



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LAMBERTVILLE
First Presbyterian Church

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

From Our Elder ~ Pat Durborow

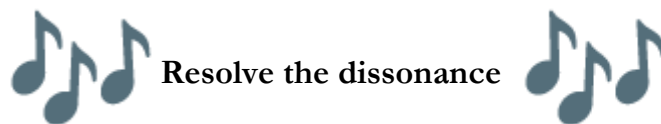
Paul wrote this letter to provide guidance, encouragement and direction to the Romans.

In ***Romans 12:16*** we read, “Live in harmony with one another do not be proud but enjoy the company of the lowly.” In this letter the verse caught my eye, live in harmony with one another. OK I can relate to harmony, when singing with Karen I’m usually in search of that harmony note! Most times it is down a third (2 notes) not easy to find for me for some reason and it has become a funny joke for us, not a third!!!

There are also times in music when the notes are close together (next to each other on the keyboard). These chords are called dissonant, unusual combination, clashing. Sometimes it is this dissonant clashing harmony that makes the song more beautiful and interesting especially when it resolves, you know, back to the third!

In the relationships we have with each other, either in church or on the many boards we may serve on, or in any group, we can also often see discord or dissonance. Sharing opinions, especially different opinions, can cause this discord but don’t fear voicing your opinion just because it’s not the popular one, pray, ask God if this is what he wants you to do, then wait for His answer. Many solutions have been found to particular problems by voicing opinions, hashing it out then coming to an agreement.

In ***Romans 12:18*** Paul writes “if it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”



“From the Office”

Happy Autumn to all! I will be out of the Office from October 10 through the 15th. Thank you for your understanding. The Bell Choir will be coming back on Thursdays, starting on November 7th at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please reach out to me. You don't have to read music to play, just bring your enthusiasm! Please email or call me at the Church Office:

lambertvillepresbyterian@gmail.com or 609-397-0650.

Thank you for your continued input for the Newsletters, it is greatly appreciated!

Have a blessed month!!

Sue



Church News:



Our Communion for September was at Mt. Airy which was well attended. The Communion this month is on October 6, and is Worldwide Communion Sunday, and Mt. Airy will be joining us. Pastor Gregory will be here.

The Care & Share Schedule has been reworked. A copy is on the next page, and there are groups. If anyone has a question, please call me at the Office. For the month of October, Music Ministry will be hosting. Each group will have 2 months each. Thank you for your participation!

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing on Wednesdays, 2:00 pm in the Church Library.

The Spanish Ministry will be meeting on Sundays at **3:00 pm** (please note the change of time.)

On Sunday October 27th, our church will be open for the Lambertville House Tour. We will be having volunteers giving tours and serving light refreshments from 11:30 am. If anyone would like to help out, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

On Wednesday October 30th, the Gates to the Garden and Cemetery will be closed until Friday November 1st.

Care and Share Schedule 2024-2025

September ~ Ladies' Bible Study

October ~ Music Ministry

November ~ Session

December ~ Missions

January ~ Bell Choir

February ~ Deacons

March ~ Missions

April ~ Bell Choir

May ~ Music Ministry

June ~ Session

July ~ Deacons

August ~ Ladies' Bible Study

Thank you all for your participation!



Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Yes, it's that time of year again for us to reach out and send Christmas joy to children in the USA and around the world.

I have boxes and labels available for you. Please be sure to give me your completed shoebox by November 24th, so I can deliver them after church to the drop off location.

Blessings,
Joanne DiBlasi



Ministry and Outreach:

News From Your Missions Team~

Please see the Bulletin Board in the back of the Sanctuary!

Your Missions Team:

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

Deacon's Corner.....

As we go into the cooler time of the year our little food bank outside will get used more often. We saw many people who were using it over the Summer months and as a church we would like to continue to keep our little bank filled. The Deacons are asking all to bring something in the first Sunday of the month or whenever you are able. Please make sure that the items are non perishable or can goods. We're getting community folks dropping things off that aren't always appropriate or expired dates. Thanks for all your help.

Heather, Dana, Terry, LaNelle, Heidi and Jennifer

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." **Matthew 25:35 NIV**



Please see the below message from Don Pidcock regarding the upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic~

Our mission trip this year will be heading up to the mountainous region of Jarabocoa, which is located in the Dominican Republic with Students International. Heather Pursell, Carin Gallagher, Crystal and Chuck Robertson and Don Pidcock will be attending during the last week of October. An additional eleven people from Crystal and Chuck's church will also be with us.

We are presently gathering items for the trip to donate to the local people as each person will be taking one additional suitcase of items to be donated. A suitcase is located at the rear of the sanctuary for your donations. Personal hygiene and children's school items are much welcomed. We are also gathering financial support as the trip will cost each person around \$1,500.

As always we depend on your prayers for travel, for safety and the spreading of Gods word to others. May our church be blessed through the outreach of this ministry. Thank You for all of your generosity. The last Sunday for donations is October 20th.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Don Pidcock at 609-397-3560 or cooiep1@yahoo.com

On the next few pages (6-9), please see the Donation List for the DR Trip...Thank you!

Ace wraps various sizes
Adhesive tape
Allergy meds (DayQuil, Benadryl)
Ankle support braces (medium & large)
Anti fungal cream
Antibiotic cream
Antibiotics – Amoxicillin
Any used iPads, tablets, or laptops.
Any used iPhone 8, or newer.
Arm sling
Back Brace (for lifting heavy objects)
Balls
Bandage tape
Band-aids
Bars of soap
Baseball cleats (ages 8-13 years old)
Baseball gloves (size 11-12 inch preferred)
Baseball Socks/belts (black or royal blue)
Baseballs (wilson 1010s best for the money)
Basketball balls, volleyball, football
Battery powered craft vac
Batting gloves
Bean bags for the yard game, corn hole
Benadryl
Bible – Spanish kids/adults
Birthday decorations (general, not in English)
Black shorts
Black spandex
Board games for children in Spanish (3 to 12 years old)
Bookbinding tools
Books in Spanish for children (3 to 12 years old)
Booty Bands Exercises
Cam wood bat youth
Cameras that you no longer use or any lenses.
Chewable antacids (TUMS or Costco generic)
Children Puzzle
Children's Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen
Christmas decorations
Cold medicine day time & night time
Cold packs - that can be put in first aid kits for the sites

Coloring books (Spanish)
Cooking utensils
Cough syrup
Course Sandpaper
Craft supplies (pompoms, model magic, gems, stickers, etc.)
Crayons
Crew socks
Cricut
Dental bibs
Deodorant
Didactical Games - Puzzles, Memory, Candy Land, etc.
Dish towels
Dolls
Duct tape
Educational toys
Envelopes
Exercise ball
Exercise equipment (jump ropes, large & small bands)
Exercise mats
Eye drops (any type over the counter for rewetting or irritation)
Fabric (Cotton, Line, Canvas)
Face & body Lotion
Face masks N95 or Surgical level 3
Floor puzzles and wooden puzzles
Gauze – 2x2, cotton rolls
Gift bags and tissue paper
Glucometer test strips (Bayer Contour Plus brand)
Glue sticks (.27” diameter)
Guitar Strings (Martin, Fender, Elipse)
Hair accessories for girls
Hand sanitizer
Hand soap
Hanging net for batting (golf netting on Amazon)
Hard Drive Ext. (1Tb and up)
Heating Pad
Hemp cord
Hot pads & hot mitts
HP 664 Printer Ink
HP 67 Black/Tri-color Ink Cartridges
HP Iron-on transfers 8.5 x 11 Sheets
Hydrocortisone Creams (anti-itch)
Hydrogen peroxide
Ibuprofen

Jaeger bands for pitchers (junior size)
 Keychain Rings
 Kitchen towels
 Latex gloves Small and medium
 Lysol Wipes
 Macrame yarn
 Make-up
 Markers – (dots, magic, perm and whiteboard)
 Masking Tape
 Math books in Spanish (7 to 12 years old)
 Metal bats
 Mr. Clean magic erasers
 Nail polish
 Nasal decongestants
 Natural macrame cord
 Non-skid bathroom rugs in tan, blue, and green
 Notebooks
 Organic Cotton Blend Batting on a Roll (2.5 in)
 Paint brushes
 Paints (Acrylic, tempura, finger paints, watercolors and washable crayola)
 Pamker candle making kit
 Paper bead rolling
 Paper rolling tools different size
 Pencil sharpeners
 Pencils
 Pens
 Perfume
 Personal hygiene articles for women
 Pillow protectors (standard size, cotton/poly blend, zippered)
 Plastic serving tongs
 Play-dough
 Popped Fidget Toy
 Popsicle sticks (thin & large)
 Puzzles
 PVC Pipe Elbow 90 degree angle ½”
 Q-tips
 Queen & full sized sheet sets (with 2 pillow cases) new or gently used
 Quilling Paper
 Rags
 Restorative Materials (Examples include temporary dressings, dental restorations (fillings, crowns, bridges), endodontic materials (used in root canal therapy), impression materials, prosthetic materials (dentures), dental implants)
 Rubber mallet
 Rubber spatulas

Safety Glasses
School Notebooks
Scissors (Fabrics, Safety, Upholstery)
Scotch Brite sponges with green scrubbers
Shampoo
Sharpies medium and broad tip
Silicon glue (can be found in hardware stores or Amazon, different than school glue)
Sling backpacks
Small candies (ex. Smarties)
Small flashlights (that take AA batteries)
Small Handbags
Small toys (to reward achievements)
Sports bras
Stickers
Sticky tack
Storybooks (in Spanish)
Thera-bands (slow, medium, hard)
Thermal laminating sheets (9x11.5 inches)
Threads and hand needles
Toothbrushes and toothpaste (can be travel size)
Tote bags
Toy cars
Underwear/ Socks
Unsweetened Kool-Aid packets in popular flavors
Used magazines
Vitamins for adults, children, prenatal
Volleyball nets
Volleyball scoreboard
Volleyballs (Molten, Tachikara, Mikasa)
Wallets
Water bottles
White board erasers, and cleaner
White Out Tape
Wire Brushes (for cleaning rust)
Wood Beads
Wooden Bats
Work gloves (fabric heavy duty)
Wound care supplies (gauze, tape, cleaning supplies)
Yarn/string
Ziplock bags

October Birthdays

10 Brian Fisher

17 Giana Griffiths

20 Pat Warford

23 Chase Stratuik

24 Nate McIntyre

25 Craig Reading

27 Bo Hartpence

27 Diana Pursell

30 Giana Vaccarino

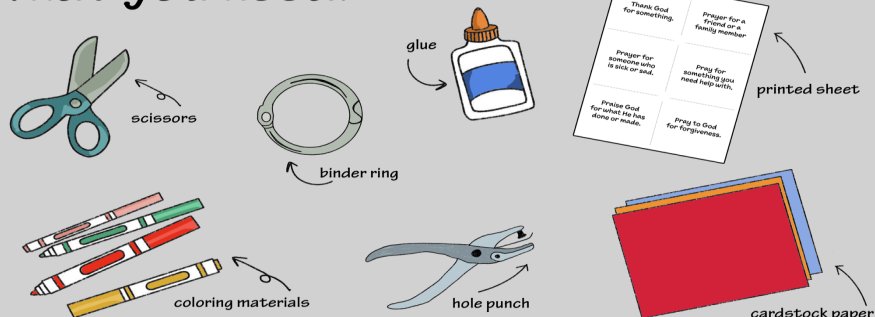


Just for Kids.....

Children's Worship
Bulletins™

Hand Prayer Prompt Book

What you need:



What to do:

- 1) trace your child's hand on cardstock
- 2) cut out hand shapes & prayer prompts
- 3) glue prayer prompts onto the hands
- 4) hole punch the hands and connect them with a binder clip
- 5) decorate



**Thank God
for something.**

**Pray for a
friend or a
family member.**

**Pray for
someone who
is sick or sad.**

**Pray for
something you
need help with.**

**Praise God
for what He has
done or made.**

**Pray to God
for forgiveness.**

October Assisting Schedules:

Elder Schedule

10/6- Communion/Phil McCloughan
10/13- Pat Durborow
10/20- Joanne DiBlasi
10/27- Karen Thatcher

Deacon Schedule

10/6- Communion/*Dana Garrenger (Stair Glide), Heidi Danberry
10/13- Jen Chernoski
10/20- Heather Pursell
10/27- Terry Peck

Greeting Schedule

10/6- Connie Fisher
10/13- Joan Yannarella
10/20- Donna Zambella
10/27- Carol Griffiths

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

Schedules are subject to change

Thank you!

Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville
Westminster House
June 10, 2024 6:30 PM

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Joanne DiBlasi	Pat Durborow	Don Pidcock
Heather McIntyre	Phil McCloughan	Karen Thatcher

Rev. Linda Gaden, Moderator

Susan McCloughan, Clerk of Session

Present: Joanne DiBlasi, Pat Durborow, Phil McCloughan, Heather McIntyre,
 Karen Thatcher and Rev. Linda Gaden

Excused: Don Pidcock

Welcome: Reverend Gaden, declaring a quorum, welcomed all to the
 June 10, 2024 Session Business Meeting and opened in prayer.

6:30 PM-Devotion, Pat Durborow

Pat spoke about a book by Mark Batterson, *Draw the Circle*. In his book, Mark shares a biblical example about Moses and how he was a Shepherd and tending to his sheep, at the bottom of Mt. Sanai. Moses was compelled to go up to the mountain, where God spoke to him through a burning bush, and how, when or where will God appear. This changes Moses life. Mark also talks about “how persistent prayer can transform your life and the world around you.” Another example that Pat gave was a story about Pastor Ken Gaub who had his own radio show and TV ministry, and a phone caller named “Millie.” She was desperate, and started talking to Ken and about God. Ken at that point knew Millie needed to be counseled, which he did over the phone. He was able to help Millie to understand that she was in God’s loving care, and to let her know that she has a “new life in her Savior and Lord.” That God knows all about us, and wherever we are, we know that God is with us.

Moderator Time - Pastor Linda Gaden
 Pastor Linda shared when going “Around the Room.”

Clerks Correspondence and Session Mail Box - Susan McCloughan

Review of Minutes: A **motion** was called to approve the minutes from April 15, 2024. All were in favor.

Mail Box/Clerk Correspondence- We have received a post card from Bob Heath and the Gideons that they will be praying for our church on 5/11. Pastor Linda mentions that we will need to look into possibly adding an addendum to our church’s By-Laws regarding persons attending meetings by electronic means. This will be discussed in the fall. I will be sending out the 2024-2025 Elder Assisting List sometime in August.

I was asked to send out the Accompanist list for August. Sue will reach out to Don Pidcock to find out when the Sunday School will be starting, Dana Garrenger will be asked for the children and Jim Gallagher will be asked for the Adults. The Father's Day giveaways were ordered, and will be given out on 6/16. The Fire Extinguisher Inspection Report was done by Tilly on 4/23/24. The report is on file in the church office. An email was sent to Steve Emery to come and tune the Organ on 5/16/24. As of today, no reply was given, Sue will follow up.

The furnace in the church basement that has a leaking valve was fixed by Garden State. Session is continuing to review the "Turn the Page" documents that were handed out previously in regards in looking for a new Pastor. This is ongoing.

Calendar Highlights from June- October 2024

Communion is scheduled for 6/2 will be a joint Communion Sunday with Mt. Airy at Mt. Airy and 7/7 at the joint service at Holcombe-Jimison. 8/4 Pastor Gregory will be here, 9/8 will be joint Communion Sunday with Mt. Airy at Mt. Airy. World Wide Communion Sunday is October 6th, and Mt. Airy will be at First. Pres.

The information will be in the bulletins for who is scheduled to give the upcoming Sermons and our Accompanists. The Ladies' Bible Study will be continuing on Wednesdays. The Almira Holcombe Scholarships will be given out by Don Pidcock during the Worship Service on June 16th. There are 4 recipients. The Session Prayer Meetings will be on July 1, August 5, September 9, and October 7. Sue will be out of the office from 6/21-7/23. The Joint Service at Holcombe-Jimison on 7/7 will be at 10:00 am with a picnic to follow. The Spanish Ministry will be continuing throughout the summer. The ISI Garage Giveaway will be held on Saturday 8/24 in Princeton. Our church will be on hand to help out. Session will be resuming their monthly Business Meetings on Sept. 16th. We will be resuming our fall Worship schedule on Sunday September 8th, at 10:00 am.

Presbytery Minutes Review- Our yearly minutes review of 2023 were **approved** in May 2024 by the Highlands Presbytery with the following exceptions:

#6- I did not include a brief written report in the minutes regarding the Stated Meetings with Phil M. being our representative. He did however did give an oral report. I will make sure that I record the reports of those meetings in our minutes.

July Bulletins- Were discussed, and Sue will do ahead of time, abbreviated bulletins for July 14 & 21.

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

Insurance Review- The claim is ongoing regarding the lightning strike from last year with Decker and Associates. Adam from Decker had questions regarding our SDG panel which was damaged and had to be replaced. Karen and Heather are looking into seeing if this may be covered under our insurance. Heather is also looking into getting possibly 1 or 2 surge protectors that were suggested by SDG so our panel won't get damaged and have to be replaced again. Once this is done, she will contact an electrician to install the surge protector.

Young Adult Time- Whoever is preaching and if they aren't giving the young adult time, then Joanne will look into getting someone. Young Adult Time will be omitted when the Scholarships will be given out.

Soup Sale and other Fund Raisers- The soup sales have made over \$3000. Sight and Sound was talked about and how the church will be attending "Noah" for 2025. More about S&S in the coming meetings. The Fundraisers are over for now.

Accompanist/Music Director- We are following the Facebook Liturgical Musicians page, and we had gotten a response. Adri B. has started playing for us and she will be added to our Accompanist List. Adri likes to work with children and this is a plus. The job description for the Accompanist/Music Director was discussed and there is a possibility that Lucia may come join us on a permanent basis. We are trying to find someone who works well with our groups, Ladies Ensemble, etc. Becky has been gone for almost 3 years.

Methodist Church- Mark D. asked if we can get a feeding program going at our church. Session talked about this, and how the Methodist church in Lambertville already has this program on Wednesdays, so it isn't needed at our church at this time. Phil mentioned that maybe we can have the Methodist church come to our church on Wednesdays if needed to use our facilities, if their church closes.

Spanish Ministry- Joanne spoke about this and the Spanish Ministry is now meeting at 7:30 pm, and there have been a small group attending. It has been going well so far.

Joint Services- On June 2- Karen spoke about our combined communion service and how it went well with Mt. Airy. This was held at Mt. Airy. Upcoming on July 7th, Stockton, Mt. Airy and Lambertville will be participating at Holcombe-Jimison. Russ will be giving the sermon, and Pastor Dave will be doing the bulletin. Communion will be done by intinction. Fellowship picnic to follow after the service.

Building and Grounds – Pat Durborow/Phil McCloughan/Heather McIntyre

The **new technology** for the Livestream is up and running. Phil asked that we buy 2 or 4 more microphones for the front of the church, so that the people that are playing can be heard better. Joanne said that she would order the microphones from Sweetwater, online.

Church Organ, Almira Scholarship and Church Heaters- Were discussed earlier. With the church heaters, Garden State will come back and service them in the church basement and Westminster House as needed.

Church Roof- This is ongoing, Heather and Phil have narrowed it down to one contractor, which is Eiseman Roofing. Phil suggested all meeting on 6/19 to talk to Eiseman. Heather asked if Nate can be included as well since he has been involved. Also, the gutters on the back of the church were discussed to see what should be done about those. There is an issue there.

Skating and Friday Night Hang – Skating will be starting most likely in November 2024. Friday Night Hang will not be continuing.

Martinez Landscaping- The bill has been paid, and Pat will call them to have them come to pull the weeds that have accumulated.

Hallway in Church/Bathrooms/Front Door- The church hallway Joanne talked about washing and painting the walls, venting the bathrooms in the church, and painting above the outside front doors. This will be discussed more at the September meeting.

Pastor Search Committee- Our Session has reached out to Mt. Airy Pres. to see if sharing a pastor would be the way to go, for both churches. Our Elders and the Mt. Airy Elders will be meeting on June 20th at 7:30 pm to see if this would be feasible. Mt. Airy has a manse that can house the pastor if needed and this will be talked about as well. Jack Williamson is an Elder at Mt. Airy and is the point of contact for them.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Highlands- Phil attended the Zoom meeting on May 14, 2024, and has given us an oral report. Some examples of what was shared were: The Presbytery has their insurance of Brown & Brown. Their hands on mission work- **“One Great Hour of Sharing”** where the congregations and Presbyteries work in different ways to serve

Budget and Finance – Heather McIntyre

Our Year-to-Date Summary was given out and was discussed, from 1/1-6/10/24, and we are under in our Plate by \$2815.26 and Heather reviewed this with Session.

Lowell Hunter Estate- No updates at this time.

Boy Scouts- No updates at this time.

Usage of the Gym for LPS during the 2023-2024 School Year- We have been paid up to date for the use of the gym. LPS is finished using our gym. Heather will reach out to Jim if another check isn't received by the end of the school year.

Per Capita- The budget is being looked at for missions to see where the allotment will be going, so the Per Capita will be revisited in the fall.

Funeral Policy- Pastor Linda said that our funeral policy should possibly be looked into to make sure for those who play for the service that a fee is included.

Sunday School/Junior Deacons – Joanne DiBlasi

Sunday School/Junior Deacons- Sunday School was addressed earlier. Jr. Deacons, Stephen M. has been attending church on a regular basis.

Missions – Joanne DiBlasi

Checks will be going out to our Missionaries in July and November 2024. Grace Morillo's mission is changing, and our mission's team will reach out to Grace to see where the future checks should be sent.

Notations

Holy Communion- Was on Sunday May 26 and was here at First Pres., and Sunday June 2 at Mt. Airy Presbyterian. Both were performed by Pastor Peter Gregory.

Continuing of Education- Elders are encouraged to continue in and share the word of God through reading His Word, devotions, prayer and to be involved in education.

Elders-Are to continue Pastoral Care as needed.

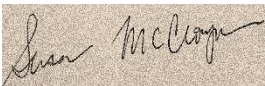
Prayer Meetings- Will be held on the first Monday of each month. Members will be sharing His Word through readings, thoughts, scripture and prayer, and will be in person. For those who cannot make in person, a livestream will be available. If for personal reasons keep session members from attending, the session resolved to pray wherever they are during the 7 o'clock hour.

Session Devotion Rotation- Our May meeting was cancelled. There are no Session Meetings during July and August. The devotion for the September meeting is Phil McCloughan and October is Heather McIntyre.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm and was closed in Session prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan McCloughan
Clerk of Session