



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 2026

THE OLIVE BRANCH



August Events

- 2 9:30 Mark VanBruggen preside
- 3 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 4 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 9 9:30 Communion
- 11-13 6-8pm Art Camp
- 15 2pm Wrestling N Recovery
- 22 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 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 8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

Staff Vacations:

Jim: Aug. 9, 16, 30, Sept. 6
 Pastor: Aug. 2-7,

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

August has always seemed like a bridge between seasons. Summer is still with us, yet there are signs that change is on the horizon. Gardens are full, vacations begin to wind down, students prepare to return to school, and many of us begin thinking about the routines that await us in the fall.

The church follows a similar rhythm. Summer often gives us a chance to slow down, reconnect with family and friends, enjoy God's beautiful creation, and find moments of quiet that are harder to come by during busier times of the year. These times of rest are not simply a luxury—they are a gift from God.

Throughout Scripture, we find that God invites God's people into rhythms of work and rest. Jesus Himself often withdrew to quiet places to pray before returning to the crowds with renewed compassion and purpose. Rest reminds us that our value does not come from how busy we are, but from whose we are. We belong to God.

As we move toward September, our congregation also begins to look ahead with anticipation. Fall brings opportunities for worship, fellowship, choir and bell rehearsals, and new ways to grow together in faith. Each season offers fresh opportunities to discover where God is leading us. Where is God calling you to move the church forward? Who is God showing you to ask to join you at church?

Church is more than a place we attend on Sunday morning. It is a family of faith where we encourage one another, pray for one another, celebrate together, and carry one another through life's joys and challenges. Every person has gifts that strengthen the body of Christ, and every act of kindness, service, and generosity reflects God's love in the world.

As we prepare for the coming season, I encourage you to make worship a priority and prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to become even more involved in the life of our church. Whether you have been here for decades or are just beginning your journey with us, there is a place for you.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and the many ways you share Christ's love throughout our community. It is a privilege to serve alongside you. May God grant each of us renewed strength, joyful hearts, and open spirits as we continue walking together in faith.

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31

Grace and peace,
Pastor Barbara

WELCOME

*To our new
 Administrative Assistant
 Regan Pickard.*

Brownies Wanted: As everyone is aware of the event, we will be sponsoring in the gym on August 15 called Wrestling N recovery. This is a family event that will be enjoyed by the whole family and there is no admission price. There's also information tables set up around the outside of the room of various recoveries. This is an information area open to all addictions with no intrusion at all just pamphlets to hand out. Our fellowship outreach committee will be serving foods during the event. There will be hotdog and chips and cookies, brownies and ice pop are some of our menu items. I am asking for anyone that would be willing to help me and bake brownies. I will be cutting them up and bagging them prior to The event, but I need help for whoever is willing to bake me some brownies. If you're willing to help me with this, please just give me a call or an email and let me know and I would appreciate it. Thank you in advance. Norma Z.

A Message from the Church Administrator

As many of you know, I retired from my position as church administrator on July 30.

Thank you to the many members, volunteers, and staff with whom I have worked during my years at KMPC. It has been my privilege to support the ministry of the church through my role behind the scenes.

I wish KMPC and its congregation God's blessings in the years ahead.

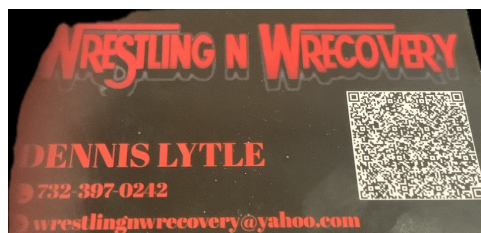
Grace and peace,
Chris Kosmac



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



Wrestling N Wrecovery

Wrestling N Wrecovery Is an organization to provide guidance for the recovery of any addiction. This is a family friendly event and it is guaranteed a good time will be had by all and the best part is it's free. Our own Jackie Peterson, member of Kirkpatrick is involved in this and her excitement and so enthusiastic over these events that she

volunteers at. We've agreed to use the gym for an event, and I feel excitement within our small group already **The date we have chosen for this event is Saturday August 15 @ 2Pm** This event offers materials and guidance that address all addictions in today's Society. We believe this is an extremely valued event and outreach. Open to all And remember, it's free admission. More information to come. Please contact anyone on the fellowship outreach committee or Email Norma enzimmerman@comcast.net with any questions

Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is August 22



ART CAMP is coming back to KMPC, August 11, 12 + 13, 6pm to 8pm.

Our theme this year is "Choose JOY".

Kids entering Kindergarten through those who finished Grade 6 are invited to join us for 3 evenings filled with paint, printing, clay, experimentation, creativity and fun. There is no cost to attend.

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 and on our website). 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 16, 2026 is the final day for collection.

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!

Sermon Series on August 9, 16, 23, 30 "Faith Through the Forecast"

August 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
8/2/2026	Elder Mark Van Bruggen	Don			No Communion	
8/9/2026	Pastor Barbara	Debi			Communion	
8/16/2026	Pastor Barbara	Norma			No Communion	
8/23/2026	Pastor Barbara	Roger			No Communion	
8/30/2026	Pastor Barbara	Sue			No Communion	

Staff Vacation: Jim H. : August 9, 16, 30 and Sept. 6.

Pastor Barbara: Aug 1 - 8

Deacon's August 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)
 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)
 Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)
 Karol - Susan B's sister (God's guidance, Healing)

Leslie - Steve L'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)
 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
 Travelers
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Unhoused
 Victims of Violence and war
 World Peace



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

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.

