



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 2021

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## August Events

- 1-7 Pastor Mike Out of Office.
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 22 **Special Meeting of Congregation**
- 28 Grocery Giveaway
- 29 Pastor Mike's Last Sunday with us

### Weekly

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| Sun | 9:30am In-Person<br>& Zoom Worship |
| Mon | 6:30pm Boy Scouts                  |
| Tue | 8:00pm AA                          |
| Wed |                                    |
| Thu | 8:00pm AA                          |
| Sat | 4:00pm AA                          |

### Special Meeting of the Congregation

will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021, after worship in the Sanctuary and on the same Zoom worship link. The purpose of the meeting is to concur with the request of the Rev. Michael F. Atzert to dissolve the Pastoral relationship with himself and the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2021.

**Sunday Worship Services** – We gather every Sunday at 9:30am in-person (with masks) and 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.



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



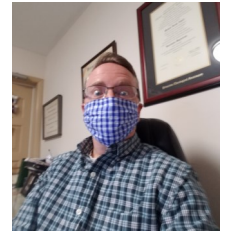
## From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As I look back over these 8 years of ministry here, there are so many memories, so many meaningful times that I have spent with you. There have been such amazing experiences of ministry and reaching out in the name of Jesus Christ. We have served God – we have laughed and cried together – we have worshipped and prayed – we have fellowshiped and hugged and broken bread – we have studied God's Word – we have quarantined and Zoom'd and socially distanced – we have loved God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and we have loved our neighbors.

For those who really know me, you know that I am a statistics person. So here are some interesting facts about the last 8 years:

- o By my last Sunday (8/29), I will have preached 383 sermons, plus sermons at Titusville (pulpit swap), Flourtown, PA and Hillsborough (as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
  - o Celebrated 16 baptisms
  - o Officiated at 74 funerals – 23 for members of our church family, 1 for a former member, and 9 for family members of church members
  - o Officiated at 16 weddings and 2 wedding vow renewals
  - o Celebrated the church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with events throughout the year – welcomed back former pastors, members, and youth directors - Rev. Ryan Balsan, Rev. Dawn Adamy, Rev. Kevin Ireland, Rev. Toby Nelson, Rev. Doug Counce, and Melissa Hults-Mokros. Also had a visit from former music director, Veronica LaVista.
  - o Organized a mission trip to Hinton Center, NC and a work day at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings
  - o Together, we painted the basement under the gym. Through the 150<sup>th</sup> campaign, the church got the front doors painted red (again), redid the connector and hallway, renovated the kitchen, and replaced the front stained glass window.
  - o With our youth, I have organized scavenger hunts, we have eaten lots of pizza and found God in many movies, mini-golfed, roller skated, had game nights, went to the shore, tried an escape room, served at the Flemington Food pantry, and went on retreats and lock-ins.
- Since 2014, the church's identity has developed into being known for our food ministry. The church has supplied over 550 holiday food baskets since the ministry began. What began as the Deacons supplying those baskets at the holidays has expanded to include the



Pastor Mike & his family will be on vacation through August 7th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Karen Shipman (908-581-2411) or Linda Hults (908-581-5298). There is a neighboring pastor covering for Pastor Mike.

## From Our Pastor continued...

o Blessing Box, portable food pantry and our monthly Grocery Giveaways.

I will complete my time with KMPC having the 4<sup>th</sup> longest pastorate in the church's 153-year history, behind Rev. Robert Horsfield, Rev. George Williams, and Rev. Ryan Balsan (who is only ahead of me by 1½ months).

Indeed, it has been quite a season. I am grateful to God for all that we have done together in His name – to God be the glory!

My love and prayers in Christ, Pastor Mike

### Updated Protocols for In-Person Worship (effective July 2021 as approved by Session)

Masks must be worn properly while on church property (covering face and mouth, preferably double layer)

Maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) – the roping off of pews has been removed

All attendees will sign in each week to maintain a record of attendance

Gathering Covenant to be filled out just once per attendee (parents will complete a Gathering Covenant for underage children)

The handicapped bathroom will be the only one available for use on Sundays. If you use the bathroom, please wipe it down with the Clorox wipes provided after use.

Please arrive no earlier than 9:15am

Bring your own communion elements

The nursery will be available for children. Please wipe down toys after use

If you are showing symptoms of illness or have a temperature of over 100.4, please stay home out of concern and love for all.



Community Worship Day Clergy

Our newsletter is a reflection of all the wonderful things this congregation is accomplishing and encouraging each other. Please submit articles, stories and photos so we can continue to publish The Olive Branch. Thanks

## Deacons Corner

### Project Backpack

#### School Supplies:

- \_\_\_ Backpack
- \_\_\_ 1 Subject notebook
- \_\_\_ Composition notebook
- \_\_\_ 2 Pocket Folders
- \_\_\_ Ruler
- \_\_\_ Pencil Box
- \_\_\_ 1 pkg #2 pencils
- \_\_\_ Pencil Sharpener
- \_\_\_ Erasers
- \_\_\_ Washable Color Markers
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### Friendship Center for New Beginnings

Please help us help our young friends at Friendship Center for New Beginnings to be fully prepared for the new school year.

The goal is to provide as many fully stocked backpacks as possible. You may donate items from the list on the other side or donate a completely filled backpack. Either way your help, generosity and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Donation bins are in the connector.

Deadline: August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Grocery Giveaways** – The next giveaway is will be Saturday, August 28th from 11am-noon in the church parking lot and at Lambertville School. If you are interested in volunteering to help distribute groceries, please contact Sue King.

- Parmalat milk
- Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix, Syrup
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Vegetables or fruit
- Mac & Cheese
- Boxed potatoes (au gratin/ scalloped/mashed
- Brownie Mix
- Tuna
- large canned chicken
- Black beans, rice

### Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

August 1st – Leviticus 25:1-12 – “Sabbath Rest”

August 8th – Matthew 21:12-17 – “Noticing Children”

August 15th – Mark 5:21-34 – “Noticing Courage”

August 22nd – Matthew 9:1-8 – “Noticing Faith”

August 29th – Mark 14:3-9 – “Noticing Love”

**Per Capita** – The church pays \$34.50 apportionment to our Presbytery of the Highlands, NJ for each active member of our congregation. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider covering your per capita expense.

### KMPC Financial Summary

2021  
MTD (June)  
Receipts – \$12,683.25  
Expenses - \$17, 438.77  
Difference – (\$4,755.52)

YTD (through June)  
Receipts - \$100,572.24  
Expenses - \$101,491.03  
Difference – (\$918.79)

2020  
MTD (June 2020)  
Receipts - \$16,352.24  
Expenses - \$15,578.09  
Difference – (\$750.31)

YTD (through June 2020)  
Receipts - \$97,440.69  
Expenses - \$100,393.43  
Difference (\$2,952.74)

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together! Please remember to stay current with your giving, especially with the summer here.

We have included a "Donate" button on our website for those that prefer to give online. [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org](http://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 August 2021 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma (Norma radiation)  
 Ben D. (military transfer)  
 Barb K (healing)  
 Corliss & Family  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Erik Z  
 Fulper Family (grieving)  
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob  
 Irene (Parkinson, Covid, grieving)  
 Jen B (healing)  
 Lanie and Husband  
 Pat W (broken ankle)  
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)  
 Shawn and Anthony  
 Caregivers  
 Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice Patients  
 Teachers & /Students

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Phyllis P  
 Millie W

## Extended KMPC Family

Albert (healing) Bev  
 Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D  
 Deanna (Chemo) Jeanne's friend  
 Denise and John (John had kidney removed)  
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D  
 Erik F additional surgery (Janice L friend)  
 Franklin (Cancer)  
 Gail K passed away, Mike & family  
 Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P  
 Kate ( Lost Job) Bev K

Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend  
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of Gail Abdominal pain  
 Mary (cancer)  
 Mary Claire and Family  
 Nancy C grieving (brother and aunt passed away)  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's Friend  
 Natalie (Steve L sister)  
 Keith P. (healing)  
 Linda (Cancer)  
 Pauline (Alzheimer's) Kathy L. Aunt  
 Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)- Dorothy  
 Sandra H. (healing)  
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) – Richard's daughter  
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)  
 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



Roger DeLay Aug 3  
 Christopher Wonsor Aug 9  
 Rod Jensen Aug 11  
 Susan Aliseo Aug 13  
 Paul Mitzen Aug 13  
 Jessica Roethel Aug 17  
 Daphne George Aug 23  
 Glenn McClelland Aug 25  
 Dan Mock Aug 28  
 Barry Bacorn Aug 29  
 Rob Fulper, II Aug 29  
 Jenna Atzert Aug 30  
 Abigail Danner Aug 31



Janis & Steve Little Aug 4  
 John & Karen Shipman Aug 10  
 Phil & Elizabeth Reilly-Hodes Aug 11  
 Roger & Pat Pickard Aug 12  
 Mike & Karen Stover Aug 17  
 Erik & Norma Zimmerman, Sr. Aug 25  
 Don & Betty Reilly Aug 26  
 Charles & Jeanne Mundhenk Aug 29

## Happy 1st Anniversary

Matt & Kristen Schwenderman Aug 29

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



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Dear Pastor Mike & friends@ Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
As new academic year will begin in August 2021, we covet your prayers AS WE RESUME FALL MINISTRY and participation in this Global Outreach - The World at Our Doorstep.  
Would you please kindly join us for 2021-2022 academic year outreach?

**We are losing people due to age and disability and could use the muscle that your family members, friends and church members can bring. Do you think you could help us ?**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU, YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMEBRS CAN HELP US ON SATURDAY, August 28, 2021?**

**A CALL FOR TWO HOUR SHORT TERM GLOBAL MISSION: Saturday, August 28, 2021 8:00-11:00AM or B: 8:00-10:00AM or C: 9:00-11:00AM**

Serving together Jesus Christ Our Lord,  
John and Aruna



### THIRTY-SEVENTH ISI-ANNUAL-GARAGE-GIVE-AWAY-FOR-EVERY- INTERNATIONAL-STUDENT-AND-SCHOLAR

PLACE: → LUTHERAN-CHURCH-OF-THE-MESSIAH  
→ 407-NASSAU-STREET-&-CEDAR-LANE  
→ PRINCETON, NJ 08540

DATE: → SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021 (Rain-Date 9/04)

TIME: → 8:00-9:00-A.M. → DELIVERY-TIME  
→ 8:00-10:00-A.M. → SET-UP-TIME  
→ 10:00-11:00-A.M. → OPEN-TO-STUDENTS-&-SCHOLARS  
→ 11:00-12:00-Noon → CLEAN-UP-TIME

HELPERS-ARE-NEEDED-BETWEEN-8:00-A.M.-12:00-Noon  
Drivers-with-pickups, vans-and-bigger-vehicles-are-needed.

#### MUCH-SOUGHT-AFTER-ITEMS:

KITCHEN: → POTS, DISHES, SILVERWARES

BED-&-BATH: → SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, TOWELS, COMFORTERS, THROWRUGS

APPLIANCES: → TOASTERS, IRONS, HEATERS, FANS

FURNITURE: → DESKS, DINETTE, LAMPS, CHAIRS, COUCHES, BEDS, BOOKSHELVES, BICYCLES-(Hot-Item)

NOT-NEEDED: → TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, TOYS, CLOTHES, GAMES, BOOKS, CURTAINS, DRAPES

DONATED-ITEM-MUST-BE-CLEAN-AND-IN-GOOD-WORKING-CONDITION  
FOR-FURTHER-INFO-PLEASE-CONTACT:

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INTERNATIONAL-STUDENTS, 45-Oakland-Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

International Students (ISI Princeton Campus), 36th Annual Garage Give Away was held on September 7, 2019. It was attended by 150 internationals from 53+ countries and 125 volunteers from 32 Churches. 42 adult bikes were given away. 80 Gideon's New Testaments were distributed. We thank those who helped at the Give-Away and those who