



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

THE OLIVE BRANCH



February Events

- 2 Groundhog Day Feels like a year
6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- 7 Installation of Officers
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
Installation Session & Deacons
- 15 Presidents Day
Olive Branch articles due
- 16 7pm Session Meeting
- 17 Ash Wednesday

Got an idea for a fellowship event?
Let Pastor Mike know

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

All activities will be on Zoom

Midweek Lenten Services – there are plans to gather with the other churches via Zoom for worship on Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm. Our theme will be confes-

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.

From Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

Workers for the Chicago Transit Authority have mint-ed some interesting terms to describe life on the trains and tracks of the city, says writer Anne Keegan. The elevated train often runs on a plat-form built above the city streets. In many places, these platforms are narrow, with just enough width for two trains to pass. If a workman was fixing the tracks when two trains came from different directions, he would have no room to avoid the oncoming trains.

And so, now and then alongside the tracks there is a small platform with a railing, three feet square, projecting out over the street. These small platforms provide a place for those working on the tracks to escape an oncoming train. Workers for the Chicago Transit Authority call these platforms “fool catchers.”

On occasion we all play the fool. We lose our temper or bend the truth or neglect our responsibilities or perhaps even do something criminal. We make decisions that in hindsight we realize were just plain stupid. As the trains of trouble come bearing down on us, we need to remember that God has provided a way of escape. The fool catcher is confession (From Craig Brian Larson, ed. Contemporary Illustrations for Preachers, Teachers & Writers. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996. p. 34).

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, February 17th. As we know, Lent is a time leading up to Easter where we have the opportunity to self-reflect, to confess, and to repent before our God. In these times in which we live, there is much that we all need to confess before God and repent from. Our country is broken, and is in great need for God to restore us. We can play a part by examining our thoughts, words, and deeds and seeing where we need to change and allow God to transform us.

For this Lent, let us each commit to looking inside ourselves and recog-nizing the sin in our lives. And then, let us confess those sins to God and realize anew the grace, mercy and forgiveness of our God. So that we might love God more fully and all of our neighbors as ourselves.

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike



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!

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

Adopt-A-Family - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021 and have fully funded the ministry for the year. Thank you for your support!!

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.

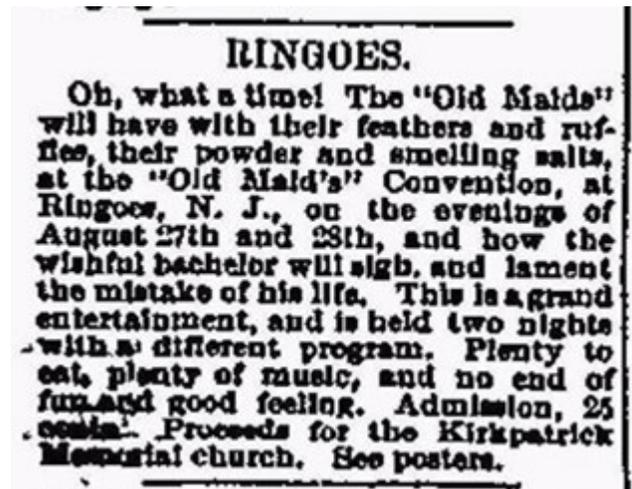


Future Fellowship Events – If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the winter, please let Pastor Mike know. We may plan another Virtual Paint Party, “Name That Tune,” and Bingo – but are looking for other ideas.

Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. On January 17th, we began a video series by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled “Creed: What Christians Believe and Why,” based on the Apostles’ Creed. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.

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Attn Woodworkers -- anyone out there who could build 3-4 pedestals to place cameras for Zoom worship on? Please contact Pastor Mike for specs and details.



From Hopewell Herald in 1902. Maybe we should hold one of these festivals again to benefit the church! LOL. Thank for the find Betty.



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church is hoping to help more struggling families in our community with food insecurities. We hope to be able to give those families a bag of food each month with the

following items: cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce, tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Blessings Box:

We have implemented a new food ministry – The Blessing Box. It is an outdoor, small food pantry which will include non-perishables foods and what food stamps do not cover: feminine products, toothpaste, soaps, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

“Take what you need / Give what you can /Above all be blessed”

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS & SCRIPTURES (subject to change):

February 7th – I Corinthians 9:16-23 – “All Things”

February 14th – II Corinthians 4:3-6 – “Under the Veil”

February 21st - I Peter 3:13-22 – “A Saving Baptism”

February 28th – Mark 8:31-38 – “Deny Thyself”



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KMPC Financial Summary

2020
 MTD (December)
 Receipts – \$16,143.38
 Expenses - \$15,893.11
 Difference – \$250.27

2019
 MTD (December 2019)
 Receipts -\$29,502.36
 Expenses - \$16,007.08
 Difference – \$13,495.28

YTD (through December)
 Receipts – \$199,163.42
 Expenses – \$197,509.20
 Difference - \$1,654.22

YTD (through December 2019)
 Receipts - \$215,359.76
 Expenses - \$216,445.88
 Difference – (\$1,086.12)

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together! God has blessed our ministry abundantly this year, and we were able to finish in the black at the end of the year. Praise be to God! If you haven’t sent in your pledge card yet, please consider doing so.

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 February 2021 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B
 Bart and Norma
 Ben D. (military)
 Barb K (healing)
 Bob F. (covid)
 Brian, Kathy & Dan M (covid)
 Corliss & Family
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob
 Irene (Parkinson and Covid)
 grieving

John S on going health issues

Lanie and Husband
Nancy C grieving Albert
 Paul (grieving)
 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

Phyllis P
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
 Amy F. (healing)
 Barb (broken leg and covid) Roger D
 sister
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend
 Bob D (Kidney)
 Bob and Sue he has (Non-Hodgkin's
 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
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D
 Erick F in rehab hospital (Janice L
 friend)

Franklin (Cancer)
 Gail K (Parkinson)
 Helen B (moved to care facility)
 Dorothy
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jeff (heart) Mike's Brother
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
 Kate (Bipolar) Bev K
 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
 Stacey L. Sharyn's 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
 People waiting for vaccine for virus



Norma Case	Feb. 2
Kathleen Lovett	Feb. 3
Nathan Reilly	Feb. 3
Aaron Reilly	Feb. 3
Max Friedermann	Feb. 5
Erik Zimmerman, Sr.	Feb. 5
Nancy Cronic	Feb. 7
Jared Meyers	Feb. 7
Chelsea Fulper Davis	Feb. 8
Debbie Lentine	Feb. 12
Bob Fulper	Feb. 15
Amy Atzert	Feb. 19
Zach Hodes	Feb. 24
Steve Wonsor	Feb. 24



Feb 3 Anthony & Shawn Dell
 Feb 29 Jamie Lyn & Michael Quinn



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