



**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,

“Where there is no vision, the people perish,” the book of Proverbs tells us (29:18, KJV). What is our vision for our future life together? As we open up and look ahead to a more normal future with fewer Covid-safety restrictions, what will our congregational life be like?

Let's be in prayer to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Jesus says,

“when the Spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide you into all the truth ...  
he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:13).

I believe that the Holy Spirit is always speaking to us about “things that are to come,” about how Jesus is leading us forward to walk with him, including about the specifics of our life together.

Two areas on my heart, which we're prayerfully considering as the Session, is our worship life and the discipleship of our children and youth. We are so grateful to Becky and Rich Hopkins for leading our worship team, and now we're seeking the Spirit's guidance for their replacement as they move on from their important roles. We're also discerning how we are to make disciples of our children and youth, including asking who will be their leaders and mentors. Please join us in prayer, and we as the Session want to hear from everyone as to how the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about these and other aspects of the Lord's vision for our congregational life.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dan

## “From the Office”

A special thank you to all who made our monthly newsletters this past year a success! I'll send out an email reminder in August, for the September Newsletter. I would also like to thank our Handbell Choir for their hard work this season, and we enjoyed playing for you, the congregation. We will be having an Ensemble play for the service at Holcombe-Jimison in July., then we will be taking a break for the summer. Our practices will resume in late September. If anyone would like to join our group, please let me know.

Thank you and have a blessed Summer!

Sue




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## Church News:



**Communion during the summer will take place on Sunday June 6th and Sunday August 1st here at First Presbyterian. Communion on Sunday July 4th, will be taking place during the service at Holcombe-Jimison.**

**The Last Sunday for the 10:20/10:30 Service is June 6th. We will be starting our Summer Schedule on Sunday June 13th. The Prelude Worship starts at 9:20 with Worship at 9:30 am.**

**The Joint Service with the River Churches is on Sunday July 4th at 10:00 am. Food and Drinks will be provided, but please bring your lawn chairs, sunscreen and bug repellent. Please see the sign-up sheet in the downstairs hallway, so that we are able to get a headcount.**

**Ladies' Bible Study will continue through the month of June, at 3:00 pm over in the church.**

***For Father's Day~ There is...one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.***

***Ephesians 4:6 (NIV)***

## *Ministry and Outreach:*

### **News from your Missions Team~**

As we look forward to summer and vacation plans with our families and friends, the Mission Team asks that our church family continues to keep the missionaries we support in prayer. Please remember John and Aruna Desai (ISI, Princeton, NJ), Terry Slemmer (our local missionary), and Grace Morillo (Colombia, South America), as they faithfully honor our Lord by serving others in the mission field. Also, please keep Sarah Tielmann in your prayers as she travels to Bogota, Colombia this summer. Sarah will be working with “CRU” Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry and making an impact in the world for His Kingdom, by sharing the gospel of Jesus with college students in Colombia.

The Bible tells us that God loves a cheerful giver and besides our tithing, He is also well-pleased when we remember to give to Missions. During the summer, we will continue to have a Moment for Missions the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Our missionaries are God’s humble servants, who have been moved to go out into the world and share the “good news” of salvation found only in the Name of Jesus. We are extremely grateful to our church family for your generous and sacrificial giving to Missions throughout the year. Should you have any questions, or if you’d like to join our Mission Team, please see one of us. Also, for ongoing “mission news” during the summer, be sure to check out the board in the rear of the sanctuary. God doesn’t take a vacation! He is there, waiting for us to come to Him, talk with Him and to praise His Holy Name. He is ever faithful and we are truly blessed! Amen!

In Second Corinthians 9:7-8, 11, we read: “You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God.”

Your Mission Team:

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



## *Ministry and Outreach Cont...*

**Deacon's Report~** As always, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your concerns are our concerns, and If we can be of any assistance to you, please ;let us know. Call the church number and they will know where to contact us. With the summer schedule ahead, some of us might be away, but there will always someone available. This will be our last monthly report, but our job will not change, that is praying for our congregation, our church, and meeting needs. We love you all and wish you a peaceful, and joyous summer and with anticipation, look forward to seeing you in the fall.

**Your Deacons: Gail Armitage, Jen Chernoski, LaNelle Gallagher, Danielle Griffiths, Phil McCloughan, Terry Peck and Heather Pursell.**



## **America, A Providential Nation**

- In 1774 the first American Congress met in Phila., opening with various scripture readings and fervent prayers.
- Congress knew that only with Devine guidance, would America ever succeed and become a beacon of light and hope for all nations.
- In July of 1776, America's Founding Fathers voted to approve a complete separation from oppressive Great Britain. On July 4th 1776, they approved the Declaration of Independence.
- In 1777, John Adams (who eventually became our second president,) was asked by Dr. Benjamin Rush, (A signer of the declaration,) if he thought that America could actually win the revolution in spite of how bleak it was appearing. Adams replied: "Yes!, If we fear God and repent of our sins." Well, the rest is history, as we say.
- That same answer should be on our lips today, as we view the global chaos and watch as our nation is being torn apart by ungodly factions.
- For 245 years, our America has worked to live up to our founders' ideals; We have worked through glorious times and also horrendous times in our history.
- We have a godly heritage and it is up to us to honor God, repent of our sinful ways and seek His forgiveness, daily. [ 2 Chronicles 7:14]
- Please remind your children and grandchildren of our godly heritage, especially since it is no longer being taught in school.
- We are a nation that encourages people of all faiths and colors to achieve wealth and greatness. Whether it is in politics, business, sports, entertainment, and yes, President of the United States of America.

I will not apologize for saying,

"God Bless America."

Joanne DiBlasi

**June Birthdays**

3 Alfred J Buchanan, III  
5 Dillon Gallagher  
7 Jeffrey Shurts  
10 Heather Pursell  
27 Doug Pursell  
27 Julia Garrenger

**July Birthdays**

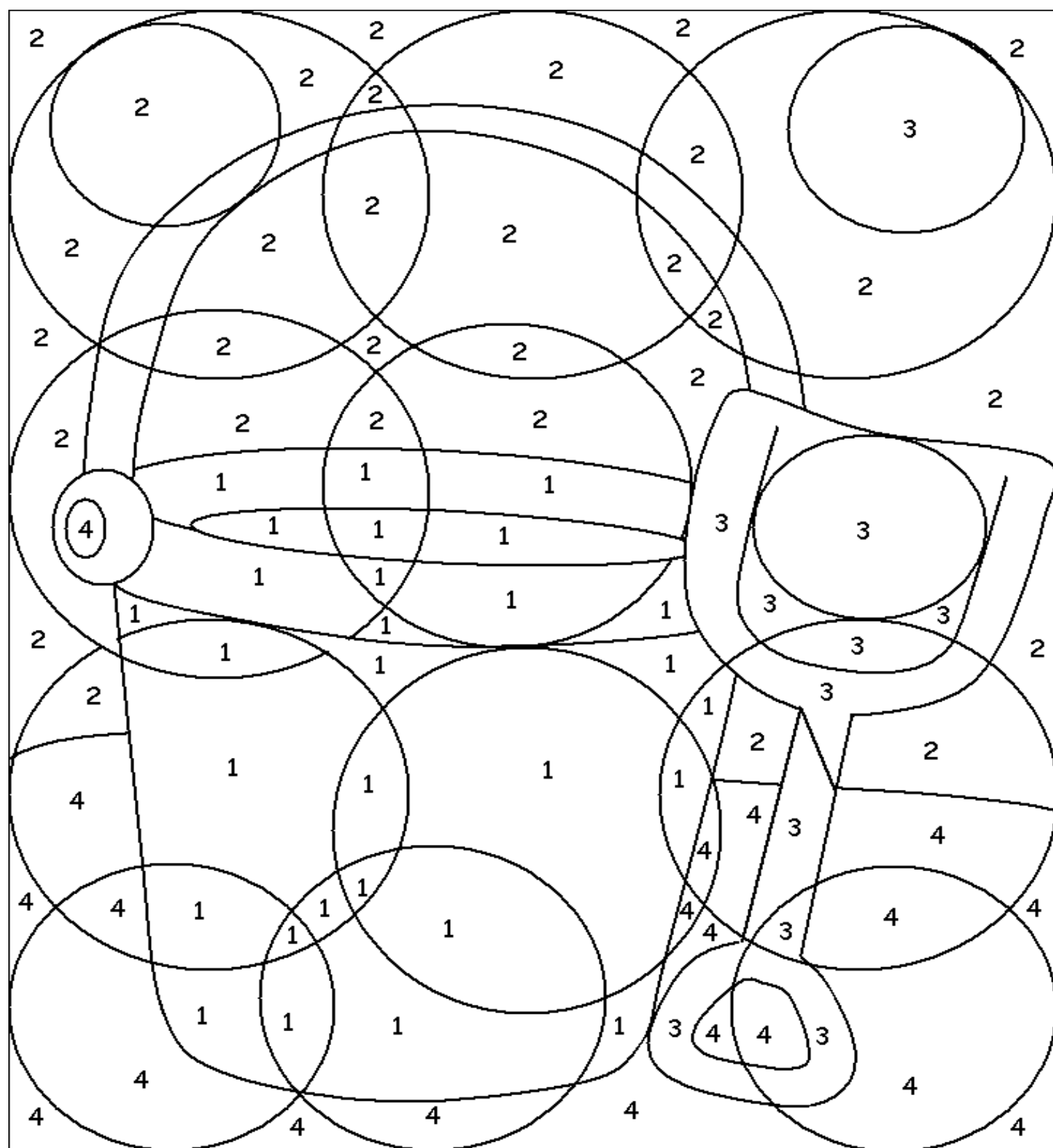
9 Crystal Robertson  
9 Mark Dudick  
10 Peter Gilbert  
11 Sharon Fisher  
17 Courtney Hartpence  
17 Giulia Reading  
18 Ryan McIntyre  
18 Steve Chernoski  
20 Russ Topping  
22 Jack Zambella  
27 Pat Durborow  
28 Ruth Crews  
30 Connie Fisher  
30 Sue McCloughan

**August Birthdays**

2 Dan Dorrow  
6 Danielle Griffiths  
11 Jim Gallagher  
11 Hannah McIntyre  
13 Jennifer Wiley  
15 Carin Gallagher  
17 Terry Peck  
18 Gail Armitage  
19 Bill Shurts  
21 Torrey Pursell  
22 Jen Chernoski  
23 Debbie Crow  
23 Phil McCloughan  
27 Graham Cummings  
31 John Frangakis



## Just for Kids..... Color by Number



1 = red

2 = blue

3 = yellow

4 = light brown

## **June Assisting Schedule:**

### **Elder Schedule**

June 6- **Communion**/Karen Thatcher

June 13- Pat Durborow

June 20- Carol Griffiths

June 27- Rich Hopkins

### **Deacon Schedule**

June 6- **Communion**/\*Phil McCloughan (Stair Glide), Heather Pursell

June 13- Danielle Griffiths

June 20- Jen Chernoski

June 27- Terry Peck

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

**Schedules are subject to change**

**For July and August Schedules, please refer to the upcoming bulletins.**



Session Minutes  
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville  
Adult Sunday School Room and via Zoom

April 19, 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,  
Karen Thatcher, Russ Topping and Rev. Dan Dorrow

**Excused:** Don Pidcock

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

**Devotion- Rich Hopkins**

“Prayer should always be for power, and seldom for release; for not release, but conquest, must be the keynote of the Christian life.” William Barclay. When I pray, too often I find myself asking for comfort and safety. Rather, I should see the challenges or the tests as chances to grow closer to God, grow more like Christ, demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit to those around me, and feel God’s victory at the end. Rich also quoted from Colossians 1:9-12.

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

**Review of Minutes:** Session reviewed the minutes from March 15, 2021, 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.

**Mail Box-** The mail that was discussed was: Numbers for Teaching/Ruling Elders from the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ (formally the Northwest Presbytery of NJ), Application of the Retail Food License for 2021, 2021 SDG Inspection and Testing form, which will be sent to Frank D’Amore, the City’s Fire Inspector. This is so we can get our Fire Inspection Certificate. These are on file at the Church Office. We also received an email from Jim Troutman regarding giving the church a donation from the LBL. Session asked that if a donation is received, that it should go to the Deacons general fund.

### **Calendar Highlights from May-July 2021:**

Communion Sunday is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Becky is away and Emily Atzert is our guest accompanist. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, and our church will be open for individual prayer. There is no Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Dan is away the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. So Rich Hopkins will be leading the Service on Memorial Day Sunday. Pat D. bought a new American Flag and it will be changed on that Sunday, along with a new Christian Flag. The LBL will be finished with their practices during the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>. Communion Sunday is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>, and it's the last Sunday for the 10:30 am service until September. Our First Sunday of the 9:30 am worship is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day Sunday is June 20<sup>th</sup>. There are no Session Business Meetings for the months of July and August. The last Session Business Meeting is Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>. There is no Ladies' Ensemble for the month of July. Karen Thatcher will look into to see if there is going to be a Joint Service on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> at Holcombe-Jimison Farm.

### **Worship and Music/Church Life-Karen Thatcher**

A handout was given to the Session from Karen with reference to the Duryea Agency regarding our coverage from Franklin Mutual Ins. The insurance was discussed regarding the policy that we currently have, and our groups that use the church. AA, Boy Scouts and LBL were discussed regarding their current insurance policies with us. This insurance description is on file at the Church Office. Sight and Sound for 2022, the show David is coming. We have a credit with Sight and Sound from them since 2020, Queen Esther. They are sending paperwork regarding the credits, that will possibly be used in 2022. More information to follow. The songs for 5/2 will need to be sent to Emily, as well at the Communion information. The list of Substitute Accompanists was sent to Karen for her to have as a reference. We will also need a substitute for Rich to do the Zoom on 5/2. The children's sermon went well this past Sunday. The Junior Deacons will be asked to participate in giving the Children's sermon, once the Junior Deacons have been established. Carol Griffiths will get in contact with Danielle Griffiths to start the Junior Deacons, most likely for the fall.

**Accompanist/Director of Music-** Rich Hopkins talked with Session regarding that he and Becky will be leaving First Presbyterian at the end of 2021. Session will discuss more details at the May Business Meeting, but a committee will need to be set up to find a new Accompanist/Director of Music for Becky. Sue was asked to contact Westminster Choir College to get the process started.

### **Building and Grounds- Pat Durborow**

Pat talked about the Iron Fence is to be painted very soon. There are no other issues with Building and Grounds.

### **Budget and Finance-Rich Hopkins/Heather McIntyre**

The Year-to-Date Summary was emailed to Session and discussed, from 1/1- 4/19/21. As of April 19<sup>th</sup>, the collection plate is down \$4861.12. Our Morgan Stanley account is healthy at this time. The Lowell Hunter Estate is still being worked on. The State of NJ has finished their part, now waiting for Buchanan and the Faherty Law Firms to finish on their end. Rich will keep Session updated on their progress. Dan's contract is up at the end of June 2021. Only Session has to renew the contract, there is no congregational voting. A committee will be set up to decide what needs to be done to renew Dan's contract by 6/30/21.



**Sunday School/Youth Group-** Carol Griffiths

Carol reached out to Mark Dudick to see if the New Hope Community Church youth group will be using the Gym this fall. She is waiting for a response. Carol has information from Donna Zambella regarding Dr. Henry and his time at our church. The pictures/information will be put on the bulletin boards in the Gym. Carol read a passage from Almira Holcombe about Dr. Henry. Sunday School was discussed, and possibly starting back in September. Rich will still be heading up the High School class, and combining them with the Adult Sunday School. The Junior Deacons were discussed earlier during tonight's meeting. Pat Durborow is interested in handling the Sunday School for the elementary students. She will talk with the past Sunday School teachers regarding the start up of Sunday School in the fall. Pat also talked about restarting Friday Night Hang, in the fall as well.

**Moderator Time-**Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan always likes to hear feedback from Session and the congregation, especially after the Sunday service and sermon. Visitors have been coming, and he mentions doing a Pastoral Call to the visitors who fill out the welcome envelopes that are in the pews. Dan discussed ideas on how to make our visitors feel welcome. An example would be to possibly have an Elder speak to the visitor after the service, or Dan to speak to them also, while they are in church. Karen referred to the Elder on Call, and how maybe they can be of help.

**Around the Room**

Session Members discussed and shared praises and concerns.

**Notations**

**Holy Communion-** Was held on Sunday Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

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

**Class of Elder-**Rich Hopkins is leaving at the end of 2021.

**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.

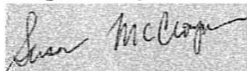
**Prayer Meetings-** Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer. If weather is an issue or for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

**Session Devotion Rotation-**For the May Meeting is: Heather McIntyre, followed by Don Pidcock. Karen Thatcher will be asked to do the devotion for the September meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm and the meeting was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan  
Clerk of Session