



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 2025

THE OLIVE BRANCH



August Events

- 3 9:30 Communion
- 12 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 17 9:30 Blessing of Backpacks
- 19-21 6pm **Art Camp**
- 20-24 4H County Fair
- 23 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 22 VIP Articles Due
- 25 Olive Branch Articles Due

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6pm Pastor's Bible Study
6:30pm Troop 65
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00pm Band Rehearsal
- Thu 8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

Staff Vacations:

Chris: Aug 4-7
 Jim: Aug 10, 17, 31, Sept. 7

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

August often feels like a season of transition. The long days of summer begin to shorten, families sneak in last-minute vacations, and stores remind us that school is just around the corner, and Halloween is not far behind. This is often a quieter month—but also one filled with time to allow us to reflect, and give to God our gratitude for what gifts we have been given.

In **Ecclesiastes 3**, we are reminded: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* As we enter this late summer, we are invited to notice the gentle changes in the world around us—and in ourselves. This is a wonderful time to pause, breathe deeply, and ask God what season we are in personally, and as a church.

While many programs are on break, August gives us a chance to slow down and renew our spirits. Jesus regularly took time away from the crowds to pray and rest (Mark 6:31), and we are invited to do the same. Whether it's sitting outside with a cup of coffee, walking a quiet trail, or simply being still in God's presence, I encourage you to take time to rest and reconnect with the Lord.

Volunteering for Art Camp would be another way to spend time serving the church as it serves the community. Please pray for our volunteers and staff as they get ready for the next church seasons with hope and joy.

On Sunday, we will hold our **Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship on August 17th.

I continue to be thankful for each of you—your faith, your compassion, and the way you care for one another. Whether you've been near or far this summer, you are part of this church family, and we are stronger together. As Paul writes in Philippians 1:3, *"I thank my God every time I remember you."*

Enjoy these final summer days. Rest well, love deeply, and remember: God is with us in every season.

Pastor Barbara

Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while

Mark 6:31:



Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is August 23.
We gave out 23 bags of food at our June Grocery Giveaway and 14 bags at our July Grocery Giveaway.

Rally Back to Kirkpatrick



Rally day is being planned for September 28th. Following the service please plan to join us all for lunch at : Kim & Fred Fulper's 1041 Old York Rd. Ringoes, NJ (right next to Harvest Moon)

More information will be coming.

Fellowship Outreach Committee

Project Backpack - Once again the Deacons are collecting school supplies for our young friends (thru 3rd grade) at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. Our goal is to provide as many fully stocked backpacks as possible. Feel free to donate items from the list or donate a completely filled backpack (supply list in Sanctuary). Please place donations in the bin in the connector entry.

Kim F., Lanie B., Ellie V., & Dave M. can help if you have any questions. Thank you.
Ages: K - 3rd Grade
Deadline: August 17



Come join us for Sunday Worship

If you cannot join us in person at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the sanctuary, please join us via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/673176006>

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 673 176 006



Please share the link with friends, neighbors, relatives -- online worship can be a great outreach for us!

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Bible Study will be held on Zoom or in the library of the church at 6:30 on Mondays.

August's Topic: "Christmas Accounts in the Gospel"

All are welcome.

Zoom address: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78136532296?>

August 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
8/3/2025	Pastor Barbara	Sue				Bev
8/10/2025	Pastor Barbara	Sharyn			No Communion	
8/17/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
8/24/2025	Pastor Barbara	Roger			No Communion	
Labor Day Wknd 8/31/2025	Pastor Barbara	Norma			No Communion	Debi N

Staff Vacation: Jim H. is on vacation August 10, 17, 31 and Sept. 7.

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Deacon's August 2025 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angie B (Healing)
Chris/Jess W (Grief)
David F. (God's guidance)
Dave M
Erik Z
Freddy F. (God's guidance)
Kuhl Family (Grief)
Lori (Healing)
Steve L (Healing)
Norma C (Healing)
Pat W (Healing)

Caregivers

Families, Homebound, Hospice

Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M
Dorothy S
Bart and Norma

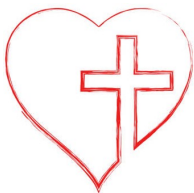
Extended KMPC Family

Al - Bev K. Son in law (Healing)
Belle - David F friend (Cancer)
Brad - Kim F friend (Hospice)
Denise - Pastor Barbara's sister (Healing)
Edward (Cancer) Jan G's son
Freddy F. - (God's guidance)
Gerry - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Hannah - Jim H's friend (Healing and comfort)
Jean - Chris K's (brain tumor)
John - Steve L's friend (treatment for his blood clots)
John K - (Surgery and Healing)
Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)

Ken - Steve W's brother(Healing and positive results)
Lynn H - (God's guidance)
Lyndsey - Lynn H's friend (Surgery/Healing)
Marie - Lanie's sister (God's guidance and healing)
Michael - Tracy M's brother (Healing)
Celine - Pat W.'s friend (Proper diagnosis and treatment)
Shelly - Pat W.'s friend (Cancer, Healing)
Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Grief)
Steve F - (Parkinsons)
Steve - Steve L's friend(Healing)
Sylvia - Steve 's sister(Healing)
Teresa - Kim F's friend (God's guidance/healing)
Tommy - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Val- (Overall healing)

U.S. and World Situations

Children affected by war
First Responders
Military Men & Women and their Families
Those affected by hurricanes; fires;
economic distress; illnesses; and disease
Those suffering with economic distress
Outside workers during this heat wave
President & Congress
Prisoners
Refugees
Shooting Victims
Travelers
Troubled youth
U.S. & World Situations
Unemployed
Victims of Violence and war



*God Has Poured Out His Love Into Our Hearts
Romans 5 v 5*

Please contact us to have names added or deleted at
admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

Roger D. Aug 3
Randy S. Aug 3
Paul M. Aug 13
Jessica R. Aug 17
Glenn M. Aug 25
Rob F., II Aug 29
Abigail D. Aug 31

Janis & Steve L. Aug 4
Roger & Pat P. Aug 12
Mike & Karen S. Aug 17
Erik & Norma Z., Sr. Aug 25
Don & Betty R. Aug 26
Charles & Jeanne M. Aug 29





Remembering and Celebrating Irene Kuhl

January 13, 1943 — July 18, 2025

Media, PA

Irene Van Lieu Kuhl, age 82 years, of Media, PA, went home to her Lord on July 18, 2025, at Granite Farms Estates, Media, PA, where she had resided for the past eight years. She was surrounded by family concluding a long battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia.

Born in Frenchtown, NJ, January 13, 1943, she was the daughter of the late [Oscar H.](#) and [Margaret Kaim Van Lieu](#) and grew up on the family farm on the Back Brook in East Amwell Township and in 1954, the family moved to a farm at Voorhees Corner in Raritan Township. Irene had resided all her life in Hunterdon County before moving to Media from Delaware Township NJ.

She was a graduate of Hunterdon Central High School, Flemington, NJ and retired from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. She was an accomplished baker, cook, and enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, and crocheting. Irene passed on her love and skills of these to many people.

Irene was a longtime member of the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church of Ringoes, NJ, where she also sang in the choir for decades and volunteered for Vacation Bible School for many years. She was a long-time member of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association, serving as superintendent and treasurer for many years.

She was pre-deceased by her husband of 56 years, [Frederick](#), as well as her sister, [Thelma Van Lieu](#) and her twin sister, [Nancy Cramer](#).

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur Kuhl (Kim) of Wilmington, DE; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine Aber (Chris) of Richlandtown, PA; Kimberly Lamp (Wayne) of Mohnton, PA, sisters, Jean Leichte (Gus) of Black Mt. NC; Kathy Smith (Mitch) of Chambersburg, PA; Pam Bordner (Steve) of Millersville PA; brothers, Richard Van Lieu (Carol) of Grant, NE; Tom Van Lieu (Brenda) of Fredericksburg, PA, brother-in-law, Robert F. Cramer of Tinton Falls, NJ; and sister-in-law, Salliann (Kuhl) Prall of Flemington NJ, as well as eleven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, NJ. Interment in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Reaville, NJ, followed under the direction of the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home. Calling hours preceded the service, with a reception at the church following the interment at the cemetery. All were are invited to attend.

Memorial contributions in Irene's name may be made to the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, 37 John Ringo Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551 or to the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Association, c/o John Prall, 105 Holly Dr, Lansdale PA 19446.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, 147 Main St., Flemington NJ 08822. For further information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.holcombefisher.com.

MISSION NEWS

FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



162 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822 • PH (908) 806-4444 • Fax (908) 806-4277
www.friendship-center.org email: info@friendship-center.org Toll Free: 1 (877) 884 MCOMS

July 3, 2025

Dear Pastor Barbara and all our friends at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so very much for your kind and generous Baby Bottle collection, which gave \$368.29 for the fatherless families we serve. As you know, God is always at work, and it is our delight to share with you some of what He is accomplishing here.

As I am sure you are aware, our single mothers struggle financially especially with the current inflation rate affecting even foodstuffs for the family. This week, one of our mothers came for her visit feeling very anxious about her ability to make ends meet financially, so they prayed together for God's provision. A few days later, she contacted her peer counselor with great joy to say it had all been resolved, and you can imagine how her faith in God was built up through this miracle!

Another of our peer counselors shared how she had seen that the parenting videos watched by her clients were strengthening their family bonds, and even sparking their children's interest in learning more about the Bible. We provide for each family who comes here, age-appropriate resources so that they can teach their children God's ways. We share Deuteronomy 6:7 with them *"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

We have found that the Right Now Media video library, to which we have access has exponentially enlarged our resources PTL! It allows us access to over 20,000 videos on marriage, and family issues from a thoroughly Biblical perspective. In fact, one of our clients became unexpectedly pregnant 16 years after she had her family, and the parenting videos were most welcome she stated, to update her on infant care. She shared with her peer counselor what a great help it had been, even with some of the basics that had changed, such as laying the infant on the back to sleep to avoid SIDS, rather than on the side, as mothers used to do, which also helps as more and more grandmothers are caring for the infants of their single mother daughters these days.

God bless you for reaching out to the many fatherless family we serve!

Together in His service,

Jeannie Avery
Board Chair



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Enhancing Faith

A Christian ministry to those who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy, strengthening marriage and parenting skills

Mission News

Dear Praying Friends;

VISA UPDATE: Unfortunately, my visa has still not been granted. There is a holdup in the government offices that is a challenge to navigate. No telling when the visa will be granted. So, I am still here in Indonesia.

COMMUNITY CENTER: In the meantime, I have been able to accomplish a couple of things that were not on my immediate schedule. Our community center closed at the beginning of Covid and was falling into disrepair. A Prayer Ministry group has asked to rent the facilities for a period of two years. So, I was able to turn the complex over to them recently. That is a real answer to prayer.... for them and for us.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK: Also, my goal over the past few years was to compile some of the 1150 devotionals that I have been posting to our Facebook Group and put them into book form. I have finished compiling two books worth of devotions (each with 90 devotions) to be sent to the printer. So that is a project that would have been a challenge if I was not here.

I have submitted book #1 draft to a printer for printing. He has printed a sample for my review. See photo. The book title is the WELL OF JOY - BIBLE DEVOTIONALS.

The cost of printing the first 1000 copies of book #1 will be \$730 (73 cents each). If you are able to assist with the printing costs, the funds may be sent to TEAM, designated TO THE MINISTRY OF KENNEDY - PAPUA: (Please send me an email at wdkrkennedy@gmail.com indicating your donation.)

By Check: TEAM, PO. BOX 1683, CAROL STREAM, IL 60132-1683

Donations can also be made by calling TEAM at 800-343-3144

Donations can also be made using **THIS LINK**.

Any funds in excess of our goal will be used for the printing of the following books.

Thanks for your prayers as Diane and I continue to be apart. She is doing great being cancer free. She has had quality time with our grandson, Dominic, over the past few months since we are renting a house close to where he and his mother live. Diane's times with Dominic are strategic in helping him in his spiritual journey. He is 11 years old.

Thanks for your continued prayers and partnership.

In Him,

Walter & Diane

