



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 2025

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



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## February Events

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 4 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day, bank closed
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 22 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 Olive Branch Deadline

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65  
7pm Pastor's Bible Study
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study  
6:00pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Band Rehearsal
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our [calendar](#) on our website

## Pastor's Ponderings

After living in Florida, I have been reminded that cold weather is what to expect in February in New Jersey. It is a good time for hibernating as we have time to read, study the Bible and pray.

While hibernating, I have been given time to indulge in a little TV. Every four years, there is an election, an Inauguration, parades and parties. There are worship and Prayer Services - important ones - in prestigious churches in Washington DC. I enjoy seeing most of it, especially the Prayer Services

If you were able to watch the service at the National Cathedral, an interfaith place of worship, you saw the enormous Cathedral that seats 4000 people. The Cathedral was full of people.

If you were not able to attend (it was by invitation only) you can download the bulletin online and you can most likely watch replays of the service. The bulletin includes the words of the prayers and the readings.

The Prayer Service called us to **unity**. Leaders of more than a dozen different faiths and denominations participated in the service. The service called us to care for each other as all the faiths proclaim, to love and care for one another. The service included readings from the three major religions in our country.

The Jewish reading was from the Tanakh, or the Old Testament, in the book of Deuteronomy 10:17-21. It is about the awesome God powerful, eternal and supreme, who shows no favor. Reminding us that we are to welcome the stranger, hold up the orphans and the widows, give food and clothing where needed, and to revere God.

The Muslim reading from the Quran 57:4-7 tells of the powerful, all knowing and always present God who created the heaven and earth who sees everything, including what is written in our hearts. It tells of the importance of worshipping God, and reminds us to donate from what we have been entrusted with.

The Christian Gospel reading was from Matthew 7:24-29 telling of the importance of hearing the Word from Jesus to build a house on solid rock rather than sand. On this foundation we can follow Jesus' teachings.

In this cold winter and through all seasons, I encourage you to pray for our country, our leaders and all people, especially the ones who are afraid, ill, downtrodden and outcasts. Most of all, pray that we remain the **United States of America**.

In Christ's love, with a grateful heart,  
*Pastor Barbara*

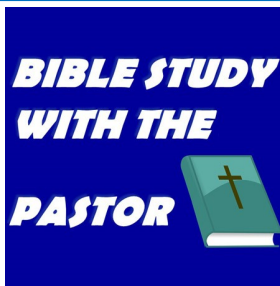


## 2024 Giving Statements

The statements were mailed out on January 30<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive your giving statement, please contact the church office. A pdf can be emailed to you.

## Food Ministry

This may be hard to believe but I am already thinking about our Easter Grocery Giveaway. Easter is April 20. That is a week **before** our April Giveaway, therefore, we will have our Easter Giveaway in March on the 22nd. I know it is early, but our friends who have food insecurities are used to our 4th Saturday monthly times. I don't want them to miss a month if we were to change it. So when you go shopping, think about Easter and pick up an item or two.



**Bible Study** will be held on Zoom or in the library of the church at 7:00 on Mondays. February's Topic:  
 "The Bible Studies explore the Formation, Authors and Structure of the Bible."  
 All are welcome.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you so much for your continuous support!



Thank you to Marge and Gene Hilton for providing this gift for our congregation to enjoy during fellowship. Their support for our church is much appreciated.

### February 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
Epiphany 4 2/2/2025	Pastor Barbara	Debi N.			Communion	
Epiphany 5 2/9/2025	Pastor Barbara	Pat W.			No Communion	
Epiphany 6 2/16/2025	Pastor Barbara	Roger P.			No Communion	
Epiphany 7 2/23/2025	Pastor Barbara	Linda H.			No Communion	

# Deacon's February 2025 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Angela B (cancer)  
 Barry C family (grief)  
 Bart and Norma  
 Betsy P (healing)  
 Chris/Jess W (baby)  
 Dave M  
 Esther  
 Erik Z  
 Glenn M (cancer) --Tracy  
 Karen S  
 Stef --Lynn's daughter  
 Steve L (healing)

## Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Chuck & Jean M  
 Dorothy S  
 Irene K

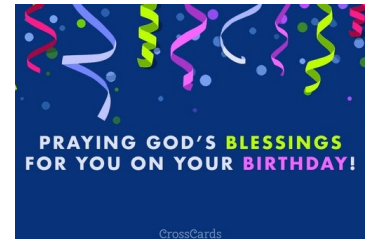
## Extended KMPC Family

Brad (bladder cancer-hospice)  
 Cindy --Pat's Niece  
 Carol  
 Clare (broken wrist) – Kim F  
 Dave (health issues) --Jim D's brother  
 Edward G (cancer)  
 Jackie --Betsy P daughter  
 Jean (brain tumor) Chris  
 Jen (health Issues)  
 Irene H

Keith P (healing)  
 Linda (cancer)  
 Mary (throat cancer) – Kim F  
 Megan (drug addition) --Kathy's niece  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) --Kathy's friend  
 Natalie --Steve L sister  
 Robbie family (grief) --Lanie's friend  
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus)  
 Steve F (Parkinsons)

## Families of Natural Disasters

First Responders  
 Those affected by hurricanes  
 Military Men & Women and their Families  
 President & Congress  
 Prisoners  
 Refugees  
 Shooting Victims  
 Travelers  
 Troubled youth  
 U.S. & World Situations  
 Unemployed  
 Victims of Violence  
 People with illnesses/disease  
 People of Ukraine  
 Victims of War



Norma C.	Feb. 2
Kathy L.	Feb. 3
Tom V.	Feb. 3
Erik Z., Sr.	Feb. 5
Debi N.	Feb. 6
Nancy C.	Feb. 7
Jared M.	Feb. 7
Chelsea F. D.	Feb. 8
Susan B.	Feb. 24
Steve W.	Feb. 24
Emily E.	Feb 25



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



A Bleeding Control Kit has been installed on the wall adjacent to the existing AED in the connector. This is a part of an Eagle Scout project for one of the boys. "Bleed Kits" provide tourniquets, pressure dressings, gauze, PPE, etc., to treat serious injuries in the event of an emergency where someone is losing large amounts of blood. They are designed to provide immediate lifesaving measures and each kit contains enough supplies to treat up to 8 people at once.

♥♥♥Thank you to our Scout Troop 65♥♥♥



# 2025 Lunch hosted by Deacons after congregational meeting.





# Mission News

## FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



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December 27, 2024

Dear Pastor Barbara and all our friends at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

We are sincerely humbled and so very grateful that you have chosen to give so generously to the needs of the fatherless families we serve. I wish that you could be here during the weeks of December, when our moms receive with such joy, a gift for each one of their children at Christmas. As we described in our latest newsletter, there are a number of local churches and agencies who faithfully each year provide either gifts individually-chosen to fit the needs of their children, or items from our needs list. The great kindness of this community has always been such an encouragement to us all, and a beautiful expression of God's love.

May I share with you some of the testimonies from our moms that were given recently: one client was so blessed at the warm welcome she always receives here at the Center. She states that "we treat her very well, and we listen to her and she learns a lot through the teaching videos...today she is very grateful to God and happy with her beautiful family". Another of our clients shared how very grateful she is for the prayer support that she receives here, together with the advice and counsel in raising her family. Others often say how very helpful the various parenting programs have been, and how encouraged they are to see their children's progress. As you know, our priority is the sharing of the Gospel, and we are always delighted as we see the Holy Spirit continue His work in each family. Just today, we heard that one of our clients who has been encouraged to participate in a local church, just made the decision to follow through and visit one of the Hispanic churches from our local list.

God continues to draw both clients and new donors to our Center, in answer to our prayers that we may be useful to the Lord in building His kingdom in our neighborhood. Next week, a local business owner will be bringing several friends who are fellow entrepreneurs to our Center, to learn what God is doing here, and to bring gifts for our families. Our Lord continues to amaze us by drawing new helpers to expand the scope of the ministry, and we thank you so much for being co-workers with us in this vital outreach. We pray you have a blessed New Year!

Together in His service,

Jeannie Avery, Board Chair



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A Christian ministry to those who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy, strengthening marriage and parenting skills