



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 2024

THE OLIVE BRANCH



March Events

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 5 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 10 Daylight Saving Time starts
- 12 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
1-4 Art Camp
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 23 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 28 7:00 Maundy Thurs Worship
@ KMPC
- 29 7pm Good Friday Worship
@ Titusville
- 31 6:30am Sunrise Service
@ Union Cemetery
9:30am Easter Worship

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- 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

View our calendar on our website

Daylight Saving time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The sun will set at around 6 p.m. in New Jersey on March 9. The following day, after the time shift and the [end of standard time](#), sunset is at 7 p.m. The sun will, however, rise nearly an hour later — at about 7:16 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, after coming up at 6:18 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.



By Jeff Goldman, for NJ.com

Pastor's Ponderings...

March is a time of changes. The weather becomes warmer, the days become longer, the flowers begin to poke their heads through the ground (and sometimes the snow). As we journey through this month, we can sense changes outside and perhaps have risked journeying inside of ourselves to see what needs to change. After a couple of years of solitude due to the pandemic, we have begun mingling with others. For some, it may feel awkward as we transition from being closed in to fully embracing the world around us, and showing Christ's love to all the people we encounter. Life amidst crowds - in grocery stores, driving around confusing traffic circles, and being patient with the long lines can be exhausting. Being still and retreating into our homes is a way to strengthen us to transition into the world.

Lent is a time of transition. To be honest, I need transition time in my life. A cup of coffee in the morning, a bagel with a little bit of cream cheese, and a varying amount of Bible reading, and prayer help me start the day with a good attitude. I find that time of transition a blessing.

We began this Lent on Valentine's Day, February 14, aware that we can't spell Valentine without having LENT in the middle of it. Lent, this time of transition, is God's loving gift to us. Easter Sunday is the last day in March, leaving us now in just about the middle of Lent. Maybe, some have not figured out what to "give up" for Lent. I'm pretty sure God is not impressed by our sacrifice of giving up chocolate as much as our repentance from causing pain to others, accidentally or intentionally, rather than bringing God's peace. Passing peace to others is hard when we are not at peace ourselves. Again, be still, know that God is God. God knows what to do. In fact, if we are on a journey both inside ourselves and outside, God is already at our destination, waiting for us.

While some of us might be frustrated with the world, we want to be successful and we can be successful in a way that Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, says:

“There are three ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind.

The second way is to be kind.

The third way is to be kind.”

— Fred Rogers

My prayer for you all is that you have a peace that passes all understanding as you journey with God through Christ in this Lenten Season. Know that God, who created you, loves you more than you can ever imagine.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Barbara

KMPC Session February update:

The session met by Zoom on February 20th at 7PM with Pastor Barbara Booth as moderator for our monthly meeting. Pastor Barb called the meeting to order, and Pat Wright opened with devotions and prayer. Volunteers needed for Worship assistant please sign up on the link printed in the Mid-Week bulletin and Olive Branch. We also need people to volunteer for coffee hour. Paul Mitten so graciously makes the coffee every week for us. Please sign up to bring a light snack for all to enjoy. Coffee hour is now in the Gym each week.

We are working on replacing the key/lock to the connector. (Our main entrance) There will be more information to come on this. There will be announcements made but the change will take place in 4-6 weeks from now.

There will be A Mini Art Camp for all children in the area from K-grade 6 on March 17th from 1PM-4PM this will be held at the church.

We will be celebrating Maundy Service at KMPC with all the River Churches being invited to join us on Thursday March 28th at 7PM We will be having Communion at this service.

It was discussed that beginning May we would begin having communion once a month. It would be the first Sunday of every month. There will be more information to follow on this prior to May. We have faithfully Celebrated Communion on 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 and 2/18

Updates from all committees

Next stated Session meeting – Tuesday March 19th at 7PM

Motion to adjourn meeting and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Norma Zimmerman



The poster features a black background with colorful paint splashes in green, orange, and purple. A white cross icon is in the top left. The text 'Grades K-6' is in white. 'mini Art Camp' is in white and yellow. 'Sunday, March 17, 2024' and '1:00pm–4:00pm' are in white. Registration information is in yellow and blue. An image of art supplies (brushes, pencils, and a paint palette) is at the bottom right.

Grades K-6

mini Art Camp

Sunday, March 17, 2024

1:00pm–4:00pm

To register, call
908.782.1177
or email
admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

This is a free program provided by KMPC members and volunteers.

All children grades K-6 are invited.
The registration form is available on our website.

Please feel free to share this invitation with any young students in your world.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is March 23. from 11 a.m. until noon in the parking lots at KMPC and Lambertville School. Please contact Sue King if you'd like to volunteer with this ministry.

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 65 for the 660 pounds of food that they collected and donated to our Food Ministry. Thank you also to everyone who contributed for our Souperbowl collection.



Ladies Coffee with Pastor Barbara shared on Wednesday, Jan 31. Conversation, prayers and much laughter was shared.


Palm Sunday

March 24th 9:30am Worship


MAUNDY
THURSDAY

March 28th 7:00 p.m. Worship


GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th 7:00 p.m. Worship
At Titusville Presbyterian Church


SUNRISE
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CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

March 31st 6:30 a.m. Worship
At Union Cemetery on Boss Road


EASTER
SUNDAY

March 31st 9:30am Worship


CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY

April 1st The church office will be closed

Deacon's March 2024 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angel Dave's daughter
 Angela Bodine (cancer)
 Alan Bodine (testing)
 Bart and Norma
 Betsy P. for healing
 Dave Danner -surgery
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Erik Z
 Glenn M (cancer) Tracy
 Scott, Lanie B's husband
 Shipman Family grieving
 Stef - Lynn's daughter
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony

Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice
 Patients Teachers & /Students

Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
 Chuck & Jean Mundhenk
 Irene K
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Debbie Sue B
 Edward G (cancer) Godown
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jean (Brain tumor) Chris
 Jen (Health Issues -

Joey (brain aneurysm) Ferrell
 Karol Susan's sister
 Keith P (healing)
 Linda (Cancer)
 Larry (liver cancer) Ferrell
 Miller family recovering from
 house fire
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's
 Friend
 Natalie (Steve L sister)
 Rachel. Sue B daughter
 Sara (horse accident) Terri F.
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) -
 Tracy's M. Dad
 Vance Hayes family
 Families of Natural Disasters
 First Responders
 Military Men & Women and their
 Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Travel Blessings
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Victims of Violence
 People with flu and virus
 People of Ukraine



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| Betty Reilly | Mar. 2 |
| Bart Case | Mar. 13 |
| Lanie Ballard | Mar. 14 |
| Andrew Cronce | Mar. 26 |
| Bill Roethel | Mar. 29 |



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

| March 2024 Sunday Volunteers | | | | | |
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| Date | Liturgist Worship Assist | Nursery / Jr Church | Coffee Break | Communion | Flowers |
| 3/3/2024 Lent 3 | | | | | |
| 3/10/2024 Lent 4 | | | | | |
| 3/17/2024 Lent 5 | | | | | |
| 3/24/2024 Palm Sunday | | | | | |
| 3/31/2024 Easter | | | | | |

Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer or sign up in the Wednesday announcement email.