



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 2026

THE OLIVE BRANCH



September Events

- 1 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 6 9:30 Communion
- 11 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 15 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 26 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 27 9:30 Rev. Spildooren
- 25 Olive Branch Deadline

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Book 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. 6

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

September has always felt like a month of new beginnings. It is a time of settling into the routines that were put "on pause" for the summer. The hot summer begins to give way to autumn, children return to school, schedules become a little more settled, we begin to pull our sweaters and jackets out of their summer hiding places. After the slower pace of summer, September invites us to reconnect—with one another, with our church family, and most importantly, with God. September also reminds us that every season has its purpose. Summer brought sunshine, vacations, gardens, family gatherings, and opportunities for rest. Now autumn approaches with its own gifts.

This is also a time to reconnect with someone you haven't seen at church in a while. Perhaps that person has been hoping for direction as to where they might find a spiritual connection. A simple invitation can make a tremendous difference, and someone may be waiting for an invitation to come back to church. Or, while in church, someone may be sitting alone and hoping someone will notice. Someone may need a listening ear or a word of encouragement. Take the time to be with that person.

God has given each of us gifts, abilities, experiences, and opportunities to make a difference. We don't have to do something extraordinary. Often, the most important ministries are simple ones: making a phone call, preparing a meal, visiting someone, praying for a neighbor, welcoming a visitor, teaching a child, or offering a kind word.

Speaking about welcoming visitors, we have six new visitors who are now residents at the manse. Six feral cats now call the porch their home - they are quite comfortable and well fed there. While we don't know the gender, we have given them names that may be gender neutral. There is Dot, with a white tip on her tail; Bob, who resembles a fluffy gray bobcat, Ben, a gray smaller Bob; Goldfinger who has golden-like fur; Clover, who is gray and white and hangs out in the clover; and Chloe, a smaller Clover. I thank Tabby's Place who is helpful in providing food.

Let us give thanks for all the blessings we have received- for the people and for the birds and animals God has placed in our lives. Most of all, let us give thanks that wherever we are in life's journey, **God is there.**

May God bless you and your family throughout September, and may God bless our church as we continue to grow together in faith, hope, and love.

With prayers and gratitude,
Pastor Barbara



Rally Day at Kirkpatrick September 20th

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

A Thanks from Chris Kosmac

Dear Everyone,

Thank you so much for the incredibly thoughtful retirement card and generous gift! Reading your kind notes and seeing all of your signatures meant more to me than I can say. It has been a privilege to serve this congregation. Thank you for your kindness and for being part of this important chapter of my life.

God Bless,

Chris Kosmac





THE EMPTY BOWL TAKEOUT

For your \$35 donation to the Flemington Area Food Pantry you'll enjoy a delicious takeout lunch with a handcrafted bowl donated by a local potter, to serve as a reminder of food insecurity in our community.

29th ANNUAL



YOUR TICKET INCLUDES

RESTAURANT SOUP

Mini SANDWICH / SALAD

DESSERT

WATER

HANDMADE BOWL

TICKETS \$35

- ✓ Delicious Lunch
- ✓ Handmade Bowl
- ✓ PLUS Pottery Sale in Walmart Parking Lot

Enjoy food donated by...

Basil Bandwagon
 Chive & Thyme
 Cilantro Garden
 Coastco
 Kitchen at HMC
 Maddalena's
 Matt's Red Rooster
 Metropolitan Seafood

Nurish to Heal
 The Salad Basket
 ShopUite
 Viva Mexico

Check back to see more of our partner Restaurants

Friday, October 23, 2026

11:00am - 2:30pm

Flemington Food Pantry
154 Route 31 North

FOR MORE INFO or to PURCHASE TICKETS

[FlemingtonFoodPantry.org](https://flemingtonfoodpantry.org)
or 908-788-5568



The Flemington Area Food Pantry's "Empty Bowl" lunch fundraiser will be happening before you know it on Friday, October 23, 2026 at the Pantry from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The \$35 tickets will be available soon at <https://flemingtonfoodpantry.org/empty-bowl>

"The Empty Bowl" is an annual drive-up lunch event which raises funds to provide food and personal care items to income-qualified Hunterdon County families who are food insecure.



CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Case on his First Prize winning sunflowers at the 2026 Hunterdon County 4-H fair!

Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is September 26

In August, we gave away 22 bags of groceries.

Good News Home Golf Fundraising Event

The Rev. Ernestine Winfrey Golf Invitational will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on Tuesday 9/22/26. This event supports the work of Good News Home, which provides life-changing services to women facing chemical dependencies, mental health challenges, and trauma through their faith-based residential substance abuse treatment center, and sober living "Butterfly House".

Good News Home is excited to announce that they will soon be opening a new "Mommy & Me" house, a place for mothers and their children to heal, grow, and rebuild their lives together.

The fundraising event will feature a networking breakfast, 9am shotgun start, awards luncheon, contests, prizes, and raffles.

Please contact Regan at admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org for a golfer or sponsor registration form. For questions about the event, please contact Robin Jackson at 908-806-4220 x 326, or robin@goodnewshome.org.

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!

September 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
9/6/2026	Pastor Barbara	Bev			Communion	
9/13/2026	Pastor Barbara	Sharyn			No Communion	
9/20/2026	Pastor Barbara	Kim			No Communion	
9/27/2026	Pastor Barbara	Don			No Communion	
Staff Vacation: Jim H. - Sept. 6						

Deacon's September 2026 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Alan (Healing)
 Angie B (Healing)
 Bart C (Peace and Comfort)
 Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)
 Fulper Family (Strength, Protection)
 Jeanne M. (Peace and Comfort)
 Kaminski Family (Grief)
 Lynn H. (God's Guidance)
 Lori (God's Guidance, Healing)
 Steve L (Healing)
 Mike K. (God's Guidance)
 Norma C (Healing, Peace and Comfort)
 Norma Z. (Healing)

Caregivers

Families, Homebound, Hospice

Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M
 Dorothy S
 Bart and Norma

Extended KMPC Family

Aaliyah - Pat W's friend (God's guidance and protection)
 Alex - Angie's nephew (God's guidance and protection)
 Beverly Kathy L's friend (Cancer, Healing)
 Brenda Danner - (Cancer, Overall Healing)
 Caden - Verbeyst family friend (Healing)
 Carolyn - Steve L's friend (Grief)
 Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance)
 Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)
 Friedermann family (Grief)
 Jack's family - Kim F's uncle (Grief)
 Jacklyn - Ellie's friend (Healing)
 Janice L - Steve L's wife (Healing)
 Joel - Mike K's friend (Healing)
 Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)
 Karol - Susan B's sister (God's guidance, Healing)
 Leslie - Steve L's friend (Healing)

Lyndsey - Lynn H's friend (Healing)
 Marie - Lanie's sister (Healing)
 Mary - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)
 Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)
 Michael - Tracy's brother (Healing)
 Nancy - Marilyn C's sister (Healing)
 Orlando - Jim H's friend (God's guidance)
 Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)
 Patricia - Angie's friend (Grief)
 Philomena - Pat W's friend (God's guidance, Healing)
 Ray Dix - (Healing)
 Schellhouse family - Pickard's family friend (Grief, Healing)
 Shirley - Lynn H's mother (Healing)
 Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Peace)
 Steve F - (Parkinsons)
 Tyrone - Jim D's friend (Healing)
 Val- (Overall healing)

U.S. and World Situations

Children affected by war
 Christians in Nigeria
 First Responders
 Military Men & Women and their Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Students and Teachers
 Those affected by weather; fires;
 economic distress; illnesses; and disease
 Those reconciling broken relationships
 Travelers
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Unhoused
 Victims of Violence and war

Please contact Tracy McClelland know of any new request, if your prayer is no longer needed, or if you would like your request re-added.

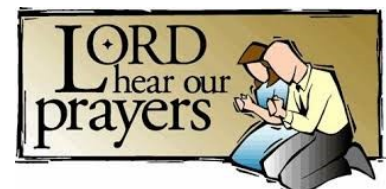


*God Bless Your
 Anniversary*

*God Has Poured Out His Love Into Our Hearts
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1st Karin S.
 4th Bob H.
 4th Jonathan H.
 6th Fred F.
 24th Steve F.
 25th Mike K.

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



Art Camp 2026

We wrapped up our 5th year of Art Camp this past August, and had a great time with over 30 kids in attendance. Projects included painting, clay sculpture, flower making, printing, papermaking, and much more. Thanks to our campers and their families for the generous food donations to our Grocery Giveaway. Thank you to our volunteer staff for their time (and making snacks!), and to the congregation for your prayers and support as we chose and created JOY this year at Art Camp!



Wrestling N Wrecovery 2026

KMPC hosted and provided concessions for Wrestling N Wrecovery in August, a live pro wrestling show and community slam. Wrestling N Wrecovery provides support and guidance for those struggling with addiction while providing a safe, positive environment for the pro wrestling community. About 60 people came out to watch the slam and learn about the resources available for those struggling with addiction.

