presbytery was discussed regarding the General Assembly of the

Presbytery, and no action was required. I was able to have Holicong Security come and assess the Security of the Front Door of Westminster House, to possibly to have a buzzer entrance system put in. Holicong will be sending an estimate shortly.

**Calendar Highlights from April-June 2020:**

All in-person church services/activities are suspended at this time, due to the Coronavirus. April 25/26, the Shad Fest has been postponed to a later date. The Session Business Meeting on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> will be done via Zoom. Church services for May/June will be determined at a later date.

**Worship and Music-**Joanne DiBlasi

Taped messages will be done by Rich Hopkins for Palm Sunday 4/5 and Easter Sunday 4/12.

Heidi Danberry will assist by recording the messages, and Sue McCloughan will put them on the website.

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

4/5- No in-person Service-Rich Hopkins, recorded message

4/12- Easter Sunday, Rich Hopkins, recorded message

4/19- Bob Holland, recorded message

4/26- Russ Topping, recorded message

5/3- Communion Sunday, Rev. Ken Good

5/10-Mother's Day, Rich Hopkins

5/17-Dan Serlenga

5/24-Memorial Day Sunday, Pastor John Desai

5/31- Russ Topping

**\*All In-person services are tentative at this time.**

**Pastoral Search Committee-** For finding a new Pastor is “moving right along.” Joanne spoke with Rev. Bob Tomlinson and he has questions for any possible candidate. Joanne spoke with Rev. Tomlinson regarding the next steps in the process.

Joanne sent Ilene Black the Administrative Assistant of the New Brunswick Presbytery an email to let her know that we as a church are still here.

**Building and Grounds-** Heather McIntyre

Sue McCloughan was here when a piece of the church façade fell by the gym entrance. Pictures were sent to Heather M., and Nate McIntyre will come to assess the damage and likely fix in the future. The gate to the Gym entrance has been closed for now.

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

Banking Summary presented year to date. The Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was emailed, from January 1, 2020 through April 2, 2020. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session.

Heather spoke with Tim Stevens from Morgan Stanley regarding our investments. They are being kept safe at this time.

**Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School-** Not addressed at this time.

**Moderator Time-**Rev. Byron Leasure

For the Session to move forward in scheduling official Business Meetings, via Zoom. Also, to set up weekly meetings with the congregation using our Church Zoom Account. Heather McIntyre chimed in to say that she would be willing to set up a meeting via Zoom in the near future with the congregation so that we can stay connected. Rev. Leasure said that Communion would not take place in church on 4/5/20. There is a possibility that Communion can be done remotely, which he will look into.

**Around the Room**

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** Was celebrated on March 1, 2020 and was led by Pastor John Desai

**Book of Registry-** Ordination/Installation of Church Officers on February 23, 2020. Elder Rich Hopkins was Installed for his second term, February 2023. Deacons Danielle Griffiths and Phil McCloughan Installed, second terms, February 2023.

**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.

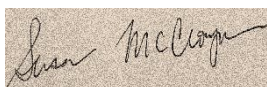
**Prayer Meetings-** Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

**Session Devotion Rotation-**For the April 2020 meeting, is: Rich Hopkins, followed by Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock and Russ Topping.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan

Clerk of Session