



November 2021

THE OLIVE BRANCH

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church



Ringoes, New Jersey

November Events

- 1 6:30 Deacons Mtg in Library
- 2 Election Day
- 6 Bedtime: Set clocks back
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 7 Pastor Barbara Colacchia
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Pastor Amy Sandlin
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 19 Assemble Food Baskets
- 20 11:00 Grocery Giveaway
- 21 Pastor Bruce Schundler
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 25-26 Office closed—holiday
- 28 Advent 1**

Pastor Amy Sandlin

Weekly

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| Sun | 9:30am Worship In person
with masks and via zoom |
| Mon | 6:30pm Boy Scouts |
| Tue | 8:00pm AA |
| Wed | 7:30am Men's Bible Study
7 –8:00pm Bell Practice |
| Thu | 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm AA |
| Sat | 4:00pm AA |



2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the church library. Please contact the church office if you need envelopes.

Transition Update:

The Session met on Tuesday, October 19 for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was moderated by Reverend Nicholas Hatch, the pastor of the Alexandria First Presbyterian Church in Milford. Reverend Hatch will be our regular moderator until we are able to hire an Interim Pastor. The Session is continuing to work with our Presbytery leaders to identify candidates for the Interim position. The position description is posted on the Presbytery website where any interested candidates can view it.

We have arranged for guest pastors to preach and lead worship through the remainder of the year. Pastor Amy Sandlin will be with us for many of those Sundays. The Music and Worship Committee is currently planning activities for Advent and for our Christmas eve service and they will be decorating the sanctuary and putting up the Christmas tree. If you would like to help with decorating, please let Chris know.

If you have any questions regarding the status of our transition process, please reach out to any of the elders: Nancy Cronce, Chuck Conrad, Jim Danner, Mike Kurti, Janis Little, Roger Pickard, Don Reilly, Karen Shipman, and Steve Wonzer).

What do we do with our brokenness?

(Based on material adapted from 1st/15 Devotionals and Nancy Leigh Demoss)

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. 1 Corinthians 1: 25 – 27

All of us are broken people, and we live in a broken world. Our brokenness looks different depending on the circumstances, temptations, or trials we have experienced. Sometimes, these difficulties can make us hard, bitter, and difficult to deal with. The good news is that Jesus steps into the midst of our brokenness and makes us whole in his love; and God wants to use us to see beyond the brokenness of others and to love them in the midst of their pain.

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Throughout the Bible we see God using broken and imperfect people for the sake of his mission to bring hope to the world. Abraham was old, Joseph was abused, Moses had a speech problem, Rahab was a prostitute, Jacob was a cheater, Jonah ran from God, David was a murderer, Peter denied Christ 3 times and Paul admitted to doing the very things he hated. And imagine how confused the Pharisees must have been when looking at the team of misfits that Jesus, the proclaimed Messiah, had assembled.

From an outside perspective, we can see that it really didn't matter where people came from, what they had done, or what their problems were; Jesus chose to love and minister to the core of that person rather than being intimidated or put off by the symptoms of their brokenness. He saw into the heart of the woman at the well in John 4 and ministered to her pain caused by failed marriages and sexual sin. He recognized the core need of the wealthy tax collector, Zacchaeus, in Luke 19 and spent time with him when no one else would. And he defended rather than condemned the woman caught in adultery and brought to the temple for stoning in John 8.

If we are going to love others well, we must also speak to the core of their wounds rather than dismissing them because of their external problems. We must follow Jesus' example and love those who no one else will: the poor, marginalized, arrogant, and selfish. We must have God's heart for our enemies, strangers, the socially unacceptable, and the downcast. If we don't provide love and healing for the deep wounds that cause their brokenness, who will?

When we acknowledge and embrace our own brokenness and our inability to love others well on our own, we come to a place where God can use us. In this place, we gain a deep sense our own spiritual need; we develop a dependent rather than an independent spirit; we become self-denying, willing to yield the right to be right; we are motivated to serve others rather than promoting ourselves; we rejoice when others are lifted up. We come to realize that we have nothing to offer God other than his power flowing through our broken lives and we become willing to risk getting close to other broken people and loving them well.

Prayer

Lord God, give us loving hearts toward one another. Help us to realize that our church, your church, should be a place of refuge and healing for broken people. And especially during this time of transition in our church, when opinions may differ and emotions may become volatile, help us to embrace our personal brokenness and use us to help accomplish your purpose in the lives of others both here at Kirkpatrick and in our community and the world. Amen.

Roger Pickard

		KMPC Financial Summary		365
		October, 2021		
YTD 2021		YTD 2020		
Income -	\$ 141,721	Income -	\$ 149,019	
Expenses -	\$ 148,840	Expenses -	\$ 149,077	
Income/Loss	\$ (7,119)	Income/Loss	\$ (58)	

It is vital to support our important ministries by continuing to your generous giving. We are blessed with a hard working staff and dedicated volunteers who have keep our ministries thriving even through a pandemic.

Deacons Corner

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month via Zoom. If you have any concerns for the Deacons please reach out to co-moderators Lori Wonsor and Sharyn Danner

At its October meeting, the Deacons regretfully accepted the resignation of Jenna Atzert, Joyce George and Emily Rapp. Deacon positions were reassigned as a result of the resignations. It was decided to keep the Soup Luncheon on hold due to Covid variant. They will provide support to Sue King who organizes the Blessing Box, the Grocery Giveaway, and the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. They discussed additional needs by those displaced and affected by Hurricane Ida.

If you have an emergency prayer request, please email Sharyn Danner sharydan@gmail.com, especially outside of office hours.

Food Ministries

Thank you to all who have donated to our monthly food giveaways. This month we hope to give families who have food insecurities the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. If you qualify for a free turkey and you don't want or need the turkey, prayerfully consider donating to our Thanksgiving dinner giveaway. Small turkeys or the breasts are the best. Please refer to the Thanksgiving food list as you do your shopping. All donations should be at church by November 17. If you have a turkey and can't get it to church when Chris is there, please email Sue King at shomax.hsjc@gmail.com and she will arrange a time to meet you.
Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Food donations that Athletes in Action brought to church :)

Photo credit: Sue King



Thanksgiving Baskets Shopping List:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Frozen Turkey
- Canned Gravy
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Tuna Fish
- Rice
- Beans
- Large Cans of Chicken
- Canned Fruit



If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector marked "Deacons Food Drive." Thank you for your support! **Christmas Baskets**—This drive will continue through December 15 so keep those donations coming.

Deacon's November 2021 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B
 Bart and Norma (Norma radiation)
 Ben D. (military transfer)
 Barb K (healing)
 Corliss & Family
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Erik Z
 Irene (Parkinson and Covid)
 Jen B (healing)
 Joyce G (flooding)
 Lanie and Husband
 Paul M (grieving)
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony
 Caregivers
 Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice Patients
 Teachers & /Students

Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
 Phyllis P
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
 Amy F. (healing)
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)
 Charlotte (cancer)
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D
 Deanna (chemo) Jeanne M friend
 Denise and John (John had kidney removed)
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D
 Erick F healing at home (Janice L friend)
 Franklin (Cancer)
 Helen B (moved to care facility)
 Dorothy
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
 Kate (Lost Job) Bev K
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend

Mary (cancer)
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's Friend
 Natalie (Steve L sister)
 Keith P. (healing)
 Linda (Cancer)
 Pauline (Alzheimer's) Kathy L. Aunt
 Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)- Dorothy
 Sandra H. (healing)
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) – Richard's daughter
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)
 Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.
 Toby & Judy N. (healing, Safety)
 Tom (Lymphoma)
 Families of Natural Disasters
 First Responders
 Military Men & Women and their Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Victims of Violence
 People with flu and virus
 People waiting for vaccine for virus



November Birthdays

Brian Case, Jr	Nov 1
Brennan Carey	Nov 2
Shane Carey	Nov. 2
Jill Williamson	Nov. 8
Don Reilly	Nov. 10
Breanna Fulper	Nov 12
Jennifer Bacorn	Nov. 13
Ellie Verbeyst	Nov. 13
Pat Pickard	Nov. 16
Daniel Al-Daqqa	Nov 21
Karen Shipman	Nov. 21
Wren Verbeyst	Nov. 23
Annie Donnelly	Nov. 27
Darryl Cronce	Nov. 30



Anniversaries

Darryl & Nancy Cronce	Nov. 11
Barry & Jen Bacorn	Nov. 13



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

Carlos & Sandy Rios Visit



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST JESUS.
Shalom and blessings to you!

We thank the Lord for you and for your love and generosity towards us by sending Pastor Carlos and Sandy. Through them we have experienced God's love for us. Also, through them we have been blessed and encouraged to keep standing firm in our faith and to share our faith with others.

We are thankful for your sacrificial and faithful financial and prayer support to help establish the church here in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Your giving is precious in the Lord's eyes and in our eyes, too. The living God who created all things, sees your generous sacrifices and they are a sweet-smelling aroma to Him.

Your giving is sowing seeds of great value because it will reap an eternal harvest. The seeds we are reaping here in Guadalajara are producing eternal fruit. Because of your help in sowing the seed, more people will be going to heaven.

We appreciate you so very much!
All praise and glory to Jesus Christ! We look forward to meeting you one day in heaven!

In Christ's love,
Comunidad Bíblica Ríos de Agua Viva

Bell Practice is on Wednesdays at 7pm in the church choir room. New ringers are always welcome.

Anyone who is even remotely interested or a little bit curious about bell ringing, can see me after church, call me ☎, text me (908) 399-3468 or email me (sharydan@gmail.com). I promise it will be a painless experience.😊



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been a tradition for many years at KMPC. Last year we went virtual and asked for donations to be purchased online and delivered to the manse., and we had great success. This year we are asking that you donate your gifts directly to The Friendship Center. Please have donations delivered by December 11th.

Address: 162 Main St, Flemington, NJ 08822

Open □ Closes 5PM

Phone: (908) 806-4444



Needs List 2021

FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Gift Certificates for Shoprite, Wal-Mart and Burlington Coat Factory

are like pure gold for our single moms! In suggested amounts of \$10.00, please.

Baby Items:

- DIAPERS: – Huggies and Pampers ONLY please, as these are best on allergic skins! Sizes **4,5, and 6 only**

- *Unscented* BABY WIPES
- Baby Wash/Lotion/Shampoo

Laundry Detergent

Boys & Girls:

Boots: – children's size 10 through adult size 10

Girls

- Coats size: – infant, 3T, 6, 10/12, 14/16
- Fall/Winter Clothing: 2T – 5/6

Snow pants: – Toddler – 3T

Hats and Gloves

BEDDING

Receiving Blankets
Crib Quilts
Crib Pads
Crib Sheets

Boys

- Coats size: – 2T – 14/16
- Snow pants: – Toddler – Size 5/6
- Hats and Gloves

Fall/Winter Clothing: - 2T – 14/16

Boys and Girls

- Socks: – Toddler – adult
- Tights: – Toddler – size 10

Underwear:- Toddler – size 12

TOYS

- Construction Toys (Especially Legos Please)
- Dolls, Trucks

