

The Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner



Presbyterian Church – Circa 1890

Senior Pastors

1837 - 2020

*So Christ himself gave the apostles,
the prophets, the evangelists, the
pastors and teachers, to equip his
people for works of service, so that
the body of Christ may be built up.*

Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV

Thanks be to God for the faithfulness, dedication and
leadership of those individuals who have served his
flock in Liberty Corner since 1837.

LCPC Senior Pastors and Significant Dates

The following is a list of those individuals who have served as Senior Pastor of our church since its establishment on June 10, 1837.

James Theodore “Dominie” English 1837 – 1873

1810 Born in Englishtown, NJ, which was named for his ancestors.

1835 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

1837 Cornerstone of our original Sanctuary was laid on September 5.

On the following day, Rev. English received a formal call to be “stated supply” at LCPC for one year.

1838 Installed as pastor of LCPC.

1840 Married Mary Elizabeth Jobs, daughter of Nicholas C. Jobs of Liberty Corner. He and his wife lived on the property now known as the “English Farm”, located on Valley Road, Liberty Corner, NJ.

1868 Cornerstone for a new Sanctuary (our current Sanctuary) was laid. At the same time, a chapel now known as the “Amos Room” was built.

1873 Died in Liberty Corner and was buried in the church graveyard. LCPC was the only church he pastored.



George Crichton Miln 1873 – 1874

- 1851 Born in London, England.
- 1873 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1874 Left LCPC and accepted calls to various churches in New York and Chicago. He eventually left the ministry and became a world-renowned actor and orator.
- 1875 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1917 Died in London, England.



James William Shearer 1875 – 1879

- 1840 Born in Appomattox County, VA.
- 1861 Enlisted with the Virginia Volunteers and served as a member of the Confederate States Army until he was paroled at Appomattox in 1865.
- 1862 Graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA.
- 1875 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1879 The pastoral relation between Rev. Shearer and LCPC was dissolved.
- 1921 Died in Newton, NJ.



REV. JAMES WILLIAM SHEARER, D.D.
At age of 37

William Penn Hammond
1880 – 1885
“Stated Supply”

- 1831 Born in Groton, NY.
- 1861 Ordained.
- 1880 Began service as "stated supply" at LCPC.
- 1885 Left LCPC.
- 1888 Died in Greenwich, CT.



Alexander Hill
1886 – 1889

- 1862 Born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.
- 1886 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1886 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1889 Ended pastoral relationship with LCPC.
- 1938 Died in Pattersonville, NY.



John Aldredge Wells **1890 – 1897**

- 1826 Born in Nelson, Madison County, NY.
- 1856 Graduated from Alfred University, Alfred, NY, and ordained.
- 1862 During the Civil War, served in the Union Army in Kentucky.
- 1890 Called to serve as pastor of LCPC.
- 1897 Submitted his resignation as LCPC pastor.
- 1912 Died in Jersey City, NJ.



Charles Beach Condit **1898 – 1907**

- 1872 Born in West Orange, NJ.
- 1898 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1898 Ordained and installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1907 Resigned as pastor of LCPC to become pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Newark, NJ.
- 1951 Died in West Orange, NJ.



Frank Werner 1907 – 1911

- 1861 Born in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1901 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1907 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1911 Left LCPC and became pastor of Mt. Calvary Church, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1918 Served as a chaplain during the First World War.
- 1945 Died in Philadelphia, PA.



Peter Kenney Hageman 1912 – 1916

- 1859 Born in Bound Brook, NJ.
- 1882 Graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 1912 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1916 Resigned as pastor of LCPC due to health issues.
- 1926 Died in Somerville, NJ.



John J. Barsam **1917 – 1920**

- 1885 Born in Harpoot, Turkey (now Armenia).
- 1911 Graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, NY.
- 1917 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1920 Resigned to become pastor of Carteret Presbyterian Church, Carteret, NJ.
- 1954 Died in Albany, NY.



Howell Davies **1921 – 1924**

- ? -- Born in Wales, United Kingdom.
- 1888 Graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, OH.
- 1921 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1924 Relationship with LCPC dissolved.
- 1925 Died in New York.



William Davies Amos **1924 – 1947**

- 1892 Born in Brownsville, PA.
- 1923 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1924 Ordained and installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1947 Resigned because of poor health. LCPC was the only church he pastored.
- 1951 Died in Summit, NJ.
- 1970 The Amos Room was dedicated to the memory of Reverend Amos and his wife. This room was built in 1868 and was known at various times as the "Lecture Room", the "Session Room", and the "Chapel".



George Robert Cox, Jr. **1948 – 1950**

- 1921 Born in Jersey City, NJ.
- 1946 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1948 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1950 Resigned as pastor of LCPC to become pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, NJ.
- 1992 Died in Wantage Township, NJ.



Frederick Richard Kling
1951 – 1953

- 1928 Born in Mobile, AL.
- 1951 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1951 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1953 Left LCPC to serve as Assistant Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN.
- 2011 Died in Belle Mead, NJ.



Douglas Benjamin Klusmeyer
1954 – 1960

- 1929 Born in Denver, CO.
- 1954 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1955 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1960 Left LCPC to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, North Haledon, NJ.
- 1987 Died in Oklahoma City, OK.



Paul Revere Ritter **1960 – 1967**

- 1929 Born in DuBois, PA.
- 1956 Graduated from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.
- 1960 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1966 Received Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1967 Left LCPC to become pastor of Kennett Square Presbyterian Church, Kennett Square, PA.
- 2013 Died in Souderton, PA.



Dwight Allen White **1967 – 1987**

- 1926 Born in Woodsville, NH.
- 1953 Graduated from Pittsburgh Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1967 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 1987 Left LCPC to become interim pastor of Old First Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ.
- 2006 LCPC dedicated a room in the Annex to the memory of Pastor White and another room in the Annex to the memory of his wife, Jean.
- 2015 Died in Ryegate Corner, VT.



Stephen David McConnell
1990 – 2008

- 1958 Born in New Castle, PA.
- 1984 Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 1990 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 2008 Left LCPC to become pastor of the Church of the Palms, Sarasota, FL.



Donald E. Feuerbach
2010 – 2017

- 1961 Born in - ? - NJ.
- 1998 Graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.
- 2010 Installed as pastor of LCPC.
- 2017 Left LCPC to become pastor of Evergreen Church, Peachtree City, GA.



M. Barnabas Sprinkle
2019 – Present

- 1977 Born in St. Petersburg, FL.
- 2003 Graduated from Columbia Theological
Seminary, Decatur, GA.
- 2020 Installed as pastor of LCPC.





The Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner Manse, circa 1920

This house, located at 58 Church Street in Liberty Corner, served as the manse from 1900 until its sale in 2012.

It replaced a house located at what is now known as 524 Lyons Road that was purchased by the church in 1889. That house, which was destroyed by fire and is no longer there, stood on the property that is presently occupied by the offices of Curcio Plumbing & Heating.

Before 1889, the property now known as 67 Church Street was used as a manse. That house still stands, and is located next to Liberty Corner School.

During most of Rev. James T. English's long pastorate, he lived in the house located at 3625 Valley Road in Liberty Corner that is part of what is now known as "The English Farm".

All of the still-existing former manses mentioned above are part of the state and nationally-recognized "Liberty Corner Historic District".

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