



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 2022

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## April Events

- 3 1:00 Court of Honor Boy Scout
- 5 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 10 Palm Sunday
- 14 Maundy Thursday
- 15 Good Friday
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 18 Office Closed
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 23 11:00 Grocery Giveaway
- 25 7:00pm Book Club

## Weekly

- Sun 8:45am Adult SS
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm Bell Practice
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our calendar on our website

**Sunday Worship Services** – We gather every Sunday at 9:30am in person and via Zoom for a time of worship, singing, praying, and hearing God's Word. The Zoom link and bulletin information are emailed on Saturday morning for you to follow along. Please join us – and invite your friends and family.

## Pastor Pastor where's the Pastor?

I'm very glad to be here and look forward to getting to know you as we walk in ministry together. I'll be coming back and forth from my home in East Windsor. Here is a general idea up my schedule :

On Mondays I will work remotely on worship and sermon prep. I will be available by text, phone, and email.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays I will start my day in the office, followed by any off-site ministry such as visitation. On these days feel free to pop in and say hi if you come to church. If you have important personal or church matters to discuss please call first so I can set aside time to meet with you.

My usual day off will be Fridays. Saturdays I will be around or congregational events, weddings and funerals as needed.

And of course, we'll see each other on Sundays either in the sanctuary or on Zoom.

When I off-site I'm generally available from 9:00 AM 9:00 PM by text or phone at 609-577-0560.

You can also email me at [pastormarie@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:pastormarie@kirkpatrickchurch.org)

In Christ, Pastor Marie



*Palm Sunday* April 10<sup>th</sup> -- KMPC 9:30am Worship



Session has accepted the invitation to join First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville for Good Friday worship on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. 31 N. Union Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530



We will also be having our Easter Sunrise service at Union Cemetery on Boss Road on April 17th. Time to be announced.

**Easter Worship 9:30am KMPC**  
Sign up for our emails for more details

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**Mask Update:** Session has decided that effective immediately masks will now be optional for all events held at the church. This change in Covid protocol is appropriate because of the drastic reduction in Covid cases throughout the county and state as well as the lack of cases in the Medical Center. Anyone wishing to continue to wear a mask is encouraged to do so and social distancing will still be required. Session will continue to review Covid protocols in order to remain current with ever changing events.

## Discernment Team Update

The discernment process which helps define us as a congregation and determine where God is leading Kirkpatrick will probably take a few months but will give us a clearer understanding of who to call as a pastor. Over the next month we will be meeting as a congregation along with the discernment team and pastor to talk about our history, things we've done, times of accomplishments, difficult times, outreach into our community as we prayerfully consider where God is calling us.

On February 27th the team (Lannie Ballard, Bev kaminsky, Mike Kurti, Ellie Verbeyst, Terry Wright & Jim Danner) met with Pastor Jeanne Radak for the first retreat. We spent time reading and reflecting on Luke 10 verses 1 through 12. Each time we meet we will be using these verses to reflect on as we go through the discernment process. We ask that you would also read through these verses and spend some time in prayer to help focus All of us on God's direction for Kirkpatrick.

On April 3rd please stay after church and on Zoom to give each of us an opportunity to talk about how God has involved Kirkpatrick in our community & missions over the past 150 years. You should have received an email of several documents which talk about our history over the decades to help us with our memories. Printed copies are available in the connector as well.



**Book Club:** Our next book is titled: The Elegance of the Hedgehog, By Muriel Barbery. If you would like a book, please let Sharyn Danner know. Call or text (908)399-3468 or e-mail [sharydan@gmail.com](mailto:sharydan@gmail.com)

We will meet via Zoom on Monday April 25th at 7pm.



*The congregation is invited to attend Troop 65's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:00pm in our sanctuary, followed by a reception in the gym.*



## Thank you and God Speed

Sunday March 13 was Pastor Amy Sandlin's last day with us (At least for now-There's always vacations to cover). Pastor Amy faithfully filled in as our pastor for the last 6 months. She made us smile and laugh while teaching us about God's word & occasionally speeding her way to us on Sunday mornings. We have enjoyed getting to know her and work with her during this time. We wish Pastor Amy the best as she continues her ministry.



## Food Ministry

It has certainly been a whirlwind of excitement over the last few weeks for our food ministry. Word about the February Grocery Giveaway spread far and wide. We ran out of food within the first 30 minutes. We had people coming from Glen Gardner and Warren County. Unfortunately, this also meant that some of our regulars were turned away empty handed. Prayers went up and God is Good! We heard from new people with offers to help restock our shelves.

“Hello - I was made aware of the incredible kindness you are offering our community in the form of food distribution. I know there is a need right now for the number of families showing up for support, and our Brownie troop (of West Amwell) would like to help.” West Amwell Brownies organized a food drive and donated a Jeep full of food.

Boy Scout Troop 65 immediately responded with a food drive.

Living Waters Lutheran Church started a food drive for peanut butter & jelly and donated a \$250 gift card from Thrivent’s Generosity Grant program.

KMPC congregation responded to the challenge to donate boxes filled with every item from the list and we quickly received 8 full boxes.

Our Blessing Box has also increased to being emptied 3 times a week.

Gabrielle from the YMCA asked if she could refer people dealing with food insecurities to our Grocery Giveaway. She is providing produce on Saturdays and hoped to get more help for these.

We were able to give out 34 bags/boxes of food with a ham or turkey, butter, and a loaf of bread.

It is with gratitude that we thank - the Amwell Valley Fire Company Auxiliary, Athletes in Action, the Girl Scouts, Key Club at South Hunterdon, Living Waters Lutheran Church, Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church, the Key Club at SHRHS, Giant FoodMarket, West Amwell Brownies, and our own Boy Scout Troop 65. And even more gratitude for the anonymous donors who fill the box outside our door and anyone we have missed naming.

Every month it seems that we are helping more and more people. Spread the word that we need donations so that we can continue to help others. God is good and we see that with the item donations and the monetary donations that are received.

Our next Giveaway will be April 23. We always need syrup, jelly, pancake mix, pasta sauce, paper towels, bath tissues and toiletries. But anything on our list is greatly appreciated.

Ministry Organizer: Sue King



# Deacon's April 2022 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma  
 Ben D. (military transfer)  
 Barb K Family (grieving)  
 Chuck & Jean Mundhenk  
 Corliss & Family  
 Danny S (non hodgkins lymphoma)Debi N  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Erik Z  
 Irene (Parkinson)  
 Jen B  
 Joyce G (looking for house)  
 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

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C  
 Phyllis P  
 Millie W

## Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Charlotte (cancer)  
 Cindy and Mike (Mike healing)  
 Lynn's Friend  
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D  
 Deanna (chemo) Jeanne M friend  
 Denise and John (John kidney removed, Denise breast cancer)  
 Kathy's cousin  
 Erick F healing at home (Janice L friend)  
 Franklin (Cancer)

Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P  
 Keith P (healing)  
 Linda (Cancer)  
 Lisa and Eric (house flooded) Lynn H  
 Lynn Mike V – Beverly's Friend  
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend  
 Mark Z  
 Mary (cancer)  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's Friend  
 Natalie (Steve L sister)  
 Linda (Cancer)  
 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  
 Spud (fell and hurt knee) Sharon D, brother  
 Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.  
 Toby & Judy N. (healing, Safety)  
 Tom (Lymphoma)  
 Trever D School shooting  
 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



Linda Hults	Apr. 4
Steve Little	Apr. 4
Ernst Friedermann	Apr. 5
Jennifer Hoppaugh	Apr. 7
John Shipman	Apr. 7
Millie Wolfe	Apr. 13
TeriGene Angelone	Apr. 15
Declan Bacorn	Apr. 16
Lauren Stover Esock	Apr. 16
Cindi Fulper	Apr. 17
Mia McDaniels	Apr. 18
Greg Manners	Apr. 22
Skip Kell	Apr. 23
Pastor Mike	Apr. 24
Amanda Cronce	Apr. 24
Tracy McClelland	Apr. 25
Kae O'Leary	Apr. 27
Joe Rapp	Apr. 29



**Spring has sprung in our planters!!!**

Thank you to our anonymous gardener who continues to beautify our front steps with seasonal flowers all year.

Be sure to take a moment to appreciate the pansies.



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



# SPRING GATHERING



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE  
PRESBYTERY OF THE HIGHLANDS OF NEW  
JERSEY**

**APRIL 2, 2022**

**TAIWANESE/AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
770 ROUTE 206 SOUTH  
HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, NJ 08844**

**REGISTRATION \$5.00; LUNCH, COFFEE, TEA, ETC. PROVIDED**

**REGISTRATION 9:30AM; PROGRAM START 10:00AM**

**“HOW DO WE HAVE CHRISTIAN, COURAGEOUS  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT “STICKY WICKET” ISSUES?”**

- ❖ **HOW TO FACILITATED BY JENNY LEE, IMMEDIATE PAST  
MODERATOR OF PW CHURCHWIDE**
- ❖ **PRACTICE CONVERSATION – WHAT IS “FAIR TRADE”  
AND HOW DO WE MAKE BUYING DECISIONS?**

**WORSHIP WILL BE LED BY REV. AMY LINCOLN, PASTOR OF  
THE FLEMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

**DISPLAYS/HANDOUTS, ETC. CHURCH IS ON ROUTE 206  
SOUTH OF SOMERVILLE. PARKING IS ON HOMESTEAD ROAD,  
A RIGHT TURN FROM 206 SOUTH.**