



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

THE OLIVE BRANCH



November Events

- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 3 6:30pm Deacon Meeting
Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day (no mail/banking)
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 17 7pm Session Meeting
- 21 Saturday Zoom Worship
- 26 Blessed Thanksgiving
- 26-27 Office Closed for Holiday
- 29 Advent Begins
- Dec 1 Deacon Meeting

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Sun 10:45am Adult Sunday School
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- Wed 7:00pm Prayer mtg
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
- Fri Chris Vacation Day

All activities will be on zoom

Saturday Worship Opportunity - Via Zoom, we will have a worship service on **Saturday, November 21st**. We hope to bring back some of the elements you loved in the Come As You Are services. Zoom link will be emailed.

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!

Weekly Prayer Meeting – Please join us at 7pm every Wednesday for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be in the midweek announcements email.

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

From Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

In November, our thoughts turn to what we are thankful for – what blessings have been apparent throughout the year. Maybe your family has the tradition on Thanksgiving Day to go around the table and have every person tell what they are thankful for on that day. It is indeed a good tradition, and I think especially in 2020, we need to hang on to those blessings in our lives.

This year, I would like to give to you – my church family – my list of blessings, those things and people that I am most thankful for this year. It has been a very difficult year for all of us, and having to be apart from one another has taken its toll on each of us. Yet, despite all of that, God's blessings in my life are so abundant. Here is what I am thankful for:

You – my church family. I was so blown away by the outpouring of support and encouragement on Pastor Appreciation Day in October. Your generous gift is so appreciated! We used some of it on a getaway while I was on vacation. I am so proud and blessed to be a part of the KMPC church family! Thank you for your support and encouragement and for allowing me to be a part of your lives!

The Session & Deacons – both of these boards work so hard serving the Lord and providing opportunities to do ministry. Especially this year with all of its challenges, the Elders and Deacons have stepped up and done a fantastic job. The decision to close the building was a difficult one, but the Session approached it with prayer and seeking the Lord's leading.

Our administrator, Chris – Chris does a great job keeping the office going, in pandemic and out of pandemic. She is a wonderful point of first contact for anyone who calls or visits the church. Chris has adapted to working from home and has kept everything running smoothly during these last 8 months. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and compassionate administrator!

Our music directors, Jim & Lucia and all of our music volunteers (band, choir, bell choir). Moving to Zoom worship has been a challenge for sure. However, Jim & Lucia have been flexible

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and are always looking for ways to improve the quality of our Zoom worship. As the months have gone on, we have been able to add and change the music – and most importantly, our God has been worshipped and exalted during our worship.

My family – being a pastor’s family is not an easy task, but Amy, Emily & Joe, and Jenna have been my rocks and my biggest supporters. They feel your appreciation and love as well, for which I am so thankful.

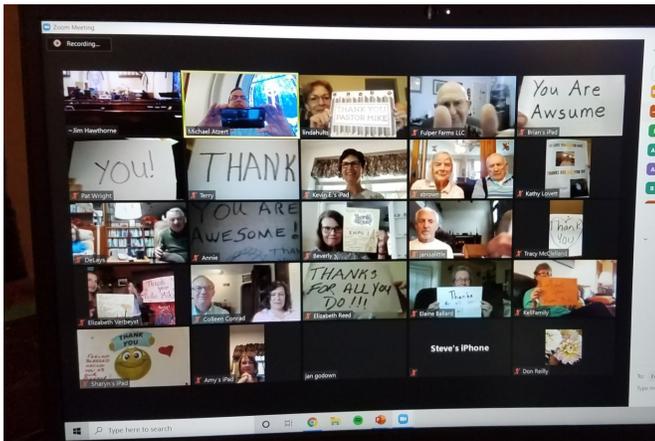
What are you thankful for this year? Where do you find your source of strength and support, encouragement and uplifting? I give thanks to God for all of our blessing – this year and always. See you on Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike



2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the church library. Please contact the church

Pastor Appreciation Virtual Style



Office Admin Off on Fridays. Chris, our office administrator, will be taking off Fridays for the remainder of the year. She has been working remotely while our building is closed but will not be checking or replying to emails on Fridays until January.

Future Fellowship Events – If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the fall, please let Pastor Mike know.

Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. We are currently using the video study “Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple” by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.

Advent Candlelighters - If you would like to participate in the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath during our Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Mike know. You will have a Scripture reading, short reflection to read, and light a candle at home. We will need 4 volunteers plus someone for Christmas Eve.

Deacons Corner

Holiday Food Baskets – The Deacons are collecting food items in order to assemble 23 Thanksgiving food baskets. Donations can be left in the bin outside the Connector door. Thank you for your generosity! Donations are due to the church no later than Friday, November 20th. Any questions, please see Sue King or Emily Rapp (See the list of items on page 5)



If you are able to donate a turkey for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets, please contact Sue King at 609-306-4188 or shomax.hsje@gmail.com so she can make arrangements with you.



Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

- November 1st – Matthew 5:1-12 – “Blessed”
- November 8th – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-24 – “Throw It Away”
- November 15th – Matthew 26:14-30 – “Entrusted”
- November 22nd – Ephesians 1:15-23 – “Christ the King”
- November 29th (1st Sunday of Advent) – I Corinthians 1:3-9 – “Hope – Plan B”

New Jersey Presbyteries Update – There are potentially some changes to the structure of the Presbyteries in New Jersey. The New Jersey Missional Communities Transitions Working Group (NJMCTWG) began its work in January of 2020 with two representatives appointed by each of the seven New Jersey presbyteries along with several members-at-large who provided expertise and support. Together they have sought to follow the leading of the Spirit, discerning how they might recast a vision of shared missional life through the transformation of our presbyteries into spiritual communities that honor the work of administration but center the people and ministries *as living witnesses to the sovereign activity of God in the world so that they become communities of faith, hope, love and witness* (G- 3.0301).

To that end, their recommendation is to reduce the number of Presbyteries in New Jersey from 7 to 4. Due to declining membership and finances, this would help breathe some new life back into the Presbyteries. The 4 Presbyteries will be located in the following parts of the state: northwest, northeast, central and south. Kirkpatrick would be part of the northwest Presbytery, which will include Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren, Morris, Sussex and Passaic counties.

The proposal is out to the Presbyteries for consideration. New Brunswick Presbytery (of which our church is currently a member) will vote on the proposal at the November Presbytery meeting. If it passes, the new structures would take effect by March 2021. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Mike.

2020
MTD (September)
Receipts – \$16,776.08
Expenses - \$18,011.22
Difference – (\$1,235.14)

YTD (through September)
Receipts – \$149,000.24
Expenses – \$148,884.27
Difference - \$115.97

2019
MTD (September 2019)
Receipts - \$22,022.44
Expenses - \$12,146.81
Difference – \$9,875.63

YTD (through September 2019)
Receipts - \$156,048.44
Expenses - \$162,182.75
Difference – (\$6,134.31)

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our ministry together in the church and community! We would love to finish the year strong! Please continue to support the ministry of KMPC through your giving! You can mail your offerings to the church or donate online.

We have included a "Donate" button on our website for those that prefer to give online. 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 November 2020 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B
 Bart and Norma
 Ben D. (military)
 Barb K (healing)
 Corliss & Family
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)
 Lanie and Husband
 Paul & Sharon M.(healing)
 Phyllis P.
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony
 Tobin Family (grief)
 Caregivers
 Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice Patients
 Teachers & /Students

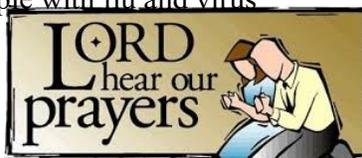
Assisted living/Care Center

Phillis P
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
 Amy F. (healing)
 Art (chemo for cancer) Dorothy
 cousin
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend
 Bob D (Kidney)
 Bob and Sue he has (Non Hodgkins
 Lymphoma) and Sue his caregiver
 Ann D. friend
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D
 Denise and John (John has bladder
 cancer) KL
 Delores (broken hip) Dorothy S
 friend
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D
 Erick F in rehab hospital (Janice L
 friend)
 Franklin (Cancer)
 Gail K (Parkinson)

Gloria H (Massive stroke) Dorothy's
 friend
 Helen B (moved to care facility)
 Dorothy
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jean G (Dementia) Dorothy's Aunt
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Norma Z
 friend
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of
 Gail Abdominal pain
 Mary (cancer)
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's
 friend
 Keith P. (healing)
 Pauline (Alzheimer's) Kathy L.
 Aunt
 Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)-
 Dorothy
 Sandra H. (healing)
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) –
 Richard's Daughter
 Rebecca Case (car accident head
 injuries & seizures)
 Renda Family (grieving)
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)
 Stacey (aggressive breast cancer)
 Annie D. friend
 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



Birthdays

Brian Case, Jr	Nov 1
Brennan Carey	Nov 2
Shane Carey	Nov. 2
John Ballard	Nov. 6
Jill Williamson	Nov. 8
Don Reilly	Nov. 10
Breanna Fulper	Nov 12
Jennifer Bacorn	Nov. 13
Ellie Verbeyst	Nov. 13
Pat Pickard	Nov. 16
Grant Jensen	Nov. 18
Daniel Al-Daqa	Nov 21
Karen Shipman	Nov. 21
Wren Verbeyst	Nov. 23
Anne Donnelly	Nov. 27
Darryl Cronce	Nov. 30



Anniversaries

Happy 1st Anniversary

Emily & Joe Rapp Nov 2

Darryl & Nancy Cronce Nov. 11
 Barry & Jen Bacorn Nov. 13



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

Ministry Post-Pandemic – Please begin thinking and praying about how our ministry will grow and change once the pandemic is behind us. How can we use technology to reach across states with the Good News of Jesus Christ? How can we connect with our community more effectively? What creative ways can we use our building and resources to show the love of God? Now is the time to plan and form a vision!



Adopt-A-Family - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021. If you would like to pledge your support of \$2/week or \$250 for a month for the new year, please let us know any way you feel comfortable: email Pastor Mike or the Admin, include a pledge note with your offering sent to the church. Thank you



Reopening Plan – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources. Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.



The following items are in need at the Lambertville Food Pantry:

This week, our shelves are low on the following items: toilet paper, water and other small assorted drinks, cereal (regular vs jumbo-sized boxes), black beans, canned fruit, and 14 oz cans of tomato sauce. Thank you for your generosity to help those suffering from food shortages at this time.

Thanksgiving Baskets Shopping List:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Frozen Turkey
- Canned Gravy
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Tuna Fish
- Rice
- Beans



The Giving Tree

This year we are going virtual and asking for donations to be purchased online and delivered to the manse. If you are able to contribute, please have donations delivered by December 11th. See the next page for list of items and more details. Thank you.



If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector marked “Deacons Food Drive.” Thank you for your support! **Christmas Baskets**—This drive will continue through December 15 so keep those donations coming.



If you are able to donate a turkey for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets, please contact Sue King at 609-306-4188 or shomax.hsjc@gmail.com so she can make arrangements with you.

MISSION NEWS



The CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is going virtual for 2020! We are asking folks to purchase and drop off gifts, or order through Amazon Smile and have the gifts delivered to the Manse: 39 John Ringo Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551. It is to benefit the "Friendship Center for New Beginnings".

Cars/Trucks

Balls

Dolls

The New bible in Pictures for Little Eyes
by Kenneth N. Taylor

The Action Bible (approx. \$10 in Walmart)

Diapers Huggies Size 1-5

Diapers Pampers size 10-5

Diaper Rash Cream

Diaper Rash Ointment

Unscented Baby Wipes

Infant Sleep n Play/Onesies (No Blanket
Sleepers)

Receiving Blankets

Crib: Quilts, Pads & Sheets

Crib Bedding Mattress pads

Underwear: Toddler to size 12

Toddler Socks

Girls Snow Pants Toddler to Size 12

Girls Hats and Gloves

Girls Fall/Winter Clothing 12mos – 2T

Girl's Coat Size: Infant thru 14/16

Girl's Boots (Children's size 10 thru adult
size 10)

Girls Socks

Boys Hats and Gloves

Boys fall/Winter Clothing 12 mos to 2T

Boys Snow Pants Toddler to Size 12

Boy's boots Children's size 10 thru adult size
10

Boy's coat Sizes: infant thru 14/16

Boy's socks

Young Adult Socks

Adult Shampoo & Conditioner

KMPC has conducted this event for several years, providing a lot of youngsters at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings a merrier Christmas. They are extremely grateful.

