



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 2025

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



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Ringoes, New Jersey

## April Events

- 1 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 6 9:30am Communion
- 8 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 13 9:30am Palm Sunday
- 15 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 17 Maundy Thursday  
7:00pm Service @ KMPC
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 9:30am Easter Worship
- 21 Easter Monday Office Closed
- 24 Olive Branch Deadline
- 25 VIP Deadline
- 26 11-12 Grocery Giveaway

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65  
7pm Pastor's Bible Study
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study  
4:45-6pm Sanctuary Open  
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

## Treasurer Position

Pat W. has decided to step down as volunteer KMPC treasurer by the end of this year. So there will be an opening for that position. She has instructions written down and will eagerly train her successor. Pat is not leaving the area or the church so will be available for questions, backup etc. if needed for the new treasurer. Please prayerfully consider taking this on and reach out to Pat with any questions.

## Pastor's Ponderings

It's here!!! Spring! Spring, in all its glory, is here, bringing in this amazing season of new life. Crocuses are popping their colorful heads through the greening grass. Daffodils are triumphantly pushing their way upward. Robins are excitedly flying from tree to tree, as if they are experiencing the new surroundings for the first time. The rolling hills are covered with trees popping with new blooms. This is a time when we can almost hear the voice of spring saying, "Now, now is the time to resurrect".

Gospel stories confirm God's plan for new life. Lazarus comes back to life when Jesus beckoned him to come out of the tomb. He was surrounded by his grieving family and friends. They gently took off his wrappings and set him free. Leaving death behind, he stepped back into his new, resurrected life. (John 11:43-44).

Mary, weeping at the tomb is experiencing the darkness of the death of Jesus. She has not yet seen the hope that is waiting in the garden. Then suddenly, Jesus speaks her name and her winter leaps into spring. (John 20:16).

The man at the bath had been waiting thirty-eight years to get into the water. Thirty-eight years is a long winter. The Gospel of spring was far away until he heard Jesus' question, "Do you want to be made well?" And he took up his mat and walked. (John 5:5-9)

Has Christ called your name? Have you been beckoned into new life? Easter, the resurrection, comes this month. The cross of Jesus promises us a new, resurrected life. Come, let's celebrate together.

In His name,

*Pastor Barbara*

In May, Pastor Barbara will be holding a session after church in the gym. It will be "Preparing Your Testament."

The Highlands Presbytery has awarded KMPC a \$2000 Match Grant, which is awarded to churches who have a manse, and to be used for the purpose of providing energy saving improvements. KMPC Session has decided to put storm windows for the upstairs. Thank you, Highlands Presbytery!!! Pastor Barbara

## Food Ministry

We  
gave  
away

17 bags of food last at our Easter Grocery Giveaway. Thank you for supporting this ministry. Our next Grocery Giveaway is April 26

Thank you to last month's bag fillers who enjoy helping and volunteered.



## Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13: 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday April 17: 7:00 pm @  
KMPC with the River Churches.

Good Friday, April 18:

Easter Sunday, April 20: 9:30 am

During the remaining weeks of Lent, the Kirkpatrick Presbyterian Church's sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and silent prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. You are invited to come for any part (or all!) of the time that the sanctuary is open. Each week, Pat Pickard will provide a short written meditation centering on the Lenten season that you are welcome to use for personal contemplative time.

Dates : Wednesdays, April 2, 9 and 16

Time : 4.45 to 6.00pm

## BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR



**Bible Study** will be held on Monday, April 7, 14, 28 at 7:00 by Zoom. There is no Bible Study on April 21. We will finishing the study of "Forgiveness" by Marjorie Thompson. All are welcome.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>

## April 2025 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
Lent 5 4/6/2025	Pastor Barbara					
Palm Sunday 4/13/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
4/17/2024	7pm Maundy Thursday Service at KMPC					
4/18/2025	Good Friday					
Easter 4/20/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	
Easter 2 4/27/2025	Pastor Barbara				No Communion	

# Deacon's April 2025 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Angela B (Surgery/ healing)  
 Barry C family (grief)  
 Chris/Jess W (grief)  
 Dave M  
 Esther  
 Erik Z  
 Karen S  
 Lori (healing)  
 Pastor Barb (Healing)  
 Stef --Lynn's daughter  
 Steve L (healing)

## Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice

## Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M  
 Dorothy S  
 Irene K  
 Bart and Norma

## Extended KMPC Family

Angie's family (their peace and comfort as they go through this difficult time)  
 Angie's sister ( Hospitalized)  
 Belle (Cancer) David F friend  
 Bertha (Healing from cancer and the pain she is induring) Pat W friend  
 Brad (bladder cancer-hospice)  
 Bill (God's guidance) Kathy L brother  
 Dave (health issues) --Jim D's brother  
 Edward G (cancer)  
 Elizabeth (Healing of body, mind, soul, and spirit according to God's will) Jacks cousin  
 Jatenda (God's mercies with pancreatic cancer) Jim H friend  
 Jeanne (serious health issues) Pat W friend

Jean (brain tumor) Chris  
 Jen (health Issues}  
 Joelle ( healing) Mike K friend  
 John (healing surgery) Steve L's brother  
 Kathy (healing after surgery)  
 Lanie's friend  
 Keith P (healing)  
 Kevin (Praise God for his healing)  
 Angie B's brother  
 Linda (cancer)  
 Marlene (serious health issues) Pat W friend  
 Mary (throat cancer) – Kim F  
 Megan (drug addiction) --Kathy's niece  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) --Kathy's friend  
 Natalie --Steve L sister  
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus)  
 Steve F (Parkinsons)  
 Steve (Dialysis treatment) Steve L's friend  
 Wendy (grief after losing her son)  
 Angie B friend

## US and World Situations

Children affected by war  
 First Responders  
 Those affected by hurricanes & fires  
 Military Men & Women and their Families  
 President & Congress  
 Prisoners  
 Refugees  
 Shooting Victims  
 Travelers  
 Troubled youth  
 U.S. & World Situations  
 Unemployed  
 Victims of Violence  
 People with illnesses/disease  
 People of Ukraine  
 Victims of War



Linda H.	Apr. 4
Steve L.	Apr. 4
Esther C.	Apr. 13
TeriGene A.	Apr. 15
Lauren E.	Apr. 16
Cindi F.	Apr. 17
Greg M.	Apr. 22
Tracy McC.	Apr. 25
Kae O'L.	Apr. 27

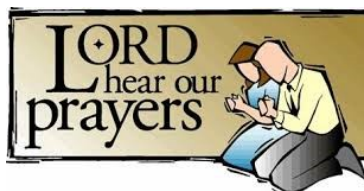
*In memory of Mary Rae Fick*



It is with sadness that we share the news that Mary Rae Fick passed away in May. She was a member at KMPC since 1958.

Her obituary is printed on the next page or can be found online at <https://www.loganfuneralhomes.com/obituary/MaryRae-Fick>

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



# Mary Rae Fick

July 4, 1944 ~ May 12, 2024 (age 79)

Provided by Logan Funeral Homes

Mary Rae Fick, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, accomplished artist, and beacon of love and faith, passed away peacefully on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024, in West Chester, PA at age 79. Born on Independence Day in 1944 in Newark, NJ, daughter of the late Harley and Margaret Gritzmacher, Mary Rae resided most of her life in Ringoes, NJ.

Mary Rae's God-given gift and desire to become a professional artist was always evident from a young age. She studied Fine Art at Moore College of Art and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art in Philadelphia, PA, later completing her Bachelor's Degree in Advertising Design at which is now called The College of New Jersey.



While staying at home to raise her children, Mary Rae mostly followed her passion for art by working on commission as a freelance artist, completing countless paintings and portraits throughout the years. Her artistic talent was always evident in every area of her life and used as a blessing to others. She gained other professional experience through employment at Ziegenfuss Drilling and Catholic Charities. She later had the opportunity to pass her love for Fine Arts onto younger generations in the Art Goes to School program.

Living as a devoted Christian, Mary Rae was an active member at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church for most of her life, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and later as a deacon/elder. She also enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. Other activities included playing golf at Copper Hill Country Club and being a member of the Flemington Women's Club.

Mary Rae leaves behind her loving husband Peter V. Fick of over 50 years, daughter Laurie White, son and daughter-in-law Peter J. and Cris Fick, and grandchildren Philip (sp Rebekah) White, Wesley White, Matthew Fick, Nathanael White, Rachel Fick, and Jacob Fick. Also survived by her sister and brother-in-law Annette and Bob Shields, and sister-in-law Chris Gritzmacher, she is preceded in death by her beloved brother David Gritzmacher.

The life and memory of Mary Rae Fick will be celebrated with visitation and a memorial service on July 4th, 2024 at Logan Funeral Home, located 698 East Lincoln Highway in Exton, PA, beginning at 10:30 am. Interment will be private at Carversville Cemetery, Carversville, PA.