



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 2021

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## May Events

- 4 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Mother's Day
- 11 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 **Armed Forces Day**
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 22 Grocery Giveaway
- 23 **Pentecost**
- 30 Trinity Sunday
- 31 **Memorial Day**

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
  - Sun 10:45am Adult Sunday School
  - Tues 7:00pm Prayer Meeting
  - Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
  - Wed 7:00pm Prayer mtg
  - Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
- All activities will be on Zoom

**Readers Wanted** – If you would like to do a Scripture reading at one of our Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Mike know.

**Sunday Worship Services** – We gather every Sunday at 9:30am via 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!

**Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. We have begun a new study of Philip Yancey's book, *Vanishing Grace*. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.

## From Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

I want to share with you this month part of a recent email that came from our Presbytery Executive, the Rev. Jeanne Radak, of our new Highlands Presbytery of New Jersey. She writes:

“As we emerge from this season what are you VISIONING church life will look like when the COVID restrictions are lifted? Now is the time to engaging in that question and many more questions about church life moving forward. Here are a few things to keep in mind as we all begin to have conversations about church life after lockdown.

First, Church life will be different. Start with that statement as the baseline for the conversation. Congregational life will not be the same as it was before March 15, 2020. Second, there is no going back to where we were before COVID. I know that is similar to the first statement. I just want to emphasize that engaging in a conversation about the church life being the same as it was in early 2020 will be ineffective. We will emerge in a different place. The church has not been in a holding pattern or in “suspended animation”. The church has been moving forward and learning new ways to do worship, to do ministry and mission and be the church in a post pandemic culture.

Start your conversations with “What did we learn?” Great question to focus on what has worked, not worked, stressful, satisfactory, rewarding and/or lacking. Follow up questions could be:

- Where did we innovate?
- What will we continue to do?
- What did we let go of that we don't need to bring back?
- What did we start that we want to continue?”

The Session began asking some of these questions at our April meeting. But I would love to hear your thoughts. God has provided some wonderful opportunities for us as a church family that I am not sure that we would have considered on our own had we not been in the midst of the pandemic. God has blessed our congregation over the past year. While it may be scary to think about life after Covid, I think it is also exciting. Where is God calling KMPC? How do we keep the outreach in multiple states active and growing? How and where do we share the hope of Christ? Think about it. Pray about it. Share with me your ideas and vision. See you on Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,  
Pastor Mike

## Reopening Team Update – 11 April 2021

Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to review the results of the Reopening Survey that were included in this week's mid-week announcements. If you haven't seen the survey results, I encourage you to take the time to review them.

In follow-up to the survey, the Reopening Team made a recommendation to Session to conduct a trial reopening of worship only beginning on the first Sunday in May. Session has approved this recommendation. The pilot will begin with a limit on the maximum number of attendees, and we will be communicating the precautions that will be taken to ensure everyone's safety. Since we will be limiting the number that can attend, we will be taking reservations based on a first come first served basis. The Reopening Team will closely monitor the success of this pilot and make recommendations for further action accordingly. Thank you for your continued support and understanding of the difficult decisions that the Reopening Team and Session have had to make during the pandemic. Please keep our church, the Session and Reopening Team in your prayers as we move forward. Thank you.

### Protocols for In-Person Worship

- 10-person Limit to begin the pilot program, not including worship leaders and volunteers (Note - volunteers must remain in the connector during the entire service)
- Masks must be worn properly while on church property (covering face and mouth, preferably double layer)
- Maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet)
- Temperature checks will be completed for everyone entering the building
- All attendees will fill out self-certification forms each week
- Gathering Covenant to be filled out once per attendee (parents will complete a Gathering Covenant for underage children)
- Cleaning protocols will be followed – and handicapped bathroom will be wiped down between uses (Note: the handicapped bathroom will be the only one available for use on Sundays to start)
- Signups will be done through online program SignUp Genius. For those not online, signups will be taken through the church office. We will open up signups for 2 weeks at a time.
- Volunteers are needed to man the check-in table and attend to the bathroom weekly
- Please arrive no earlier than 9:15am to check in
- Bring your own communion elements

If you are showing symptoms of illness or have a temperature of over 100.4, please stay home out of concern and love for all.

**Email Prayer Chain** - The email prayer chain is somewhat outdated and needs updating. If you would like to be included on email prayer requests during the week and haven't been receiving them, please let Chris ([admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org)) or Pastor Mike ([pastormike@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:pastormike@kirkpatrickchurch.org)) know. Or if you have been receiving them and no longer wish to, please let Chris or Pastor Mike know. Thank you

**Pastor Sabbatical** – Pastor Mike will be taking a 3-month sabbatical in 2022. The sabbatical has been a part of his terms of call since he was called to be our pastor in 2013. He qualified for the sabbatical after 7 years of service, in July 2020. The Session and Pastor Mike have applied for a Clergy Renewal Grant through the Lilly Endowment to help fund the sabbatical and assist the church in covering the cost for pastoral coverage. We will be notified if we have been selected in August, 2021. On Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mike shared his plans for the sabbatical with the congregation after the Zoom worship service. The congregation learned that Pastor Mike has deep roots in the congregation – and shares ancestors with members of our congregation. If you have any questions about the grant or the sabbatical, please contact Roger Pickard, Linda Hults, Don Reilly, or Pastor Mike.



**Grocery Giveaway** – On Saturday, May 22nd, the church will hold Grocery Giveaway in the church parking lot. Thanks to Sue King for coordinating and to all the volunteers who donated food items, shopped for food items, and helped out on the day of the giveaway. Special thanks to our own Scout Troop 65, Athletes in Action, the Auxiliary of the Amwell Valley Fire Company, and the community for their support and donations.

## Deacons Corner

The clothing drive moved to parking lot at Larison Corner Church

Family Promise has the following needs, if anyone would like to pick up supplies, please drop them off at church with a note they are for Family Promise. Thank you.

### Needed Toiletries/Hygiene Products List

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Shaving Cream
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Sanitizer



Deacons would like to thank everyone for the continued support and donations for the food giveaway ministry! Our next monthly food giveaway is on Saturday, 4/24 and we will be stationed at KMPC and the Lambertville School. Our current food needs include canned tuna and shelf stable milk.

## Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

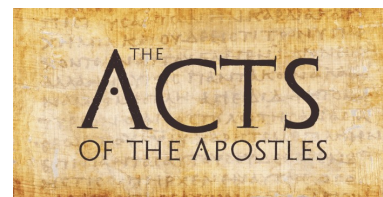
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – John 15:1-8 - "Pruned and Cleansed"

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Acts 10:44-48 – “Even on Them”

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 – “The Lord Knows Your Heart”

May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Pentecost) – Acts 2:1-21 – “Spirit Poured”

May 30<sup>th</sup> – John 3:1-17 – “Born Again”



### KMPC Financial Summary

2021

MTD (March)

Receipts – \$16,705.17

Expenses - \$16,915.46

Difference – (\$210.29)

YTD (through March)

Receipts - \$57,519.93

Expenses - \$49,384.86

Difference - \$8,135.07

2020

MTD (March 2020)

Receipts - \$17,753.67

Expenses - \$17,334.94

Difference – \$418.73

YTD (through March 2020)

Receipts - \$46,656.76

Expenses - \$52,956.25

Difference (\$6,299.49)

Through the first quarter of 2021, giving is up considerably over last year. Thanks be to God! Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together! Please remember to stay current with your giving.

We have included a "Donate" button on our website for those that prefer to give online. [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org) look for the yellow button in the upper right hand corner. KMPC is charged 2.2% and \$.30 admin fee per transaction. Please consider adding those fees to your donation to cover the costs for KMPC.

# Deacon's May 2021 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Alan B. (medical tests)  
 Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma  
 Ben D. (military)  
 Barb K (healing)  
 Corliss & Family  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Fulper Family (grieving)  
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob  
 Irene (Parkinson and Covid)  
 grieving  
 Kathy L. (healing)  
 Lanie and Husband  
 Paul M healing (grieving)  
 Pat W (broken ankle )  
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)  
 Shawn and Anthony  
 Caregivers  
 Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice Patients  
 Teachers & /Students

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Phyllis P  
 Millie W

## Extended KMPC Family

Albert (healing) Bev  
 Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Bob D (Kidney)  
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D  
 Denise and John (John has bladder cancer) KL  
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D  
 Erick F in rehab hospital (Janice L friend)  
 Franklin (Cancer)  
 Gail K (Parkinson)  
 Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Ivy (baby having surgery) Jeanne &

Chuck  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P  
 Kate ( Lost Job) Bev K  
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend  
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of  
 Gail Abdominal pain  
 Mark (cancer)  
 Mary (cancer)  
 Nancy C grieving (brother and aunt passed away)  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's friend  
 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



Bob Trevithick	May 2
Benjamin Danner	May 5
Betsy Peterson	May 8
Ben Friedermann	May 14
Kristen Schwendeman	May 16
Aniella O'Leary	May 16
Jeanne Mundhenk	May 18
Stefanie Hutchinson	May 21
Frederick Fulper, II	May 23
Kathy Mundhenk	May 24
Barbara Kurylo	May 25
John Kell	May 28



Alyssa & Adam Swiatek	May 11
Lauren & Steven Esock	May 21
Ann & Jeff Donnelly	May 22



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