



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

THE OLIVE BRANCH

March 2025



March Events

- 2 9:30am Communion
- 🔔 The Bells of Kirkpatrick
Pastor Mark Spildooren
- 4 Shrove Tuesday @ Stockton
6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 5 Ash Wednesday
7pm Service @ Reaville Church
- 9 **First Sunday in Lent**
Daylight Saving Time starts
- 11 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 16 Scout Sunday
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day** 🍀
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 24 Olive Branch Deadline
- 22 11 Easter Grocery Giveaway
- 26 VIP Articles Due

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65
7pm 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

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

This past week, I heard several flocks of geese flying over the manse, heading north. Geese only fly north when they are pretty sure the weather will be warm soon. Because I am living in New Jersey after spending many years in Florida, I joyfully welcome spring. I believe the flowers of spring are a beautiful gift from God and I look forward to seeing them again. I give thanks to God for all the humans who have helped God by planting them. I also give thanks that I can hear geese flying overhead. And I welcome them back, for a while.

This year, the month of March encompasses much of the Lenten pathway. The purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer to experience this journey we travel as we head toward the gift given by God through the Resurrection of Christ. During Lent, we can pray, repent of our sins, give of ourselves, live simply, and meditate. There are many other ways we can experience Lent – living as a time dedicating our lives to live according to Jesus' command given in Matthew 25:31-46.

Lent is also a time to think about our relationship with forgiveness. Forgiving is hard, yet we might have heard that forgiveness is a gift we give to ourselves. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians (4:32) "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

We will be reading about and discussing the topic of forgiveness during our Bible Study. It starts on March 10, on zoom, at 7:00. In the meantime, may God bless you with His grace, peace, love and Son Light throughout this month.

In His name,
Pastor Barbara



Pastor's Bible Study Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>



Food Ministry

On January 25, we gave out 22 bags of food at our Grocery Giveaway. On February 22 we gave out 23 bags.

Easter is April 20. That is a week before our April Giveaway, therefore, we will have our **Easter Giveaway in March on the 22nd**. The shopping list is on the last page.



Thank you to our Boy Scout Troop 65 for collecting food for our food ministry.



Date Change
Scout
Sunday is
March 16th

During the 6 weeks of Lent, the Kirkpatrick Presbyterian Church's sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and silent prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. You are invited to come and go as you are able during these times. Each week, Pat Pickard will provide a short written meditation centering on the Lenten season that you are welcome to use for personal contemplative time.

Dates : Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 and 16
Time : 4.45 to 6.00pm

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR



Bible Study will be held on Zoom or in the library of the church at 7:00 on Mondays. March 10 will begin a study using the book "Forgiveness" by Marjorie Thompson. The book will be available at the church. All are welcome.

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

March 2024 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
Transfiguration 3/2/2025	Rev Mark Spildooren	Norma Z.			Communion	
3/5/2025	Imposition of Ashes available with Pastor Barbara @ KMPC, 7:00pm Service @ Reaville Church					
Lent 1 3/9/2025	Pastor Barbara	Bev K.			No Communion	
Lent 2 Scout Sunday 3/16/2025	Pastor Barbara	Troop 65			No Communion	
Lent 3 3/23/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
Lent 4 3/30/2025	Pastor Barbara	Mike K.			No Communion	

Deacon's March 2025 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angela B (cancer)
 Barry C family (grief)
 Bart and Norma
 Betsy P (healing)
 Chris/Jess W (grief)
 Dave M
 Esther
 Erik Z
 Karen S
 Lori (healing)
 Stef --Lynn's daughter
 Steve L (healing)

Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice

Assisted living/ Care Center

Chuck & Jean M
 Dorothy S
 Irene K

Extended KMPC Family

Belle (Cancer) David F friend
 Brad (bladder cancer-hospice)
 Bill (God's guidance) Kathy L brother
 Dave (health issues) --Jim D's brother
 Edward G (cancer)
 Jean (brain tumor) Chris
 Jen (health Issues)
 John (healing hernia surgery) Steve

L's brother
 Irene H
 Keith P (healing)
 Kevin (healing bypass surgery)
 Angie B's brother
 Linda (cancer)
 Mary (throat cancer) – Kim F
 Megan (drug addiction) --Kathy's niece
 Nancy F. (Health issues) --Kathy's friend
 Natalie --Steve L sister
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus)
 Steve F (Parkinsons)
 Steve (Dialysis treatment) Steve L's friend
 Wendy (grief after losing her son)
 Angie B friend

Families of Natural Disasters

First Responders
 Those affected by hurricanes & fires
 Military Men & Women and their Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Travelers
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Victims of Violence



Betty R.	Mar. 2
Teagan S.	Mar. 2
Alyssa S.	Mar. 6
Bart Case	Mar. 13
Lanie B.	Mar. 14
Andrew C.	Mar. 26
Bill R.	Mar. 29



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

*Lord please
 hear my
 prayer*



Imposition of Ashes: Pastor Barbara will be in the office on Ash Wednesday if you would like to receive them.

Reaville Church, 191 Old York Road, Ringoes, is offering an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. on March 5, to complement all the other Lenten services in the area churches. All are welcome.

Community News



Fat Tuesday

Pancake Dinner Party with Live Music

March 4, 2025

5:30-7:30pm

Fat Tuesday comes but once per year. You are invited to join the party for FREE. Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Party with Live Music is a Mardi Gras celebration, but Stockton Presbyterian's style—complete with beads, piles of pancakes/ bacon/ sausage and great music performances.

Come by yourself, Come with friends, Come with family, or Come to enjoy food, music and comradery.

Dinner starts at 5:30PM. Music starts at 5:45PM

Stockton Presbyterian—22 South Main Street (NJ29)

Parking on the street, across the street in parking lot or at the firehouse.



Community News

The correct RSVP email address for the Women's Suffrage presentation is eastamwellhistoricalsociety1@gmail.com

EAST AMWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Evidence shows women voted in the colony of NJ in the late 1700s-early 1800s. This engraving (Museum of the American Revolution) depicts 1776-1807 when New Jersey law permitted Women & Black men to vote. The Ringo & Meredith Taverns in Ringoes, NJ, were election sites

East Amwell Museum & Gallery
@ the Historic Clawson House
1053 Old York Rd, Ringoes NJ

presents:

Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 4:30pm

Seating is Limited to the first 30 RSVPs!

Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to secure your place. Email: eastamwellhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or text: 609-591-4661

Choosing to Conquer: The Women Who Won The Vote



Join us for an enlightening historical tour, chronicling the decades-long struggle for women's suffrage. We are honored to host Nancy B. Kennedy, the acclaimed author of *Women Win the Vote!! 19th Amendment*.

In her compelling program, *Choosing to Conquer: The Women Who Won the Vote*, you'll be immersed in the epic battle for equal rights through historic and contemporary photos. The evening delves into the remarkable story of women's suffrage and celebrates the trailblazing women who championed this crucial fight. Three generations of passionate women dedicated their lives to the suffrage cause, and New Jersey and East Amwell women played a pivotal role. Discover the history that secured women's right to vote.



Nancy B. Kennedy, Author

Afterwards, join us in the 1800s kitchen for bubbly and chocolates

Event is Free – Donations Appreciated at the Entrance Donation Box

Thank you, The East Amwell Historical Society

This program is part of a series of events, exhibits, and presentations celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America's Independence, highlighting the pivotal people, places, and movements that have shaped our nation's journey, including the profound impact of women's suffrage.

Easter Food Baskets Shopping List

Please take this shopping list with you as a friendly reminder. Anything on the following list would be greatly appreciated:

Peanut Butter, Jelly
Cereal
Pancake Mix, Syrup
Pasta Sauce
Pasta
Hams (Preferably Fresh)
Canned Vegetables
Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Boxed potatoes (au gratin/scalloped/mashed)
Cookies, Brownies Mixes (not refrigerated)
Tuna
Black beans, rice
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels



SHARE YOUR LUCKY CHARM.



Give blood for those in need.

Blood Drive
Living Waters Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
11 Old York Road
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: [livingwaterslutheran](https://livingwaterslutheran.org) 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 in March for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card
by email. See rcblood.org/March



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