



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 2023

THE OLIVE BRANCH



March Events

- 5 Scout Sunday
- 7 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 12 Daylight Saving Time starts
Pastor Marie's last Sunday
Farewell Coffee
- 14 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
7:00pm Session Zoom Meeting
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Mark Van Bruggen preaching
- 25 Grocery Giveaway
- 26 Rev. Peter Gregory presides

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Bell Rehearsal

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Sun, Mar 12, 2023 2:00 AM



Coming Events:

Please scan the QR Code to view our calendar or to donate online.

If you would like your meeting/ event added to the calendar please email the details to our office admin.

God Be With You

When I first served a church as its Interim Pastor I was sent immediately to Interim Training. There our instructors shared with us all kinds of information on many diverse topics: church size, church life cycles, mission studies, conflict management, congregational dynamics etc. etc. etc. But the very first thing they impressed upon us was one simple fact:

"An Interim arrives saying goodbye."

Now, I love a good paradox and so the wisdom of that simple principle hit home with me immediately. Unlike an installed pastor whose aim is to settle in and experience the joys and sorrows that come from relationships which mellow and deepen over time my ministry from the start has been aimed toward a definite parting. Parting and the the bittersweet act of saying goodbye.

I confess that although I get to practice the art of leaving well every couple of years, it is never easy to let go of the people whom God has placed in my care and who have cared about me !

Still it occurs to me that the art of saying goodbye has more to do with blessing than leave taking. Our modern English word 'goodbye' is actually a contraction of the words "God be with you". Once upon a time all partings came with this blessing attached. In our time together, I have been reminded time and again that the heart of pastoral work lies in the act of saying 'goodbye': "God Be With You".

In hospitals and homes, in person and on Zoom, at baptisms and at the Lord's Table, in times of sorrow and times of joy, in meetings and informal moments, I have had the privilege of saying "God Be With You" from the very first day. The knowledge that this was from the first a 'limited time offer' has kept me mindful that it is **GOD** first, last, and always who is the source of blessing and the keeper of all of our days.

Resting in that knowledge in the days to come the best that I can hope to do is to continue to do what I have done all along: to wish you GOODBYE/ God be with you. As all of you look forward while awaiting the arrival of your next pastor, I urge you to cultivate the art of saying GOODBYE/God be with you as a means of evoking an awareness of God's presence among you. To do so is to affirm that **GOD** who has led you safe this far will continue to lead you still and bless you still.

GOD BE WITH YOU !!!
Pastor Marie

Session February Update:

The session met in the library on February 19th at 11 a.m. for our monthly meeting. Pastor Marie called the meeting to order, and Elder Mike Kurti did the devotions and prayer.

Minutes from January meeting and January Congregational Meeting were approved.

Don Reilly has volunteered to be Clerk of Session for the year.

There is a sign up list to be a Worship Leader if you would like to volunteer. Signups for March are:

March 5th Roger Pickard / Boy scouts Sunday

March 12th Mike Kurti

March 19th Steve Little

March 26th Pat Wright

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 to sign up. You can also sign up to prepare coffee hour or nursery (only when we have children present) Worship leaders and all volunteers can be from the Session, Deacons or congregation. A worship Leader reads all announcements and the First Reading of Scripture and prayer.

Discernment Process committee is complete. The PNC has been selected and are already working.

Request for use of gym for Emily Faith Essock's 1st Birthday. Daughter to Lauren and Steve Essock on February 25th 2023

We have faithfully Celebrated Communion every week of February.

The last day that Pastor Marie Branigan will be with us will be March 12th. Please attend to wish her well.

No updating for covid protocol

It was decided that there would be no Ash Wednesday service at KMPC this year.

Session discussed our financial future.

Discussion on the Samuel Ayres Scholarship – There will be further updates in the near future.

Updates were given on all committee and this year committee selections for each elder.

Personnel Committee: Roger Pickard and Jim Danner

Finance Committee: Don Reilly and Pat Wright

Samuel Ayres Scholarship Committee: Roger Pickard and Don Reilly

Historical and Memorial Committee: Pat Wright and Linda Hults

Music and Worship Committee: Don Reilly

Christian Education Committee: Linda Hults and Jim Danner

PNC: Jim Danner and Roger Pickard

Mission Committee: Pat Wright, Linda Hults and Mike Kurti

Fellowship & Outreach Committee: Norma Zimmerman and Mike Kurti

Building and Grounds Committee: Mike Kurti

Technology and Communication Committee: Mike Kurti

Deacon Liaison: Norma Zimmerman

Scout Troop 65 Representative: Roger Pickard

It was agreed that each committee would report back next month concerning who the non-session members of their respective committees were so that a listing of all members.

Next stated Session meeting – Tuesday March 14th at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Devotions will be given by Don Reilly

Motion to adjourn meeting and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Norma Zimmerman

Food Ministry

Easter Food Baskets

When we celebrate Jesus' resurrection this Easter, let us honor him by serving others. As Easter 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 Easter 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 Rice Apple Sauce Pasta Sauce Pasta Canned Vegetables Canned Soup Tuna Fish Large Cans of Chicken Canned Fruit Personal Hygiene products: soaps, paper products, and household supplies; grooming items, toothpaste, and cosmetics (they are not covered by food stamps).

If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector by **Wednesday, 22nd**. Thank you so much for your continuous support!

Baptism of Emily Esock



God bless you!

Photo Credit: Norma Zimmerman

March 2023 Sunday Schedule

Date	Preaching	Worship Leader	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion
3/5/23	Pastor Marie				Yes
3/12/23	Pastor Marie			Norma Zimmerman	Yes
3/19/23	Mark Van Bruggen				No
3/26/2023	Pastor Peter Gregory				Yes
4/2/2023 Palm Sunday	Pastor Peter Gregory				Yes

Deacon's March 2023 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Bart and Norma
 Danny S (non hodgkins lymphoma)Debi N
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Erik Z
 Glenn M (cancer) Tracy
 John S (health)
 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

Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
 Chuck and Jean Mundhenk
 Irene K
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
 Amy F. (healing)
 Angela Bodine (cancer)
 Carl Thompson (cancer) hospice
 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
 Franklin (Cancer)
 Howard (Parkinson) Betty
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jean (Brain tumor) Chris
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
 Karol – Sue B. sister
 Joey (brain aneurysm) Ferrell
 Kayla (cancer) Dave C's
 granddaughter
 Keith P (healing)
 Kitty (blood clots) Pauls sister
 Larry (liver cancer) Ferrell

Lisa and Eric (house flooded) Lynn
 H
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N
 friend
 Mary (cancer)
 Mary Jo recovering from surgery
 (Sue B. cousin)
 Mary for healing Sue. K Friend.
 Nancy (heart attack & 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
 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
 Tracy's M. Dad
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Victims of Violence
 People with flu and virus
 People of Ukraine



William Hodes	Mar 1
Betty Reilly	Mar. 2
Timothy Danner	Mar 5
Michelle Carey	Mar. 9
Chris Reilly	Mar. 11
Emily (Atzert) Rapp	Mar. 12
Bart Case	Mar. 13
Lanie Ballard	Mar. 14
Andrew Cronce	Mar. 26
Bill Roethel	Mar. 29

2022 Volunteers

Elders & Deacons

★ Jim Danner	Lanie Ballard	★
★ Linda Hults	Susan Berger	★
★ Mike Kurti	Dave Case	★
★ Roger Pickard	Sharyn Danner	★
★ Don Reilly	Frank Hults	★
★ Pat Wright	Lynn Hutchinson	★
★ Norma Zimmerman	Paul Mitzen	★
★	Betty Reilly	★
★ Pat Wright, Treasurer		★
★ Sue King, Food Ministries		★

Per Capita:

We are once again approaching the time of year that we pay our yearly fee to the Presbytery for Per Capita for each member at Kirkpatrick.

The total per capita for 2023 will be \$42.50 per active member. Of this total, \$28.55 is used by our Presbytery with the remainder sent, as required, to the Synod, \$4.10, and General Assembly, \$9.85.

There is an envelope in your Yearly offering box for April 2nd. If anyone is interested in paying their own Per Capita it would be truly appreciated. If you can't at this time it will be paid by Kirkpatrick.

Thank you for considering this help.
 Submitted by Norma Zimmerman Elder

*Lord please
 hear my
 prayer*

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