

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 2025

THE OLIVE BRANCH



November Events

- 2 9:30 Communion
- 🔔 Bells of Kirkpatrick playing
- New Members Received
- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 **Election Day**
- 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 **Veterans Day**
- 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 19 6:30pm Troop 61 in gym
- 22 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 Olive Branch Info Due
- 26 VIP Article Due
- 27 Thanksgiving—office closed
- 28 Office Closed for holiday
- 30 1st Sunday of Advent

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65
- 6:30pm Pastor Bible Study
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Band Rehearsal
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
- 8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our [calendar](#) on our website



Pastor's Ponderings

Now that it is November, we can find ourselves with a lot of experiences to enjoy. Looking at nature, we see the leaves finish their colorful display. Our Thanksgiving plans take shape, and the pull of the Christmas season begins. I have already seen Christmas decorations in stores – before Halloween!!

In the middle of all this activity, the Church invites us into a different rhythm—one of gratitude and preparation.

November is often a month of thanksgiving, not simply as a time of celebration, but as a posture of the heart. We remember that every good and perfect gift comes from God. We give thanks for our church family, for the ways we care for one another, worship together, serve our community, and seek to follow Christ in our daily lives. Gratitude helps us see not only what we have, but also what God is doing among us.

This season is also one of stewardship. As a congregation, we prayerfully consider how we will offer our time, talents, and financial gifts in the coming year. Stewardship is not about fundraising; it is about faith-raising. It asks us to reflect on how we are responding to God's generosity. God doesn't call us to give out of guilt, but out of gratitude and trust that God will continue to provide. When we give, we participate in the mission of Christ by supporting ministries of worship, care, outreach, and spiritual growth.

At the end of this month, we will move into the season of Advent. The world will tell us to hurry, shop, decorate, and check off our lists. But the Church tells us to wait, watch, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel—God with us. Advent reminds us that we are a people of hope, living between Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and his promised return to make all things new.

So this November, I invite you to lean into three practices:

Give thanks daily—Name where you see God's presence and grace in your life.

Give generously—Respond to God's love by supporting the life and mission of our congregation.

Prepare hopefully—As Advent draws near, make space in your life to welcome Christ anew.

May we journey together in gratitude and hope, trusting that the One who has blessed us will continue to guide us.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Barbara



For ages K thru grade 6

• REGISTER FOR •

Christmas Ornament Crafting

Sunday, December 7 • 1pm — 3pm

Christmas Ornament Crafting:
Ages K—6th Grade
The Registration form
is on the last page.

Food Ministry

We gave out 21 bags of food in October. Our next Grocery Giveaway is November 23. Deadline for Thanksgiving Baskets collection is Nov. 19th. Our goal is to give away 40 baskets. If you earn a turkey or ham you don't need, we will gladly take it, small ones preferred.

Come join us for Sunday Worship

If you cannot join us in person at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning in the sanctuary, please join us via Zoom.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Time: 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/673176006>

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 673 176 006

Please share the link with friends, neighbors, relatives -- online worship can be a great outreach

December 14th at 11 o'clock in the gym. Abby Danner has very graciously accepted our request to have a class again this year. We will do much the same as last year with an early lunch and class following. If interested get in touch with Norma.

We will be having a few desserts after the class.

Anyone interested in making something to bring please let her know. E-mail enzimmerman@comcast.net

Thanksgiving Baskets Shopping List:

- ☐ Peanut Butter
- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Syrup
- ☐ Apple Sauce
- ☐ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Frozen Turkey
- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Canned Gravy
- ☐ Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Tuna Fish
- ☐ Rice, Boxed Potatoes
- ☐ Beans
- ☐ Large Cans of Chicken
- ☐ Canned Fruit



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 18 so keep those donations coming.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR

Bible Study will be held on Zoom or in the library of the church at 6:30pm on Mondays.

Month's Topic: People of the New Testament

All are welcome.

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82175285260?>

November 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
All Saints 11/2/2025	Pastor Barbara	Pat W.				
11/9/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
11/16/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
11/23/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
Advent 1 11/30/2025	Pastor Barbara					No Communion

Deacon's November 2025 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angie B (Healing)
Chris/Jess W (Grief)
Dave M
Delay family (Grief)
Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)
Jack J. (Gods guidance, Healing)
Kuhl Family (Grief)
Lynn H. (God's guidance)
Lori (Healing)
Steve L (Healing)
Norma C (Healing)
Pat W (Healing)
Marilyn C (Healing)
Ben D (God's guidance)

Caregivers

Families, Homebound, Hospice

Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M
Dorothy S
Bart and Norma

Extended KMPC Family

Angie's sister (Grief)
Belle - David F friend (Cancer)
Beverly Kathy L's friend (Cancer, Healing)
Brad - Kim F friend (Hospice)
Cary - Steve L's friend (Grief)
Celine - Pat W.'s friend (Proper diagnosis and treatment)
ChiChi - Kim F's friend (God's guidance)
Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance, Healing)
Christie - Kim F's friend (God's

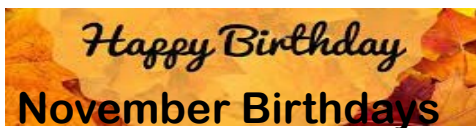
guidance)
Denny - Lanie's brother in law (Healing)
Daly family - (Grief)
Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)
Gerry - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Hannah - Jim H's friend (Healing and comfort)
Jan - Linda H's friend (Healing)
Jackie's family - Jack J's cousin (Grief)
Jean - Chris K's (brain tumor)
John - Steve L's friend (treatment for his blood clots)
John K - (Surgery and Healing)
Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)
Ken - Steve W's brother(Healing and positive results)
Lorraine - Kim F's friend (Healing)
Lyndsey - Lynn H's friend (Surgery/Healing)
Mary Beth's family - Kim F's friend (Grieving)
Mark - Jim D's friend (God's guidance and Healing)
Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)
Michael - Tracy M's brother (Healing)
Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)
Patty - Sharyn D's friend (Healing)
Ray D. - (Healing)
Shelly - Pat W.'s friend (Cancer, Healing)
Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Peace)
Steve F - (Parkinsons)

Steve - Steve L's friend(Healing)
Sylvia - Steve 's sister(Healing)
Teresa - Kim F's friend (God's guidance/healing)
Tiffany and family - Lynn H's friend (Grief)
Tommy - Steve L's friend (Healing)
Val- (Overall healing)

U.S. and World Situations

Children affected by war
First Responders
Military Men & Women and their Families
Those affected by hurricanes; fires; economic distress; illnesses; and disease
Those suffering with economic distress
Outside workers during this heat wave
President & Congress
Prisoners
Refugees
Shooting Victims
Students and Teachers
Travelers
Troubled youth
U.S. & World Situations
Unemployed
Victims of Violence and war
World Peace

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

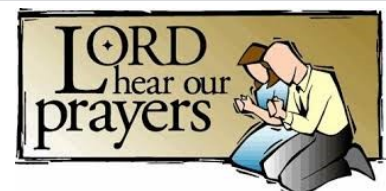


Don Reilly	Nov. 10
Breanna Fulper	Nov 12
Ellie Verbeyst	Nov. 13
Adam Swiatek	Nov 14
Pat Pickard	Nov. 16
Karen Shipman	Nov. 21
Pastor Barbara	Nov. 21
Wren Verbeyst	Nov. 23
Annie Donnelly	Nov. 27
Darryl Counce	Nov. 30



Anniversaries

Darryl & Nancy Counce Nov. 11





For ages K thru grade 6



• REGISTER FOR •

Christmas Ornament Crafting

Sunday, December 7 • 1pm — 3pm

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child's Date of Birth ____ | ____ | ____ Grade Just Completed _____

Address _____

Phone / Cell # (____) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and # _____

Allergies / Other conditions we should be aware of? _____

Permission to photograph? ☐ Yes ☐ No



I, the undersigned parent/guardian, do hereby authorize emergency medical, dental, health or hospital services be rendered to my child upon consent of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church staff member or designated volunteer. The purpose of this authorization is to permit my child to receive emergency medical attention if needed while involved in the activities connected with Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church's children's programs when I or my emergency contact is unavailable to give such consent.

Please do not send your child to camp if he/she has been ill during the past 24-48 hours.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

- . Bring a water bottle to keep you hydrated
- . Wear clothes than can get paint or other art materials on them (or bring an apron)
- . We look forward to having creative fun with you!

Return this form by mail to **KMPC, PO Box 560, Ringoes, NJ 08551**
or email **admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org** or call **908.782.1177**