



THE OLIVE BRANCH

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ringo, New Jersey

Upcoming Events

September

5—Labor Day—Office Closed

8—Choir Rehearsal starts

10—AWBS

11—Rally Day

15—Thursday Ladies Bible Study Group

**18—Two services begin:
9:00 and 10:30 am**

21—Westminster Guild 1:30

24—AWBS

Mission Study Groups

Mission Study House meetings get underway on Thursday, September 1.

There are signup sheets in the connector, and the last Sunday of August was to be “sign-up day” after worship. Irene had other plans.

With so few able to attend worship on August 28, communications were dispatched by numerous paths during the week to get sign-ups particularly for the September 1 meeting.

This is the first phase of our Mission Study that will lead to electing our Pastor Nominating Committee and preparing our Church Information form for potential pastoral candidates.

This is an important phase in the pastoral selection process, and everyone is encouraged to attend one of the many meetings scheduled.

House meetings are scheduled throughout the month, on September 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 19, 22 and 27. The meeting on the 22nd is at 4:00 pm, all the others are sched-

From The Interim Pastor

WELCOME!

Welcome to the new fall season at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church. Unofficially the church year begins in September, after the joys of vacations and trips are over and our sights are set on the “joys” of the first day of school. I trust that everyone had a rewarding and restful summer and that you are ready to make the church come alive in this glorious and beautiful time of year.

We emphasize that Kirkpatrick Church is not just the building on John Ringo Rd. Rather, the church is all of us and what we share in worship, meetings, classes, stewardship and fellowship and all the things that go to make up the image of KMPC. One of those “images” that is readily noticeable to visitors is the friendliness and concern of our members. Such things as that friendly caring is what help make a church in the fashion of the teaching of Jesus: “As you did it

to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matt.25).

Since we believe that Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church is all of us, we can make it work by getting in there and doing what we do best. We can attend Sunday School – Rally Day will be September 11 at 10:30 a.m. following our combined 9:30 a.m. worship service. We can attend one of our worship services: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. which begin on September 18.

Those of you who like to sing might want to be part of our choir. Let us know what you would like to do to make your church an active, serving part of the Kingdom of God and our community.

Speaking of the church doing things – there are actually people in most communities who say the church does not do anything for them. So they do not join or attend any church. What that also says is that they are not doing anything for the church. The church is all of us, and we will not

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uled for 7:30 pm.

Each meeting will last one and a half hours, and participants are asked to bring the house meeting information sheet that was mailed and was to be inserted in the Aug. 28 bulletin. It will be in the September 4 bulletin.

You can sign up on one of the sheets in the connector, or call or email Barry at the church office, 908-782-1177 or kirkpatrick-church@earthlink.net.

Westminster Guild

The KMPC Westminster Guild will meet at 1:30 pm on September 21 in the church library.

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to join in a brief time of devotion, meeting and fellowship.

AWBS Resumes

Another Women’s Bible Study group will be back in session beginning Saturday, September 10 at 8:30 am.

Master Schedule

	9:00 Nurs- ery	Jr. Church	9:00 Greeters	9:00 Offering Ushers	Coffee Break	Communion Prep	10:30 Nurs- ery/Jr Church	10:30 Greet- ers Ushers
Sep 4	Lisa & Matt Koye	Michele Hawthorne & Margaret Case	Dave & Linda Weller	Dave & Linda Weller Lowell & Lorraine Rader	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Terri Ferrell	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Sep 11	Jeff & Kristen Schott	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk Barry & Jennifer Bacorn	Ice cream Social Rally Day	Mavis Friedermann	ONE SERVICE	ONE SERVICE
Sep 18	Rod & Jana Jenson	Kathleen & Greg Ruel	Colleen Case & Norma Zimmerman	Colleen Case & Norma Zimmerman David Case & Marilyn Desnos	Rod & Jana Jensen	David Case	Liz Hodes	Bob & Sally Fulper
Sep 25	Anthony & Beth Dell	Tracy McClelland & Michelle Carey	Sue King & Liz Kadezabeck	Sue King & Liz Kadezabeck Kate Kennedy & Hillary Tobin	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Paul Mitzen	Kate Kennedy	Betty & Don Reilly
Oct 2	Skip & Terri Kell	Ellie & Tom Verbeyst	Margaret Case & Tracy McClelland	Margaret Case & Tracy McClelland Irene & Bob Harrison	Ernst & Mavis Frieder- mann	Carol Riggin	Angela & Alan Bodine	Karen & Roger DeLay
Oct 9	Kris & John Munson	Dave & Linda Weller	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Steve & Lori Wonsor; Darryl & Nancy Cronce	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk	Karin Stover	Jeff & Kristen Schott	Fred & Irene Kuhl
Oct 16	Bob & Donna Trevithick	Michele Hawthorne & Margaret Case	Bob & Donna Trevithick	Bob & Donna Trevithick; Glenn & Carol Riggin	Linda Weller & Karen Shipman	Donna Trevithick	Sharyn Danner	Pat & Terry Wright
Oct 23	Kevin & Tina Ireland	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Gary & Eileen Vincent- Smith	Gary & Eileen Vincent-Smith; Dave & Karla Gambrill	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Norma Zimmerman	Liz Hodes	Alan & Angela Bodine
Oct 30	Chris & Mika Colavita	Kathleen & Greg Ruel	Chuck & Jeanne Mundhenk	Chuck & Jeanne Mundhenk Skip & Terry Kell	Jennifer & Barry Bacorn	Sue Aliseo	Kate Kennedy	Betty Bevis & Janice Jarrett

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
Service of Remembrance, Hope and Thanksgiving
at Flemington Presbyterian Church, 3:00 pm

We will no doubt see many observances of the tenth anniversary of the tragic nightmare of September 11, 2001 as it impacted the history of the United States and the world. This attack was the greatest act of terrorism ever seen in the U.S. Even without knowing who all will be holding services, programs, etc., we can certainly believe that there will be millions of persons in the U.S. and around the world who will reflect on where they were and what they were doing as they remember that awful attack that claimed thousands of lives and ruined countless others.

The very core of our nation was jolted and changed forever by this atrocity. The devastation goes far beyond the crash sites and the immediate feelings of terror as it unraveled for us ten years ago. Our understanding of our world was ruptured, never to be normal again.

We know the story well: on September 11, 2001 hijackers commandeered four planes, flying three of them into the Pentagon in Washington DC and New York's Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The fourth plane was taken over by brave passengers and crashed near Shanksville, PA before it could fly to its target that many believe to have been the White House.

Peggy Conlon, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director of The Advertising Council, Inc., New York City said of the extraordinary efforts of the heroes of 9/11: "It's a reminder of how the country came together." That sentiment has been echoed for ten years and will continue unabated.

Rev. Janice Ammon was an Associate Pastor at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City on September 11, 2001. Pastor Ammon is currently Minister of the Chapel at Princeton Seminary – she will share her insights and experiences of 9/11 with us during a service of remembrance and hope to commemorate its 10th anniversary. The special worship service will be held at the Flemington Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. All area churches are invited to attend this service of commemoration and thanksgiving to God that He is close to us even in the times we feel the most despair. Some of KMPC choir members will be singing in the combined choir; area Presbyterian pastors will be leading the service.

More News

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get much out of church if we do not put much into it. We cannot just sit back and expect the church to do something for us if we do not participate, even to the extent of attending worship. When you hear people with this complaint about the Church in general, tell them, “You get what you pay for” – which simply means – you get out of life (job, play, church, school, etc.) what you put in.

Jesus in the Gospel of Luke says almost the same thing: “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (6:38). Jesus is tactfully saying that if you only give a little, you will only get a little back.

All of us must feel a deep responsibility for our church, its programs and needs, and we must take our part in them seriously. At the risk of being too repetitious, I will say that the single easiest thing all of the members of our church can do is attend worship, not just once in a while or once a month, but every Sunday you are at home and feeling well enough to come. With just that small beginning

Mission News

Walter and Diane Kennedy

Just after we published last month’s edition, the following note came from the Kennedy couple:

“Diane’s visa expires on Wednesday (Aug 17). The local immigration department has still not received permission from the immigration department in Jakarta (capital of Indonesia) to grant her five year visa. So the local department has granted her a temporary one month visa extension. Please pray that the permanent visa will come through soon. Temporary visas can only be granted for up to two months.

Mr. Randa, the head of our National Mission Board and Community Center board will arrive back in town this week after attending business meetings out of town. Please pray that:

1) We will be able to motivate mission board members to renew their commitment to serve on the board, and that we have wisdom in choosing places of service for our 14 missionary families.

2) That Diane and the Community Center board will have wisdom in setting up an English class schedule and how to advertise the classes. And pray

many wonderful things will continue to happen within our church.

If you have not been to church for some time, don't let that bother you, because you are still the Church and Kirkpatrick Church needs you now. We are all in this together; we will all share our concerns and our love for one another as first shown to us by God through Jesus Christ. COME and WORSHIP this Sunday. Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church will not be as good as it can be – unless you are there! This is truer now than ever before as we move on in our process of readying ourselves for the pastoral search. Let’s all be a part of it.

In Christ’s Service,

Will

P.S.: Last month I inadvertently left out giving credit to the author of the piece on worship, John Fischer. At the time I was not aware that it wasn’t simply an anonymous piece from my copious pile of pieces that I use when gathering up stuff to write. Watchword: “check everything carefully!” or, don’t use from the pile – lesson learned.

that the Lord brings to the classes those who the center will be able to have a spiritual ministry with. (Many Christians in the community would like to attend, but the goal of the center is for evangelistic outreach to the unsaved).

Thank you for your continued prayers for our ministry!”

Then a week or two later, the good news arrived:

“Dear Praying Friends;

We had a nice 31st anniversary call today from the IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT. They called to inform us that Diane’s five year visa was ready to be signed....one day before her current visa expiration. So we went right in and she signed the card. After 28 years here she was finally able to get the five year visa. It will sure beat having to process annual ones, and save money as well.

Thanks for your prayers!

In Him, Walter & Diane”

Thursday Bible Study Group

The meetings will start September 15, and will study the book of Hebrews. Childcare available, contact Linda Weller for info.