

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,

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! This great truth is at the heart of our faith, and we can build our lives on Jesus.

Today, heaven is breaking into earth like it did 2000 years ago on that Easter morning. Through Jesus's resurrection, God has given us new life here and now, and we are guaranteed to have a future resurrection like Jesus's – our lives have eternal significance!

The risen Jesus appeared in *bodily* form to many people, according to New Testament accounts, showing us that we, too, will have transformed bodies like his one day. Our future, now and through eternity, is secure, and we can have hope for all of the Lord's creation here in this material world. All that has happened in your life and mine – and throughout human history – will one day be made completely right. We see glimpses of this here and now as our risen Jesus breaks in.

In a vision in the book of Revelation, as the new earth descends from heaven to replace our present world that's passing away, we hear the risen and enthroned Lord Jesus say, "See, I am making all things new" (21:1-5). God's re-creating power extends to all things. Isn't this good news?

So we have every reason to rejoice amidst our present trials, as many of us have been facing. Suffering, sin, and evil do not have the last word. We can cast aside despair because Jesus's rising from death shows us God's love for the world. Untimely deaths from Covid, suffering and loss in Ukraine, and every wrong we face will be made right ultimately in God's new creation. Let us share with each other our hope in the crucified and resurrected Lord!

In the joy of Easter,

Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Hi All!

The Handbell Choir will be playing in church this month, and we are looking forward to playing for you on the 22nd! Happy Mother’s Day to all the Ladies! As always, thank you for your submissions for the Newsletters. Sue



Church News:



Communion Sunday is May 1st, and we will be having Care & Share after the worship service. The Ladies’ Bible Study will be hosting. If you are able to help with Care & Share, in the upcoming months, please see Karen Thatcher.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 5th-Our Sanctuary will be open for time of Prayer.

Our Accompanists for the month are: Joanne Dorrow, Stephen McCloughan and Hilary Orlando.

Mother’s Day is Sunday May 8th



Dan is away the week of May 9th. Don Pidcock will be giving the sermon on Sunday May 15th.

The Women’s Retreat to Sandy Cove is from Friday May 13 through Sunday May 15th.

Memorial Day Sunday is May 29th.

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~

Thank you for your continued support, and for all who helped out at the Shad Fest!

Going forward we continue our usual programs:

1. Pray, pray and pray some more.
2. Meeting the needs of our congregation.
3. Meeting the needs of our community, whether emotional, physical, or financial.
4. The usual Deacon duties, including communion, taking the offering, and any other arena where we are needed.

As always, we keep you all in our prayers and wish you love and peace.

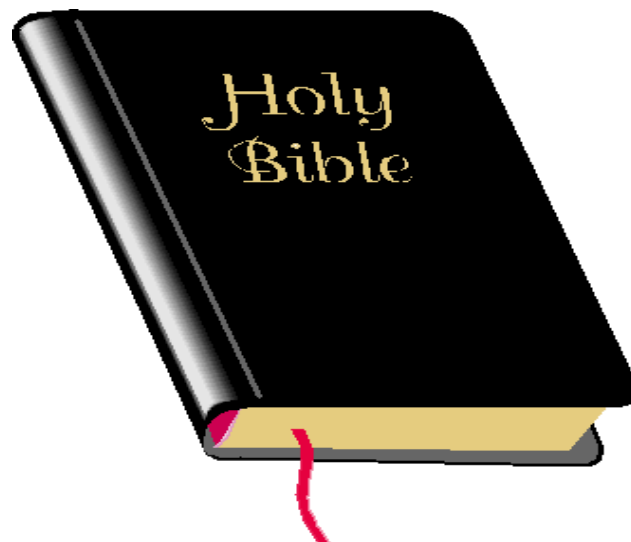
Gail Armitage, Jen Chernoski, LaNelle Gallagher, Danielle Griffiths, Phil McCloughan, and Heather Pursell



There Were Three Crosses at Calvary

1. **The Cross of Rebellion:** (Open resistance to, or Defiance of)
Luke 23:35-39 The first criminal to speak to Jesus.
 - Are there any areas in your life or your Christian walk that you are still in defiance of?
 2. **The Cross of Repentance:** (Remorse, Guilt, Regret.)
Luke 23:40-43 The second criminal to speak to Jesus.
 - We need to live daily with an attitude of repentance.
 3. **The Cross of Redemption:** (Deliverance)
Luke 23:44-56 Jesus's life for ours.
 - Are you confident that you are in right standing with God; forgiven and redeemed?
- *1 John 1:9* "But if we confess our sins to Him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

Joanne DiBlasi



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...



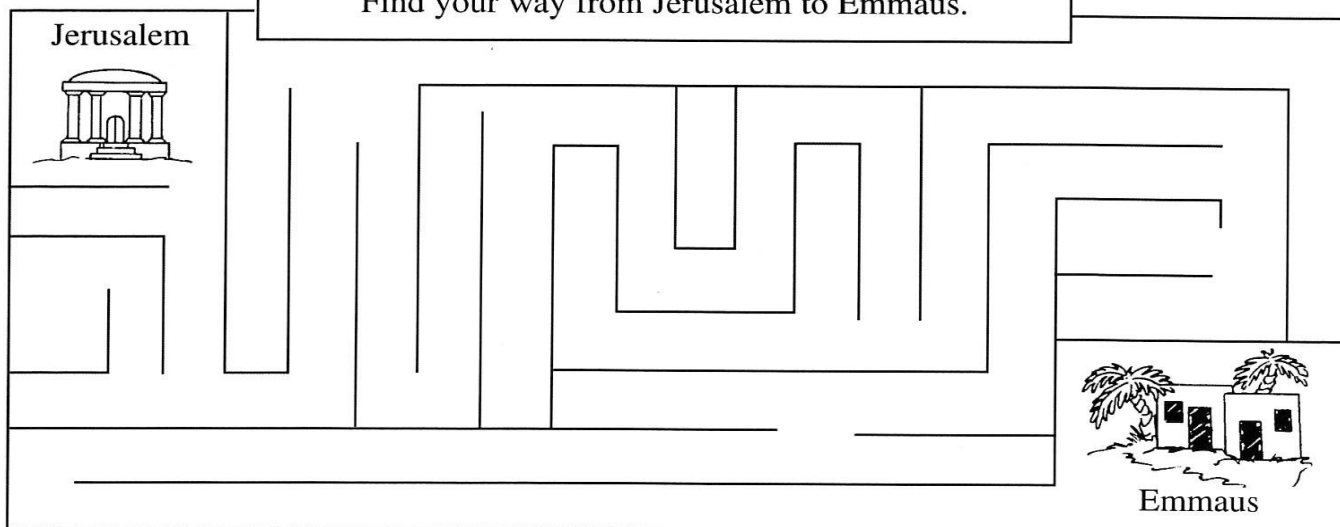
THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

LUKE 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' friends were walking down the road. They were  about what happened to Jesus. A man began to walk with them.



Find your way from Jerusalem to Emmaus.



Name _____

New Testament Lesson #113

May Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

May 1- **Communion**/Russ Topping

May 15- Don Pidcock

May 22- Karen Thatcher

May 29- Russ Topping

Deacon Schedule

May 1- **Communion**/*Jen Chernoski (**Stair Glide**), Phil McCloughan

May 8- LaNelle Gallagher

May 15- Phil McCloughan

May 22- Danielle Griffiths

May 29- Heather Pursell

Greeting Schedule

May 1- Connie Fisher

May 8- Mark Dudick

May 15- Sue McCloughan

May 22- Dana Garrenger

May 29- Joan Yannarella

**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 at Westminster House
March 21, 2022 Session Business Meeting 7:00 PM

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Don Pidcock	Karen Thatcher	Joanne DiBlasi
Russ Topping		Heather McIntyre

Rev. Dan Dorrow, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock, Karen Thatcher, Russ Topping, and Rev. Dan Dorrow

Excused: None

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

Devotion – Don Pidcock

Don talked about being “Blessed” and how it is used in our church circle, and as well as in the bible. Blessed in the bible is used about 400 times and that God is with us. There are many “Millionaires of the Bible” and examples were given. Many in the bible had blessings of God, Moses, and Queen Esther to name a few. God watches us in all we do. Blessings are a sign of peace and heaven. Are people in the Ukraine blessed? They are if they are people who believe. Don talked about **John 10:10**- *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* Being blessed in the Lord, and everything falls into place. The Lord will bless our church here in Lambertville, and we are good to be blessed by Jesus. There are all kinds of blessings, and each of us are blessed.

Around the Room - The Elders, Dan and myself went around the room and shared our concerns. Sunday School was discussed during this time. After, Dan closed this section with prayer.

Sunday School- Karen talked how the Sunday School children should become more involved with the church services. The Sunday School teachers could guide the children with this. The children can share during the worship time, what they have learned in their Sunday School classes. Maybe to have the children start off the worship time on a regular basis-once a month. Stephen McCloughan has been playing the piano for the Sunday School services on a regular basis. Karen and the Sunday School teachers will talk to the children for their suggestions about the worship services.

Moderator Time - Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan discussed his long-term vision with Session. Dan's been in prayer since the fall about the 3 questions that were talked about previously, as well as a post-Covid environment. Some of the things that were discussed: To get the Sunday School children more involved with the worship services, that Accompanists have been provided, even though the position hasn't been filled. Friday Night Hang was discussed here by Russ, and that we should start praying now for FNH in the fall when it resumes. To possibly regenerate the program. What's next for FNH? Some ideas that came up were, skating and a movie night for the teens. Maybe getting ideas from the teens in our church for Friday Night Hang. Talking more with Don Pidcock and Steve Chernoski on this. Dan talked about the "Status Quo" and how we should try to move beyond this. We should pray not to stay in the status quo, but to reach out to the community for the future. Dan spoke about his conversation with Mayor Nowick, since he is newly elected to Lambertville. Dan suggested that Mayor Nowick come to the May 16th Session Meeting, and that Dan would contact him regarding this. Dan spoke with Brad Morgan from Mt. Airy about how we could combine resources, maybe an Adult Education class, for example. Dan talked about where are church could be in 5-10 years, and had given a few examples.

The July 4th joint service was discussed, and Dan would keep Session informed on the details.

Other things that were discussed by Dan and Session members: That the Elders should call their people on their care lists, but maybe follow up with some kind of written form. Joanne explained that we do not have the resources for a full-time pastor. Someone talked about how we may have to combine resources with other church in this area, and to get a youth group here at our church. To be in prayer for men's discipleship, Russ referenced the story "Businessman's Revival" as an example to help bring back men's discipleship.

Lenten Services- Maundy Thursday was mentioned, and that Mt. Airy would have a service at their church. Lambertville would be invited to this. The Good Friday service (Tenebrae) with communion, was brought forth as a **motion** and was approved by Session. After the Good Friday service, we will be leaving in silence. Pat Masterson will be contacted and asked to play for the Good Friday Service on April 15th.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box - Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: A **motion** was called to approve the minutes from January 17, 2022. These minutes have been revised. All were in favor to approve. The February 21, 2022 minutes are not being approved at this month's meeting. Dan asked to revise his section, before the Session is to approve them. The January 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- There was a Boy Scout letter regarding legal information. The letter was given to Rich Hopkins. **The Church Organ was discussed here.** There are a lot of issues at this time with the organ, per those who have been playing it. Sue will contact Eric Plutz, who is familiar with playing our organ, and will ask him who he would recommend to fix the issues. Sue will look into this and get back to Session with more of the details.

Calendar Highlights from April-June 2022:

The Children's Sunday School will be singing during the worship service on April 3rd. Palm Sunday is April 10th and Palms will be given out. Our church will host the Good Friday/Tenebrae service, April 15th at 7:00 pm. On Easter Sunday April 17th, The Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children and the Deacon Breakfast will be at 8:30 am. Sue will be out of the Office from 4/15 thru 4/26. The Chamber of Commerce will be using the Gym from 4/22-4/24 during the Shad Fest. We will be worshipping with Mt. Airy on Shad Fest Sunday April 24th, at 10:00 am. The National Day of Prayer is May 5th, and our doors will be open for prayer. Dan will be away the week of May 9th, so on May 15th, Don Pidcock will be leading the service. The last Sunday for Sunday School and the 10:30 am worship for this season is June 3rd. The first Sunday of the 9:20/9:30 am service is Sunday 12th. Father's Day is June 19th. Our last Session Business Meeting until September is June 20th at 7:00 pm, and we will have the meeting via Zoom. Dan is away from 6/20-6/26. An Elder will need to lead the service on June 26th. Sue will be out of the office from 6/27-7/4. Dan will be having his usual office hours on 6/29. The Women's Bible Study will be continuing during this time, with periodically meeting over the summer. Communion is 4/3, 5/1 and 6/5. The Accompanists have been scheduled for the month of April. Sue and Karen will reach out to fill the Accompanist for May-July 2022.

Shad Fest-Our church will be selling hotdogs as a fundraiser for Sight & Sound for the show *David* in October. Karen asked Heidi Danberry to pick up forms that will be needed from City Hall so we are able to sell. Heather will send an email to the City/Cindy Ege regarding this. Session thanked Heidi for helping with getting the forms.

Book of Registry- The Book of Registry has been updated to reflect: Joe Feraco a long-time member of First Presbyterian of Lambertville, passed away on 2/11/22. The Annual Meeting on 2/27/22, the following Elders and Deacons have been **Installed:** Elders Heather McIntyre, 2nd term (2025), Russ Topping, his term is extended for 1 year. Don Pidcock, 2nd term for 1 year (to finish Rich Hopkins term.), and Joanne DiBlasi (2025.) Deacon Heather Pursell, 2nd term (2025.)

Annual Report/Nominating Committee- Sue let Session know that there was an error in the Nominating Committee Report, and asked if it could be corrected. Two Elders had to be added who were nominated. Session ok'd the corrections.

Worship and Music/Church Life - Karen Thatcher

Sight & Sound-all 50 tickets have been sold. Soup fundraising was successful, and Karen thanked all involved. all of the monies have been applied to the tickets, bus, and the lunch at Bird & Hand. We are asking \$100.00 per person. Some have paid, and Karen is collecting the money and keeping track. The Deacons have given money toward the trip, and Karen asked Session to give some of the money back to the Deacons. If anyone had questions regarding this, please see Karen. The last time we went to Sight & Sound, the church lost money, because of the pandemic and the lack of fundraising.

Insurance Review-Dennis and Stephanie Duryea will be at our next Session meeting to discuss our insurance matters as well as the Child Protection Policy. Our Presbytery requires that we carry this kind of policy. Heather was able to get a generic Child Protection Policy off the Presbytery website to send to Session members to review, and the shortest policy was sent. More will be discussed at the next meeting. Karen will reach out to Brad Morgan from Mt. Airy Pres. to see what kind of policy they have for the Child Protection and Sexual Harassment.

Accompanist/Pianist- We are still looking for a Part-Time Accompanist/Music Director. Karen will text Hilary to see if she is available to play in May-July. Sue will send emails to those on our Sub. list to see if they are available to play as well.

Children's Time- Dan will be doing the Children's time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Adults in the congregation will be doing the other weeks. Karen will send an updated list to Sue in the office.

Building and Grounds - Don Pidcock

Don discussed needs for the kitchen, we are in need of knives, and an Electric Can Opener. Karen will reach out to Pat D. to see if she can get these items. The Church Organ was discussed earlier. Don Pidcock and Steve Chernoski have ideas for next year's Skating, which will be discussed at a later meeting. The other agenda items were not discussed at this time.

Budget and Finance – Heather McIntyre

Heather went over the Year-to Date Summary from 1/1-3/15/22, and we are over \$1821.35 in our plate offering. The Lowell Hunter Estate was discussed and it is ongoing. Boy Scouts and what is going on with their legal issues are still ongoing. Heather discussed our Comcast bill and the updates that were made to our account. We are looking to lower the fees that we are being charged. Heather will keep Session posted on this.

Sunday School/Junior Deacons – Joanne DiBlasi/Don Pidcock

With regard to the Children's Sunday School, many thoughts were discussed, about how to get our church youth more involved other than Sunday School mornings. Dan asked Session to pray about this, and more will be talked about in the upcoming months. Russ talked about the Adult Sunday School and that Rich will be teaching until this June. In September, Russ would like to teach the Adult Sunday School, but would like help from Don Pidcock and Jim Gallagher.

Notations

Welcome- We welcome Joanne DiBlasi back to Session.

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday March 6, 2022.

Missions-This will be added to the Session Agenda for upcoming meetings and Russ Topping will be the Elder to head this up.

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.

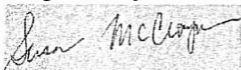
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will continue on Zoom. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation- For the April Meeting is: Karen Thatcher and is followed by Russ Topping.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session