



THE OLIVE BRANCH

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ringoes, New Jersey

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Upcoming Events

**May 12– Westminster Guild
1:30 pm**
**May 1 & 15– Another
Women's Bible Study**
**May 30– Begin Summer
schedule-one service**
**May 31– Memorial Day-office
holiday**

The Truth Project

Ladies and their teenage children are invited to The Truth Project, scheduled to begin Monday, May 3, in the Rader's Sunday School room.

The schedule for the event is 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm for fellowship, then from 7:00 to 8:00 will be the video and short discussion. The last half hour, until 8:30 pm will be an extended discussion.

This 13-week program is an in-depth Christian Worldview Experience, and with one exception will feature videos and discussion focusing on one specific topic each week in a worldwide tour.

More information about The Truth Project is available on thetruthproject.org. You can also obtain a copy of the outline in the KMPC library, on the shelf with the church directories. You can also contact Lynn Villano, 908-735-9794 or lynnv@juno.com. Preview DVDs are also available, plus copies of the first two lessons in the library. The DVDs can be taken out, but please return them ASAP so others can view them too.

From The Pastor

One of the things that I have learned in my years as a pastor is that things change, even though we would like them to stay the same. There are some changes that are natural and expected, and some that come as a surprise. Regardless of the reason for a change, it calls for adaptation and adjustment to the new situation.

May is a season of transition for the staff at Kirkpatrick this year. Shannon Endicott our Praise Band Leader is leaving to move back to Missouri in May. Her last Sunday is going to be May 9th. Lucas will attend the University of Missouri to pursue a PhD in history, as well as beginning a ministry on a college campus. We are so grateful for Shannon's almost two-years of music ministry at Kirkpatrick. I encourage you to express your gratitude and thanks to Shannon for her leadership and sharing her gifts with us. The Personnel Team has already begun planning a search for a new Praise Band leader.

In late April we also had another change to our staff when Jennifer Bacorn became our Director of Children's Ministries. She will be responsible for Sunday School coordination, a weekly program for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and directing our Vacation Bible School. She is already hard at work preparing for VBS for this coming

Thank You From Westminster

The Westminster Guild offered thanks to all who helped the "Baby Kits for Haiti" project last month. With the donated items plus monetary funds, a total of 17 kits were produced, plus \$2.00 per kit that goes to Church World Service for processing costs.

The kits were given to Haiti's earthquake victims.

Blanket Drive to Start

With Mother's Day just around the corner, the Westminster Guild is gearing up for the annual Blanket Drive. The drive this year will start May 9 and conclude on June 6.

The number of those in need around the

Summer, and we have talked at length about the program for elementary aged students. I am very happy to have Jennifer on board, and I know that she will be an asset to our ministry here at KMPC.

In May we will also switch to our Summer Worship Schedule, beginning on Sunday, May 30th. This means that we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. This will also be the end of our Sunday School year, as well. We have a very dedicated team of Sunday School teachers at Kirkpatrick, who work very hard each week to teach our children and adults the Good News of Jesus Christ. I hope that you will take a few moments to thank our teachers for their time and their dedicated service to Christ, this church, and the students in our Sunday School program.

In these times of transition, I invite you to join with me in prayer for our congregation. Pray that we will find the right staff person to lead us in worship at 8:45 on Sundays, that Jennifer's ministry among us will be fruitful, that our Sunday School teachers will have a restful Summer break, and that in the midst of changes, that God will still be at work among us as we seek to serve Him here.

Yours in Christ,
Ryan Balsan, Pastor

world has increased sharply in the past few months, because of natural disasters—earthquakes, tornados and the volcanic eruption. Contributing to the Blanket Fund helps those in need materially, and lets them know God's love through our sharing and caring.

Checks can be made out to KMPC, with "Blanket Fund" in the memo line.

Ayres Scholarships Available

It's that time of year again. Application forms for Samuel Ayres Scholarships are available in the Sanctuary, on the front and back tables. The letter with the application explains eligibility requirements. Applications are due back no later than May 31.

Master Schedule

	8:45 Nursery	Jr. Church	8:45 Greeters	8:45 Offering Ushers	Coffee Break	Communion Prep	11:15 Nursery/Jr Church	11:15 Greeters Ushers
May. 2	Lisa & Matt Koye	Dave & Linda Weller	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk, Pat & Terry	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Sarah Wier	Sue Aliseo	Betty Bevis & Janice Jarrett
May 9	Rod & Jana Jenson	Jen & Barry Bacorn	Bart & Norma Case	Bart & Norma Case Chuck & Jeanne Mundhenk	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk	Colleen Case	Sharyn Danner	Pat & Terry Wright
May. 16	Anthony & Beth Dell	Kathleen & Greg Ruel	Barry & Jennifer Bacorn	Barry & Jennifer Bacorn, Dave & Linda Weller	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Sue Aliseo	Liz Kadezabek	Karen & Roger DeLay
May. 23	Skip & Terri Kell	Tracy McClelland & Michelle Carey	Donna & Bob Trevithick	Donna & Bob Trevithick, Skip & Terry Kell	Sarah Wier	Karla Gambrell	Jennifer Balsan	Fred & Irene Kuhl
May. 30	Kristina & John Munson	John & Connie Raskin	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Steve & Lori Wonsor, Darryl & Nancy	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Norma Zimmerman	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Jun. 6	Bob & Donna Trevithick	Ellie & Tom Verbeyst	Glenn & Carol Riggan	Glenn & Carol Riggan, Gary & Eileen Vin-	Church Picnic	Sarah Wier	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Jun. 13	Kevin & Tina Ireland	Jennifer Balsan & Margaret Case	Lowell & Lorraine Rader	Lowell & Lorraine Rader, Skip & Terry Kell	Dave & Karla Gambrell	Jaime Pickard	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Jun 20	Chris & Mika Colavita	Lori Plimpton & Kate Kennedy	Kate Kennedy & Liz Kadezabek	Kate Kennedy & Liz Kadezabek, Lillian Snyder &	Pat Wright & Terry Kell	Colleen Case	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Jun. 27	Lowell & Lorraine Rader	Carrie & Bob Breech	Hillary Tobin & Sue King	Hillary Tobin & Sue King, Linda Hults, Margaret Case	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Sue Aliseo	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE

The Olive Branch

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KMPC Youth Happenings

As the summer approaches we always see big changes in our youth group as students move up from After School Special to Jr. High, from Jr. High up to our Sr. High group and we bid students farewell as they move on to college and career adventures. This is always an interesting time for us as our groups grow and change with these new students, they bring their new ideas as well as their new energy and enthusiasm to the groups.

The key factor in growing from these changes is the welcoming community of students and volunteer leaders we have who are ready and willing to meet these new students and make them feel part of the ministry here. Last night at our Jr. High youth group I asked each student to name the person or leader they felt most made the effort to welcome them in and show them the ropes. None of the students hesitated, they were all quick to yell out the person that took the time to get to know them and helped them adjust to this new group. These students are excited that now they get to be these encouragers as they have a chance to help these upcoming students find their place.

I remember 15 years ago when I first set foot into a youth group, how nervous I was in entering this group that already had a history and social grouping behind it. But I remember the people who reached out to me: Dan, Ron, Jeff, Dave and April. They took the time to get to know me, looked for how I could be a part of the group, invited me to special events, asked me questions after the devotions, a few even dropped by my house to play video games with me. Without them I could have stayed an outsider, but they chose to welcome me in. I can't wait to see a whole new group of students taking part in this opportunity!

Grace and Peace,
Kevin Ireland

**Questions? Comments?
Want to schedule an
event or get-together?**
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or
[facebook.com/kmpcyouth](https://www.facebook.com/kmpcyouth)

After School Special: Wednesday May 12th - 4:30-6:00

(3rd-5th Graders) Joins us for our time of food, friends, faith discussion and crafts together in the Gym.
Bring a friend!

Jr. High Wednesdays: May 5th, 19th, 26th - 6:00-7:30

(6th-8th Graders) Join us for a time of food, friends, and faith discussion together in the Gym.
Please bring a snack or drink to share and all your friends. **No Jr. High on May 12th**

Sr. High Small Group Wednesdays: May 5th, 19th, 26th -7:30-9:00

(9th-12th Graders) Join us for a time of food, friends, and faith discussion together in the Blue Room.
Please bring a snack or drink to share and all your friends. **No Small Group on May 12th**

Sr. High House Parties: May 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th 7:00-8:30

(9th-12th Graders) Join us for a time of food, friends, and faith discussion together at your house! Would you like to host a Sr. High House Party? Please talk to Kevin and keep an eye out here to see where we are at each week, or join the Sr. High House Party e-mail list by e-mailing kevin.ireland@earthlink.net

May 2nd @ The Ireland's (1217 Rt. 179 Apt 2 Lambertville)

May 9th: (Canceled for Mother's Day)

May 16th @ The Weller's (6 Neshanic Drive, Ringoes)

May 23rd @ The Riggins (4 Rolling Lane, Flemington)

May 30th @ The Ireland's (1217 Rt. 179 Apt 2 Lambertville)

Prayer List

Please contact Irene Kuhl, irenekuhl@comcast.net or 908-782-6736 to have names added or deleted from the list.

KMPC Family

Margaret Case
Doug & Grace Cronce
Those with Parkinson
Sharon Mitzen
Strackhouse Family
Brian Case (military)
Fred Kuhl (healing)
Homebound members
Thomas family (Khalif & Khalil)
High School/College students
KMPC Deacons
KMPC Session members
Renn
Terri
Mavis
Donna
Lori
Teri Gene Angelone
Joseph Kurylo

KMPC Extended Family

Amanda Russo/Case family
Children with cancer
Troubled youth
Toby & Judy Nelson (healing)
Susan Bills
Dolores Heinrich
Mary Robins
Jim
Szabo family
Marie Stra
Young family
Angelina
Baby Hugh
Nancy (cancer)
William Brooksbank
Clarence Hackney
Donna (unemployed)
Mary Ann Covello
Tom Holcombe & Son, Casey

Bob Hackney
Charles Prall (healing)
Doug Harriman (cancer)
Virginia Lavan
Marreros (cancer)
Wright family
Chris (kidney failure)
Guy & Jennifer
Paul & Tracy bonatz
Family of Judy Schultz
Clarke & Jennifer Leichte (health)
George & Lillie Stevens (health)
Those affected by Haiti Disaster
President Obama
U.S. & World situations
Unemployed

1st Quarter Financial Summary

One of my goals this year is to provide a quarterly summary of the church's operational budget (Main Account in the Annual Report) to the congregation.

First quarter income was \$76,000, with \$72,300 coming from Sunday offering. These numbers are about 90% and 88%, respectively, of last year.

Expenses to date are \$77,800 compared to \$74,800 last year, or about 4% higher. Both income and expenses are about 21% of our budget of \$368,500 for the first 25% of the year. However, there have been no expenses to date for a major budget item, painting of the sanctuary (remember, the bathroom renovations are a separate budget).

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Roger L. DeLay, Treasurer.

Youth Choir Visit

On Monday, June 14th Kirkpatrick will host a touring youth choir from Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Illinois where Chip Hardwick is pastor.

That night there will be a concert at Kirkpatrick by the choir, and we will need people from our congregation to

host visitors from their church for one night.

There is a sign-up sheet in the connector if you are willing and able to host guests for one night and return them to the church on Tuesday, June 15th in the morning. Please give your name, e-mail, phone number, and number of people you would be able to host.

New Director of Children's Ministries

The KMPC Session is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Bacon to the part-time position. She joined the staff and began her ministry on April 15, and we welcome Jennifer to this important ministry.

May is Move-Up Month

May is move up month for our Youth Ministry! Our Jr. High ministry would like to invite all students who will be moving up to 6th grade in the fall to join us.

Our Sr. High ministry would also like to welcome all students entering 9th grade in the fall to all of our events and programs. Hope to see you there!

Mission Note From the Kennedys

Dear Praying friends;

I am very happy to report that I just got my passport back and the visa is all in order and ready for our upcoming trip. Thanks for praying for that! It was surely amazing how fast it was completed!

We depart from Papua next Thursday, April 29 and overnight in Jakarta (capital of Indonesia) for a few nights. This will give Diane time to get further x-rays done prior to her doctor's appointment on May 5. We plan to arrive in Florida on May 3. Please pray that the doctor will have wisdom to know how to help relieve the pain in Diane's knees. She has been living on pain killers for about 4 months now, so treatment will be needed.

Our son Kevin will be married on June 12, so please pray for all of the preparations over the next few weeks that the Lord will be honored in the ceremony and that it will be a great testimony to all of their friends and relatives!

Ryan just graduated from Kanakuk Institute and will be in Florida with us until the end of June. He will then drive back to Missouri to work in the inner-city camp for two months, then off to Colum-

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Mission News

Dear Family and Friends in Christ,



Thai cowboy hero? No, billionaire politician, the former PM Thaksin Shinawatra.

A disturbing saga of political maneuvering and now, violence has made the news again in Thailand. From coup to “yellow shirt” demonstrators, and now, back to “red shirts,” the political scene has been in turbulence for almost the past six years. The recent violence has also marred the positive side of political involvement by responsible citizenry. As we continue to pray for a just peace in our land, we also pray that our people and Church would not hastily conclude that passivity and apathy is preferred to struggling for righteousness and justice.

Thanks for those who have written and asked about our safety and well being amidst the turbulence. We continue to be far enough away from the center of the violent activities in Bangkok — as in many big cities where it is pouring down rain in one section and totally dry in another. And of course, whatever may come, our security and peace rests in the hands of the Lord of All who has risen in triumph and is forever with us--Hallelujah!

And the advancement of Jesus Christ’s Kingdom is going forward!



BIT students in prayer for the world.

We have been praying for a movement of missions to take the Thai Church from being primarily “missions receiving” to “missions sending.” Last year, a small but significant (and difficult) step was taken by the Bangkok Institute of Theology (BIT) community. Many took up the challenge of raising the support to send a student intern to study for the summer in a restrictive access country and develop relationships among a very large unreached people group. Of great significance is not only our proximity to these people, but also the similarity of language and culture, likely due to related ancestry. But the size of the budget needed, coupled with the income level of our BIT community, made this project seem impossible. I remember a missionary colleague surmising the situation, patted me on the back while offering in consolation, “Oh, you really MUST have a LOT of faith!”

Well, that was 2009 ... and God did as his Word says, “Incredibly beyond what we could ask or think.” So this year, the BIT missions team determined to trust God to build upon last year’s foundation, by increasing the scope of ministry and training opportunity by adding another student. Yes, twice the budget!! — and now, with an additional requirement of

finding a local congregation willing to take on the responsibility for the project ...

I remember sitting with the elders of the Klong Toey Church as they asked the hard questions about responsibility, the budget and risks involved. I assured them that the church wouldn’t be responsible for the budget, BUT that it would be fully responsible for the risks. We talked straightforwardly that night about what could happen, AND what it costs to be united with Christ in his mission of salvation for the world (1 John 3:16).

And God gave those elders and their church the courageous faith to accept the responsibility, not only for the risk, but also for a significant part of the budget. Frankly, I didn’t go into the meeting thinking that we had much of a chance of their partnership ... “Oh, ye (me) of little faith!”

This partnership has subsequently opened the way for the movement to spread to other local churches. Regarding the support of the two mission interns, the church invited other congregations to cooperate in the project — this kind of partnership is foundational for ongoing cooperation in missions sending. This is very significant because, compared to the numerous missions sending organizations in the American Church and other established mission sending Churches, the Thai Church has maybe only one, intercongregational mission sending agency; and most of the congregations of our church partner, the Church of Christ in Thailand, are not even aware of that agency’s existence. The Thai Church needs to adopt or develop its own vehicles/organizations that can effectively unite mission-minded congregations and individuals as partners.

As we write today, not only these two students, but three other Thai co-laborers as well, are already there in country, developing relationships among individuals of that unreached people group! By the wind of the Spirit, a movement has begun. Let’s continue to pray for the maturing and transformation necessary for the Thai Church to experience the joy and blessing of Christ’s sacrificial love in being a chosen vessel for God’s mission.

Please also pray for us:

1. For God’s grace, courage with gentleness, to be able to assist the Thai Church in the movement that the Spirit has initiated. And for wisdom to discern the next steps, and to know how to foster and structure partner relationships among churches that are catching this mission vision.
2. For discernment to plan travel itineraries for next year’s Interpretation Assignment 2011, in conjunction with visiting our daughter, Karin, in the Cameroon with Peace Corps.
3. For God’s leading and provision for Mark, our son, as he graduates from college this summer and looks for work. “Thank You, Lord and for all your people who have been so gracious to Mark during his college years!”
4. For safety our oldest daughter Joy as she deploys for one year to Afghanistan with the Army.
5. For peace and righteousness to prevail in Thailand.

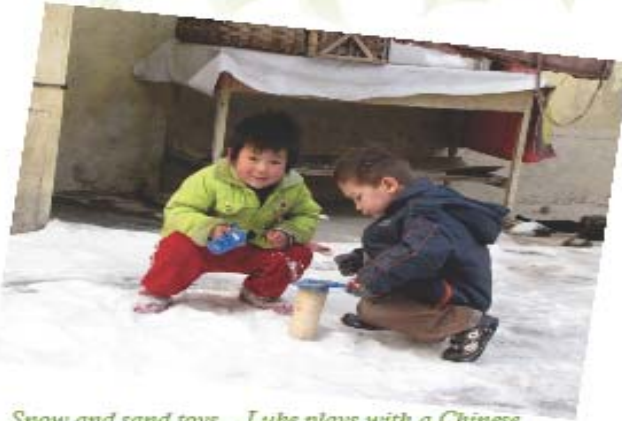
Thank you for your love and ongoing partnership in Christ.

With the aloha of Christ,

Carol and Leith Fujii

SPRING 2010, OR THE LETTER
IN WHICH WE DEMONSTRATE
WHY CHINESE STUDENTS
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO
CHOOSE THEIR OWN ENGLISH
NAMES ...

the Cole Collage



Snow and sand toys – Luke plays with a Chinese neighbor girl.

It's been a busy winter – let's try to catch up a little! We want to tell you about

His Provision

We praise the Lord for His provision for this year's camp construction projects – the building of a second story for our classroom building, which will serve as a kitchen and dining/multi-purpose room. First Baptist Church of Newtown at Grace Point made the camp their holiday project this year. They exceeded all previous years' giving as well as their \$70,000 goal to bring in \$98,558 for the needs of the camp. God delights in overwhelming us with His blessing and stretching our faith!



My spider senses tingle: Self-named "Peter Parker", Hand in Hand's 1st little brother.

Meet Olaf!

Camp welcomes a new teammate, Olaf Zhang. Yes, his "English name" is Olaf. Once a Buddhist monk, Olaf has an amazing testimony, and is an incredible asset to the camp team. The enthusiasm he once applied to studying Buddhism is now applied to serving the Lord and the children of Shanxi. We are thrilled to welcome him to the team.

Individuals willing to live at "Little Cow Station" village at a camp site under construction and frequently without hot water are few. Olaf has a servant's heart, and claims to enjoy the solitary life. He is also the only Chinese person I know who can quote "Remember the Titans" in its entirety. Praise God with us for His provision of Olaf!



HIS WORK

"Hand in Hand", the youth-mentorship program spun off of the camp to follow up with campers and meet needs on a deeper level, has finally kicked off on March 28th with 4 Big Brothers/Sisters and their Little Bro's and Sis's. There are many kids wanting to be matched now, and the challenge is finding volunteers to meet with them a couple times a month to play, hang out, and serve as a life coach. All big bro's and sis's share our beliefs. Please pray for more volunteers with a heart to serve to join this exciting work! We plan to kick off in Taiyuan May 9th. Please pray with us for another good start!



Counselors rock out during 2009 summer camp.

Home study, blood tests, I-800A,
Fingerprints, embassy, wait another day;
Medicals, notary, salary, net worth,
I never thought I'd spend 3 weeks
just proving my own birth!

Life insurance, tax returns,
Supplements 2 and 3,
Another week, another form,
I kill another tree.

Agency, immigration
My psychology now scarred,
I never knew that giving birth
could really be this hard!

We are told to expect the arrival of our
Chinese daughter, *Chloe Rochelle*, perhaps
sometime this summer. Pray with us that she
arrives in His timing. We are done our paperwork
for the moment, and awaiting a match from the
China Central Adoption Agency. Do ya'll like Chloe
Rochelle as a name, or should we let Peter Parker
help name her?

In Him,
Greg, Amy, Abby, and Luke

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memo with our account number: 001633.

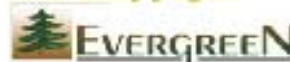
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His People

One of the greatest challenges in camp work is finding brothers and sisters to serve as counselors. So the camp team decided to begin a work among college students. During our camp counselor training (taught by Bob McKemey, who has served in camp ministry in Japan for over 30 years), we visited a thriving church in Beijing. Counselors were impressed by the vibrancy of the worship there. Over lunch a couple of them shared with me that they have tried for years to learn guitar, but without success. Myself in the same boat, I suggested a monthly "Jam Session". This was met with enthusiasm, and ten students attended our 1st round of joyful noises, where a short term worker named Stan taught us some basic chords and strum patterns. Poorly translated signs around China provide great material for band names.

"**Casual Monkey Attack**" anyone?

For gifts to the camp program, make checks out to "Evergreen Family Friendship Service", and in the memo section please indicate "RED Camp program"



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bia, SC to attend seminary at Columbia International University. Please pray for all of his transitions, safety in driving to all of these places, and the Lord's leading as he prepares for full time missionary service.

Our thanks once again for your prayers for our document work and our family. You are a great part of our team!

In Christ's love,

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