



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 2021

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



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## Pastor Transition Update, September 22, 2021

On behalf of the session and the personnel committee we wanted to give you an update on our pastor transition process and specifically what has occurred in the three weeks since Pastor Mike's last Sunday with us on August 29th.

In the Presbyterian Church, the process of seeking and hiring a new pastor is stipulated in the Book of Order, and overseen by the local Presbytery, the governing body that we belong to as an individual church. In our case, this is the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey. The Presbytery, through its committee on ministry supports the Session and the congregation throughout this process by providing guidance and resources.

In its' simplest form the transition process has four main steps:

First, to arrange for someone to lead worship and preach for Sunday services until an interim or transition pastor is hired.

*At this point we have made the arrangements to fill the pulpit through November. Pastor Amy Sandlin will be with us for much of that time and we have arranged for others for the weeks when she cannot be with us.*

Second, to hire an interim/transition pastor who will provide full pastoral services and help guide the congregation through the transition period until a new permanent pastor is hired.

*We have completed a job description for the interim position, which was approved by the Presbytery at their recent meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The description is currently being circulated within the Presbytery. We have been advised by the Presbytery leaders that there is currently a shortage of individuals seeking interim positions, so it may take some time fill this position.*

Third, to work with the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery to discern the mission and the leadership needs of the church going forward and to elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee, made up of members of the congregation who will conduct the search for a new pastor.

Fourth, to complete the search, hire, and install a new pastor.

As the Session meets during this transition process, we are required to have a moderator for all meetings where business is conducted. Until we hire an interim pastor, the presbytery will arrange for someone to moderate our meetings.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward with the process. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out to one of elders: Mike Kurti, Nancy Cronce, Jim Danner, Chuck Conrad, Janis Little, Don Reilly, Karen Shipman, Steve Wonsor, and Roger Pickard.



## October Events

- 3 Mark Van Bruggen Supply Pastor
- 5 6:30pm Deacons Mtg Zoom
- 10 Carlos & Sandy Rios Visit  
Pastor Amy Sandlin Supply Pastor
- 11 Indigenous Peoples Day /  
Columbus Day
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline**
- 17 Pastor Amy Sandlin Supply Pastor
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting Zoom
- 23 11:00 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 Pastor Amy Sandlin Supply Pastor
- 31 Pastor Amy Sandlin Supply Pastor  
Halloween

## Weekly

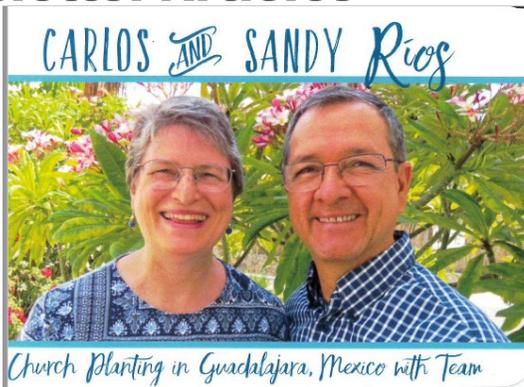
- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

## Sunday Worship Services

We gather every Sunday at 9:30am in person with masks and Zoom for a time of worship, singing, praying, and hearing God's Word. The Zoom link and bulletin information are emailed on Saturday morning for you to follow along. Please join us – and invite your friends and family. We have had people from all over the country worship with us!



## WANTED: Newsletter Articles



## Congratulations



Mr. & Mrs. Dave & Marilyn Case



## Carlos and Sandy Rios to visit

On Sunday, October 10 our missionaries, the Rios', will be with us in worship to share their experiences.

## Deacons Corner

The Deacons meet on the first Tuesday of the month via zoom. Please reach out to co-moderators Lori Wonsor and Sharyn Danner.

### Food Ministry

We are now starting to collect food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. We will need all the food on the lists. If you are able to donate a turkey, that would be great. Smaller turkeys are needed. We don't need the 20lb. turkeys!:) If you have a freezer with room in it, please let me know. People who have offered their freezers in the past have moved out of the area. Therefore, I am in dire need of some freezer space to hold turkeys. Thank you, Sue King (609)306-4188 shomax.hsjc@gmail.com



## Thanksgiving Baskets

As we give thanks to Jesus for our many blessings this year, let us honor him by serving others. As Thanksgiving Day approaches and you go shopping for ingredients to create that special family meal, please keep in mind that not every family in our community is as fortunate. The Deacons are asking our church family to help meet the needs of our community this year by picking up a few extra food items that will be made into Thanksgiving baskets. 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  
Apple Sauce  
Pasta Sauce  
Pasta

Frozen Turkey  
Turkey Gravy  
Stuffing Mix  
Boxed Potatoes  
Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Soup  
Tuna Fish

Large Cans of Chicken  
Canned Fruit  
Rice  
Beans

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!

A brief update on KMPC 2021 Finances from Don Reilly the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Our total income this year through August was \$132,772 compared to last year's total of \$132,224. Almost an identical amount. Our Sunday offering income this year is up 3% as compared to last year. The first four months of the year we were up 8% over 2020 but the last four months we are down 5% as compared to 2020. It is more important than ever to send in or drop off our Sunday offering so we can continue to support all our church's missions.

Our total expenses this year through August was \$134,390 compared to last year's total of \$130,873. The increase in this year's expense was primarily due to increase pension and medical costs for the pastor. If you recall last year the Presbyterian Pension Fund suspended three months of payments for the church which reduced our 2020 expenses by over \$7,000.

One final note, after many years as our Church Treasurer Roger DeLay has tendered his resignation effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Roger and Karen are moving to the Nashville, Tennessee area to be closer to family. Pat Wright has been appointed as our new Treasurer. We are very fortunate to have such a qualified individual to assume this position.

# Deacon's October 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



Brian Case	Oct 3
Sarah Mundhenk	Oct 3
Colleen Case	Oct 4
Kira Williamson	Oct 4
RJ Fulper III	Oct 7
Charlie McClelland	Oct 7
Dorothy Shellenberger	Oct 7
Sue King	Oct 10
Patricia Wright	Oct 12
Jim Danner	Oct 13
Cori McClelland	Oct 17
Lowell Rader	Oct 22
Gloria Weiman	Oct 22
Karlee Meyers	Oct 24
Angela Bodine	Oct 28



Steve & Lori Wonsor	Oct 6
Dan & Jill Mock	Oct 8
Bob & Donna Trevithick	Oct 10
Susan & Joseph Aliseo	Oct 13
Terry & Patricia Wright	Oct 13
Fred & Kim Fulper	Oct 17
Rob & Cindi Fulper, II	Oct 18
John & Tracy Kell	Oct 21

Please contact us to have names added or deleted at [admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org)