



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,

Summertime is coming soon, and if you're like me, you're looking forward to a slower pace of life. We all need rest and recreation, especially our youth, who are about to cross the finish line of another school year, and also parents and teachers.

The Lord knows us well, and graciously tells us to rest by observing the Sabbath.

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

(Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

We are made to remember the Lord by living in gratitude for his mighty deeds: he delivers us from every oppression and from our own slavery to sin, just as he delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt long ago.

So let's enjoy a summertime of resting in the Lord's gracious presence, giving him praise and thanksgiving for all he's done for us, and living with peace and confidence under the powerful care of his "mighty hand" and "outstretched arm."

May you rest in the Lord this summer,

Pastor Dan

“From the Office”

Hi All!

The Bell Choir will be ringing in Church on Father’s Day, June 19th. This is the last time we’ll be ringing in church for this season. Thank you for all your support! Thank you also to the congregation for your input for the Newsletters, they are very much appreciated. As always, if I am not in the office, please send me an email to or call the Church Office and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Have a safe and blessed Summer!



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

Sincerely,
Sue

Church News:



Communion Sundays are: June 5th, July 3rd (at Holcombe-Jimison), August 7th and September 4th.

We will be having Care & Share after church on Sunday June 5th. If you are interested in hosting a future Care & Share, please reach out to Karen Thatcher.

The last Sunday for 9:00 am Sunday School and the 10:20/10:30 Worship, is June 5th. We will be starting our Summer worship on Sunday June 12th. Our Prelude is at 9:20, and Worship is at 9:30 am. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

On Father’s Day June 19th, we will be having the “Opening of the Grill” after church. hot dogs, hamburgers (rolls), and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. All are welcome!

Please see the upcoming bulletins for our Accompanists.

Dan is away the week of June 20th. Russ Topping will be giving the sermon on Sunday June 26th.

The Joint Service with the River Churches is on Sunday July 3rd, 10:00 am at Holcombe-Jimison Farm. Please bring your lunch with a little extra to share, bug repellent and your lawn chair. Drinks will be provided.

The Ladies’ Bible Study will be continuing on some Wednesdays during July and August. Details will be coming soon!

Ministry and Outreach:

News From Your Missions Team~

“I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; And I will sing praises to You among the nations.” (PSALM 108:3)

Greetings from your Missions Team! God is faithful! Our Team met on Sunday, May 22nd and we are pleased to report that He is at work here at First Presbyterian Church! Please continue to keep our missionaries: John & Aruna Desai, Grace Morillo, Terry Slemmer, and Sarah Tielmann, in your prayers throughout the summer. They are on the front lines proclaiming the powerful Name of Jesus both here and abroad. Thank you for your continuing support for our missionaries. We are blessed and are excited to see what the Lord has in store for all of us as we work together to share the life-changing gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen!

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



Greetings From Your Church Deacons~

We hope you are all well, enjoying and appreciating the beautiful spring that we have been having. God never seeks to amaze us and we thank Him for His goodness.

Your deacons have had a busy but fruitful season. Going from a blessed Christmas Holiday to an amazing Easter which we were so fortunate to celebrate with you, our Risen Lord, Hallelujah! The Easter breakfast and egg hunt were well attended and Enjoyed by young and old alike

The shad fest in April was a mixed blessing. We were short on helpers as many Were away at that time. Despite a few problems, those who were able to be there Did a wonderful job and all went well.

Those who attended the Women’s three day retreat in Sandy Cove, Md (as they did Several years ago) had a blessed reunion and a wonderful week-end of fellowship, Praise, and and a love for Sandy Cove and it’s staff.

As we sign off for now, we wish you all a summer of relaxation, growth, peace, and Remember that you are in our prayers and here if you should need us. With love from your Deacons,

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

Another Lesson on the Dangers of Progressive Christianity

- *Matthew 7:15-20 (Please Read)*
 “There has been no end of false prophets who walk like sheep and talk like sheep, but inwardly they only want to feast on sheep!” (Not my quote.)
- Progressive Christianity emphasizes tolerance and acceptance but rejects the bible’s teaching about sin, judgement, repentance, and Jesus’s ultimate authority.
- A Christianity that conforms to culture is a counterfeit gospel.
- Progressive Christianity imitates culture, but Christians should imitate Jesus by recognizing and making a strong stand against the false teachings and at times, woke Christian movements.
- We are bombarded daily by the decaying society around us, it is attacking adults and our children; ideas that go against common sense and scripture.
 1. We need to get a backbone: Please read *Matthew 5:10-16*, *John 15: 18-19*, and *John 16:31-33*.
 2. Uphold biblical authority: There can not be more than one truth. *John 14:6-7*, *Hebrews 4:12-13*, and *Hebrews 13:4*.
 3. Live the truth: *Romans 8:5-11*
 4. Proclaim the Gospel: *John 3:16-21*
- **Progressive Christianity interprets the bible through the lens of culture; it does not critique the culture through the lens of the bible, so be careful.**

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



Just for Kids...

RUNNING THE RACE

Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

<p>1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p>	<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>			<p>Revelation 22:20 Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>	<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>	<p>2 John 8 Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:1-3 Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p>	<p>Psalm 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>	<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>	<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:7 Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p>
<p>Jeremiah 10:23 Pray that God always directs your steps.</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>
<p>Psalm 18:32 Memorize this verse.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>		

FINISH

Great JOB!

June Assisting Schedule:

Elder Schedule

June 5- **Communion**/Joanne DiBlasi
June 12- Don Pidcock
June 19- Russ Topping
June 26- Karen Thatcher

Deacon Schedule

June 5- **Communion**/*Danielle Griffiths (**Stair Glide**), Phil McCloughan
June 12- Jen Chernoski
June 19- Heather Pursell
June 26- Gail Armitage

Greeting Schedule

June 5- Karen Armano
June 12- Gail Armitage
June 19- Carol Griffiths
June 26- Joanne DiBlasi

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

The July and August Assisting Schedules will be in the upcoming bulletins.

Schedules are subject to change

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville via Zoom
April 18, 2022 Session Business Meeting 7:00 PM

Class of 2023

Don Pidcock
 Russ Topping

Class of 2024

Karen Thatcher

Class of 2025

Joanne DiBlasi
 Heather McIntyre

Rev. Dan Dorrow, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, 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 – Karen Thatcher

There is a commercial on TV, where a young woman goes through her life carrying a ‘smiling mask’ and when asked how she is doing, she replies ‘I’m fine’. **‘Don’t judge a book by its cover’**. We all do this!

That smiling face may look fine, but what lies underneath could be torment, stress, pain, fear, confusion, resentment, jealousy, anger and so on. We need to listen to God and choose our words carefully, our words can lift up or unintentionally harm someone. Each person has purpose – let us be part of God’s plan and encourage them forward.

That young youthful exterior might be misleading – think about David. When Samuel was sent by God to anoint a new king in Israel, he was sent to the house of Jesse. Jesse had a lot of sons who looked worthy of stepping into the role. As Samuel went down the line, God kept telling him ‘no’. So Samuel asked if there were any other sons and Jesse told him there was his youngest son out in the fields with the sheep. As we all know that was David, whom God had chosen. Samuel might have passed him by due to his youthful appearance. But David had a pure heart before God, God chose him and Samuel anointed him.

Don’t judge a book by its cover because you may be missing out on a big blessing. God may send someone in your life who you wouldn’t necessarily think they could use your help OR that they are not what you need in your life at this time. What we see on the outside does not tell us what’s on the inside.

John 7:24 – ‘Stop judging according to outward appearance; rather judge according to righteous judgement’.

Around the Room - The Elders, Dan and myself went around the room and shared our concerns. Sunday School was discussed during this time. After, Dan closed this section with prayer.

Moderator Time - Rev. Dan Dorrow

Dan continued the discussion of his long-term vision with Session, and wanted Session's input. The first thing Dan talked about was discipling of middle and high school teens, and how to get them more involved with our church, and men's discipleship in our congregation. Joanne discussed how the teens were involved in the church in the past, as well as the men getting together for a bible study in a local restaurant in the early am. Heather talked a possible bible study for the teens. All of Session agreed that we should keep praying for discipleship for both teens and men's groups. Dan would like to have members from the congregation or "Lay Leadership" to reach out to the children and men of the congregation so that we can form solid groups for each.

Dan talked about the LGBTQ and town government and how to reach out to them. Because we have the resources and location, we should reach out within the next couple of years. Joanne talked about how we need to strengthen our congregation before we reach out to the community, to get more people to come in. Dan, Heather and Karen talked about different ways to reach out to the men-for Dan to introduce himself. Some examples were: sending texts or emails, handouts, engage in conversation. Joanne asked Dan to introduce himself to the business leaders in our community. Dan said that the first step would be to reach out to the men of the congregation, then to the community. Dan wants Session to keep praying for both the men and youth for these two areas. What the women are doing for our church continues to be excellent.

A wedding request was made for July 16, 2022 for our church. Dan isn't going to officiate, but he spoke with the bride and it's going to be a Christian wedding. She will obtain a pastor to officiate the ceremony. A **motion** to approve the church for use on 7/16 for the wedding was brought forth and approved. The rehearsal is on 7/15. Dan will reach out the couple to let them know that their request to use the church has been approved. Dan will also reach out to Pat Durborow regarding her Sexton services. Dan also asked Session to approve a **motion**, to revise the wedding fees. The fee of \$2500.00 is what is going to be charged, not the \$2800.00 (this was plus the minister.) The **motion** was approved, all were in favor.

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box - Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: A **motion** was called to approve the minutes from February 21, 2022 and March 21, 2022. All were in favor. Both 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 email was discussed from Steve Emery regarding the church organ. He was recommended by Eric Plutz, and Sue contacted him. Steve came to look at the organ on April 6, 2022, and he gave his assessment of what repairs needed to be done. He also did some adjustments to the organ, but he remarked that he'll need to come back to tune it, if Session will approve this. Steve will send an estimate of how much a tune-up will cost, so it can be presented. Sue will follow up and give Session the estimate when it comes through.

An email was sent from the Highlands Presbytery regarding this year's 2021 Minutes Review. This is due to the Presbytery by 5/27/22. Sue will complete the worksheet and team up with Sally from Stockton Pres. to review them, then the review worksheet will be emailed to Sonja at the Presbytery.

Calendar Highlights from May-July 2022:

Communion Sundays are on 5/1, 6/5, and at the joint service on 7/3/22. The joint service will be held at the Holcombe-Jimison Farm, at 10:00 am. More details to follow. The National Day of Prayer is on 5/5, and our Sanctuary will be open for prayer. Mother's Day is 5/8, and carnations will be given out for all the ladies. Dan is on vacation the week of May 9th, and Don Pidcock will be giving the sermon on Sunday May 15th. Our Accompanists for May are: Joanne Dorrow, Stephen McCloughan, George Warner and Hilary Orlando. Ladies Bible Study will continue, but on a limited basis for the summer. The last Sunday for Sunday School and the 10:30 service is June 5th. Starting on June 12th, our Prelude will start at 9:20 and Worship is at 9:30 and will continue until September. Our last Session Business meeting is June 20th. There are no Business Meetings during July and August. Our Accompanists for the month of June are: Hilary Orlando and George Warner. Father's Day is June 19th. Dan is away on Study Leave the week of June 20th, and Russ will be giving the sermon on Sunday June 26th. The Hodgson/Brazzi wedding is scheduled for Saturday July 16th.

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

Children's Time- Joanne talked about who will be giving the children's sermons for May: 5/1, Stephen M., 5/8 and 5/22 is Dan, Karen is 5/15, and 5/29 will be determined at a later time.

Sight & Sound- Karen is collecting the money for the tickets. The soup fundraiser went very well, and there will be another fundraiser at Shad Fest, and we will be selling hot dogs. Heather will pay S&S and Bird in Hand (Luncheon), and will confirm our outing for October.

Insurance Review- Representatives from the Duryea Agency will be at our next Session meeting (6:30 pm) to discuss our insurance matters as well as the Child Protection Policy. Our Presbytery requires that we carry this kind of policy. Heather was able to get a generic Child Protection Policy off the Presbytery website to send to Session members to review, and the shortest policy was sent. More discussion to follow.

Accompanist/Pianist- We continuing to look for a Part-Time Accompanist/Music Director. Sue will send the Job Description to a few places-the AGOs for example, and keep Karen, Donna Z. and Addie up to date with the search. Stephen M., also will be able to substitute if needed.

Shad Fest-Joanne will check the Church Office for antique photos so that they can be displayed.

Building and Grounds

This was not discussed tonight. The Organ was talked about by Sue during the Clerk of Session's time.

Budget and Finance – Heather McIntyre

Heather will forward the financial and Zoom numbers at a later time. The Lowell Hunter Estate was discussed and it is ongoing. Boy Scouts and what is going on with their legal issues are still ongoing.

Sunday School/Junior Deacons – Joanne DiBlasi

Joanne is now the contact person regarding the Junior Deacons. It was brought up that LaNelle Gallagher talked about the Jr. Deacons at the last Deacon's meeting, and would contact Joanne regarding them. Joanne has the write-up about the Jr. Deacons, and it is still being worked on.

Missions – Russ Topping

Joanne encouraged Russ to reach out to Addie or Donna to get information from the Missions Team, so that he can speak to Session about what is happening with Missions.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was held on Sunday April 3, 2022.

Elder Care Lists- Dan asked Session members to give feedback on their lists. Joanne, Karen and Heather discussed their lists. Dan suggested that the next time they call their people, to ask about how the children are and about men's discipleship.

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.

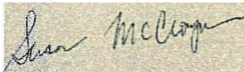
Prayer Meetings- Will continue the first Monday of each month with members sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will continue on Zoom. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation- For the May Meeting is: Russ Topping and is followed by Joanne DiBlasi

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session