



**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,

Your session and I have been prayerfully listening to the Lord as we seek to discern his vision for us. I've been led to the final verses of Matthew's gospel:

And when [the disciples] saw [Jesus] they worshiped him,
but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

I believe it's most important for us to come together regularly in the presence of our risen Lord Jesus and worship him – like these disciples did – especially when we, too, have doubts and other weaknesses. And then, strengthened and guided by his presence with us always, we're able to go forth on his mission: making disciples of all people.

We as your pastor and session are seeking the Lord's direction both for our worship life together on Sunday mornings and also for how we are to make people into disciples of Jesus once we walk out through our doors, bringing God's love to those who don't yet know or follow him. This mission is for all of us!

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Hi All!

Happy Thanksgiving to you! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday Morning November 7th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour at 2:00 am. Our Session will be meeting with the Deacons on Monday evening, November 15th at 7:00 pm. The Church Office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, on the 26th. As always, if you need to contact me, please send me an email or call the Church Office, if I am not in, I'll get back to you. Thank you!

Sue



Church News:



Starting this month on Communion Sunday, November 7th, we will be having Care & Share after the service. Karen Thatcher and Russ Topping are heading this up for the month of November. Please contact Karen if you are able to help in future Care & Shares on Communion Sundays.

The Boy Scouts are now back in the Gym on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm.

Sunday School for the children will be starting on November 7th in the KICK Room (Chapel) at 9:00 am! The Adult Sunday School will be continuing at 9:00 am as well.

Becky is away on Sunday November 21st. Sue Johnson is scheduled to be our Guest Accompanist.

The Skating for Youth up to 6th Grade and Friday Night Hang for Grades 7-12 will be resuming on November 19th! Skating is at 6:00 pm, and Hang starts at 8:00 pm. A good time will be had by all!!

Our trip to Sight & Sound, Lancaster, PA. is in October 2022 to see the show *David*. As one of our fundraisers we will be selling soup during the LBL's Season on Saturdays. This will be starting sometime in January. Please let Karen Thatcher know if you could help by selling soup!

The week of November 22nd we will be decorating the church for Christmas! Please see Pat Durborow if you are able to help.

Sunday November 28th is the First Sunday of Advent.

The LBL will be starting in the Gym on Monday November 29th and running on M-Th., and on Saturdays until March 2022. They are on Mondays from 5-7:00 pm.

Ministry and Outreach:

News From Your Missions Team~

This Fall, the International Students (ISI) 37th Annual Garage Give-Away in Princeton, NJ was postponed a week due to bad weather brought on by Hurricane Ida. Despite the delay, on September 4th, the Give-Away was well-attended with 130 Internationals from 48+ countries at the event. John and Aruna Desai reported that there were 110 volunteers from 28 churches this year. Also, 100 Gideon's New Testaments were distributed to the incoming students. Many thanks to members of our own church family for lending a hand this year. As proclaimed by John and Aruna, "we give all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ for great things He has done!"

In October, at the request of one of our local missionaries, Terry Slemmer, our church family collected toys for the children of mothers who are incarcerated at Edna Mahan Facility for Women in Clinton, NJ. A box was placed in the church lobby for donations of toys or gift cards for a child and as always, our church family was very generous with their giving. As Terry reminded us, "This is a wonderful, tangible way to reach children and their mothers with the love of God at Christmastime." Thank you to all who participated in this important outreach.

On October 17th, we had a visit from Terry Slemmer, along with her mother, and members of the New Life Riders Christian Motorcyclists' Association. During a Moment for Missions, Terry shared about the ongoing work the group has been doing in Hunterdon County, as well as some of the other mission outreaches she is involved with locally. We praise God for Terry's enthusiasm and heart for the Lord, as she shares her faith with a number of groups in our area.

Finally, please keep Sarah Tielmann in your prayers! Sarah grew up in our church and is currently serving the Lord in Bogota, Colombia with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru). Pray for Sarah's safety as she is reaching out to college students and in doing so, is making an impact in the world for His Kingdom.

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

Greetings From Your Church Deacons~

"Do not forsake assembling together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

We your Deacons, continue to serve you and our community, whether it be in the form of prayer, love, physical or financially. We particularly reached out to those living in Lambertville, who were so devastated by the recent flood.

It has been a blessing to us to be able to stay connected and participate in church services, in person and online. We only hope that you will continue to join us. God bless and keep you all.

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



Our Destiny is Determined by How We Respond to Jesus.
Acts 4:12

Some people say that all religions teach and say the same things, so, they must all be true. But all belief systems cannot be true because they contradict one another. Let's check it out...

A. The Existence of a Personal God:

- * Buddhists deny the existence of a personal God.
- * Hindus believe in two major Gods, Vishnu and Siva, as well as millions of lesser Gods.
- * Muslims believe in one God named Allah.
- * Christians believe that God is a being who created humans in His image, who loves them and wants a personal relationship with them.

B. The Subject of Salvation:

- * Buddhists believe salvation is by self effort only.
- * Hindus believe that you achieve salvation by works, devotion and self-control.
- * Muslims believe that people earn their own salvation and pay for their own sins.
- * Christians believe that Jesus died for their sins.

C. The Person of Jesus Christ:

- * Buddhists believe that Jesus was a good teacher, but less important than Buddha.
- * Hindus believe that Jesus was one of many sons of God; but not divine, nor that he died for peoples sins.
- * Muslims believe that Jesus was the greatest of the prophets below Muhammad, but he did not die for peoples sins.
- * Christians believe that Jesus is God and man, that he was sinless, died and rose from the dead to redeem mankind.

* John 14:6 *Philippians 2:6-11 *1 Corinthians 1:18

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

- What a privilege to once again be involved in this Samaritan's Purse outreach.
- I will be delivering your completed shoeboxes on Sunday November 21st after church.

Thank you, and the children around the world also thank you.

Joanne DiBlasi

November Birthdays

8 Noah Lucas

9 Katie Vaccarino

10 James P. Buchanan

12 Antonia Pursell

13 Karen Armano

13 Tom Crews

14 Bob Pierman

18 Patrick Durborow

18 Madison Hartpence

20 Danielle Fisher

25 Heather McIntyre

26 Natalie Hoffman

27 Joan Yannarella

30 Karen Thatcher

30 Debra Wiley-Geis

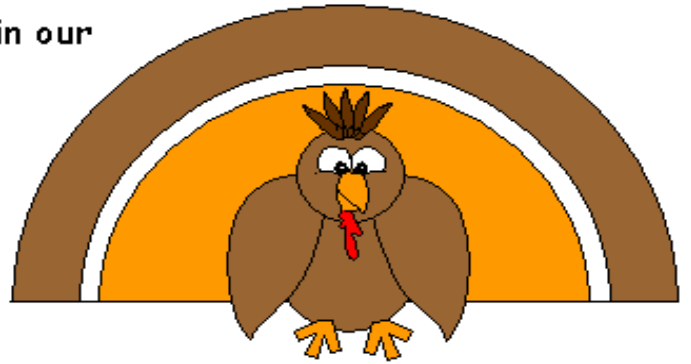
30 Ella Dudick



Just for Kids.....

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Thanksgiving Anagram



Word List: cook, corn, dinner, family, feast, harvest, maize, pilgrims, pumpkin, squash, stuffing, thanks

a e i m z

f f g i n s t u

g i i l m p r s

a h k n s t

a f i l m y

i k m n p p u

c k o o

c n o r

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November Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

November 7– **Communion**/Pat Durborow

November 14– Carol Griffiths

November 21–Don Pidcock

November 28–Don Pidcock

Deacon Schedule

November 7– **Communion**/*Jen Chernoski (**Stair Glide**), Danielle Griffiths

November 14– Terry Peck

November 21– LaNelle Gallagher

November 28– Gail Armitage

Greeting Schedule

November 7– Sue McCloughan

November 14– Karen Armano

November 21– Joanne DiBlasi

November 28– Connie Fisher

**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
Westminster House

September 20, 2021 Session Business Meeting 7:00 PM

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Pat Durborow	Rich Hopkins	Karen Thatcher
Carol Griffiths		
Heather McIntyre		
Don Pidcock		
Russ Topping		

Rev. Dan Dorrow, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

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

Excused: All Present

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

Devotion- Karen Thatcher

Karen talked about opportunities that are God provided. She talked about her job and how producers come in and out. **John 4:14**, and how Jesus is the living water. You never know what comes out of opportunities. Jesus seeks sinners that may not be seeking him. Jesus offers the living water to all, and this is a gift. Dan also talked about reconciliation and members of the church.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from June 21, 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.

The Called Session Business Meeting dates for 2022 and Stated Communion Dates for 2022 were presented to Session. A **motion** was called to accept these as written. All were in favor. These are attached at this month's minutes as "**Addendum A.**" The Elder Assisting and Care list was also discussed.

Mail Box- We received a quote to replace the fire extinguishers about the church from Tilly Fire Solutions. Before this is done, Heather McIntyre will call around to see if we can obtain another quote. She will keep Sue in the office informed. Our fire extinguishers are inspected yearly.

Calendar Highlights from September-November 2021:

Dan is going to be away from September 24-October 8, 2021. Russ Topping will be leading the service on Sunday September 26, 2021. Riverside Symphonia will be in the Sanctuary on October 1st and 2nd. They will be having a performance on Saturday October 2nd. October 3rd is World Wide Communion Sunday. Dan will be away, and Rev. Byron Leasure will be our Guest Pastor. The joint Deacon Meeting with Session is moved to November 15, 2021. Karen will take the minutes for the October Business Meeting-thank you Karen! The gates to the Cemetery and Garden will be locked from 10/30-11/1/21, due to Halloween. The Handbell choir will be resuming during the month of November. The church will be decorated for Christmas during the week of 11/22. The First Sunday of Advent is Sunday November 28th. Ladies' Bible Study is continuing on Wednesday afternoons.

Book of Registry- It was discussed with Session that we had 2 recent events. Esther Johnson, one of our long time members, passed away in July 2021. Elise Ann Stratuik was Baptized on August 29, 2021. The Book of Registry has been updated.

Yearly Minutes Review of 2020- The minutes review was originally sent to the Presbytery of New Brunswick in February of 2021. The minutes were turned over to our new Presbytery, Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ in August of 2021. They were approved in September 2021, and the approval page is being placed our Book of Minutes.

Worship and Music/Church Life-Karen Thatcher

The contract for Sight & Sound/Bird & Hand was signed and submitted. We can make changes with Sight & Sound, Bird & Hand up to September 1, 2022. The trip will be taking place on October 15, 2022, and the church has purchased 50 tickets. Karen spoke about us doing some fundraisers, a couple of examples are soup sales during the LBL season and hotdogs during Shad Fest next year. Karen met with Stephanie from the Duryea Agency and discussed our House of Worship and Workman's Comp. policies. They were renewed in August 2021. Also, the Accident Policy has to be renewed, this is coming up in October 2021. Heather M. will look into have the stained glass in the church redone. The Job Description for the Accompanist/Music Director has been posted in a few places, we are looking to hear back. We've also called Titusville Pres., and Lucia Lee, and gave to Rich and Becky to see if they have any thoughts on who we can possibly hire. We have been paying the Guest Accompanist \$250.00 for the Sunday Service. A **motion** was brought to reduce the amount to \$200.00. The **motion** was accepted to change the amount as of 1/1/22. Karen also suggested to us look over the sub list to see if we can have someone fill in on a month-by-month basis, starting in January 2022. Session will keep praying on this. Children's Time is ongoing, and a great chance to share with the children. Care & Share will most likely resume and be on Communion Sunday's. Sue will put a write-up in the bulletin regarding this. The Greeting Schedule is also looking to be resumed. Karen will reach out to Connie Fisher and see if she can look over the 2019 schedule to see who is available and give them a call.

Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow/Don Pidcock

The Kitchen was painted and cleaned up. A beautiful job was done. The Iron Fence was painted. It's not the Façade of the building that does need work at this time, but the roof. Nate McIntyre will be consulted to see what can be done with the roof of the church. Martinez Landscaping was here and cleaned up the garden, but will come back in the fall to do more of a clean-up, esp. the overgrown plants. Pat asked about having a bathroom on the first floor of Westminster House. Since we already have the plumbing in that area behind the kitchen,

have a toilet, sink and shower put in. Pat will get prices from Plumbers in the area. The clothes that are in the Gym were addressed. The clothes are from donations and have been given out to those that have loss from Hurricane Ida. The clothes are going to be taken out of the Gym by the end of October. We will call the Rescue Mission of Trenton and the Veteran's to see if they can pick them up. Skating and Friday Night Hang will resume on November 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm for Skating and 8:00 pm for Hang. We will follow the CDC guidelines for both. Russ asked about masks or no masks, it's recommended to have a letter sent to our children, that masks will be optional, but we will provide masks if needed. Russ will provide a letter to be sent out regarding Friday Night Hang, and masks. It was noted that during Hurricane Ida, water was in the Gym by the handicapped door. Either the roof leaked in that area, or the water came in through the handicapped door.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins

Rich went over the Year-to Date Summary from 1/1-9/20/21, we are down \$5036.66 in our plate offering. The Lowell Hunter Estate is still being audited by the State of NJ. Rich will keep Session posted on the updates of the estate. The Boy Scouts will be back using the Gym on Monday evenings, when the weather turns cold. Updates on the Boy Scouts will be given as well. Stewardship will be discussed in the next month's Session meeting. Regarding the Per Capita, a letter was sent to the Presbytery in the past that we do not pay this to them do to the fact that the money goes for our Missions. Session agrees at this time not to pay the Per Capita. Sue will look for a letter from the Presbytery regarding the Per Capita, and inform Session if a new letter comes in. Dan's contract was drafted by Rich Hopkins and given to Dan. A copy of the contract is on file in the church office. The contract will be evaluated at the end of June, each year.

Sunday School/Youth Group-Carol Griffiths/Don Pidcock

The Sunday School for the Children will be resuming on Sunday November 7, 2021. This is due to the fall sports that are going on in our area. Carol let Session know that the plaque for Dr. Henry is going to be designed by LaNelle Gallagher and then it will be framed. The pictures that Donna Zambella has of Dr. Henry, she will most likely make into an album and display here at the church.

Carol also talked about the Junior Deacons, and that they should participate in the Church services, once they get up and running. Dan suggested a youth group, with our group of teens on a Sunday evening. He asked that Session pray about starting a group on Sunday nights.

Moderator Time-Rev. Dan Dorrow

Since we are a small church, our music ministry, Skating, Friday Night Hang, are strong. Dan would like us all for the next 4 weeks, commit to a half-hour to listen to the Lord to see how we should proceed. He asked the Session to consider 3 things: 1. What should we let go of? 2. What should we keep? 3. What's next? We should share what we came up with at our next meeting at Moderator Time. Dan shared the medical issues with Session regarding his right eye and how it was mended. He'll be having his left eye done shortly. He apologized that he missed Elise's baptism, because of his eye issues. Dan attended a one-day retreat/Presbytery meeting, that was sponsored by our Presbytery. Dan also shared that Mike Atzert the Pastor at Kirkpatrick has resigned from his church, but not the Presbytery. In late September, Dan will be attending a conference in South Carolina. The Communion Table will be moved to a different place in the Sanctuary. Dan would like to reiterate that he welcomes feedback from the Session as well as from the Congregation.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday July 4th, at Holcombe-Jimison Farm, and Sunday August 1, 2021.

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.

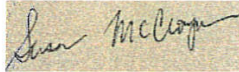
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the October Meeting is: Russ Topping, and is followed by Pat Durborow and Rich Hopkins.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session