

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 Lambertville Church Family,

I feel so blessed by the Lord to have been called to be your pastor!

I am truly grateful that we've been able to meet in our large, air conditioned sanctuary during this pandemic – a great gift to us in a time when many other congregations are able to worship together only online. It's been a joy to begin the process of getting to know each one of you, even as wearing our masks and keeping a safe distance has made our interactions a bit awkward and difficult at times – especially for those of us (like me) who are a bit hard of hearing! Here is my goal, for me and for all of us: to “bear with one another in love” as we ask the Holy Spirit for an extra measure of humility, gentleness, and patience, and to “make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:2-3).

I'm re-printing below the session's guidelines, recently sent out by e-mail, for protection against Covid-19. Our primary goal is everyone's health and safety, for ourselves and also for friends and family members with whom we come into contact. Our hope is that, by making our safety measures clear and following them, as many of us as possible will feel comfortable in joining together for worship, even as we trust the Holy Spirit to guide each of us in our week-by-week decisions. My prayer is that everyone feels comfortable and part of our church family whether they feel led to join us in person or remain at home.

1. Please stay home if you are sick, have a fever, have been around someone potentially exposed to Covid-19, or are still under a 14-day quarantine following travel to a state on the NJ travel advisory list.
2. Please wear a mask covering your nose and mouth at all times while you are inside of our building and maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from people who are not members of your household.
3. Please exit our building after our service has finished to have fellowship time outdoors unless you have a scheduled meeting or other reason to remain inside.

From the Pastor's Pen cont...

I'd like us to understand these guidelines as a way of serving the Lord Jesus by loving our neighbors, taking extra effort and making sacrifices for the well-being of others. Just as the Good Samaritan went out of his way to help a neighbor in need at his own inconvenience, and paid a cost to care for this wounded traveler, I want to encourage us to make sacrifices (staying home when it's prudent, wearing a mask, keeping appropriate distance, and minimizing indoor fellowship) to protect others from the spread of Covid-19.

We can look with hope and confidence to the Lord who is able to heal the nations of the world from this pandemic. The Lord is able to bring strength and recovery to those who are sick; comfort to the grieving; guidance for our scientists and doctors; sustenance for our medical personnel and caregivers; and protection for each one of us.

With great hope in Christ our Healer and Protector,

Dan

“From the Office”

Welcome back and I hope you had a good summer! It's been an interesting few months, and I am glad that we are back to in person worship! The 10:30 am service will be resuming on Sunday September 13th, after the Labor Day holiday. I will be in the office Tues.-Fridays from about 9:30 am-1:30 pm. If I am not in, please send me an email or leave me a message at the office. The bell choir will be resuming their practices sometime this month and I know we are looking forward to ringing for you this coming season! We welcome Pastor Dan and his wife Joanne, who joined us in July. Thank you to the congregation for their submissions to the newsletters., so we can keep them going!

Happy September and thank you again!

Sincerely,

Sue



Church News:

Sunday School for all ages has been postponed. The Session would like all to know that bringing back Sunday School sometime soon will be discussed at the September Business Meeting.

The Session Prayer Meeting is Monday September 7th at 7:00 pm.

Our trip to Sight and Sound will be taking place on Saturday November 14, 2020. to see Queen Esther. There are still some tickets available. If you are interested in attending and haven't signed up, and would like to attend, please contact Karen Thatcher-609- 397-8430 or the Church Office 609-397-0650.

The Ladies' Ensemble ia looking to start up at the beginning of September and we are reaching our to those interested. Please contact Becky Hopkins: rhopkins@comcast.net or Karen Thatcher: karenthatcher@yahoo.com

Ladies Bible Study~ Will be starting up sometime in September. More information to come at a later date.

The New Hope Community Church Youth Group~

Welcomes members from the Community Church of Lambertville to join in their bible study gatherings. The meeting days and locations vary during the summer months, but the participants meet regularly at local family homes for worship and camaraderie. Grades 6-12 are encouraged to come. Please contact Mark Dudick at 215-862-9288 if you are interested.



Ministry and Outreach:

News from our Missions Team~ As we begin the new church year in September, our Missions Team would like to share the following updates with our church family:

The Friendship Center for New Beginnings, in Flemington, NJ, is a Christian non-profit outreach ministry to single mothers. The Center is in need of diapers, baby wipes and baby shampoo for the mothers and their little ones who live there. Terry Slemmer, one of our missionaries, works with this group and has requested our help. We are happy to support Terry in this endeavor and have placed a box in the church lobby for donations of these much-needed items. The Missions Team will work with Terry to have these items delivered to the Friendship Center in mid-September.

The International Students' Annual Garage Give-Away, which is held every September in Princeton, NJ, has unfortunately been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. With the Lord's help, John and Aruna Desai are continuing their wonderful ministry during this time by reaching out to Princeton University students via ZOOM. Please keep these humble servants of the Lord in prayer!

The Missions Team has set aside the 3rd Sunday of each month as "Mission Sunday," at which time a collection will be taken to support the work of our missionaries: John and Aruna Desai, Grace Morillo, and Terry Slemmer. We hope to have a special speaker give a Moment for Missions at our worship each month. During these trying times, please remember to pray for our missionaries as they reach out to others in the Name of Jesus. May the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to give them perseverance, joy and His peace as they serve Him in the days ahead.

Please check-out the "Missions News" bulletin board located in the rear of the sanctuary for updates. The Missions Team is always looking for new members to join us. It is our earnest prayer that the Lord will continue to bless us as we are faithful to His call!

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

News from your Deacons~ God Bless every one of you, and please feel free to contact any one of us if you should need anything or have any concerns.

Your Deacons: Gail Armitage, Debbie Crow, Jessica Cummings, Danielle Griffiths, Phil McCloughan, Terry Peck and Heather Pursell.



Just Sayin'...

By Donald Pidcock

During the past several years I have had the need to remove several trees on my property due to the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer, which chews into the tree and the tree eventually dies. The tree then becomes a safety hazard and needs to be cut down. As the stumps on some of the trees are intact, new life has sprung out and now appears as though a new tree has been planted. I hope that maybe this is the case and the roots are strong enough to support the new branches that are sprouting.

Some tree roots are shallow and others are very deep into the ground. The shallow tree roots can be pulled out, toppling the tree when there are high winds, heavy rains or snowfalls, and loose soil. Other trees have very deep and sturdy roots that can be depended upon to secure the tree against storms and other disasters. A tree's root systems does not only depend on the type of tree, but also on the tree's environment. The better the environment for growth, the deeper the roots. This deeply rooted support system allows the tree to flourish, growing taller and wider each year.

The same can be said about each one of us in our walk with Jesus. The better the learning and caring environment, the better our roots are established in Jesus. The times that we are going through right now are similar to the powerful storms that can break apart those trees without a good foundation. Without a good Biblical foundation, we may flounder or even forget how Jesus strengthens and protects us.

We can strengthen ourselves by reading the Word more often, by speaking with Jesus through prayer, by relying on others to help support us and remind us how Jesus has brought us to this point in time. We can depend on our environment to get us through the rough times in our lives and encourage us to grow and allow us to be the best environment for others, so that they also may grow and mature. Remember, being a follower of Jesus is not something that we inherit—it is something that we choose. An environment of believers who care for others provides for good decisions and creates growth.

To continue with the tree analogy, they say that the acorn doesn't fall far from the tree. If you were look at the lineage of successful Christians, you'd see that many of their descendants are also successful. Take Jonathan Edwards, the eighteenth-century preacher, for example. Edwards's eleven children no doubt inherited intelligence and charisma from their famous preacher father. But the Christian environment that they grew up in probably had more of an influence on their development, and that of their own families. A study of his hundreds of descendants, conducted about 150 years after Edwards's death in 1758, found that they included a US vice president, three senators, three state governors, the deans of a law school and a medical school, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 60 doctors, 75 military officers, 100 clergymen, and 285 college graduates.

When the parents are faithful and follow the Word of God, God blesses them as well as the generations that follow. In Genesis, God promised Abraham his future generations would be blessed. God's promises cannot be forgotten, removed, or changed. It is the Word of God. So when storms and disastrous situations come upon us, be strong and rooted in the word of God and remember that God has given His word that encourages us to new life.

Please Read Joshua 1: 1-10

- Integrity-God's way. When God says he will do something or not do something-he always keeps his promise; whether it takes moments or generations to come to fulfillment.

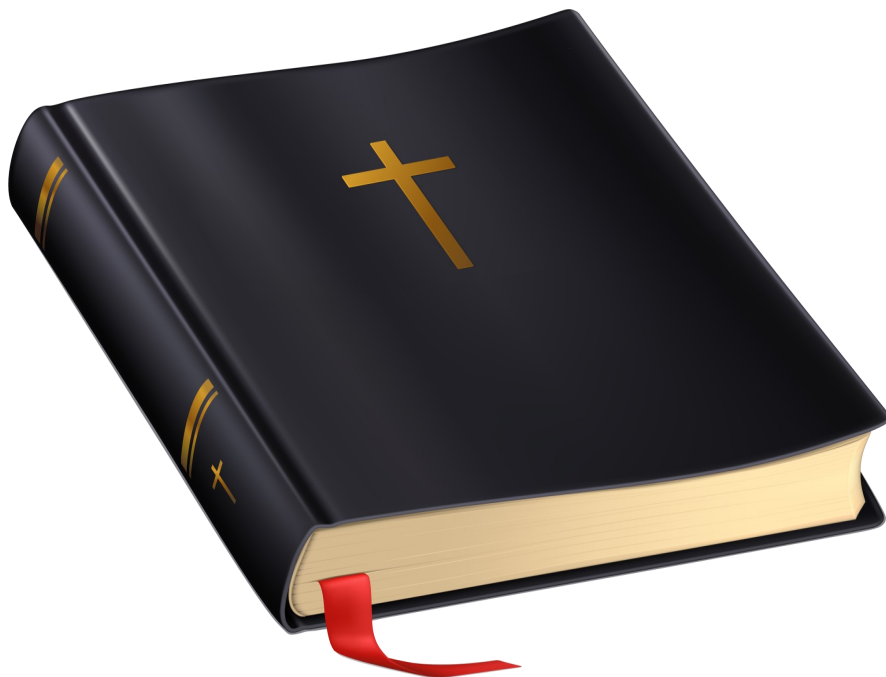
How comforting to claim verses 9 and 10 for our own. But before 9 and 10, comes verse 8. "Study this book of instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. " You and I know that the more quality time we spend in God's scriptures, the healthier our attitudes are, and the easier it is to meet life's challenges.

Many times we want to claim God's promises while neglecting our part of the covenant. Yes, God is always a covenant keeper even when we are not. However, how much greater is our blessing when we become part of the process.

Just as he encourages Joshua to be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go!

Believe in your heart that God speaks those same words over each of His followers, (you and I), and we must repeat them frequently to our children and grandchildren, as they embark on their future. (Read Deuteronomy 6: 4-9.)

Blessings,
Joanne DiBlasi



A Message from Elder Russ Topping...



Heaven Bound

Lived my life in darkness, didn't know that Jesus was the One.

I was on my way to hell and wasn't even havin' fun.

But now I've seen the light, His love and grace I've found.

And since that glorious day I've been heaven bound.

Yes I lived my life like a fool, lived it like a clod.

But since I repented of my sins, I am cool with God.

So when I reach the pearly gates, they won't turn me down.

My entry fee has been paid that's why I'm heaven bound.

Someday we will be talkin' and I'll be taken from your sight.

You'll be left there thinkin, "Son of a gun he was right."

September Birthdays

2 Joe Feraco

2 Grace Reading

8 Kara Jo Pachnieski

15 Chris Garrenger

15 Bob Holland

17 Allison Joy Zambella

21 Chris Vaccarino

21 Jack Allshouse

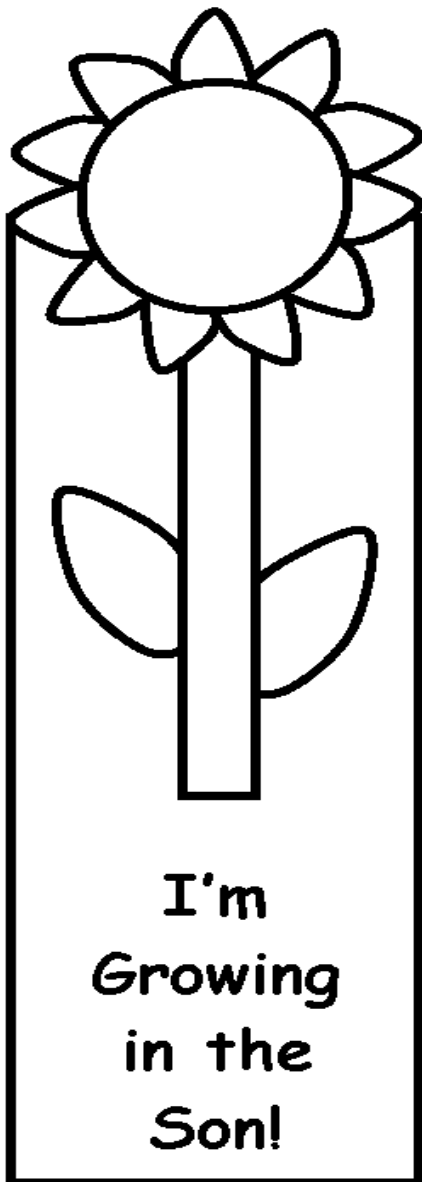
22 Tucker Griffiths

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BIRTHDAY!**

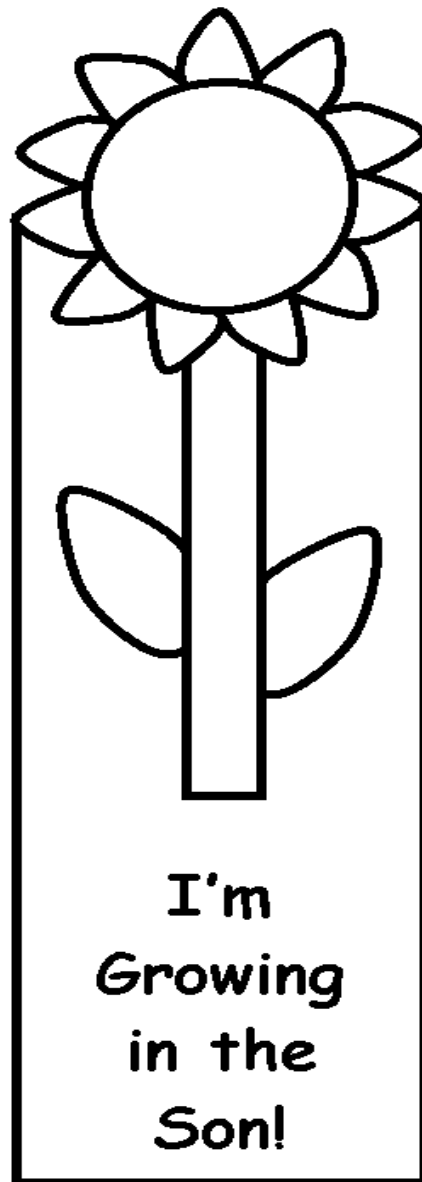
Just for Kids.....

Sunflower Book Mark

Print the book mark on cardstock or construction paper. Have your children color the stem, leaves and around the flower, and cut it out. You can add your child's picture to the center of the sunflower.



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September Assisting, Greeting and Care & Share Schedule:

Elder Schedule

September 6- Pat Durborow
September 13-**Communion**/Carol Griffiths
September 20- Rich Hopkins
September 27- Heather McIntyre

Deacon Schedule

September 6- Danielle Griffiths
September 13-**Communion**/*Phil McCloughan (Stair Glide), Debbie Crow
September 20- Heather Pursell
September 27- Gail Armitage

Greeting Schedule

None at this time

Care & Share– None at this time

**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
Via Zoom Online Meeting

May 18, 2020 Session Business Meeting 6:30 PM

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Joanne DiBlasi Mark Dudick	Pat Durborow Carol Griffiths Heather McIntyre Don Pidcock Russ Topping	Rich Hopkins

Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Mark Dudick, Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths,
Rich Hopkins, Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock , Russ Topping and Rev. Byron Leasure

Excused: None

Guests: David Redman, Liaison New Brunswick Presbytery

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

Devotion-Heather McIntyre

The devotion was based on Psalm 46, Galations 5 and Psalm 23. Current Times-both a blessing and a challenge. We had a trial run at this last summer. What is different? Uncertainty of the future. Ironic-the future is never certain. Requires faith and trust! Psalm 46:10 He says, "**Be still and know that I am God.**" God has a plan! Is this his way of making us slow down...nothing happens by accident. New normal-what parts are worth rushing back to? This will mean different things to different people. Scared? Have Faith! As Jim Gallagher reminded us on our Tuesday check in, Noah was patient for a year! Positives so far-community spirit, help for the elderly, less pollution, lots of celebrities have stepped up to do their part, support is out there, lots of things being offered for free, people are coming together. Learn from the past! Spanish Flu- World War I. Don't fear, but don't be foolish. Patience. Galations 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness. Psalm 23-Relevant to us at this time. The time to restore our soul. We are currently walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from the April 20, 2020 Session Business 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. Session reviewed the February 16, 2020 Congregational Meeting Minutes. A **motion** was called to accept the Congregational Meeting Minutes as written. All were in favor. The approved Minutes will be printed and included in the Book of Minutes along with pages of the **Annual Report** pages 1-21. There was a **motion** for the Agenda for tonight's meeting to be approved and to accept the revised Agenda that was sent out on Thursday May 14, 2020 via email to the Session and Rev. Leasure. All were in favor.

A thank you note from Grace Hendricks was discussed with Session. The note will be posted on the downstairs bulletin board at a later time. The estimate from Holicong to have a “buzzer system” put on the front door of Westminster House was discussed. Sue gave the estimate to Don Pidcock for his review. More discussion to come regarding additional security for Westminster House.

Extended Communion Training-Rich Hopkins was to discuss this topic this evening. Wait to do the training at a later date. The Elders are willing to be trained in this procedure. More to follow.

The Election of the Clerk of the Corporation and President of the Corporation- Bylaws for First Presbyterian, Lambertville New Jersey, have to be drafted. Rich Hopkins will be drafting these up for our church. This will be discussed further at an upcoming Session Business Meeting.

Calendar Highlights from June-August 2020:

All in-person church services/activities are suspended at this time, due to the Coronavirus. The last Sunday for the 10:30 am worship service is Sunday June 7, 2020. The 9:30 am service starts on June 14, 2020 and run until Labor Day weekend. As of now, the Joint Service with our Sister Churches is being determined. The date is Sunday July 5, 2020, Holcombe-Jimison Farm at 10:00 am. Ken Good/Titusville Presbyterian will be hosting Communion on Sunday June 7th via Zoom. Re-opening church services in the near future will be determined soon. The Session will be having a Business Meeting at some time in July at 6:30 pm. A date for the meeting will be determined shortly.

Worship and Music-Joanne DiBlasi

Taped messages will be done by Rich Hopkins 5/24, Russ Topping 5/31, Ken Good will host a Zoom Service/Communion on 6/7, our congregation will be participating with Titusville. Taped messages by Rich Hopkins 6/14, Mark Dudick (Father’s Day) 6/21 and Russ Topping 6/28.

Joanne will assist by recording the messages, and Sue McCloughan will put them on the website.

***All In-person services are cancelled at this time.**

Pastoral Search Committee- Has been praying for a candidate to become our pastor at First Presbyterian. A job description and job package has been presented to the candidate for review. Rich Hopkins and Heather McIntyre have put together a salary package and this is being discussed. There will be a Zoom meeting with the New Brunswick Presbytery on Tuesday June 2, 2020/Committee on Ministry to possibly to approve our candidate. Also, the new pastor’s hours were being reviewed. More information to come soon.

Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow/Don Pidcock

The buildings have been continually checked by Don Pidcock and Pat Durborow. All seems to be ok. Nate will check out the soffits on the church building when he is able to do so. In the meantime, the gate to the gym is still closed with caution tape. The Kitchen is to be painted at some point. The heating (boilers) has not been resolved, but Heather McIntyre is looking into getting another heating company to come in to service them. More to follow. The Iron Fence surrounding the church was not discussed at this time.

Plaque for Dr. Henry-Don Pidcock has commissioned LaNelle Gallagher to design the plaque to thank Dr. Henry for his vision of having the Gym built. Pat Durborow discussed a plaque that was found in the basement, this was possibly an old plaque honoring Dr. Henry. Don will follow up and let session know at a later meeting how the plaque is coming along.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

Banking Summary presented year to date. The Weekly Plate Spreadsheet was emailed, from January 1, 2020 through April 1, 2020. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session. Heather will contact the Duryea Agency to set up a time that Dennis Duryea can come and talk with Session regarding our Annual Insurance Review. Heather discussed with Session online giving of "Subsplash." A **motion** was called to have Subsplash used as our online giving tool. The **motion** was approved. Heather will set this up and give information to Sue in the Church Office. The deposit for the Shad Fest for the use of the Gym is being refunded to the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce, due to the Shad Fest being postponed. The Poster Auction is being held online this year. The COC will not be using our Gym this year for the Shad Fest.

Lowell Hunter Estate- Rich Hopkins is working with the State of New Jersey to have the Lowell Hunter Estate closed.

Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm-Our Pastoral Candidate spoke with our Session regarding the Job Description and Salary Package. Joanne DiBlasi and Heather McIntyre led the discussion. All Session Members were able to speak to our candidate. **Motions** to approve the Job Description and Salary Package were put forth. Both were approved. After a Zoom discussion with the New Brunswick Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry on June 2, 2020, and if our candidate is approved, the starting date for the candidate will be on July 6, 2020. The Pastoral Search Committee will continue to meet if/when our candidate is approved.

Sight & Sound- The trip to Sight & Sound in November 2020 was discussed. Rich Hopkins read an email from our Coordinator of the event, Karen Thatcher. Our trip was paid in full, but as of this date, all shows have been postponed due to the Coronavirus. We expect to get an email from Karen, in the future if the show has been cancelled and if our money is to be refunded.

Holcombe Scholarship- A **motion** was called for 2 of our 2020 High School Graduates to receive the scholarship. The **motion** was approved. Danielle Fisher and Zach Griffiths will be receiving the scholarships. Congratulations to both Danielle and Zach.

Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School- Mark Dudick/Carol Griffiths

Mark Dudick spoke regarding the Youth Group. The youth group is meeting virtually at this time. If any of our youth are interested, Mark will forward their information to his daughter Ella. She is a participant in the youth group.

Junior Deacons- Carol Griffiths spoke regarding the Junior Deacons. Danielle Griffiths will be our point of contact when the Jr. Deacons get started. This will most likely be in September 2020.

Moderator Time-Rev. Byron Leasure

Reverend Leasure spoke and said that our June 22, 2020 Session Business Meeting will be done via Zoom. When church services open up, examples would be: Holcombe-Jimison on July 5, 2020 and Sight & Sound in November 2020, to contact our insurance to see what our liability would be. Also to possibly to have Session Meetings in July/August.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Due to the Coronavirus, Communion was held via Zoom on Sunday May 3, 2020, with Ken Good and the Titusville Church.

In-Person Church Services- Are not being held in our church building at this time.

Weekly in-person Zoom meetings- A Zoom link is being sent out to our congregation to join weekly check in sessions.

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.

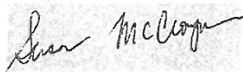
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the June 2020 meeting, is: Don Pidcock, followed by Russ Topping, Joanne DiBlasi and Mark Dudick.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville
Via Zoom Online Meeting

June 22, 2020 Session Business Meeting 6:30 PM

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Joanne DiBlasi	Pat Durborow	Rich Hopkins
Mark Dudick	Carol Griffiths	
	Heather McIntyre	
	Don Pidcock	
	Russ Topping	

Rev. Byron Leasure, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Mark Dudick, Pat Durborow, Carol Griffiths,
Rich Hopkins, Heather McIntyre, Don Pidcock , Russ Topping and Rev. Byron Leasure

Excused: None

Guests: David Redman, Liaison New Brunswick Presbytery

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

Devotion-Russ Topping

The devotion was based on Max Lucado's book *He Still Moves Stones*. One of the stories features Derek Redmond a British Athlete who was a member of the 1992 Olympic Team. Derek ran for the British Olympic team, and as he was racing, fell, and hurt himself. His father Jim, pushed through the crowd, helped him up and Derek leaned on his father to help him finish the race, which they did together. Derek couldn't finish the race without his father's help, and we cannot finish our race without our "Fathers" help.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Session Business 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. There was a **motion** for the Agenda for tonight's meeting to be approved. All were in favor.

A **motion** was brought forth for the Contract for the Office Copier to be renewed with Prior-Nami. All were in favor. The yearly contract will be paid for by Sue in the office and emailed back to Prior-Nami.

Extended Communion Training- Wait to do the training at a later date. The Elders are willing to be trained in this procedure. More to come at future Session Meeting.

The Election of the Clerk of the Corporation and President of the Corporation- Bylaws for First Presbyterian, Lambertville New Jersey, were drafted by Rich Hopkins and emailed to Session, and were discussed. More to come at an upcoming Session Business Meeting. The congregation will need to approve First Presbyterian's Bylaws, and Rev. Darrow will need to be present.

Calendar Highlights from July-September 2020:

Our in-person church services resumed on Sunday June 14, 2020 9:30 am, with safety precautions in place. The Session will be having a Business Meeting at some time in July with the time/place TBD. The Praise Band will be restarting on June 28, 2020. The July 5th Joint Service will be taking place at Holcombe-Jimison at 10:00 am, with safety precautions in place. Worshippers are asked to bring their own picnic lunch if they choose to stay after the service. Pastor Dan Dorrow's first week of worship with First Presbyterian will be on Sunday July 12, 2020. Communion Sunday for the month of August is on the 2nd. The last Sunday for the 9:30 am service is on September 6, 2020. 9:00 am Sunday School and 10:30 am Worship will resume on September 13, 2020. Session Prayer is Monday September 7th and the Session Business Meeting is Monday September 21, 2020.

Worship and Music-Joanne DiBlasi

A brief discussion about the worship service at Holcombe-Jimison were discussed. A **motion** was brought forth that First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville will be closed on 7/5/20, due to the joint worship service at Holcombe-Jimison. All were in favor. There will be no Communion in July at First Pres., Communion will be held on the first Sunday in August. Bible Study by email will cease for the summer. Introduce Pastor Dorrow to the other pastor's, Joanne will let Dan know to do this. The PSC will re-introduce Dan "formally" to the congregation in August or September. Pastor Dorrow's first day in the Office is July 6, 2020. The Session would like to thank Rev. Leasure for his time with us and being our Moderator for our meetings. The Session would like to thank Byron in a more formal capacity when he is able.

Pastoral Search Committee- Our Candidate, Pastor Dan Dorrow was able to meet with the New Brunswick Presbytery via Zoom on Tuesday June 2, 2020. He was approved to be our New Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville. Dan will start with First Pres. on Monday July 6, 2020, as our Part-Time Pastor.

Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow/Don Pidcock

The buildings have been continually checked by Don Pidcock and Pat Durborow. Nate will check out the soffits on the church building when he is able to do so. In the meantime, the gate to the gym is still closed with caution tape. Martinez Landscaping has been mulching and cleaning up the church grounds. There was a leak in the Gym, not quite known where the leak was coming from, but the leak isn't coming from the heaters. For our church services, masks and hand sanitizers have been placed in the lobby of the church. Hand sanitizer has been placed on the windowsills in back of the Sanctuary. The Iron Fence surrounding the church was discussed by Session and we'll be getting an estimate-Don Pidcock will be able to let the session know at the next meeting.

Plaque for Dr. Henry-Don Pidcock has commissioned LaNelle Gallagher to design the plaque to thank Dr. Henry for his vision of having the Gym built. Don to send pictures out to LaNelle to give her ideas for the plaque design. More to come in September.

AA Meetings to Resume-Pat Durborow spoke with an AA member here at the church and they are looking to resume their in-person AA meetings in the Gym, to promote social distancing. A **motion** was presented to have AA resume their meeting in the Gym. They at this time will not be using the Kitchen. A **motion** was approved and accepted for AA to resume their Tuesday Night meetings in the Gym. Their meetings can resume immediately. Also, what was discussed was

restarting Boy Scouts, Friday Night Skating/Hang, LBA with Jim Troutman in the fall. More discussion of our groups in September.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

Our Year to Date Summary is that we are down \$7400 as of May 2020, this is mostly due to the fact that church wasn't in session from mid-March until June 7, 2020. This was reviewed by Heather to the Session. Our investments with Morgan Stanley are stable at this time. Heather will contact the Duryea Agency to set up a time that Dennis Duryea can come and talk with Session regarding our Annual Insurance Review. This will be done sometime in the fall 2020.

Lowell Hunter Estate- Rich Hopkins is working with the State of New Jersey to have the Lowell Hunter Estate closed. We should be receiving our final distribution from the estate shortly.

Sight & Sound- The trip to Sight & Sound in November 2020 was discussed. Our church has purchased 50 tickets and half of them have been sold to our congregation. A suggestion was made that the rest of the tickets allowed to be purchased by our sister churches-Mt. Airy, Kirkpatrick, etc. Session agreed that the suggestion is a yes, and that we can contact the other churches. We are waiting to see when Sight & Sound will be reopening or maybe getting a refund if they do not. Karen Thatcher and Sue McCloughan (Church Office) will be monitoring the situation.

Youth Group Ministry/Sunday School- Mark Dudick/Carol Griffiths

Sunday School- was discussed by all of Session to see when it will resume in the fall. There is a wait to see if the schools will be opening in the fall, and to follow their schedule.

Youth Group-Mark Dudick spoke regarding the Youth Group. The youth group is continuing to meet virtually at this time. Mark asked if the Deacons can give a small donation to the youth group. A motion was presented to Session for a \$200.00 donation by the Deacons to the Youth Group. The **motion** was approved. Mark will contact the Deacons for them to give the \$200.00 donation to the youth group.

Junior Deacons- Carol Griffiths spoke regarding the Junior Deacons. Danielle Griffiths will be our point of contact when the Jr. Deacons get started. This will also be discussed with Pastor Dorrow in September.

Moderator Time-Rev. Byron Leasure

Reverend Leasure spoke and suggested that we have a Session Business Meeting in July when Pastor Dorrow comes on board. It should be either in-person or via Zoom. We have also been having a weekly Zoom check in with our congregation, this should be continued if possible.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Due to the Coronavirus, Communion was held via Zoom on Sunday June 7, 2020, with Ken Good and the Titusville Church.

Prayers- For our new Pastor, Reverend Dan Dorrow and his wife Joanne, as they come and start with us.

In-Person Church Services- Resumed on Sunday June 14, 2020 with Rich Hopkins giving the message.

Joanne DiBlasi- Thanked all who preached on Sundays, including Session Members as well as our music programs. Joanne will give a write-up for the September Newsletter.

Weekly Check in with Zoom-To possibly continue in the foreseeable future, for those who do not attend in-person church services.

Holcombe Scholarship Recipients- Rich Hopkins will contact the parents of Danielle Fisher and Zach Griffiths to see when they will be able to come in to speak on a Sunday to the congregation.

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.

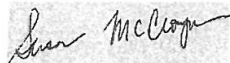
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the July 2020 meeting, is: Russ Topping, followed by Joanne DiBlasi, Mark Dudick and Pat Durborow.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session