



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 2025

THE OLIVE BRANCH



September Events

- 1 Labor Day—Office closed
- 2 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 7 9:30am Communion
- 9 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 12 5-7 Friday Night in the Park
- 14 Rios Visit
- 16 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 22 Olive Branch Deadline
- 23 VIP info due
- 27 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 28 Rally Day Picnic

Weekly

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

Staff Vacations:

Jim: Sept. 7, Chris: Sept 22-25

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

As September arrives, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new season. The days grow shorter, the air turns cooler, and the first hints of autumn begin to show in the leaves. For many of us, September brings back school routines, the return of sweaters and jackets as well as the gentle nudge to reflect as the year begins its last third of the year.

In these times of the changing seasons, I am reminded of God's promise in Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" (3:1). Just as creation follows its God-given rhythm, so do our lives. In what ever season of your life, wherever you are, God is faithful and near – all the time.

September is also a time of harvest, both literally and spiritually. Farmers have been and will continue to gather in the fruits of their labor, and we are called to notice the harvest of grace in our own lives.

What has God been growing in you this year? Patience? A deeper trust? A renewed call to service? Sometimes God's harvest looks different than we expect, but it is always rooted in love.

As we journey together into this month, I encourage you to pause each day and name one way you have seen God's presence. You may notice it in the beauty of a sunset, in the laughter of a child, in the kindness of a neighbor, or in the quiet of prayer. These daily glimpses remind us that God's mercies are, indeed, "new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23).

Let us begin this season with grateful hearts, trusting that the One who has carried us thus far will continue to lead us into the days ahead.

May God bless you in many ways,

Pastor Barbara

Rally Day at Kirkpatrick

9:30 service followed by picnic lunch at
 Kim & Fred Fulper's
 1041 Old York Rd. Ringoes, NJ
 (right next to Harvest Moon)
 We will be providing
 Hot Dogs with a fixings bar
 Coffee, Iced Tea and water
 Please bring a cover dish to share
 Or a dessert

Fellowship Outreach Committee



Lord,
 Thank you for our summer
 experiences, for Your
 presence and protection
 throughout our travels, and
 for our safe return

Amen



We are looking forward to a visit from Sandy and Carlos on September 14th during our 9:30 service. We will be having a small reception for them during coffee hour right after service.

Carlos and Sandy Rios have been one of Kirkpatrick's mission teams for many years. Carlos has served for 35 years and Sandy for 41 years. They will be retiring at the end of 2025 after a long and faithful partnership with TEAM sharing the gospel.

TEAM has set up a one-time tax-deductible contribution towards their settlement allowance as they prepare for transition into retirement.

<https://give.team.org/fundraiser/3232579>

To Give by check: make payable to TEAM write Rios, Carlos and Sandy in memo line

Mail to: TEAM, PO 1683, Carol Stream, IL 60132-1683 USA

Please continue to Pray for the Rios family



Project Backpack

We have collected 30 fully stocked backpacks for our young friends at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings, ages K-3rd grade.

Thank you so much for your generosity and brightening back to school days for so many young people.



<https://flemingtonfoodpantry.org/empty-bowl>

Friday Night in the Park: September 12 – Come visit or help host our table at the East Amwell Community Friday Night at Clawson Park from 5-7pm. We will highlight our ministries and have a craft for young visitors.



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Living Waters Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
11 Old York Road
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Monday, September 22, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
livingwaterslutheran to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Come to give blood Sept. 22-Oct. 19 for a \$10
Amazon.com Gift Card by email! See rcblood.org/fall



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Food Ministry

We distributed 11 bags of food during our August Giveaway. Our next Grocery Giveaway is September 27. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Fellowship Events:

View our calendar on the Website for updated information

Rios Visit: Sept. 14th Carlos & Sandy will worship with us with a reception to follow.

Rally Day: Sept. 28th with a picnic at Fulper's after worship. More info to come.

Christmas Table Flower Arrangement: Dec. 14th following worship. Stay tuned.

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 Are you interested in joining a fun and friendly musical group?  
 Why not come out and learn how to play handbells and handchimes?  
 The bell choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday September 3rd. at 6 PM  
 Please join us in the sanctuary for one hour of camaraderie, stress reduction, and increased creativity.  
 Want more info? Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or [sharydan@gmail.com](mailto:sharydan@gmail.com).  
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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.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Time: 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<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.
 Month's Topic:

"Names for God in the Bible."

All are welcome.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>

September 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
9/7/2025	Pastor Barbara					
9/14/2025	Pastor Barbara			Kathy L.	Rios Visit	No Communion
9/21/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
9/21/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
Rally Day 9/28/2026	Pastor Barbara				Picnic @ Fulpers	No Communion

Staff Vacation: Jim H. - Sept. 7, Chris - Sept 22-25

Deacon's September 2025 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angie B (Healing)
Chris/Jess W (Grief)
David F. (God's guidance)
Dave M
Delay family (Grief)
Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)
Jack J. (Gods guidance, Healing)
Kuhl Family (Grief)
Lori (Healing)
Steve L (Healing)
Norma C (Healing)
Pat W (Healing)
Marilyn C (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)
Angie's sister (Grief)
Belle - David F friend (Cancer)
Brad - Kim F friend (Hospice)
Cary - Steve L's friend (Grief)
Celine - Pat W.'s friend (Proper diagnosis and treatment)
Daly family - (Grief)

Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)
Freddy F. - (God's guidance)
Gerry - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Hannah - Jim H's friend (Healing and comfort)
Jan - Linda H's friend (Healing)
Jackie - Jack J's cousin (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)
Mark - Jim D's friend (God's guidance and Healing)
Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)
Michael - Tracy M's brother (Healing)
Patty - Sharyn D's friend (Healing)
Ray D. - (Healing)
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

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



1st Karin S.
6th Fred F.
24th Steve F.
25th Mike K.



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

2nd Bart & Norma C.
18th Dave & Marilyn C.
20th Glenn & Tracy M.
20th Tom & Ellie V.



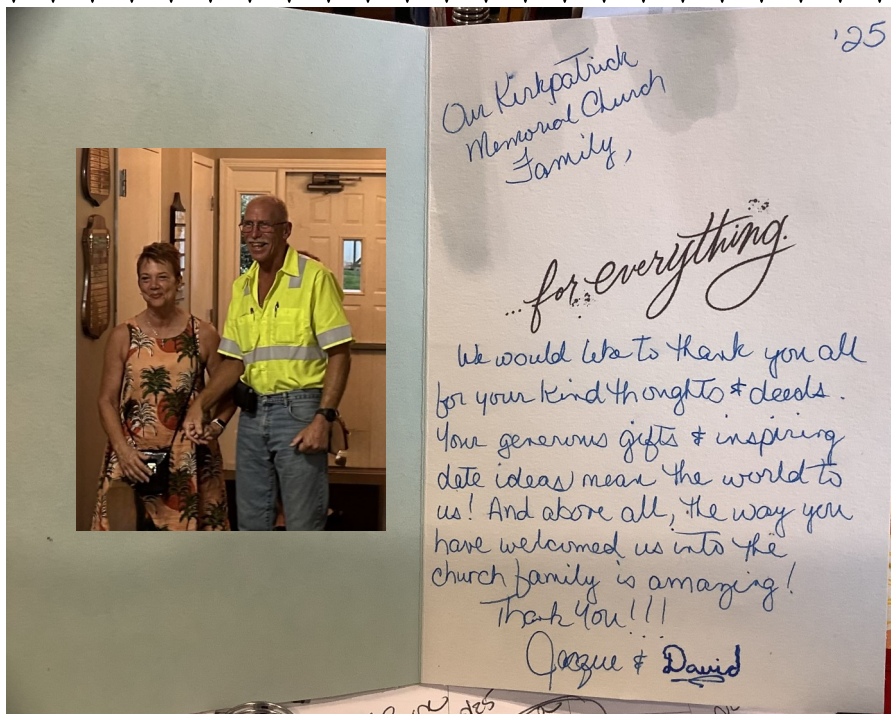
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<http://eepurl.com/buadKn>



Photo Album

Last month, the Fulper family gathered for their family reunion, celebrated the memory of Bob & Sally Fulper and joined us for worship and coffee hour.

Photo credit: Mike K



 Grades K-6

2025
Art Camp
 August 19, 20 + 21
 6:00–8:00 pm

To register, call
908.782.1177
 or email
admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org



Art Camp Summer 2025

