



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 2026



THE OLIVE BRANCH

October Events

- 3 Wedding
- 4 Communion, Rev. Jeanne Radak
- 5 Scout Committee Meeting
- 6 Deacon's Meeting
- 24 Grocery Giveaway
- 25 **Reformation Sunday**
- 26 Olive Branch Articles Due

Weekly

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

Staff Vacations:

Pastor Barbara 1 - 8

View our [calendar](#) on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into autumn, the air becomes cooler, the days become a little shorter, and the trees begin their beautiful transformation. We see colors that were hidden all summer suddenly appear—reds, oranges, yellows, and golds. There is something about autumn that reminds us that change is not always something to fear. Sometimes change is beautiful. The trees teach us a wonderful lesson: we do not have to hold on to everything forever. There are seasons for growing, seasons for letting go, and seasons for beginning again.

October gives us many opportunities to remember how blessed we are. On October 4, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, joining Christians around the world at the Lord's Table. Presbyterians understand Communion not simply as something we do as individuals, but as a sign of our unity in Christ. We may worship in different languages, sing different songs, come from different cultures, and live in very different circumstances, but when we gather around Christ's table, we are reminded that we belong to one another. What a beautiful witness that is in a world that so often emphasizes what divides us.

October is also a month when we remember our Presbyterian heritage. Reformation Sunday will be observed on October 25. The Reformation reminds us that the church is always called to examine itself and ask important questions: Are we faithfully proclaiming the gospel? Are we listening to God's Word? Are we living out our faith in ways that reflect God's grace and justice? One of the great gifts of the Reformed tradition is the conviction that the church is always being called back to Scripture, back to Christ, and back to the transforming grace of God.

May this October be a month of gratitude, renewal, and joy for all of us. And may we continue to be reformed and renewed by God's grace, trusting that wherever the road leads, God is already there.

With prayers and gratitude,
Pastor Barbara

Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is October 24

In September, we gave away 19 bags of groceries.

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. 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! All donations should be in by Nov. 18.

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Apple Sauce
Pasta Sauce & Pasta Sauce
Frozen turkeys/small hams
Turkey Gravy
Stuffing Mix
Boxed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Tuna Fish
Large Cans of Chicken
Canned Fruit
Rice and Boxed Potatoes
Beans
Macaroni & Cheese



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 for us!

October 2026 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Coffee Break	Communion	Flowers
World Communion Day 10/4/2026	Rev. Jeanne Radak	Betty			Communion	
10/11/2026	Pastor Barbara	Jim D			No Communion	
10/18/2026	Pastor Barbara	Ellie			No Communion	
Reformation 10/25/2026	Pastor Barbara	Pat W			No Communion	

Staff Vacation: Pastor Oct. 1-8

Deacon's October 2026 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Alan B (Healing)
 Angie B (Healing)
 Bart C (Peace and Comfort)
 Erik Z (God's Guidance, Healing)
 Jeanne M. (Peace and Comfort)
 Lynn H. (God's Guidance)
 Lori (God's Guidance, Healing)
 Steve L (Healing)
 Mike K. (God's Guidance)
 Norma C (Healing, Peace and Comfort)
 Norma Z. (Healing)

Caregivers

Families, Homebound, Hospice

Assisted living/ Homebound

Chuck & Jean M
 Dorothy S
 Bart and Norma

Extended KMPC Family

Beverly Kathy L's friend (Cancer, Healing)
 Brenda Danner - (Cancer, Overall Healing)
 Caden - Verbeyst family friend (Healing)
 Carolyn - Steve L's friend (Grief)
 Cindy - Pat W's niece (God's guidance)
 Edward G - Jan G's son (Healing)
 Evan - Bev K's grandson (God's guidance)
 Friedermann family (Grief)
 Janice L - Steve L's wife (Healing)
 Joel - Mike K's friend (Healing)
 Karcher Family - Ellie V's friends (Grief, Support)
 Karen - Sue K's friend (Healing)
 Leslie - Steve L's friend (Healing)
 Marie - Lanie's sister (Surgery, Healing)

Mary - Sue K's friend (Cancer, Healing)
 MaryJo - Susan B's cousin (Healing)
 Megan - Kathy L's niece (Healing)
 Melissa - Linda H's daughter (Surgery, Healing)
 Michael - Tracy's brother (Healing)
 Nancy - Kathy L's friend (Healing)
 Natalie - Steve L's sister (Surgery, Healing)
 Orlando - Jim H's friend (God's guidance)
 Pam H. - Tracy's friend (Peace, comfort, and overall healing)
 Patrick - Bev K's son-in-law (Healing)
 Ray Dix - (Healing)
 Schellhause family - Pickard's family friend (Grief, Healing)
 Shirley - Lynn H's mother (Healing)
 Stef - Lynn H.'s daughter (Peace)
 Steve F - (Parkinsons)
 Tyrone - Jim D's friend (Healing)
 Val- (Overall healing)

U.S. and World Situations

Children affected by war
 Christians in Nigeria
 First Responders
 Military Men & Women and their Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Students and Teachers
 Those affected by weather; fires;
 economic distress; illnesses; and disease
 Those reconciling broken relationships
 Travelers
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations

Please contact Tracy McClelland know of any new request, if your prayer is no longer needed, or if you would like your request re-added.



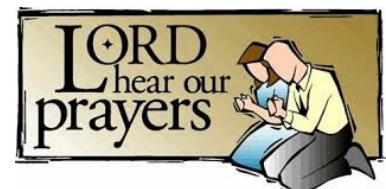
*God Bless Your
 Anniversary*



*God Has Poured Out His Love Into Our Hearts
 Romans 5 v.5*

Madison B.	3rd	Pat W.	12th
Sarah B.	3rd	Jim D.	13th
Brian C.	3rd	Cori M.	17th
Colleen C.	4th	Gloria W.	22nd
RJ F.	7th	Angela B.	28th
Charlie M.	7th		
Dorothy S.	7th		
Sue K.	10th		

Sarah & Christopher B.	3rd
Steve & Lori W.	6th
Terry & Pat W.	13th
Fred & Kim F.	17th
Robert & Cynthia F.	18th





For your \$35 donation to the Flemington Area Food Pantry you'll enjoy a delicious takeout lunch with a handcrafted bowl donated by a local potter, to serve as a reminder of food insecurity in our community.

YOUR TICKET INCLUDES



RESTAURANT
SOUP

Mini
SANDWICH /
SALAD

DESSERT

WATER

HANDMADE
BOWL

TICKETS \$35

- ✓ Delicious Lunch
- ✓ Handmade Bowl
- ✓ PLUS Pottery Sale in Walmart Parking Lot

Enjoy food donated by...

Beal Bandwagon
Chive & Thyme
Clemente Garden
Costco
Kitchen at HMC
Modigliani's
Mott's Red Rooster
Metropolitan Seafood

Nourish to Heal
The Sealed Basket
ShopRite
Vivo Mexico

Check back to see
more of our partner
Restaurants



Friday, October 23, 2026



11:00am - 2:30pm



Flemington Food Pantry
154 Route 31 North

FOR MORE INFO
or to
PURCHASE TICKETS

FlemingtonFoodPantry.org
or 908-788-5568



The Flemington Area Food Pantry's "Empty Bowl" lunch fundraiser will be happening before you know it on Friday, October 23, 2026 at the Pantry from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The \$35 tickets will be available soon at <https://flemingtonfoodpantry.org/empty-bowl>

"The Empty Bowl" is an annual drive-up lunch event which raises funds to provide food and personal care items to income-qualified Hunterdon County families who are food insecure.



For ages K thru grade 6



• REGISTER FOR •

Christmas Ornament Crafting

Sunday, December 6 • 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**

Rally Day 2026

Thanks to all that joined us for Rally Day 2026, and to Jim Hawthorne for his continued ministry with Kirkpatrick as our Music Director!

