



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 2026

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## April Events

- 2 7pm Maundy Thurs Service
- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 Office Closed
- 6 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 7 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 21 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 23 VIP due
- 25 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 27 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 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

## Staff Vacations:

- Pastor: April 6-16
- Chris: April 15

View our [calendar](#) on our website

## Pastor's Ponderings

As the winter gives way to spring, we can be very thankful that we will not see more snow (I'm hoping). The daffodils have begun to pop their heads up; the robins have returned and people have begun walking outside again without hats, gloves and scarves.

April is a month that carries us on a sacred journey—one that begins with waving palms and ends at an empty tomb. It is a season filled with movement: from celebration to sorrow, from silence to song, from death to life.

As we are in **Holy Week**, we walk alongside Jesus in those final days. On **Palm Sunday**, we joined the crowd shouting "Hosanna!"—full of hope and expectation. Yet we know how quickly that joy turns to confusion and fear. On **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather at the table, remembering Jesus' command to love and serve one another. On **Good Friday**, we pause at the cross, holding the weight of sacrifice and the depth of God's love.

And then—Easter morning.

The stone is rolled away. The silence is broken. Hope rises.

Easter reminds us that God is always at work, even when we cannot see it. Resurrection is not just something that happened long ago—it is something God continues to do in our lives today. Where there is grief, God brings comfort. Where there is brokenness, God brings healing. Where there is despair, God brings new life.

This April, I invite you to enter fully into the story:

- Come and worship.
- Come and remember.
- Come and rejoice.

As the flowers continue to bloom and the days grow longer, may you be reminded that God's love is always making things new. May the promise of Easter fill your heart and guide your days.

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Barbara

## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday April 2:**  
7:00 pm @ KMPC with the River Churches.

**Good Friday, April 3**

**Easter Sunday, April 5:**  
6:30am Union Cemetery  
9:30 am @ KMPC

# Food Ministry

On February 28th we gave out 19 bags of food.  
Our next Grocery Giveaway is April 25.



**Thursday Lunch:** You are invited to join our small group from KMPC meeting for lunch at 11:30 on Thursdays at Orlando's Cafe. This photo was taken last Thursday. If you're ever in the area at 11:30, please stop and join us. Orlando's is located at 310 NJ-31 S, Hopewell, NJ 08525



## Craft Event

On April 26 After Worship  
We will have a Light Lunch and then be creative.

Photo is of the finished craft.  
Lunch, Craft supplies & directions are all included  
cost: \$15

RSVP: to Kim or Norma, limited to 12 people

## Community Open Mic Night April 20, 7-9 pm



Performers should arrive at 6:30pm to sign in

Living Waters Lutheran Church  
11 Old York Road, Ringoes, NJ

**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. Let Norma know by April 4th if you can attend.

Dear Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church Staff (and members),

On behalf of the Delaware Township Athletic Association (DTAA), I would like to thank you for supporting our growth and allowing us to use your gym space for basketball practices this year. Our kids greatly enjoyed practicing at your space and looked forward to it every week.

Our season would not have been successful without your support and I hope that we can continue our relationship in future seasons.

Sincerely,

Eddie Hermoso  
DTAA Basketball Director  
908-625-6403

## April 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
4/2/2026	7pm Maundy Thursday Service at KMPC					
4/3/2026	7pm Good Friday Service @Titusville					
Easter Sunrise	Easter Sunrise Service at Union Cemetery on Boss Road, Ringoes					
Easter 4/5/2026	Pastor Barbara	Betty			Communion	
Easter 2 4/12/2026	Mark Van Bruggen	Jim D			No Communion	
Easter 3 4/19/2026	Pastor Barbara	Ellie			No Communion	
Easter 4 4/26/2026	Pastor Barbara	Pat W			No Communion	

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# Deacon's April 2026 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

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

Alex - Angie's nephew (God's guidance and protection)  
 Amy - Susan B's friend (God's guidance, Healing)  
 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)  
 Chuck's family - Tracy's neighbor (Grief)  
 Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Cregar family - (Grief)  
 Denise M. and family- Angie's friend (Grief)

Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)  
 Fick family - (Grief)  
 Gerry - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Gideon - Jim D's grandson (Healing)  
 Jack - Kim F's uncle (Healing)  
 Jacklyn - Ellie's friend (Healing)  
 Jade - Lynn H's friend (Healing)  
 Janice L - (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)  
 Leslie - Steve L's friend (Surgery, Healing)  
 Lorraine - Kim F's friend (Healing)  
 Margie and family - Steve L's friend (Peace and Comfort)  
 Marie - Lanie B's sister (God's guidance, Healing)  
 Mark - Susan B's friend (Healing)  
 Mary - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)  
 Mary Jo - Susan B's friend (Healing)  
 Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)  
 Michael - Tracy's brother (Healing)  
 Michelle - Mike K's friend (Healing)  
 Mike - Freddie F's friends father ((Peace and Comfort)  
 Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)  
 Patrick - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Ruth - Steve L. family (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)  
 Terry - Linda H's friend (Healing)  
 Tommy - Steve L's friend (Healing)  
 Trevor - Steve L's nephew (Healing)  
 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

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



Linda H.	Apr. 4
Steve L.	Apr. 4
Esther C.	Apr. 13
TeriGene A.	Apr. 15
Lauren E.	Apr. 16
Cindi F.	Apr. 17
Greg M.	Apr. 22
Tracy McC.	Apr. 25
Kae O'L.	Apr. 27



Snow day at church... but Jack and Joy prefer the *in-pew* experience.

Thanks Norma for sending the photo to be included.



# Pinewood Derby





**PROCLAMATION  
2026-13**

**Celebrating John Barton Case's 100th Birthday**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 1926, in Ringoes, New Jersey, on the Case Farm, John Barton Case was born, beginning a life marked by hard work, devotion to family, and deep roots in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, John grew up during a time when farming was sustained by horse-drawn plows, homework was completed by candlelight, and Route 179 was still a dirt road, and he and his brother, Rex, alternated attending high school so they could maintain the family farm—an early testament to his sense of responsibility and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of a century, John witnessed remarkable change—from the arrival of indoor plumbing and electricity to the invention of television, cell phones, and modern agricultural machinery—and embraced each new era with resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, John spent his working years farming and serving the community as a school bus driver, earning the respect of generations through his steady presence and strong work ethic; and

**WHEREAS**, John and his brother, Rex, shared a love of racing, owning a dirt race car driven by Al Tasnady and Jim Delaney; and

**WHEREAS**, John is the oldest living West Amwell fireman and the oldest Hunterdon County 4-H member, reflecting a lifetime of civic commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, John and his beloved wife, Norma, have shared 75 years of marriage and built a family that includes four children—Debbie, John (in loving memory), Brian, and Sharon—along with eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, John's greatest joys include time with family, storytelling, gardening, and cheering for NASCAR, the Phillies, and the Eagles; and

**WHEREAS**, reaching one hundred years of age is an extraordinary milestone worthy of recognition and celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners proudly honors John Barton Case on the occasion of his 100th birthday and expresses its gratitude for his century of service, wisdom, and enduring contributions to the community.



March 17, 2026

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Ringoes, NJ 08551

In collaboration with the Session of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church (KMPC), the Community Foundation of New Jersey is pleased to announce the Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship for the academic year 2026-2027. Mr. Ayr[es], a former member of the KMPC congregation, established this scholarship to provide financial assistance to college-bound high school seniors, current college students, or anyone accepted into a master's degree program.

Preference is given to active KMPC members; however, in years when there is an insufficient number of applicants from within KMPC, the scholarship offering may be extended to members of other Presbyterian churches located in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties *with a preference given to students pursuing a major in education (teaching profession)*. Annual scholarships of varying amounts may be awarded based on the availability of funds in any given year and the recipient's ability to demonstrate unmet financial need. **The award is for one year and will be paid directly to the college.** Applicants must reapply each year.

We ask that you share this opportunity with your church membership. The online application will open on April 15th, and the application can be found at:  
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnj scholarship>

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2026. Please note only fully completed applications will be accepted for award consideration; late applications will not be accepted. Award announcements will be made in mid-August.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [csmith@cfnj.org](mailto:csmith@cfnj.org) or by telephone at 973.267.5502.

Sincerely,

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