



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,

Moving into the Fall season, as our children and young adults return to school, I'm thinking about Jesus's love for children. He said,

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Truly I tell you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child
will never enter it.”
And he took them up in his arms,
laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:14b-16)

And I'm thinking about Elise Stratuik's baptism a few weeks ago. Her parents and all of us, as her church family, promised to guide and nurture Elise, to teach her about God's Son, Jesus, who welcomes every child. Her baptism, and our baptisms, are signs that God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – reaches out to each of us and calls us by name, just as we see Jesus reach out, take up, and bless the little children.

As disciples of Jesus, and in keeping our promise to each child who's been baptized among us – as well as new ones who may walk through our doors – let's “take up” our children and youth in our arms and bless them. The Lord calls each of us to play unique roles, whether we're parents, Sunday School teachers, siblings, or simply caring members of our church family. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to do to make disciples of our children? My prayer is that we all encourage our children and youth to be part of our Sunday School program, which begins on November 7th.

Remember also these words of Jesus:

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.” (Mark 9:37)

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Happy Autumn to all! Thank you for your ongoing support in sending information in for the Newsletters. I do appreciate it. The Handbell Choir will be starting practice on Thursday November 11th. I am looking forward to having us ring for the congregation this coming season. If anyone would like to try and ring, we are always looking for new ringers. Please let me know if you are interested! If you need to get in touch, and I am not in, please leave a phone message or an email here to the office, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you! Sue



Church News:



World Wide Communion Sunday is October 3rd. Rev. Bob Tomlinson will be our Guest Pastor.

Sunday School for the Adults is at 9:00 am., and the High School Students are welcome to attend . The Children’s Sunday School will be starting on Sunday November 7th.

Becky is away on Sunday October 10th. Pat Guth is scheduled to be our Guest Accompanist.

The Riverside Symponia is having a concert here at the church. The Sanctuary will be in use on Friday October 1st and 2nd. The performance is Saturday October 2nd at 8:00 pm.

The gates to the Cemetery and Garden will bel closed from Saturday October 30 to Monday November 1. Halloween is Sunday October 31st.

Ministry and Outreach:

News from your Missions Team~

Please see the bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary, Thank you!

Greetings and Love from Your Church Deacons~

The Deacons have been staying busy during this past month. We are continuing to reach out to Sister Grace Hendricks. We are excited to return to a “Normal” Communion with fresh juice and homemade Communion Bread. We reached out to help a young woman who moved to this area to go to school and helped a young mother with her rent. With the overwhelming flooding that Hurricane Ida caused to Lambertville, we also gave Giant gift cards to 10 displaced families. As a church, we also opened the Gym for clothing donations as we are trying to help where we can. Hopefully we can move forward with our Junior Deacon program. The Deacons would like to thank the Congregation for their generosity of donations, as we try to do as much as we can to help our community.

!!!YYYYYYAAAAA!!!

Friday night activities at the church Gym is back! Roller Skating for children 6th grade and younger starts at 6:00 pm, and Teen Hang Night for 7th thru 12th grade kids will begin on **November 19, 2021** at 8:00 pm. We are all very excited to be together again and enjoy each other as we have fun and hear God’s work for each one.

We will be posting notices in reference to having or not having masks as our Governor sets the Covid safety guidelines for our community and protection.

See you all soon so be sure to get ready for a wonderful time!



Proverbs 18:4

“Wise words are like deep waters; wisdom flows from the wise like a bubbling brook!”

- Let’s think about that verse for awhile, it sounds refreshing just reading it. We must admit that most of the words we are hearing over the TV, internet, newsprint and “Talking Heads” are not wise and definitely not refreshing as a bubbling brook.
- As Christians, it should be our joy and responsibility to be the ones who allow the Holy Spirit to use His wisdom, His comfort and sensibleness to this decaying, out of control world that we are living in.
- Let’s encourage one another to be the very best that Jesus desires each of us to be. (No excuses please.)

Joanne DiBlasi

Operation Christmas Child

- It’s time to start filling your Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.
- Contact Joanne DiBlasi for boxes and pamphlets.

Jesus
loves me
THIS I know
for the BIBLE
tells ME SO

October Birthdays

10 Brian Fisher

17 Giana Griffiths

20 Pat Warford

22 Jessica Cummings

22 Kelly Moraski

23 Chase Stratuik

24 Nate McIntyre

25 Craig Reading

27 Bryce Dudick

27 Bo Hartpence

27 Diana Pursell

30 Giana Vaccarino



Just for Kids.....

Popcorn Praises

Ingredients:

- Unpopped popcorn
- Popcorn popper

Directions:

1. Show the children the unpopped popcorn and tell them that the kernels are like children who haven't found Jesus. Without the warmth of God's love they haven't burst to life.
2. Pop the popcorn.
3. When God's love warms our hearts we burst with happiness, and praises to Jesus burst out of us. We can't help but tell others how much we love Him and how great we think He is.
4. Eat the popcorn.



October Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

October 3– **Communion**/Rich Hopkins

October 10– Carol Griffiths

October 17– Rich Hopkins

October 24– Karen Thatcher

October 31– Russ Topping

Deacon Schedule

October 3– **Communion** *Phil McCloughan (stair glide), Terry Peck

October 10– LaNelle Gallagher

October 17– Gail Armitage

October 24– Jen Chernoski

October 31– Phil 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
Adult Sunday School Room and via Zoom

June 21, 2021 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: Rich Hopkins, Don Pidcock, Karen Thatcher and Russ Topping,
 and Rev. Dan Dorrow

Excused: Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths and Heather McIntyre

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

Devotion- Don Pidcock

Don told the modern parable of the “Three Trees” which told of dreams and hopes of each tree and what they wanted for themselves. The first tree wanted to be a treasure chest, and the second tree wanted to be a mighty ship. The third tree wanted to just to stay in the forest, and she wanted to get big and tall and point to Heaven and God. Well, three carpenters came to the forest and each one cut a tree down. The first tree was made into a feedbox, the second tree was made into a small fishing boat and the third tree was made into strong beams, and taken to a lumberyard. At this time, the 3 trees almost forgot about their dreams. The feedbox ended up in a barn. A young woman put her newborn baby in the feedbox, and at that moment, the first tree they knew that she was holding someone very important. That baby turned out to be the most treasured baby in the world. The small fishing boat took a tired traveler and his friends out into a lake and a storm came up. The boat was thrashing, and the tired traveler woke up and said “Peace”, the lake went still, and the tree knew that they were carrying a man who would change the world. The third tree was carried through an angry crowd, and she shuttered when a man’s hands were nailed to her. She didn’t feel very good about that. But on a Sunday morning, the ground shook and it made the third tree strong, and she knew that God’s love had changed everything. She didn’t care that she wasn’t the largest tree in the world. The moral of the story is, that even though our lives may not go as planned, God has a plan for each one of us.

Don also read to Session the “Recipe of Life” Poem that he had learned from a culinary teacher up at South Hunterdon.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from May 17, 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-

The church received the Retail Food License Certificate valid from June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022, from the city. The license will be posted in the church kitchen. A **motion** for the Office Copy Machine service contract from Prior-Nami, for June 2021-June 2022 to be renewed was called and accepted. A copy of the contract is on file in the church office.

Calendar Highlights from June-September 2021:

For June, we move to the 9:20/9:30 am worship times on the 13th. The last scheduled Session Business Meeting is Monday June 21. There are no business meetings scheduled for July and August. There is a Session Prayer meeting scheduled via Zoom for Monday July 5th and Monday August 2nd at 7:00 pm. Dan will be out of the Office the week of August 8th. We will need someone to preach on that Sunday 8/8. September, we go back to our fall worship schedule on Sunday September 12th. We are also re-starting Sunday School on that Sunday at 9:00 am. Prelude Worship will start at 10:20, and with Worship at 10:30 am. Our September Business Meeting will be at Westminster House on 9/20 at 7:00 pm. Dan is out of the Office starting September 24 and he will be returning on October 8. Dan asked about 9/11, Patriot Day, and we explained that services for that date vary from year to year.

Book of Registry- The Session was made aware that Matt and Lauren Wiley transferred to Pennington Presbyterian Church from Lambertville Presbyterian, Lambertville NJ on May 24, 2021. A transfer certificate was obtained and is on file in the church office.

Worship and Music/Church Life-Karen Thatcher

Karen spoke with Bird and Hand Buffet to have after the trip to Sight & Sound in October of 2022 to see the production of *David*. A sign up will be put in the church when the date gets closer to see who is interested in attending. We also have a credit on our account from S&S which we can use for the 2022 show. Karen also spoke about possibly doing a couple of fundraisers to defray the cost. An idea of a soup sale during this upcoming LBL season and selling hot dogs at Shad Fest. We'll wait and see what the fundraisers bring in before we know how much to charge per person. The Pianist position is being worked on, Karen thanked Donna Zambella and Sue McCloughan in getting the job description out. Rich suggested in sending the job description to Carin University Music Department. Karen spoke with other pianists in the area and it will be sent to them, to go to their contacts. Karen asked to keep this in prayer. The Children's Time will be continued during the summer months. The Joint Service will be at Holcombe-Jimison Farm on Sunday July 4th at 10:00 am. A donation from each church will be made to the farm. The Handbell Choir will be playing this year. It is going to be a catered lunch, but some churches will be providing their own.

Communion on August 1st- Russ Topping brought up that we should go back to doing communion the way it was done before. The bread and juice being handed out to the congregation in the pews. With the Elders serving and the Deacons to get it ready. This should be happening on 8/1/21.

During worship on July 31st- Nick Armano will be talking to the congregation about his future endeavors, and Rich will be giving him a scholarship check. Nick's name will be included on the plaque that is outside of the Sanctuary, as with the past scholarship recipients.

Building and Grounds- Don Pidcock

The Façade will be worked on soon. Addie made a bid to work on the kitchen, which was accepted, so Addie and Joanne to organize signs, cleaning and painting the walls, the cabinets are not being painted at this time. Looking at the lighting, and fixing if needed. To replace the floor is a separate bid. Don will get in touch with Heather McIntyre to see what else should be done with the kitchen. The plaque for Dr. Henry, Don will research a price and get back to Session. Rich and Karen gave ideas who we could contact to do the plaque. An example would be Crown Trophy.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins

Rich went over the Year-to Date Summary from 1/1-6/21/21, we are down \$1925.68 in our plate offering. Our investments are going well, the PPP loan, is a grant if we use it for our payroll. This is to offset our budget. The Lowell Hunter Estate is still being worked on by the State of NJ. Dan's contract for June 2021-2022 is being renewed by Session. Rich will get Dan's new contract to him. The Boy Scouts are not meeting here for now, but Rich will contact Brian Claus, the leader of Troop 49, to see when they may be coming back to use the church gym. Rich will keep Sue in the office informed of when they may be returning.

Sunday School/Youth Group-Don Pidcock

The Sunday School for all ages will be resuming at 9:00 am on September 12. The individual Sunday School classes have not been established as yet. The possible teachers for this year are: Heather P., Jen, Suzanne, Danielle, LaNelle, and Don. Rich will be teaching the Adult Sunday School. More information to come soon. Dan will be doing a letter to the Sunday School children. We usually have 28+ children attending Sunday School. Karen talked about the music for the children's Sunday School. Maybe have the Crystal Bells play in church, children's hymns. Stephen will be asked to play piano for the beginning of children's Sunday School. Karen is also going to ask Pat D., if she will be teaching this year.

We thanked Karen for her voice and song, this past Sunday.

Moderator Time-Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan asked how we can reach beyond our walls, a vision of how can this be done? The best way to bring people in? Some ideas were, a personal invitation to parents of our Sunday School children to come to church. Being involved in the community, Shad Fest, bake sales, before Thanksgiving soup sales, possible roller skating, to name a few. Having the Elders and Deacons going out into the community, inviting a neighbor to "come join us." Having the Session brainstorm ideas on how to get more people to come in, while at our monthly meeting. This will be ongoing.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday June 6, 2021.

How there is still hope-Rich Hopkins

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.

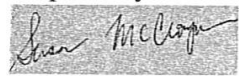
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the September Meeting is: Karen Thatcher, and is followed by Russ Topping and Pat Durborow.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session