

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

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

**From Our Elder ~ Phil McCloughan**

***Matthew 7:24-25***

“Everyone then, who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Be Thankful The Lord Our God has given us the ability to labor for our own good. To be able to build Shelter on Solid Ground using his love and word as the cornerstone. To believe in him and understand his word. With the changing of the Seasons and Winter coming to warm your hearts with Jesus. Bring Jesus into your Life, Homes and Family.

The Work you do will be gratifying and fulfilling with Jesus by your side!

## “From the Office”

A continued thank you to all the Elders who have contributed for our front page, and to the congregation who submitted their information to our Church Newsletter, it is greatly appreciated. How time flies! Stephen is a Senior this year, and it's a busy one so far, for sure! I will be attending a Clerk of Session training meeting via Zoom on Saturday October 7th, this is done yearly for the Clerks. The Presbytery will be going over the revised Book of Order that had just come out this past July.

We will most likely be starting up with Bell Choir in early November, if anyone is interested in joining us, please reach out to me. New bell members are always welcomed. Submissions for the Newsletter are due around the 20th of the month. Thank you!

Sue




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## Church News:



Communion will be on October 1st it is World Wide Communion Sunday, and Pastor Peter Gregory will be here.

Care & Share will continue on Sundays after the Worship Service. Thank you Dawn and Anthony!

Riverside Symphonia will be here on Friday and Saturday October 14th, with the 14th being their concert at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature Angela Brown, Soprano.

The gates to the Garden and Cemetery will be closed from Monday October 30th to Wednesday November 1st.

The Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic is from November 4th to the 11th. Please see the suitcase in the back of the Sanctuary for the collection of needed items. The last day to bring your items is Sunday October 29th. If you need information on what items are being collected, you can call the Church Office. Thank you!

Please see the weekly bulletins for the Sermon and Accompanist schedules.

## *Ministry and Outreach:*

### **News From Your Missions Team~**

“We’ve a message to give to the nations—that the Lord who reigneth above; Hath sent us His Son to save us; And show us that God is love; And show us that God is love.”

(We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations – Matthew 24:14)

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On Sunday, September 24, we welcomed Bob and Carrie Louer, Campus Directors of ISI (International Students, Inc.), to speak to us during a Moment for Missions. They gave us an overview of the work they are doing among international students on the Princeton University campus. The Louers spoke about the success of the Garage Give-Away that was held the end of August. There, they were able to welcome new students and as they said, “Such life-on-life engagements allow time for a Christian and an international to become friends. Unforced spiritual conversations can naturally bubble up. Here, the Body of Christ can be at its best—gently blessing students and sharing the Gospel in word and deed.” Bob and Carrie have continued the work of John and Aruna Desai, who founded ISI Princeton in 1976. The Desai’s have been appointed to be Global Specialists and now work with a Global Reach Team as part of ISI. They have wholeheartedly welcomed the Louer’s to go forward with their work on campus with ISI Princeton. We are happy to offer our support to the them and even more importantly, our prayers, as they interact with international students and do the wonderful work of sharing the gospel in the Name of Jesus.

Also, on behalf of the Missions Team, a check went out to help support the group who will be going to the Dominican Republic in November. As always, we are grateful to the church family for its ongoing generosity and support of our missionaries. Please remember to keep them all in prayer!

### **Your Missions Team:**

**Addie Andino, Gail Armitage, Konni Sandford, Russ Topping and Donna Zambella**

## Ministry and Outreach Cont...

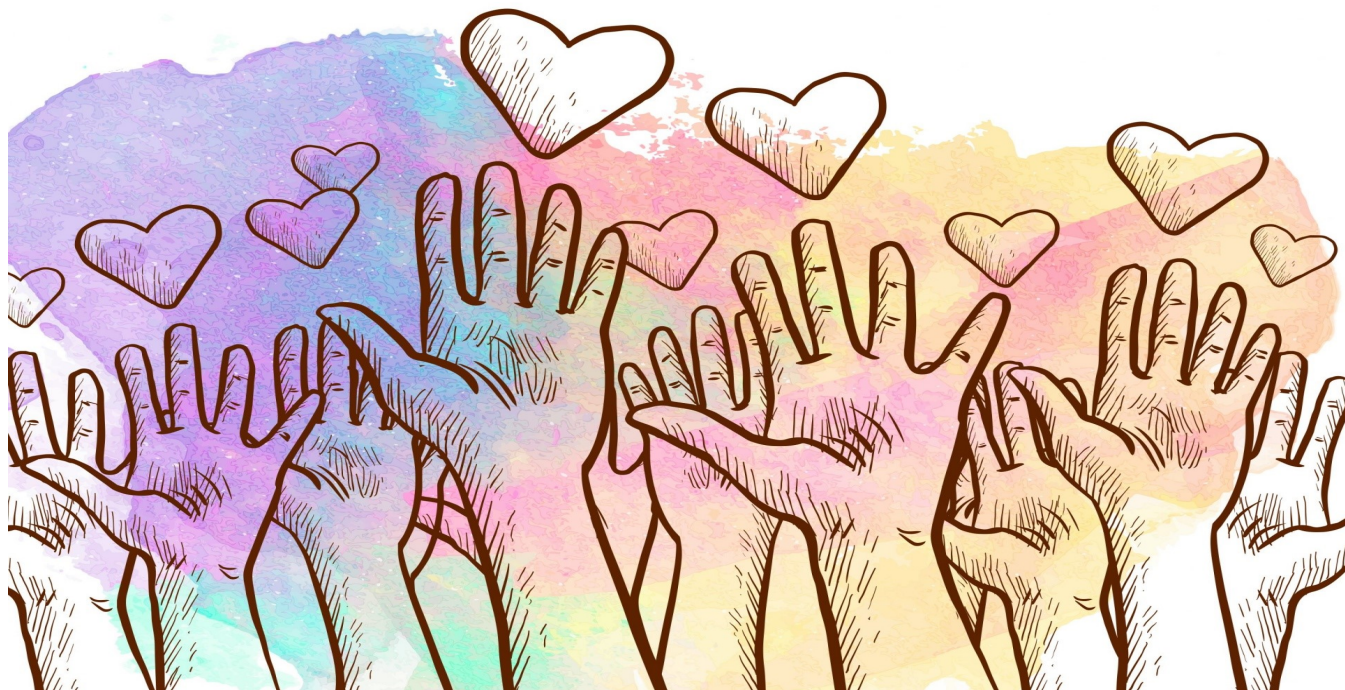
### **Greetings from your Deacons...**

As we enter the fall season, we think of the activities the church will be involved in, and what they individually mean to us all. We count our blessings, especially you, and remind you that as always, you are in our prayers and should you need us for anything, we are here for you.

Our “Junior Deacons” program has been going well, and we hope to continue with it.

**As with all things, with God’s love and guidance, with our love and prayers.**

**Gail Armitage, Jen Chernoski, Heidi Danberry, LaNelle Gallagher,  
Terry Peck and Heather Pursell.**



October Birthdays

10 Brian Fisher

17 Giana Griffiths

20 Pat Warford

22 Jessica Cummings

23 Chase Stratuik

24 Nate McIntyre

25 Craig Reading

27 Bo Hartpence

27 Diana Pursell

30 Giana Vaccarino





Just for Kids...

CHILDREN'S  
**BIBLE**  
ACTIVITY SHEETS

GOD IS AWESOME

PSALM 66

“**S**hout with joy to God, all the earth!”



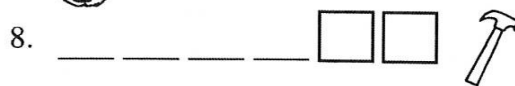
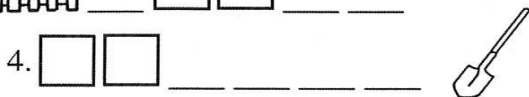
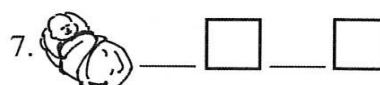
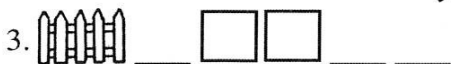
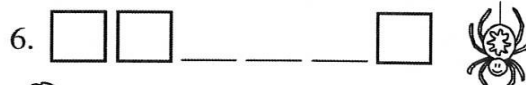
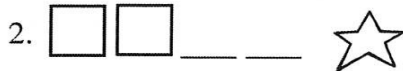
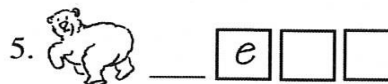
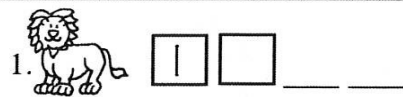
Psalm 66 is a song of praise to God.  
Use these musical symbols to find the opening words of this psalm.



CODE				
= A	= G	= K	= O	<i>pp</i> = T
= D	= H	= L	= P	<i>r</i> = U
= E	= I	= M	<i>f</i> = R	= W
= F	= J	= N	<i>ff</i> = S	= Y

Musical notation puzzle using the code above. The symbols are arranged on a staff to spell out the opening words of Psalm 66: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth!"

What does Psalm 66 say God does for us?  
Write the name of each picture. Then transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.



God l \_\_\_\_\_ and e \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **October Assisting Schedules:**

### **Elder Schedule**

Oct. 1– **Communion**/Don Pidcock  
Oct. 8– Phil McCloughan  
Oct. 15– Karen Thatcher  
Oct. 22– Joanne DiBlasi  
Oct. 29– Pat Durborow

### **Deacon Schedule**

Oct. 1- **Communion**/\*Heather Pursell, (**Stair Glide**), Gail Armitage  
Oct. 8– Terry Peck  
Oct. 15– Gail Armitage  
Oct. 22– Heidi Danberry  
Oct. 29– LaNelle Gallagher

### **Greeting Schedule**

Oct. 1– Connie Fisher  
Oct. 8 - Carol Griffiths  
Oct. 15– Donna Zambella  
Oct. 22– Joan Yannarella  
Oct. 29– Sue McCloughan

**If you unable to serve your scheduled dates,  
please find a replacement and contact the church office.**

**Schedules are subject to change**

**Thank you!**

**Session Minutes**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville**  
**Westminster House**  
**June 19, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Class of 2024**

Don Pidcock

Karen Thatcher

**Class of 2025**

Joanne DiBlasi

Heather McIntyre

**Class of 2026**

Pat Durborow

Phil McCloughan

Rev. Brad Morgan, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

**Present:** Joanne DiBlasi, Pat Durborow, Phil McCloughan, Heather McIntyre,  
 Karen Thatcher and Rev. Brad Morgan

**Excused:** Don Pidcock

**Welcome:** Reverend Morgan, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the  
 June 19, 2023 Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

**Devotion** – Joanne DiBlasi

***1 Peter 2:1-12***

God demands that we approach every aspect of life with honesty and integrity. In the secular world, there is no real accountability for one's actions. But as believers, all our words, thoughts, actions, and motives come to light by the Holy Spirit.

Integrity is a daily challenge and is not always easy.

***Isaiah 43:1***

With this verse, God is giving each of us a “Pep Talk”, filled with love, confidence and security.

Let's be accountable to one another and strive for integrity in our daily walk of faith.

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

**Moderator Time** - Rev. Brad Morgan

Brad asked “**Where did God show up most during this past church year?**” The Elders went around the room and there were no wrong answers. Some of the answers were: Shad Fest brought us together, and every hand was on deck. Shad Fest went smoothly. Our special music is important every week. On Sunday mornings once the service starts, it changes your whole being, and let the Holy Spirit take you away (when you walk through the doors.) God shows up when you least expect it, and God wants us to worship and everyone in our church has a part. Brad remarked that these comments were a testimony in itself. These remarks were to propel a vision for us.



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

**Review of Minutes:** A **motion** was called to approve the minutes from May 15, 2023. 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.

**Mail Box/Clerk Correspondence-** Steve Emery has sent a follow-up letter regarding the organ on May 30<sup>th</sup>. I will get back to him and let him know that we would like him to come at a much later date. I will keep Session informed of the progress. The June Pulpit Supply List was printed from the Presbytery's website, and handed out to Session. The Pulpit Supply list will be handed out at the monthly meetings on a regular basis. We received a post card from Bob Heath of the Gideons, that they prayed for our congregation on June 3, 2023.

We've received our Inspection Certificates from the State of NJ regarding our boilers, they have passed inspections and the certificates will be put down by the boilers. Copies of the certificates will be in the church office. The church has also received their Retail Food License for 2023-2024, with the original certificate placed in the Kitchen and a copy in the office. **LPS is still interested in using our gym for the 2023-2024 school year on Mondays and Fridays. Jim Troutman is the point of contact, and he will be getting back to me with more information, as soon as it becomes available.** The Elders were asked to each take a month for the cover page for the monthly newsletter. Sept.-Joanne, Oct.- Phil, Nov.-Karen, Dec.-Pat, Feb.-Heather and March-Don.

### **Calendar Highlights from July-September 2023**

Communion is scheduled for 7/2 at Holcombe-Jimison, 8/6 with John Desai and 9/3 with Peter Gregory. The July 2<sup>nd</sup> service at Holcombe-Jimison there will be a free will offering as a donation for Holcombe-Jimison. Sue will be sending out an email to Centenary Methodist to see if they would like to attend the joint service for this year. Phil will reach out next year to Sandy Ridge church for next year to see if they would like to attend the joint service. Care & Share will be continuing. See the upcoming bulletins for who is scheduled to give the Sermons and our Accompanists. Our summer schedule started on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The 10:30 am service will be starting back on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Don will let Sue in the office know when the Sunday School will be starting back. The Session Prayer meeting for August is 8/7 and September is 9/11 at 7:00 pm. The Ladies' Bible Study will be continuing on Wednesdays through the summer months at 2:00 pm. On Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Joint Service at 10:00 am with the River Churches, and bring your own picnic with something to share, after the service. The Trenton Thunder game is 7/29 at 6:30 pm. The Gym will be in use by our congregation on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The trip to see Moses at Sight & Sound is on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Session Minutes Review for 2022-** This was done by Sue and sent to the Presbytery on 5/18/23. We received our approval in June 2023 with an exception of not having a "Commissioner to the Presbytery." The commissioner is supposed to be an elected Session Member (Ruling Elder) so they can go to the Presbytery meetings and report back to Session. At this Business Meeting, a **motion** was put forth to elect Phil McCloughan as our Commissioner to the Presbytery. All were in favor. There are usually six meetings per year, and more information to Phil regarding what is required for the meetings are to follow.

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

**Insurance Review/Morgan Stanley-** Karen spoke about this, to let Session know that Stephanie Duryea will come to give us our insurance review most likely in October 2023. Heather spoke with Tim Stevens about our investments with Morgan Stanley. He will most likely come to speak with Session in the fall as well.

**Children's Time-** Joanne spoke and let us know this is going well. Pat will be giving the Children's Sermon on 6/25.

**Sight & Sound-** The show and bus have been paid for. We are having Stoudt's Bus for the trip. The trip will be taking place on 9/23/23. People going on the trip will be asked to meet in the CVS-Lambertville parking lot at 7:15 am.

**Accompanist/Pianist-** Karen talked about the August Accompanists. Andrew Monath is no longer available for our list. We had a resume from Josephine Marchitto, and she came to see our service and was asked to play for us sometime in August. Our job description is still on the "Call Finders" page on our Presbytery's website.

**Building and Grounds** – Pat Durborow/Phil McCloughan/Don Pidcock

The **new technology** to Livestream on YouTube is ongoing. Our church has received the grant from the Presbytery for getting updated equipment. Phil suggested that we get our new equipment soon. Sue will ask Stephen McCloughan to reach out to Don Pidcock to have him help get the process started on the new equipment for the Livestream.

**Martinez Landscaping-** Pat spoke about this, and she called them to remove a branch that had fallen, and they came promptly and took it away. Martinez will be coming sometime in July to do yard maintenance. What they are doing looks good.

**Church Roof-** Was discussed, we will get bids on fixing it, as well as the gutter system. More information to follow.

**Bathroom in Westminster House-** Was not discussed at this time.

**Skating and Friday Night Hang** was not discussed tonight.

**Church Organ-** Was discussed earlier. Phil suggested, and he did say that where the organ pipes are, the roof may be leaking there. We will have the organ serviced after the Sanctuary roof is completed.

**Hallway in Church-** Maybe to paint to brighten up the hallway, and to hang a few more pictures there.

**Budget and Finance** – Heather McIntyre

Our Year-to-Date Summary was given out and was discussed, from 1/1-6/19/23, and we are over in our Plate \$206.30.

**Lowell Hunter Estate-** There has been no update at this time, but Heather will keep Session informed of any progress.

**Usage of the Gym for LPS during the 2023-2024 School year-** Was discussed earlier, and an amount of \$480.00 per month was agreed upon by Session at the May meeting.

**Westminster House Heating System-** Heather will reach out to Justin at Elizabethtown Gas regarding the heating system.

**Wells Fargo Bank-** Is closing it's Lambertville location. Heather is looking to get some of our funds back, these were taken out by Wells Fargo. Heather M. and Debbie Crow are looking to get us into another bank. Some names of other banks for us to move to were: Santander, First National and TD Bank. Heather will be getting back to Session about this in September.

**Unclaimed Funds-** Heather has been working on this, and money will be coming back to our church. Sue will let Heather know when the check comes.

**Per Capita-** Heather will reach out to Rich Hopkins regarding this and will update Session.

**Boy Scouts-** No updates at this time.

**Sunday School/Junior Deacons** – Joanne DiBlasi

**Sunday School-** Not discussed at this time.

**Junior Deacons-** Some of our young people are participating in the church services.

**Missions** – Joanne DiBlasi

The Missions Team had a meeting in June. Joanne is waiting for information. Missions is waiting for a confirmation to see if the check that was sent to De La Vega was received.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** Was on Sunday June 4, 2023 and performed by Pastor Peter Gregory.

**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 the first Monday of each month. Members will be sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will be in person. For those who cannot make in person, a livestream will be available. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour. Prayer meetings will be held over the summer on July 10 and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

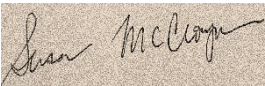
**Session Business Meetings-** This is the last Session Business Meeting until September. The Session Business Meetings will resume starting on Monday September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**Session Devotion Rotation-** The devotion for the September meeting is Pat Durborow, October is Phil McCloughan, and November is Heather McIntyre.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm and was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan  
Clerk of Session