



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,

If you're like me, it's hard to imagine our life together without dear Esther Johnson, without her occupying that back pew every Sunday morning. Hearing the many personal remembrances of Esther at her memorial service in July, I was deeply moved, like many of you were, as I learned what a kind, caring, faithful woman she was for so many of you. And I felt the Spirit convicting me to be more like Esther, to live my life for others like she did. I'm reminded of what the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthian church:

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:1)

Esther lived a Christ-imitating life, and I feel encouraged to imitate her in giving, other-centered ways of service.

As we spent time in Ephesians together this summer, we learned about our identity in Christ as God's beloved children, who are called to imitate our loving God by getting dressed each day in our "love clothing" of kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness (4:32). I didn't know Esther as well as many of you did, but I sensed that she wore her "love clothing," enabling her to remain in community here in our congregation for more than nine decades!

Sisters and brothers, as we move into our Fall season with the hoped-for restarting of our Sunday School programs, even as we're also aware of Covid-19 safety precautions, let's "make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). And let's imitate Esther in our faithfulness and service both to the Lord and to each other, as this dear saint's life was lived in imitation of Christ.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Hi to all, and welcome back!

Each month from September-June, I am always looking for submissions for the Newsletters! If you have any noteworthy news, please let me know, or you can forward it to the church office. I will be directing the Handbell choir this upcoming year, and if you like music and would like to come join our special group, please let me know, we are always looking for new ringers to join us! No experience required, just the desire to learn something new. We will be starting our practices in October. I am also going to be continuing to be the Clerk of Session and I will be attending a seminar for Clerk's in September. Learning new things is something I've always enjoyed, and keeping my mind active is an important part of my life. Thank you! Sue



Church News:



Communion Sunday and the last Sunday for the 9:20/9:30 am Worship is on September 5th. We will be starting our Sunday School on Sunday September 12, at 9:00 am. All ages are welcome! We will also be going back to our 10:20 Prelude and 10:30 am Worship times.

The Ladies' Bible Study will be resuming on Wednesdays starting September 8th, at 3:00 pm, over in the Church.

Dan will be out of the Office starting on Sept. 24, and he will be returning on Oct. 8th. Rev. Byron Leasure will be leading our Communion for the month of October. Welcome Byron!

Shad Fest will be held the weekend of October 9-10, The Deacons will be having a table, and the McCloughan Family will be at the Fish Pond! A fun time will be had by all! Sign-ups for volunteers will be posted shortly.

The information regarding this year's Sunday School is on page 3.

Ministry and Outreach:

News from your Missions Team~

Greetings to All,

We are looking forward in seeing how God will lead the Mission Team this church calendar year. As you know, Sarah Tielmann and The Campus Crusade for Christ team left for Columbia on August 17th. Please keep them in prayer.

For the year that they are on this mission. We also wns to remind you that the love offerings for our missionaries will continue to be set for the third Sunday of each month. We will be inviting each of our supported missionaries to speak on various Sundays throughout the year. Our church is also looking into short term mission trips and opportunities for those who are interested. Thank you for your continued support.

“For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.” Zephaniah 3:17

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

Greetings and Love from Your Church Deacons~

We hope you have ahd a good summer and are getting ready for fall activities– Sunday service, Sunday School, music, and fellowship with your church family.

The church has been open most of the summer and we are thankful for the attendance we have had. We hope and pray that you would join us soon.

God is Good-God is Faithful.

Sunday School September thru June for the Year 2021-2022...

Your Sunday School Teachers for this year are~

Rich Hopkins for the adults, **Jim Gallagher**, **Phil McCloughan** and **Don Pidcock** for the seventh grade boys and up. **Heather Pursell** and **Dana Garrenger** for PreK up to second grade. **Pat Durborow** for third to fifth grade, and **Jen Chernoski** for middle school. Our first meeting for all children will be in the KICK Room (Chapel on the first floor) for introductions and assignments on September 12th at 9:00 am. We are all looking forward to seeing you there. We are all praying that COVID will not cause any disruptions as we follow our Governor's guidelines. Thank you all! In God's love, Don Pidcock.

Live With Purpose

- **Proverbs 16:1-3 and Verse 9**

“We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.”

- Knowing Your Purpose, Prepares You for Eternity; Seek it Through Prayer.
- When God gives a vision, he always makes provision.
- Not only does God want us to live out His purpose, He also wants us to help others do the same. ***Ephesians 5:15-20/*Psalm 34:12-16.**
- If you want your life to have impact, focus it. When your identity is found in Christ alone, no one and no circumstance can take that away from you. You will have a biblically sound, healthy self-esteem.
- Without God, life has no purpose, without purpose, life has no meaning; without meaning, life has no significance or hope.

Blessings,

Joanne DiBlasi

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



Just for Kids..... A coloring page



Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

September Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

September 5- **Communion**/Don Pidcock

September 12– Karen Thatcher

September 19– Russ Topping

September 26- Pat Durborow

Deacon Schedule

September 5- **Communion**/*Heather Pursell (Stair Glide), Gail Armitage

September 12– Jen Chernoski

September 19– Danielle Griffiths

September 26– 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

May 17, 2021 Session Business Meeting 7:00 PM

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

Rev. Dan Dorrow, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

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

Excused: Russ Topping

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

Devotion- Heather McIntyre

I was feeling defeated after having Covid. My attitude was suffering. Maybe I brought this to the Lord in prayer, I certainly didn't pray expectantly. Despite knowing the power of God, I failed to acknowledge that he can move mountains. So, thanks to a few nudges from friends, who may not even know that the Lord was using them, I have begun to shift my attitude. Three big verses that have been influencing my renewal of my attitude: Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men... 1 Peter 5:7, Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you, and Philippians 4:6, Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving. Let your requests be made known to God. I am thankful to God for all the nudges in the right direction. I hope that we are all able to look at our struggles in a different light and possibly find ways to use them for the glory to our Lord.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box- Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: Session reviewed the minutes from The Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting from February 26, 2021. A **motion** was called to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor. A **motion** was called to accept the Minutes as written. All were in favor. The approved minutes from the Annual Congregational/Corporation meeting will be printed in the Book of Minutes along with pages 1-17 from the Annual Report. The financial information is on file at the Church Office. Session reviewed the minutes from April 19, 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 Certificates of Inspection from the State of NJ for the boilers. The certificates will be placed at the boilers to be displayed. An email was received at the church office from Cullen at Riverside Symphonia for a possible concert here at the church, for sometime in October. Session was fine with this, and Sue will be sending an email to Cullen, that they can book a date in October 2021 for a concert here at the church. More information to follow.

Calendar Highlights from May-August 2021:

No changes for May. For June, the last night for LBL is June 10th. Becky is away on Sunday June 20th, we will be having a Guest Accompanist. Women's Bible Study will continue for the month of June. In July, the Joint Service will be on Sunday July 4th at 10:00 am at Holcombe-Jimison Farm. Dan is having lunch with the Pastors Mike and Brad, to talk about the details. Karen Thatcher is our Point of Contact for the service/picnic. There will be a catered lunch, so all the churches that are participating will need to give a headcount. Communion is scheduled for Sunday August 1st. Newsletter items for September are due to the Church Office by 8/20/21. Shad Fest is still scheduled for the weekend of October 9/10 2021.

Sue asked to discuss the Elder Assisting Schedule and Care List- Session agreed that it is to be done as in the past. A Father's Day gift will be given to the men of the congregation on 6/20/21.

Worship and Music/Church Life-Karen Thatcher

Karen spoke of Sight & Sound. We have a credit from when our group saw *Esther* in 2019. The show *David* is coming in 2022. We will be purchasing 50 tickets and having lunch at Bird and Hand, in Lancaster. Hopefully we'll be able to fundraise in the upcoming months, as well as to use the credit, to lower the cost of the tickets/lunch. The Pianist/Accompanist/Music Director was discussed. A handout was given of the job description. The job description will be posted on different venues. Examples would be, our website and Westminster Choir College, and we are looking locally to fill the position. More information to follow. Hymn Time was mentioned. Rich has been in charge of this, and he has a book with different descriptions of the hymns we use. Karen and Sue will eventually take this over. Children's Time- Karen is keeping a list of who is interested in participating in Children's Time during the worship service. Once the Junior Deacons start, they will be asked to volunteer to give a children's sermon. Getting the Jr. Deacons to participate, will most likely happen in the fall.

Building and Grounds- Don Pidcock/Pat Durborow/Heather McIntyre

The outside iron fence was painted. LaNelle Gallagher repainted some of our signs, and a new cross was put on the bulletin board. We'll have to get new bids if the kitchen is going to be repainted. Don and Pat will be looking into this. The sign for Dr. Henry. There are 2 in the Gym, A and B. One should be picked soon, and a more permanent sign to be displayed. The boilers were repaired. In the past, when we ran 2 boilers at the same time, there was an issue. That issue was fixed. Jim Troutman is running the LBL and is following the Covid rules. He and his coaches are cleaning the Gym as they are using it. The Church Roof will be worked on at a later date. SDG-They are coming next week to fix the alarm that is going off at this time. Heather spoke to them regarding the wireless/wire system. To change over to the wired system would cost thousands of dollars to go that route. This is not going to be done at this time. If the church does go to hard wire, we will possibly look in-house to have this done.

Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre

The Year-to-Date Summary was emailed to Session and discussed, from 1/1- 5/17/21. As of May 17th, the collection plate is down \$1933.40. Heather will be talking to Tim Stevens from Morgan Stanley regarding our investments, possibly at the beginning of June. The church has received extra income and it has come through Subsplash, the PPP loan, and the Baker Family. The Lowell Hunter Estate is still being worked on. Rich will keep Session up to date regarding the Hunter Estate. Dan's contract will be decided by Session by the end of June. It was discussed of Dan maybe being in the office one more day a week. Our Covid policy was discussed. Apparently, Governor Phil Murphy isn't going with the CDC guidelines, but as soon as the guidelines are updated by the State of NJ, we will update our guidelines as well. Heather M. and Russ are our Covid team.

Sunday School/Youth Group- Carol Griffiths/Don Pidcock

At Easter, care packages were given to our Sunday School children. Don and LaNelle are working on a bible outline for the start of Sunday School in September 2021. Carol reached out to Nate Wilson of New Hope CC Youth Group, and she hasn't heard back to see if they will be having their youth group here at our church on Sunday evenings in the fall. Carol will keep Session posted regarding this. Donna gave pictures to Carol regarding Dr. Henry. It was suggested to put them on the bulletin board in the Gym. Don is thinking about the starting up of Youth Skating, most likely in November. Don talked about having worship outside instead of inside, while the weather is nice. Rich added that we would have to prepare Sunday morning, to put chairs outside, etc. Don was going to have Sue order Christian Flags in honor of Flag Day, to put in the cemetery, by the stones. These would be given out on Sunday 6/13, and to be placed after the worship service.

Moderator Time-Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan asked for a lot of prayers for our church's vision. There were more people here at Easter. Maybe pray about how we could bring more people in. We are small in numbers. When our youth is here, we should be able to get their parents to come in as well. Dan suggested to try and hire a part time youth pastor, to lead our youth. Rich and Karen explained that this was done in the early 2000s, and not much came of it. Maybe we should try the Youth Pastor again. We did at one time have more youth that attended Sunday School. Dan asked all to think about the future of Westminster House, and asked for prayer on this. More discussion at future Session meetings.

Around the Room

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday May 2, 2021.

Prayers for members of our congregation-Were asked at this time.

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.

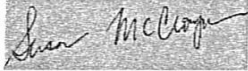
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation-For the June Meeting is: Don Pidcock. and is followed by Karen Thatcher and Russ Topping.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan McCloughan", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session