



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 2026

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## March Events

- 1 9:30 Communion
- 2 6:00 Scout Court of Honor
- 6:30 Scout Cmte Mtg
- 3 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 6&7 Scout Pinewood Derby-gym
- 8 Daylight Saving Begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 18 6:30pm Cub Scouts in gym
- 23 Olive Branch Articles Due
- 28 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 29 Palm Sunday
- Apr 2 7pm Maundy Thursday
- Apr 3 Good Friday

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Book Study
- 5:15-6pm Open Sanctuary
- 5:30pm DTAA Basketball
- 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Band Rehearsal
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
- 8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

## Staff Vacations:

Pastor: April 6-16

View our [calendar](#) on our website

## Pastor's Ponderings

March always feels like a month in between. The Christmas decorations are long put away. The snow piles are shrinking (we hope!). The light lingers a little longer in the evenings. We stand in that space between winter and spring — not quite one, not quite the other.

And this year, March also holds us firmly in the season of Lent. Lent is also an “in between” time. We stand between the ashes of Ash Wednesday and the joy of Easter morning. We walk with Jesus from the wilderness toward the cross. We examine our hearts. We simplify. We pray. We repent. We listen.

It can feel like winter work — quiet, hidden, even uncomfortable. But Lent is not about spiritual gloom. It is about preparing the soil. Farmers know that before anything beautiful grows, the ground must be turned over. What looks like disruption is actually preparation. What feels like loss can become new life.

As we continue our Lenten journey together, I invite you to lean into the practices that help your faith grow: Join us for Sunday worship as we walk step by step toward Jerusalem. Participate in our devotional, meditation and prayers opportunities (on Wednesday evenings). Set aside intentional time for prayer each day.

And most importantly, remember this: Lent is not about what we give up. It is about what God is growing in us. Even now — beneath the cold, white ground, beneath the uncertainty of our world, beneath the burdens we carry — resurrection is already stirring.

March reminds us that change is coming. The light is increasing. The days are lengthening. And the promise of Easter is drawing near.

May this be a month of quiet courage, deep trust, and holy expectation.

With gratitude for this church family,

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Barbara*



## Open Sanctuary During Lent

During the season of Lent, the sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from 5.15 to 6p for silent prayer and reflection. A copy of the Great Confession from the Book of Common Prayer will be available to ponder. It is a prayer that we frequently say during worship, and it reminds us, especially during this season, of who we are and who God is for us in Christ. Feel free to come in anytime during those 45 minutes and stay as long as you'd like.

## Food Ministry

Thank you to Scout Troop 65 for their generous donations of food, household goods and toiletries.  
Easter Giveaway is March 28th.  
Last month we gave away 21 bags.

### 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

If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector by Wednesday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you so much for your continuous support!

### Volunteers Needed



The Lambertville food pantry is in need of volunteers to pick up bread donations from the Giant supermarket in New Hope and deliver them to the pantry location in Lambertville. The process usually takes no more than an hour of time. Volunteers are needed for commitment to one or more days per week or for serving as substitutes to help periodically as needed. Many people in our congregation and throughout the extended area have been ministering to others in need by doing this simple deed. If you feel led to serve the community in this effort, please contact: Linda Hults -908-581-5298. Thank you

### March 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
Lent 2 3/1/2026	Pastor Barbara	Lori			Communion	
Lent 3 3/8/2026	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	Debi
Lent 4 3/15/2026	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
Lent 5 3/22/2026	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
Palm Sunday 3/29/2027	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	

# Deacon's March 2026 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Alan (Healing)  
 Angie B (Healing)  
 Bart C (Peace and Comfort)  
 Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)  
 Jack J. (Gods Guidance, Healing)  
 Jeanne M. (Peace and Comfort)  
 Lynn H. (God's Guidance)  
 Lori (Healing)  
 Steve L (Healing)  
 Norma C (Healing)  
 Norma Z. (Healing)

## Caregivers

Families, Homebound, Hospice

## Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M  
 Dorothy S  
 Bart and Norma

## Extended KMPC Family

Alex - Angie's nephew (God's guidance and protection)  
 Betsy - Pat W's sister (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Beverly Kathy L's friend (Cancer, Healing)  
 Brian - Kathy L's cousin (Grief)  
 Brandon B's family - (Grief)  
 Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Cregar family - (Grief)  
 Denise M. and family- (Grief)  
 Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)

Fick family - Pat W's friend (Grief)  
 Gerry - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Gideon - Jim D's grandson (Healing)  
 Jade - Lynn H's friend (Healing)  
 Jenny - Pat W's friend (Healing)  
 Joelle - Mike K's friend (Healing)  
 John - Steve L's friend (Treatment for his blood clots)  
 Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)  
 Karol - Susan B's sister (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Ken M. - Bev K's family (Healing)  
 Leslie - Steve L's friend (Surgery, Healing)  
 Lorraine - Kim F's friend (Healing)  
 Marie - Lanie B's sister (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Mark - Susan B's friend (Healing)  
 Mary - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)  
 Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)  
 Michelle - Mike K's friend (Healing)  
 Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)  
 Patrick - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Patty - Sharyn D's friend (Healing)  
 Ruth - Steve L. family (Healing)  
 Sarah - Linda H's daughter (Surgery/Healing)  
 Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Peace)  
 Steve F - (Parkinsons)

Steve - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Steve - Mike K's friend (Surgery/Healing)  
 Susan and Gay - Lanie's sisters in law (Grief)  
 Sylvia - Steve 's sister (Healing)  
 Taryn - (Grief)  
 Tommy - Steve L'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  
 Those affected by weather; fires; economic distress; illnesses; and disease  
 President & Congress  
 Prisoners  
 Refugees  
 Shooting Victims  
 Students and Teachers  
 Travelers  
 Troubled youth  
 U.S. & World Situations  
 Unemployed  
 Unhoused  
 Victims of Violence and war  
 World Peace

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



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



Save the date, Old Rocks Ladies Tea, Saturday, April 18th, 10 am. Pearl S. Bucks adopted daughter, Julie Henning will be speaking. No charge, donations appreciated. RSVP needed, seating limited. Norma now if you can attend and that would be prior to April 4th.



# MISSION NEWS

## From our Team Missionaries Walter and Diane Kennedy:

Dear Faithful Prayer Warriors and Fellow Servants,

What do Sports Fans need, to Watch their Favorite Teams? Tickets  
What do Concert Goers need, to Watch their Favorite Performers? Tickets  
What do Missionaries need to continue their overseas Ministries? Tickets  
What have the Kennedys now purchased? **Tickets**..... yes we are headed back to our Papuan Family and Indonesian Ministries on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please pray as we finish up our packing and goodbyes to family and friends.

We have so appreciated your prayers over these past months as Diane has recovered very well from the Stem Cell Transplant and all my medical needs have been addressed also.

We are excited and ready for the full 3 day trip back to Our Area of Service in Indonesia that the Lord has directed us to and Area you have partnered with us in reaching for Christ, over these many years.

Thank you for standing so faithfully with us as we resume serving the Lord alongside our Indonesian National Brothers and Sisters, who are looking forward to our return as well.

Diane says this is the Best Valentine Gift-Ticket she has ever received.

Thank you for your continued prayers for a Fruitful Season of Ministries ahead.

Flying With Him,

*Walter & Diane*

*P.S. To assist with flight costs, please click [this link](#). Any donation would be very much appreciated!*



## 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!

# **Mercer County Handbell Choir Festival**

Gillian Erlenborn, Westminster Choir College – Clinician

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

free concert at 3pm

Gill Chapel, Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ



## Featuring:

The Festival Ringers - Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton - Noel Werner, Director

Heavy Metal - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pennington - Mark Dolan, Director

Handbell Choir of Pennington Presbyterian Church - Laura McMillan, Director

Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Bell Choir – Carol Houghton, Director

Pennington United Methodist Church – Katie Connolly, Director

St. Mark United Methodist Church – Bill Garrett, Director

Free parking

Wheelchair accessible

For more information, contact Mark Dolan at [music@stmatthewspennington.org](mailto:music@stmatthewspennington.org)