

## THE OLIVE BRANCH

October 2022

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

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**October Events** 

- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 4 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 9 Discernment & Session Mtg
- 10 Indigenous Peoples Day /
- Columbus Day
- 11 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 Deacons Sunday 10:45 Session Meeting
- 22 11:00 Grocery Giveaway
- 30 Reformation Sunday
- 31 Halloween
- SI **Halloweell**

## Weekly

Sun	9:30am Worship in-person
	& via Zoom
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



## From the Pastor

#### One in Christ ????

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28



Paul's description of Christian unity make it

all sound so easy—by virtue of our baptisms we are all made one. If I read it very quickly it sounds like Paul thought that Christians came off the same assembly line and have been nicely packaged to resemble one another. Of course that was not Paul's original intent.

Paul wanted the Galatians to understand how their Christian identity and their salvation in Christ related to the roots of faith laid out in the Law of the Jewish people. Paul wanted the Galatians to value their salvation in Christ over and above the desire of Jewish Christians to enforce adherence to the Law. Paul wanted those Jewish Christians who demanded conformity to their version of the faith to give equal status to their Gentile sisters and brothers.

In our time we need to ask ourselves how do we resemble those Galatians ??? Do we insist that others see Christ only as we see him ? Do we reject those who embrace Jesus a little differently that we do? Or as Paul suggests do we look past the obvious differences and claim our commonality in Christ?

Even if we can say yes to that commonality, living it out is truly a challenge. We are not all packaged to look and sound alike. We hold strong convictions about matters of faith as well as the significant issues of our time. We are anything but uniform !

Here Paul comes to our rescue. Unity and uniformity are not the same. True unity comes as we conform less and less to our individual leadings and more and more to the nature of Christ our Lord. This striving to be Christ-like, to show what Paul later calls the 'fruits the Spirit' is where we may always find common ground. As we come to the Table this World Communion Sunday let us pray that our love for our Lord will bind us in the unity of Christian love !

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### Session September Update:

The session met in Library on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11AM for our regular monthly meeting. Pastor Marie called the meeting to order, and Elder Mike Kurti did the devotions and prayer.

Minutes from July meeting were approved.

Don Reilly filled in as clerk of session for this month.

Art Camp was a huge success.

There is a sign up list to be a Worship Leader with Pastor Marie. Signups for September and October are:

- September 25<sup>th</sup> Nancy Cronce
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kurti
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Jim Danner
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Deacons Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Steve Little
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Don Reilly

We are looking for more signups for Worship Leader with Pastor Marie and there is a link printed in the Mid-Week bulletin and Olive Branch. Worship leaders volunteers can be from the Session, Deacons or congregation. A worship Leader reads all announcements and the First Reading of Scripture and prayer.

We have faithfully Celebrated Communion every week through August and up to September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our covid protocol – Social distancing.

The Deacons will now take notes for all requested prayers during the prayer request time and also someone will also bring the microphone around so we can all hear. This is so everyone on zoom can hear and all in congregation to hear more clearly.

Upcoming Holiday services are being discussed.

The Discernment Team is working very hard on going to the next step of our journey. More updates coming soon.

Deacons day will be celebrated October 16<sup>th</sup> at Sunday Service. A time to thank all Deacons for all they do for KMPC.

Updates were given on all committees.

We continue to look for a replacement for Karen Shipman as Clerk of Session.

Next stated Session meeting – Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> after church.

Motion to adjourn meeting and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Norma Zimmerman





## **Food Ministry**

We are now starting to collect food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. We will need all the food on the lists. If you are able to donate a

turkey, that would be great. Smaller turkeys are needed. We don't need the 20lb. turkeys!:) If you have a freezer with room in it, please let me know. People who have offered their freezers in the past have moved out of the area. Therefore, I am in dire need of some freezer space to hold turkeys.

Thank you, Sue King (609)306-4188 shomax.hsjc@gmail.com

## Grocery Giveaway ready to go.





### **Grocery Giveaways List**

The next giveaway is October 24th. Thank you for your continued support. We literally cannot do this without you.





## Thanksgiving Baskets

As we give thanks to Jesus for our many blessings this year, let us honor him by serving others. As Thanksgiving Day approaches and you go shopping for ingredients to create that special family meal, please keep in mind that not every family in our community is as fortunate. The Deacons are asking our church family to help meet the needs of our community this year by picking up a few extra food items that will be made into Thanksgiving baskets. Please take this shopping list with you as a friendly reminder. Anything on the following list would be greatly appreciated:

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

Large Cans of Chicken Canned Fruit Rice Beans

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! Deadline Nov. 16

## **Deacon's October 2022 Prayer List**

## **KMPC** Family

Bart and Norma Ben D. (military transfer) Chuck & Jean Mundhenk Corliss & Family Danny S (non hodgkins lymphoma)Debi N Dorothy S. (healing) Erik Z John S (health) Karol (medical issues) Sue B. sister Scott Lanie B's husband Steve & Terri F. (healing) Shawn and Anthony Caregivers Families suffering with addictions Homebound members & Shut-Ins **Hospice** Patients Teachers & /Students

Barry C Irene K Phvllis P Millie W

## **Extended KMPC Family**

Alice (healing) Amy F. (healing) Andrew (heart & cancer) Bev Angela Bodine (cancer) Charlotte's Family (grieving) Vance (liver cancer) Karen D Deanna (chemo) Jeanne M friend Denise and John (both cancer) Kathy's cousin Edward G (cancer) Godown Ellen (healing) Betty Franklin (Cancer) Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P Joey (brain aneurysm) Ferrell Kayla (cancer) Dave C's granddaughter Keith P (healing) Larry (liver cancer) Ferrell

Lisa and Eric (house flooded) Lynn H Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend Mary (cancer) Nancy (heart attack and leg amputation) Pauls sister Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's Friend Natalie (Steve L sister) Linda (Cancer) Melissa (cancer) Bev's Friend Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)-Dorothy Ron and Sandy P (healing) Sally B. (Jessica R Mom) Chris Sandra H. (healing) Sherri B. (healing, lupus) – Richard's daughter Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend. Teri (cancer) Ferrell Assisted living/ Care Center 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 of Ukraine





Brian Case Oct 3 Madison Bittenmaster Oct 3 Sarah Bittenmaster Oct 3 Colleen Case Oct 4 Kira Williamson Oct 4 RJ Fulper III Oct 7 Charlie McClelland Oct 7 Dorothy Shellenberger Oct 7 Sue King Oct 10 Patricia Wright Oct 12 Jim Danner Oct 13 Cori McClelland Oct 17 Lowell Rader Oct 22 Gloria Weiman Oct 22 Karlee Meyers Oct 24 Angela Bodine Oct 28



Sarah & Chris Bittenmaster	Oct 3
Steve & Lori Wonsor	Oct 6
Dan & Jill Mock	Oct 8
Bob & Donna Trevithick	Oct 10
Susan & Joseph Aliseo	Oct 13
Terry & Patricia Wright	Oct 13
Fred & Kim Fulper	Oct 17
Rob & Cindi Fulper, II	Oct 18

Please contact us to have names

#### FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



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Dear Pastor and all our friends at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

We thank God for your faithfulness to the ministry of the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. You are His partners on what He is doing among His people through this ministry, and we are thankful for you financial and prayerful generosity. You are empowering the Center to touch the lives of many people every day through your support. Many people are not only finding needed help in the raising of their children, but also and more importantly, finding eternal life through Jesus Christ, as they learn from the testimony and messages received at the Center.

We request your prayers for us members of the Board as we seek God's will for the present and future direction of this ministry. Please pray for us all as we continue to seek God's face and presence as we serve the community with His wisdom. The needs are many and we want to continue meeting those needs with the resources He provides through you – as we "remember the wonderful things which He has done, His amazing deeds" we know He will continue to bless you as you bless this community.

Your faithfulness to God and your continued support to this ministry is a strong testimony to our community. May His peace and grace be with you.

Together in His service,

Miriam Maldonado Board Secretary

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A Christian ministry to those who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy, and a resource center for single parents.

9/21/22 Dear Church Hamily, it wanted to take a moment to share with you how your recent gift is impacting remote people of Mozambrque. - Enalling travel to the capital to train Bible translators serving 5 people groups; - Delivering chickens + eggs (EHope) after Cyplone Youle; - Diving access to theological programs & medical care Shise are just a few ways you are serving with us & our ministry partners to bring help, hope, & healing to those in need. On behalf of MAF & those we serve. Shank You! In His Mame, Karen Groska, Donos Rel. Dir.





# **Community News**





Fulper Family Farmstead

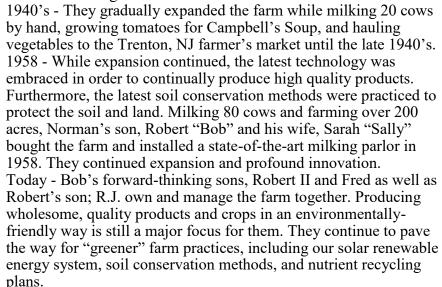
Facebook post: August 30 at 7:10 AM ·



"There is a time for everything." August 29, 1958 (the day Robert Fulper II was born) was the first day the cows were milked in the parlor. August 29, 2022, on Rob's 64th birthday, is the last day the whole herd was milked in the same parlor. The milking herd is headed to a dairy farm in Connecticut.

1909 - Our story began when Mary Fulper moved to West Amwell, NJ and brought one cow with her, where her family started growing vegetables.

1923 - Mary's son, Norman and his wife, Harriet took over the farm in 1918 and bought their first tractor in 1923.



We are thankful for our family, employees (who are practically family), and friends who have been there over the years — those who have milked with us, chopped haylage and silage with us, showed our cows with us, and so much more. Thank you for the memories. If you have a memory with our cows, please share it in the comments. Another chapter closes and a new one begins at Fulper Farms. P.S. Our dairy products aren't going anywhere and neither are the 1,000+ acres we farm. The 5th generation has plans for the future!











