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Church Clerk	Eleanor Clemente
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Missionary Treasurer	Ruthann Moore
Financial Secretary	OPEN

Adult Discipleship Team (5)

Esther Jackson– chair  
Joy Suiters  
Loraine Young  
Bill Keating  
OPEN

Stewardship Team (7)

John Egan-chair  
Lisa Rudderow-Secretary  
Harry Moore  
OPEN  
Don Perry  
John Cobin– Vice Chair  
OPEN

Worship Team (5)

OPEN  
Christine Cobin  
Brian Heintzelman  
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Lou Panichelli

Pastoral Care Team (5)

Tina Nipe– chair  
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Melby Hite  
Patty Ferrell  
Kathie Panichelli

Children & Youth Discipleship Team (5)

Jaclyn Minguez-chair  
JoAnne Taylor  
JoAnn Mulligan  
Gary Minguez  
Chrissy Cox

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Nancy Kohler-chair	Josephine Pedrick
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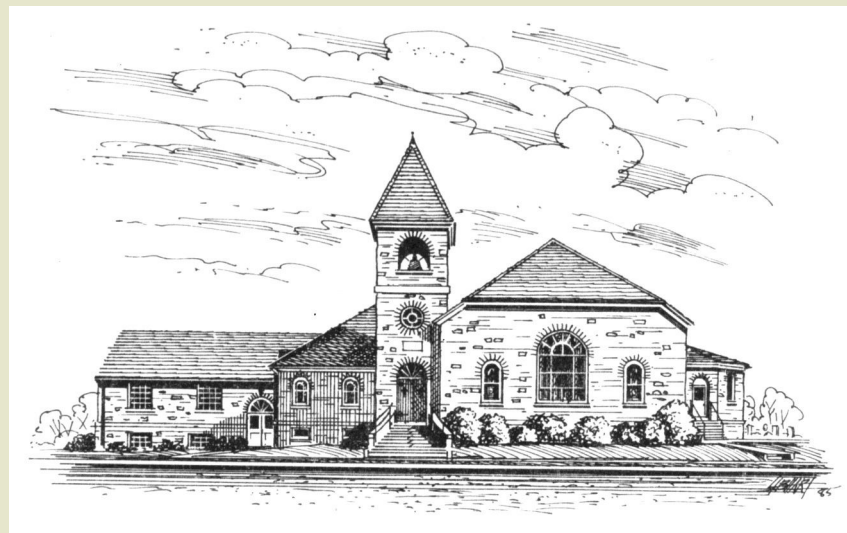
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# FBC Community

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*Our Mission... "to birth and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are characterized by faith, hope and love."*

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

## **MISSION NEWS**

In late April Glad Tidings India assigned First Baptist our second church planter. Our church planter for the next 18 months is Hemant Fulwary. Mr. Fulwary will be working in Rajasthan, a state bordering Pakistan. Jaipur is the capital city with a population of 3.7 million with only 22,000 Christians. There is much persecution of Christians by Hindu extremists in this state.

Our financial support for Hemant will help him to be trained and equipped to plant a church in a village where no Christian church already exists. In addition, our support will go towards Bibles being printed, an adult literacy class, and Glad Tidings two week Vacation Bible School.

The congregation received a plaque with a photo of Mr. Fulwary, and additional facts concerning the area he will be working in. The plaque will be hung next to our first church planter, J. Ramesh, in the hallway outside of our sanctuary.

The Mission Team asks that all of us keep Hemant Fulwary in our prayers for strength, safety, and the Holy Spirit's direction.

## **Adult Discipleship Team News**

The Mary Elizabeth Pedrick Scholarship is available to all FBC Pedricktown members to support their pursuits in higher education. The scholarship is open by application to members in good standing who are attending full-time higher education programs in the coming school year (2020-2021). Scholarship applications are available through the Adult Discipleship Team. Please contact any member of the ADT for an application. Scholarships are generally awarded as they come in, and applicants will be notified.

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

### Emergency Prayer Chain: Josephine Pedrick (299-3229) & Evelyn Shiffer (299-4874)

Service Personnel— Isaac Hernandez, Sue Springsteen, Kyle Hennessey, Michael Kacer, Melissa Smith, Brad Hyatt, Mark Lindle, Tammy Hunt, Micah Warren, Sam Baker, Kyle Frankenfield, Frank Servais V, Matthew Suiters, Arturo Hernandez-Cruz  
Lois Nipe-Merion Gardens 1021, Frieda Bennett, Lindsay Place, Rm. 133  
Missionary for the Month—Janet & Jud Lamos ((Belguim)



K.C. Biermann  
Jessie Kite  
Bill Goss—MS  
Mary Ann Culletto  
Helen & Bill Keating  
Jonathan Rizzo  
Charles Jackson  
Meghan Cox-migraines  
David Warren  
Jo Pedrick  
Pat Heppel  
Helen Tunstill  
Christopher Sandone  
Patty Jitima  
Ruth Jordan  
Jim Ludlam  
Luis Santiago  
Brian Smith—missionary  
Gretchen Biermann  
Tom Strong  
Brent Hathaway  
Martha Dennis  
Greyson Peck  
Naomi Trostel  
Kathy McDonald  
Joel Musselman-fall  
Mr. & Mrs. Payon  
Teagan Rudderow  
Kathy Kane & family  
Debbie Booker  
Holly Eckert  
Lynn Nixon  
Family of Nick Gold  
Jeff Perry  
Family of Mike Sheridan

Brian McFarland & Family  
Nikki-Addiction  
Bill Doughten  
Mike Seders-MS  
Eric Jacobson  
Carol Blithe  
Dick Dennis  
Barbara Baber  
Alma Lawson  
Joseph-speech  
Nancy Hocknell  
Kelly McIlvaine  
Maribeth Glynn  
Vic Pritchett-heart  
Borelli Family  
Patty Suiters  
Bill Huber  
Wayne Niebauer  
Medical Personnel  
First Responders  
People with COVID-19  
Debbie Booker  
Michael George  
Linda Eller  
Debbie Booker  
Carrie Cunningham  
John Taylor  
Family of Norm LaLiberte  
John  
Family of Amy Oliver Harr  
Family of Naomi Trostel  
Family of Carl Ottinger  
Family of Russell Drabold III  
Melissa Sparks

### Cancer:

Jack Mulligan  
Kevin Jordan  
Carol McFarland  
Dawn Asher  
Karl Biermann  
Donald Shiffer  
Ed Ryan  
Joe Curiale  
Linda Stearley  
Tom Freeman  
Jesse Barreras  
Deanna Sakaguchi  
Gina Grasso  
David Smith  
Bernie Lodge  
Anita Delvechio  
Barbara McBride  
Patty Kosky  
James Boyer—Leukemia  
Maggie  
Matt Schaeffer  
John Harvey  
Barb Snyder  
Len  
Rev. Kevin Lowe  
Duff Wheeler  
Matthew Buns  
Andy Cook  
Bo Griever  
Sarah Scala  
Marie Adams  
Randy Tyler  
Debbie Tomaso

## Leadership Community News

As promised, the Leadership Community at FBC continues to monitor the changes occurring all around us during the pandemic. We have met online each month using the Zoom Meeting service and communicate frequently about church business using texts and emails. There is weekly communication between our Church Treasurer, Bruce Lindle, and the LC, and we are tracking how our giving and expenses are going. We are so grateful for the faithfulness of our church member's giving during this time, and praise God for His goodness.

The leaders of this church have stepped up in big ways to consider the needs of our church family and the community. Pastoral Care Team is busy helping those who have need, including sponsoring the food collection on Mother's Day. Youth activities, including weekly Zoom meetings for the kids and Pastor Paul's kid's sermons, are being offered by the Children & Youth Team. The ADT is processing scholarship applications for our college students as they come in. Mission Team continues to meet our pledges to our missionaries. Stewardship Team provides faithful maintenance and repairs around the building, oversees the ongoing septic system upgrade application, and now is seeing to the deep cleaning of the building for a safe environment for future days. The Worship Team is supporting our technology-based services and is planning a drive-up setting for communion and other drive-up events. And there will continue to be changes, at least for a time.

The LC met on Tuesday, May 26th, to walk through some of those changes for when we reenter the church building. There is no planned date for our church to open the building until it is legal to do so and the church leadership agrees we are prepared to keep people safe. You will be informed well in advance of when services will be held on site and what the plans and practices for healthy and safe attendance will be. We will continue to offer online worship services for those who choose to remain in their homes for health considerations. We ask for your prayerful patience as these days play out. Remember that our God is mighty and hears our prayers. Please pray for our whole church family as the days pass by. May God bless you richly.



Spring into Summer

Dear church family just a short note to let you know that the Worship Team is working and praying for our “coming out” plans, whenever they may be. I know from the Clark house that we have missed seeing everyone in our church home, but we have found a new depth of Christian worship in this time of isolation. Merrit’s sermons, music, You Tubes recordings, TV shows (yep, surprised us too) and the many phone calls, Zoom meetings and points of contact in the community have all taken on such meaning. God is so good and so present. This is a little reminder that Christ’s church is not a building but US.

In light of the continuing concerns we are thinking that we will need some changes when we are able to reunite in our sanctuary. To maintain some social distancing as it may be recommended, the greeting time will be a lot less of a “moving event” physically. As the need may continue for less possibility for spreading germs, it’s likely that there will be no hugs, hand shaking etc., but we will make some suggestions for other greeting choices. Communion will be different in nature. We are working on the details, but Communion by Intinction will be put on hold for the foreseeable future, as it presents far too much possibility for cross contamination. As the team in conjunction with the Leadership community works on this, please keep us in your prayers and know that we all are safe in God’s care, but part of that care includes us using our common sense and caution to keep everyone safe as the weeks go by. This too shall pass. Thank you for your support, prayers and patience. In Christ, Connie Clark, Worship Team Chair

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care team is here for anyone that needs anything. Please reach out to one of its members if you are in need, they are ready to jump into action when they are called. Listed are their phone numbers below.

- Tina Nipe 856.299.7015
- Melby Hite 609.617.8794
- Kathy Panichelli 856.981.0193
- Patty Ferrell 856.299.6799
- Marion Crawford 856.628.5750



Vacation Bible School—VBS will suspended this summer due to the current state restrictions.

CEDARS OF LEBANON



There has been \$11,630.00 pledged as of 05/24/2020

Total received as of 05/24/2020 is \$16,725.00

It is good of you to not forget the Cedars Campaign during our Pandemic. We do appreciate your help. THANKS!

Don’t forget to earmark the contribution for CEDARS OF LEBANON to make sure that it is applied to the right account.

Stay safe, God Bless you!

Discernment Retreat

The Church Leadership Community has scheduled an online, virtual Discernment Retreat for Saturday, June 6th. This will be led by the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey Area Minister, David Van Brakle and other ABCNJ staff. The purpose is to ready our church for the meaningful task of finding and selecting our next full-time Pastor. Our leaders will be helped to begin evaluating the pastoral needs of the church, its members, and the community. We will be focusing on how God will use the church in years to come and how we discern God’s will for the church.

Those participating will be Leadership Community members, some of our Church Officers, and those who have volunteered to be a part of the Pastoral Search Committee. While that committee has not been elected formally, due to the Covid-19 closure at church, we anticipate that when able to hold a church business session again, those folks will be considered for the committee and elected. As the training is available now, the LC determined it was appropriate to go ahead with the retreat.

As things proceed following the retreat, the members will continue to be informed as the process for pastoral search moves forward. If there are any questions, or if anyone not on the list of retreat attendees would like to attend online, please let Esther know and she will provide more information for June 6th. Your prayers and thoughts are so valuable at this time. The process is definitely affected by the current pandemic restrictions, but all can be accomplished as we seek God’s will and direction for our church.