



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 2025

THE OLIVE BRANCH



May Events

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 4 9:30am Communion
- 6 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 18 "Prepare Your Testament" pg.2
- 20 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 24 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 26 Olive Branch Deadline
- 26 Memorial Day—Office is Closed
- 27- 4 Pastor is on vacation
- 29 Ascension Day

Weekly

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

Staff Vacation: Pastor is on vacation May 17—June 4.

View our [calendar](#) on our website



Pastor's Ponderings

As the beauty of May continues its push to spread God's beauty throughout all creation, we see colorful blossoms, hear singing birds as they choose their mates, and enjoy longer sunlit days, I continue to be awed by God's sacred gift of nature. I am delighted to see the beauty of flowers lining the roads, filling yards, and demonstrating how these gifts are an important part of God's desire to bring us joy and hope for things yet to come.

When I was in Florida, which does not have a dramatic change of seasons, the month of May in New Jersey was the time I missed the most. We are invited to not just to admire the wonder of creation but to remember our calling as stewards of it.

Nature is not just a backdrop to beautify our environment, it is an expression of God's creativity, love, and generosity. Every tree, every river, every creature reflects the beauty and wisdom of the Creator. When we protect creation, we honor the One who made it.

Last month, a spiritual giant, Pope Francis, passed away. He was a genuine representative of Christ and a lover of all of God's world.

The loss of his presence in the world leaves us with a greater calling of being sent out to care for all of God's creation found in people, nature, and Scripture.

He wrote, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." May we embrace this calling with joy, reverence, and gratitude.

May God bless you with peace and joy,
Pastor Barbara

From the PC(USA) "We join countless individuals around the world in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. His life was a testament to humility and compassion, embodying the spirit of service and love for our neighbors. Pope Francis' commitment to social justice and environmental stewardship inspired millions, reminding us all of the profound impact one life can have on the world. May he rest in eternal peace."



Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship

The Community Foundation of New Jersey, in collaboration with the KMPC Session, has announced the Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. This scholarship provides financial assistance to active members of KMPC who are college bound high school seniors, current college students, or those accepted into master's degree programs. In years where there are not a sufficient number of applicants from KMPC, the scholarship is also made available to members of other Presbyterian churches in Hunterdon and Somerset counties.

Applications may be completed and submitted online at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfnjscholarship>

The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2025.

If you have questions concerning the scholarship, please see Roger Pickard, Don Reilly, or Steve Wonzer.

Treasurer Position

Pat W. has decided to step down as volunteer KMPC treasurer by the end of this year. So there will be an opening for that position.

She has instructions written down and will eagerly train her successor. Pat is not leaving the area or the church so will be available for questions, backup etc. if needed for the new treasurer. Please prayerfully consider taking this on and reach out to Pat with any questions.

Pastor Barbara will be on vacation through May 27—June 4.

Leaving Your Legacy On Sunday May 18th, Pastor Barbara will be presenting “Preparing Your Testament”. Many people prepare their Will, but do not leave their Testament, which express values that a person would like to tell those who are alive. Learn how to prepare your testament.

Old Rock Church Spring tea for missions! A ladies tea for us to bloom together where we are planted. Saturday, June 28 10 to 1. Pearl S Bucks author of *By God's Grace* tells her story of her long road in poverty in Korea to being adopted by her forever family will be the speaker. No charge—donations are appreciated.

Must RSVP. Seating is limited. I have reserved one table for KMPC. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Norma

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908-635-1044



Food Ministry

Last month we gave away 16 bags.
Our next Grocery Giveaway is May 24.

In April we received a monetary donation from NJ Farm Bureau Women's Committee. We are accepting donations of non-perishable food to refill our shelves at KMPC. In general, toiletries, diapers and women's sanitary products are not covered by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or similar food assistance programs. Please consider donating those items to your local food pantry.

Thank you to Flemington Floral Company for donating the palms for our Palm Sunday service.

Flemington Floral: 22 N Main St, Flemington, NJ 08822 (908) 782-2219

Thank you to the Gilded Lily who also donated palms.

Please be sure to thank them when ordering from them.



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!



Bible Study will be held on Zoom or in the library of the church at 7:00 on Mondays.

All are welcome.

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

May 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
5/4/2025	Pastor Barbara	Kim F.			Communion	
5/11/2025 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Pastor Barbara	David F.			No Communion	
5/18/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
5/25/2025	Pastor Barbara	Sharyn D.			No Communion	

The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26.

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Deacon's May 2025 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angie B (healing)
 Chris/Jess W (grief)
 Dave M
 Esther
 Erik Z
 Esther - (Protection, guidance, and good health.)
 Karen S and family (God's guidance)
 Lori (healing)
 Stef --Lynn's daughter
 Steve L (healing)

Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice patients and families
 Victims of war
 Those suffering with economic distress

Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M
 Dorothy S
 Irene K
 Bart and Norma

Extended KMPC Family

Angie's family (their peace and comfort as they go through this difficult time)
 Angie's sister (Healing)
 Belle - David F friend (Cancer)
 Bertha - Pat W friend (Healing from cancer and the pain she is enduring)
 Brad (bladder cancer-hospice)
 Bill - Kathy L brother (God's guidance)
 Carol - Sue B's sister ((God's guidance)
 Dave - Jim D's brother(health issues)
 Edward G (cancer)
 Elizabeth's family - Jacks cousin (Grief)
 Gary - Mike K's friend(Cancer-Healing and strength)
 Jeanie's family - Pat W friend (Grief)
 Jean - Chris (brain tumor)
 Joelle- Mike K friend (healing)

John - Steve L's brother(healing surgery)
 John - David F's friend (Healing)
 Kathy- Lanie's friend (healing)
 Keith P (healing)
 Kevin - Angie's brother (Praise God for his healing)
 Linda - (cancer)
 Lynn H - (God's guidance while caring for her mom)
 Marlene- Pat W friend (serious health issues)
 Megan- Kathy's niece (drug addiction)
 Nancy F. - Kathy's friend (Health issues)
 Natalie - Steve L sister
 Norma Z's family - (For their peace and comfort as they grieve the loss of loved ones)
 Paul's family - Jim D's friend (Grief)
 Robin and Margaret - Karen S friends (healing)
 Stacey - Sharyn D friend(Prayers of comfort for her and her family)
 Steve F - (Parkinsons)
 Steve - Steve L's friend(Dialysis treatment)
 Val- (grief after losing his mother)
 Wendy - Angie B friend (grief after losing her son)

US and World Situations

Children affected by war
 First Responders
 Those affected by hurricanes & fires
 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



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Benjamin D	May 5
Betsy P	May 8
Kristen S	May 16
Aniella O'L	May 16
Jeanne M	May 18
Frederick F II	May 23
Kathy M	May 24
Ray D	May 31



Lauren & Steven E	May 21
Ann & Jeff D	May 22



Please contact us to have names added or deleted at admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

MISSION NEWS



March 17, 2025

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church
37 John Ringo Road
P.O. Box 560
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 2025-2026. Mr. Ayres, 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, 2025. 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 or by telephone at 973.267.5502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen Smith".

Colleen Smith
Scholarship Services
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POST EASTER HYMN SING

MAY 4TH 7PM

MT AIRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
39 MT AIRY VILLAGE RD

ALL WELCOME!!

SING YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS!
SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERED!
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive Living Waters Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
11 Old York Road
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Friday, May 16, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
livingwaterslutheran to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Come to give blood May 1 to 18 for a \$20 e gift card to
a merchant of your choice!



Scan to schedule
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East Amwell Historical Society

Museum & Gallery @ the Historic Clawson
House, 1053 Old York Rd, Ringoes NJ



LIMITED Seating :Reserve Your
Spot!!

Upcoming Event! Sunday, May 4th at 4:30pm

Story of Jacob Francis : Free Black Man in Amwell Twp 1700-1800s



Larry Kidder, Author &
Teller of History

Step back in time to hear the inspiring story of Jacob Francis, a free Black man born in 1754 in Amwell Township. Born to a free Black woman, he navigated the challenges of his time and played a notable role in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Through extensive research author and historian Larry Kidder will lead this engaging lecture, showcasing a collection of rare vintage and contemporary images. These visuals will trace the trails and landscapes significant to Jacob Francis's journey, providing a vivid glimpse into his experiences and the atmosphere in the colony of New Jersey. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about an extraordinary figure in East Amwell's history.

Seating is Limited!! Please Reserve your place today:
Email: congetta2+eahsinfo@gmail.com or text: 609-591-4661

Afterwards, enjoy bubbly and chocolates in the 1800s kitchen

Event is Free — Your Donations Make a Difference!
Kindly contribute at the entrance or hallway donation boxes
to support our programs and preserve local history.

Thank you, *The East Amwell Historical Society*

Community News