



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,

I hope you've enjoyed your summer, and I'd love to hear more about your travels, including any road trips you've been on. Our Christian lives are also like a road trip – with Jesus – when we follow him as disciples. But we're on a road trip with a mission, not merely a vacation trip. We've been reflecting on this on Sunday mornings, looking at Luke's account of Jesus's road-trip-with-a-mission to Jerusalem along with his first disciples.

As disciples of Jesus, our lives are given great purpose and significance as we follow him and join in his healing work of drawing all people to himself. As Jesus calls us to single-minded devotion to himself above every other gift we've been given – above every person in our families, above every opportunity we have, and above our every possession – we are blessed both by his faithful companionship and by having lives that matter.

And Jesus promises us:

Truly I tell you ... there is no one who has left house or wife
or brothers or parents or children,
for the sake of the kingdom of God,
who will not get back much more in this age,
and in the age to come eternal life. (Luke 18:29-30)

Even more, our journey with Jesus will change us. The apostle Paul tells us that God is at work, conforming us to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29).

What more could we ask for?

In the love of Jesus,
Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Hi Everyone!

Your submissions for the newsletters are very much appreciated. The submissions are due to the Church Office on the 20th of each month. I will be out of the Office from Friday October 14th and will be returning on Tuesday October 18th.

“Grace be with you all.” *Hebrews 13:25*

Sincerely,
Sue



Church News:



We will be having Care & Share after church on Sunday October 2nd. If you are interested in hosting a future Care & Share, please reach out to Karen Thatcher.

Please see the upcoming bulletins and calendars for our Accompanists.

The Ladies' Bible Study will be on Wednesdays in October at 3:00 pm.

The trip to see *David* at Sight and Sound is Saturday October 15th in Lancaster, PA. There will be a luncheon at Bird and Hand Buffet following the show. The bus will be at the CVS parking in Lambertville at 7:30 am, and will be leaving promptly at 8:00! Thank you.

The gates to the garden and cemetery will be closed from Saturday 10/28 until Tuesday 11/1.

Information regarding the trip to the Dominican Republic:

Pat Durborow, Carin & Dillon Gallagher, Terry Peck, Coorie & Desre Pidcock, Heather Pursell and Chuck & Crystal Robertson will be going on a mission trip to Santiago, Dominican Republic this fall. We will be partnering with Students International (SI) from November 5th-12th, 2022.

Each of us will be working alongside year-round missionaries in the areas of social work, health care, water filters and sports throughout the week. We would like you to partner in prayer with us as we are preparing for this trip.

There is a suitcase in the back of the Sanctuary for donations. Thank you.

Come One, Come All!

We are seeking ideas for Friday Nights. Put on your thinking caps. Adults, kids, and parents, your thoughts are very important!! We will be having a meeting soon regarding the new look of Friday Night Hang. What do you think? Some sort of refreshments will be supplied, yum!

We do need volunteers, but right now we need ideas and prayers. Let's get together and get 'er done!! Please contact Pat Durborow, at 609-651-7388, for more details!

God be Glorified!!

Ministry and Outreach:

News From Your Missions Team~

Greetings from your Missions Team! We hope all of you had a blessed summer and now, as Fall is upon us, we'd like to share a few words as we begin the new church year.

The 3rd Sunday of each month is Missions Sunday and with your kind generosity, we hope to continue supporting our local missionary, Terry Slemmer, as well as Grace Morillo in Colombia, and John and Aruna Desai, with ISI in Princeton.

Sarah Tielmann has returned to the States after doing mission work in Bogota, Colombia this past year. Upon her return, she was assigned to a Cru team to work on college campuses in Baltimore, Maryland. There is a big need for staff to serve on 5 different college campuses in that area. Sarah appreciates all of the support she has received thus far from our church family. She has a real heart for the Lord and desires to continue sharing the gospel with college students. If you feel led to help Sarah with her ongoing ministry, please see a Missions Team member for further information.

The 38th Annual ISI (International Students-Princeton) Garage Give-Away was a HUGE success! The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day and as a result, there were 103 international students from 30 countries who attended the give-away. It was reported that about 80+ volunteers from at least 21 churches were on hand to help out. As always, we are extremely grateful to our church family for your prayers and for your ongoing support. We are also grateful to Niece Lumber for allowing us the use of their box truck that day. A special thanks to Phil and Stephen, who were a great help with transporting the items and working with us at the garage give-away. Addie reported that we took about 23 bicycles (a hot item with the students!) with us over to the give-away that morning. Both John & Aruna Desai and Bob & Carrie Louer were grateful for the success of the give-away. Bob stated, "It was a wonderful way to begin laying the foundation for God to move among Princeton's international grad students as they start the new school year." To God be the glory, great things He has done! Amen!

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

Greetings From Your Church Deacons!

Fall is upon us as God's infinite beauty. It surrounds us in all its majesty. As we say farewell to spring and summer with its own grandeur, we bid them goodbye, and say thank you.

We now look forward to new beauties of nature and new activities into our lives. We sincerely hope and pray that one of those activities, for you and your family, will bring you back into our church family. We love you all, and continue to pray for you in all of your endeavors. In God's love, your church deacons.

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



The Cross: Our Statue of Liberty

In July, Billy Graham's daughter did a brief study on three points of our Liberty as Christians:

1. Freedom from Self (Our Old Nature):

Please read-

I John 1:8-9

Romans 7:5-25

As a Christian, living according to the spirit is not optional.

Please read-

Romans 8:1-39

Galatians 5:16-18,

Philippians 4:8

2. Freedom from Sin:

Please read-

Galatians 5:24-26

Ephesians 4:21-32

3. Freedom from Satan:

Please read-

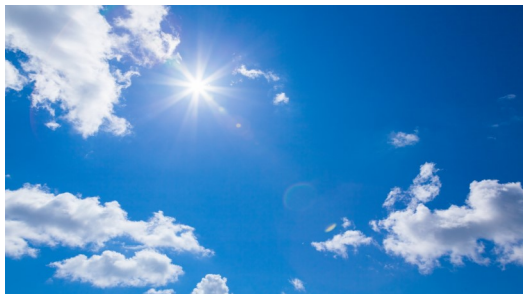
Isaiah 14:12-17

James 4:7

I John 3:7-10

Just as Lady Liberty in New York Harbor offers hope and freedom to those who seek it. Even more so God offers an everlasting hope and redemption through the Cross of Jesus.

Joanne DiBlasi



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

27 Giana Vaccarino



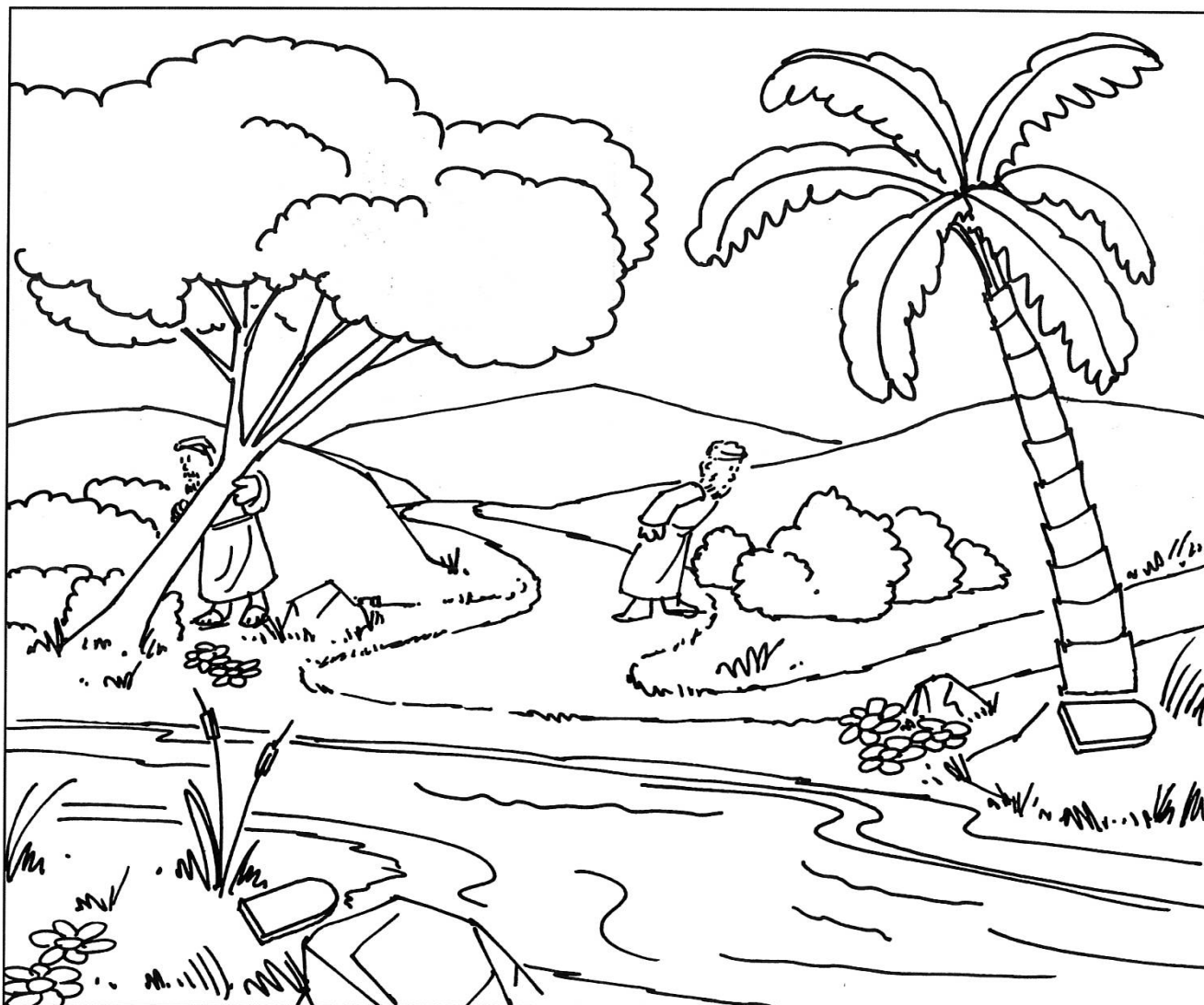
Just for Kids...



THE NEARNESS OF GOD'S WORD DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20

Moses told the people that the Word of God was not hard to find or too far away. God had already given it to them!

Help the people find the tablets. Circle the 2 tablets.
Color the picture.



Name _____

Old Testament Lesson #61

October Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

Oct. 2– Communion/Joanne DiBlasi

Oct. 9– Don Pidcock

Oct. 16– Karen Thatcher

Oct. 23– Russ Topping

Oct. 30– Joanne DiBlasi

Deacon Schedule

Oct. 2– Communion/ *Phil McCloughan (**Stair Glide**), Heather Pursell

Oct. 9– LaNelle Gallagher

Oct. 16– Gail Armitage

Oct. 23– LaNelle Gallagher

Oct. 30- Jen Chernoski

Greeting Schedule

Oct. 2– Gail Armitage

Oct. 9– Karen Armano

Oct. 16– TBD

Oct. 23– TBD

Oct. 30- Donna Zambella

**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 and via Zoom
June 20, 2022 Session Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Insurance Review from the Duryea Agency 6:30 PM

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Don Pidcock Russ Topping	Karen Thatcher	Joanne DiBlasi 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 June Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

Devotion – Joanne DiBlasi

New DNA in Jesus: Read Ephesians 4:17-32 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

We are told to put off the old self and put on the new self, and to be set apart for Christ. The June 16 Daily Bread Devotional talks about a man who had a life saving bone marrow transplant. Four years after the procedure, a blood test revealed that the DNA in his blood was that of the donor, instead of his own. Even the swabs of his cheeks, lips and tongue, showed the donors DNA. In some ways he became someone else.

We need to ask ourselves, how has Jesus changed me inwardly? If we ask ourselves that question and don't have an answer, then something is wrong. As a church, as Elders, as Deacons, is our "Spiritual DNA" that of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, or is it that of the compromised false gospel around us. May we strive to stay faithful to God's righteous words.

Around the Room - The Elders, Dan and myself went around the room and shared our concerns. Dan closed this section with prayer.

Moderator Time - Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan spoke of having discipleship groups for everyone in our congregation, as well as the greater community. We as a church should make what we have available to engage the people on our membership rolls. We should regularly pray and support each other. Dan asked the elders, if they had reached out to the men and youth on the care lists, to see if they would like to be in a group here at the church. All the elders said that they had, and different things were discussed. Dan asked about a possible men's and youth groups. Joanne and Don reached out, and will work on this more over the summer. Dan asked that Russ and Don be the point of contact of the men's

group. Also, a mixed men's and women's group was mentioned by Karen. Dan also asked for something regular, maybe two times per month.

Heather spoke about the youth, and that she would reach out to LaNelle Gallagher to see which parents of our youth would be interested to form a committee on who could lead the youth, and to have the kids meet on a regular basis. Dan specifically asked about youth in grades 5th-12th, and whether we will need a pastoral or lay person to lead? Dan then asked Heather to take the point of contact on for the youth.

Dan was proposing 3 more weeks that he will be away. The weeks of July 31st, September 18th and November 20th. A Sunday replacement will need to be found. He asked for prayer and conversation on who will come to do the sermon.

The July 3rd Service- There are five pastors and six congregations involved with the joint service. The service will help to connect the other pastors as well as the congregations. It will also help with spiritual and personal connections. The churches involved are: First Pres. Of Lambertville, Kirkpatrick in Ringoes, Larison's Corner, Mt. Airy, Stockton and Titusville. Karen suggested at the joint service, we should reach out to the other congregations regarding the Hymn Sings at Mt. Airy, and the bell choir at First Pres, to see if more people would be interested in joining these. This would be a blessing to all.

Dan talked to Session regarding the visit by Jean Radek. She is the leader of our Presbytery. She would like to come this summer, and get to know us, as well as preach a sermon. The date will be Sunday July 17th. Joanne Dorrow and Stephen McCloughan will be asked to be our accompanists for that day.

6:30 pm-Dennis and Stephanie Durvea from the Durvea Insurance Agency

Both are here to do an Insurance Review, as well as discuss the Sexual Abuse and Molestation Policy that is required to be in place by our Presbytery. A handout was given regarding what are current policies here at the church. Franklin Mutual which we have for most of our insurance needs, does not currently have a stand-alone policy for Sexual Abuse and Molestation, so Dennis and Stephanie have been looking for another carrier for that policy. They along with Karen, have found a stand-alone policy, and we will be adding the company USLI for the Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage. The policy is on file in the church office.

Dennis brought up that the Presbytery should be in on, or recommend who should give our Elders/Deacons training for an Active Shooting course in case the need arises. Dan said he would check with the Presbytery on this. This part of the meeting ended at 6:55 pm, and closed in prayer.

7:00 pm-Continuation of the Session Business Meeting.**Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box** - Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: A **motion** was called to approve the minutes from May 16, 2022. All were in favor. The minutes will be sent to Sue/Church Office to be printed in the Book of Minutes and to be included in the Church Newsletter. A **motion** was called to approve the Annual Congregational Report Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2022. All were in favor. The minutes will be sent to Sue in the Church Office to be printed in the Book of Minutes.

Mail Box- We have received our yearly inspection from FM Global regarding our boilers here at the church. We have passed, and have received our certificates from the state of NJ. These certificates will be put by each boiler and copies of them will be on file in the Church Office. Our Annual 2021 Session Minutes Review that is required by the Presbytery have come back and have been approved with exceptions. The 1st exception is due to our church will need to have a “Manual of Administrative Operations” in place, which Heather and I will work on over the summer. The 2nd exception is regarding the “Child and Youth Protection Policy” is in place, which the Session is currently working on. More to come of these at future meetings. A thank you note and donation was given to the church by the Simmons family for their son Andey, who used the gym during the spring.

Updated Elder Assisting and Care lists to be sent out to Session over the summer.

Calendar Highlights from July- September 2022:

Communion Sundays are on 7/3-at Holcombe-Jimison, 8/7 and 9/4. The joint service is scheduled for July 3rd with a picnic to follow. The Hodgson/Brazzi rehearsal and wedding, will be taking place on Friday July 15th and Saturday July 16th. Dan will be away the week of July 25th, and Rich Hopkins will be giving the sermon on July 31st. During July and August, our prelude is 9:20 and worship at 9:30 am. The last Sunday for these times is Sunday September 4th. Joanne will give Sue the dates for Women’s Bible Study over the summer. The Bible Study will resume its regular Wednesday schedule on September 7th at 3:00 pm. Prelude and worship go back to the 10:20/10:30 am time on September 11th. Sunday School most likely be starting later in the fall. The Session Prayer at 7:00 pm will be moved to Monday Sept. 12th due to the Labor Day holiday. Dan is away on Sunday September 18th, there will be a need for someone to do the sermon on that day. The Session Business monthly meetings will restart on Monday Sept. 19th at 7:00 pm.

Worship and Music/Church Life – Joanne DiBlasi/Karen Thatcher

Insurance Review- Karen spoke and thought that this went well. Dennis from the Duryea Agency has retired. The Duryea Agency will be sending an email to Karen regarding the Sexual Abuse and Molestation policy, which she will forward to the Session.

Children’s Time- Joanne spoke that the Children’s Time is continuing, and Pat Durborow will be helping with these as well. Dan will be continuing to do the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will keep the “Children’s Time” listed in the bulletin, even if there are no children at the worship service.

Joanne DiBlasi will send out the monthly birthday cards to the congregation, that was previously done by Carol Griffiths.

Sight & Sound- Is paid for, and Karen is collecting the money for the tickets from the congregation. There are still a few tickets left. It will cost each person \$100.00 each. This includes the show, lunch and the bus. The bus rental is being worked on, and we are waiting for an invoice from the bus company.

Accompanist/Pianist- We are continuing to look for a Part-Time Accompanist/Music Director. Karen spoke that we have a person of interest possibly coming to our church service on 6/12 to see what our church is about. That person wasn't able to make our service that day, but Karen and Sue will reach out to see if they are still interested in coming. For August, September and October, Karen will reach out to see who can substitute for Sundays. Joanne suggested to talk to those who are involved in music, and to continue to pray and be patient, for someone who would like the position as well as to worship with us. Karen and Don just to say "go with the flow."

Building and Grounds – Don Pidcock

The Organ was discussed, and Sue contacted Steve Emery see when he can come to tune the organ. The price of \$1000-1200.00 was given to Sue by Steve. This amount was discussed and Session said to go ahead with the organ tune-up. We are waiting to hear from Steve on when he can come. More follow-up at the September meeting.

Budget and Finance – Heather McIntyre

Heather went over the Year-to-Date Summary from 1/1- 6/20/22 and we are over \$2890.25 in our plate offering. The Lowell Hunter Estate, Heather spoke with Rich Hopkins who talked with Bill Buchanan, and there was no progress on the estate. Hopefully more information will be talked about at the September Business Meeting. Boy Scouts-Heather has been working on this regarding the lawsuit, and has been corresponding with emails to Ellen O'Connell. Ellen is on record as our Attorney through the Presbytery. More information as it becomes available.

Terms of Call for Pastor Dan Dorrow- His contract comes due this month. Dan left the meeting at this time. Session discussed and a **motion** was called to renew Dan's contract and salary increase, as well as his time off. All were in favor. Pastor will be notified regarding his contract. Dan's contract is voted on yearly.

Sunday School/Junior Deacons – Joanne DiBlasi/Don Pidcock

Joanne spoke that teachers are needed for grades 3-5, and Don said that we would need 2 adult women teachers. More to follow about the Children's Sunday School. Junior Deacons were not discussed tonight.

Missions – Russ Topping

Russ spoke about how the Missions Team will be re-evaluating who they support, in their next meeting. The ISI Garage Giveaway was mentioned, and is happening in late August. John and Aruna Desai are stepping down from being the main point of contacts. Bob and Carrie Louer are now the main POCs for ISI.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday June 5, 2022.

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic- Don Pidcock spoke of the trip which will be happening in November 2022. Our church will be collecting items to be brought on the trip. Don will have more information soon.

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.

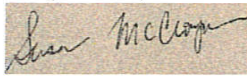
Prayer Meetings- Will be held on Mondays during the summer. These meetings will be to prepare for September. Members will be sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will continue on Zoom. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation- For the September Meeting is: Heather McIntyre and the October meeting is Don Pidcock.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session