



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 2020

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## October Events

- 1 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
- 5 7pm Book Club
- 6 6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- 12 Columbus Day (no mail / banking)
- 12-17 Pastor Mike Study Leave
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 18-24 Pastor Mike on Vacation
- 25 4pm Diced Fellowship Activity
- 27 7pm Session Meeting
- Nov 1 All Saints Day

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Sun 10:45am Adult Sunday School
- Wed 7:30am Mens Bible Study
- Wed 7:00pm Prayer mtg
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study



All activities will be on zoom

**Sunday Worship Services** – We gather every Sunday at 9:30am 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. We have had people from all over the country worship with us!

**Weekly Prayer Meeting** – Please join us at 7pm every Wednesday for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be in the midweek announcements email. .



**Readers Wanted** – If you would like to do a Scripture reading at one of our Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Mike know.



## From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Recently, third- and fourth-graders at Wheaton (IL) Christian Grammar School were asked to complete the following sentence: “By faith, I know that God is…” Here are some of their responses:

“forgiving, because he forgave in the Bible, and he forgave me when I went in the road on my bike without one of my parents” (Amanda).

“providingful, because he dropped manna for Moses and the people, and he gave my dad a job” (Brandon).

“caring, because he made the blind man see, and he made me catch a very fast line drive that could have hurt me. He probably sent an angel down” (Paul).

“merciful, because my brother has been nice to me for a year” (Jeremy).

“faithful, because the school bill came, and my mom didn’t know how they were going to pay it. Two minutes later, my dad called, and he just got a bonus check. My mom was in tears” (anonymous).

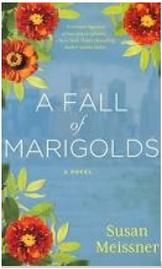
“sweet, because he gave me a dog. God tells me not to do things that are bad. I need someone like that” (Hannah).

I think this is why Jesus told His disciples, “Let the little children come to me.” They have an innocence and a faith that gets lost in many of us when we become adults. When was the last time you thanked God because He was “providingful” to you? How often have we, as adults, characterized God as “sweet” because of some blessing He has given to us?

Indeed, we can learn a lot from our children. During the last six months, I have missed the children in church – learning and growing in their faith. I have missed all of you – and long for the day when we can gather again. In this world of craziness and uncertainty, let us regain the heart of a child, filled with awe and wonder and faith. Let us remember what is truly important and learn from the children that God places into our lives. See you on Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,  
Pastor Mike





Amy Atzert will be hosting a Zoom **Book Club** on **Monday, October 5th at 7pm**. The first book is "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. She has reserved a book discussion kit from the library which includes 10 copies of the book. If you are interested in participating, please email her at [atzertamy@yahoo.com](mailto:atzertamy@yahoo.com). She will leave a copy of the book in the church library for those who sign up to be returned after the 5<sup>th</sup>. If there is enough interest, we will continue the book club and choose the next book together.



**October Fellowship Activity** – Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Have you ever watched the Food Network show, *Chopped*? Chefs are given a "mystery basket" of ingredients and have to prepare a culinary masterpiece. We are going to try our own version via Zoom – ours will be called "Diced." If you would like to try to prepare a dish with "mystery ingredients," please let Pastor Mike know. More details to come – plan to join us for the fun!

**Future Fellowship Events** – If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the fall, please let Pastor Mike know.

**Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information. The study on Christianity and World Religions will conclude on October 4<sup>th</sup>. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, we begin the video study "Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.

**Ladies Bible Study** will resume their meetings via zoom beginning October 1, from 9:30-11:30am. Their first book is Slightly Bad Girls. If you have questions about joining please ask Linda Hults or email the leader Christin Thompson [christinmarie16@gmail.com](mailto:christinmarie16@gmail.com).

Dear Friends,

Fred Kuhl will be turning 80 on October 23, 2020 so we are asking folks to send cards to:

Fred Kuhl  
Cherry Blossom Lane  
343 W Baltimore Pike,  
Media, PA 19063



In addition, Kim is putting a book together and we are inviting everyone to send a note, a reminiscence, old photos, new photos, birthday wishes, or anything else you would like to send to be included. The book we have has 8 ½ X 11 pages so nothing to big please.

We would appreciate any materials by Oct 10. So we have time to compile the book and drop it off on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can email anything to Kim @ [ART66KIM72@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ART66KIM72@GMAIL.COM) or to me and I'll make sure she gets it. If you want to mail send it to us at 2305 Rockwell RD Wilmington DE 19810. Thanks so much.,  
Art & Kim



## Deacons Corner

**Holiday Food Baskets** – The Deacons will begin their food collection in October for holiday food baskets. Donations can be left in the bin outside the Connector door. Thank you for your generosity!

**New Jersey Presbyteries Update** – There are potentially some changes to the structure of the Presbyteries in New Jersey. The New Jersey Missional Communities Transitions Working Group (NJMCTWG) began its work in January of 2020 with two representatives appointed by each of the seven New Jersey presbyteries along with several members-at-large who provided expertise and support. Together they have sought to follow the leading of the Spirit, discerning how they might recast a vision of shared missional life through the transformation of our presbyteries into spiritual communities that honor the work of administration but center the people and ministries *as living witnesses to the sovereign activity of God in the world so that they become communities of faith, hope, love and witness* (G- 3.0301).

To that end, their recommendation is to reduce the number of Presbyteries in New Jersey from 7 to 4. Due to declining membership and finances, this would help breathe some new life back into the Presbyteries. The 4 Presbyteries will be located in the following parts of the state: northwest, northeast, central and south. Kirkpatrick would be part of the northwest Presbytery, which will include Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren, Morris, Sussex and Passaic counties.

The proposal is out to the Presbyteries for consideration. New Brunswick Presbytery (of which our church is currently a member) will vote on the proposal at the November Presbytery meeting. If it passes, the new structures would take effect by March 2021. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Mike.



### Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

October 4th – Philippians 3:4b-14 – “Wanting to Know Christ”

October 11th – Matthew 22:1-14 – “An Invitation...”

October 18th – Matthew 7:1-12 – “Just Do It”

October 25th – I Thessalonians 2:1-8 – “Pleasing God”

### KMPC Financial Summary

2020

MTD (August)

Receipts – \$17,015.44

Expenses - \$17,727.62

Difference – (\$712.18)

YTD (through August)

Receipts – \$132,224.16

Expenses – \$130,873.05

Difference - \$1,351.11

2019

MTD (August 2019)

Receipts - \$12,671.63

Expenses - \$17,752.54

Difference – (\$5,080.91)

YTD (through August 2019)

Receipts - \$134,026.00

Expenses - \$150,035.94

Difference – (\$16,009.94)

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our ministry together in the church and community! The Treasurer is paying the Mission giving at 75% until we see how the rest of the year will pan out. We would love to finish the year strong! Please continue to support the ministry of KMPC through your giving!

We have included a "Donate" button on our website for those that prefer to give online. [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org) look for the yellow button in the upper right hand corner. KMPC is charged 2.2% and \$.30 admin fee per transaction. Please consider adding those fees to your donation to cover the costs for KMPC.

# Deacon's October 2020 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma  
 Ben D. (military)  
 Barb K (healing)  
 Corliss & Family  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob  
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)  
 Lanie and Husband  
 Paul & Sharon M.(healing)  
 Phyllis P.  
 Steve &Terri F. (healing)  
 Shawn and Anthony  
 Tobin Family (grief)  
 Caregivers  
 Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice Patients  
 Teachers & /Students

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Phillis P  
 Millie W

## Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Art (chemo for cancer) Dorothy  
 cousin  
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend  
 Bob D (Kidney)  
 Bob and Sue he has (Non Hodgkin's  
 Lymphoma) and Sue his caregiver  
 Ann D. friend  
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Dance (liver cancer) Karen D  
 Delores Dorothy friend.  
 Denise and John (John has bladder  
 cancer) KL  
 Erick F in rehab hospital (Janice L  
 friend)  
 Franklin (Cancer)  
 Gail K (Parkinson)  
 Gloria H (Massive stroke) Dorothy's  
 friend

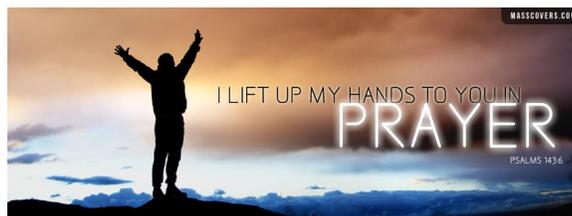
Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jean G (Dementia) Dorothy's Aunt  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P  
 Lolly H. (brain tumor) Norma Z  
 friend  
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of  
 Gail Abdominal pain  
 Mary (cancer)  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's  
 friend  
 Keith P. (healing)  
 Pauline (Alzheimer's) Kathy L.  
 Aunt  
 Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)-  
 Dorothy  
 Sandra H. (healing)  
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) –  
 Richard's Daughter  
 Renda Family (grieving)  
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)  
 Stacey (aggressive breast cancer)  
 Annie D. friend  
 Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.  
 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  
 Troubled youth  
 U.S. & World Situations  
 Unemployed  
 Victims of Violence  
 People with flu and virus



Brian Case	Oct 3
Sarah Mundhenk	Oct 3
Colleen Case	Oct 4
Kira Williamson	Oct 4
RJ Fulper III	Oct 7
Charlie McClelland	Oct 7
Dorothy Shellenberger	Oct 7
Sue King	Oct 10
Patricia Wright	Oct 12
Jim Danner	Oct 13
Cori McClelland	Oct 17
Sharon Mitzen	Oct 18
Lowell Rader	Oct 22
Gloria Weiman	Oct 22
Fred Kuhl	Oct 23
Karlee Meyers	Oct 24
Angela Bodine	Oct 28

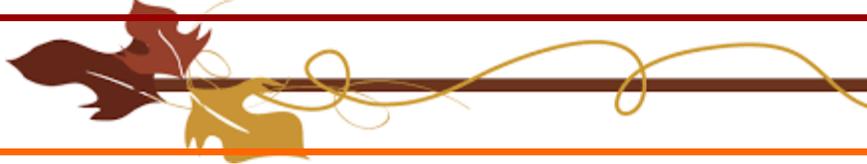


Steve & Lori Wonsor	Oct 6
Dan & Jill Mock	Oct 8
Bob & Donna Trevithick	Oct 10
Susan & Joseph Aliseo	Oct 13
Terry & Patricia Wright	Oct 13
Fred & Kim Fulper	Oct 17
Rob & Cindi Fulper, II	Oct 18
John & Tracy Kell	Oct 21



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

Ministry Post-Pandemic – Please begin thinking and praying about how our ministry will grow and change once the pandemic is behind us. How can we use technology to reach across states with the Good News of Jesus Christ? How can we connect with our community more effectively? What creative ways can we use our building and resources to show the love of God? Now is the time to plan and form a vision!



Adopt-A-Family - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021. If you would like to pledge your support of \$2/week or \$250 for a month for the new year, please let us know any way you feel comfortable: email Pastor Mike or the Admin, include a pledge note with your offering sent to the church. Thank you



Reopening Plan – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources). Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

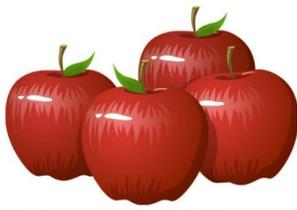
As we give thanks to Jesus for our many blessings this year, let us honor him by serving others. As Thanksgiving Day approaches and you go shopping for ingredients to create that special family meal, please keep in mind that not every family in our community is as fortunate. The Deacons are asking our 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:

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



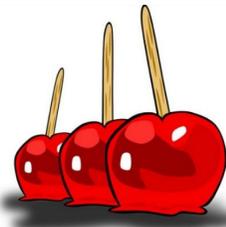
Thanksgiving  
Food Drive

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!



# October 2020

## National Day Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>BAT APPRECIATION MONTH</b>		1  Black Dog Day	2  Name Your Car Day	3  Boy Friend Day
4  Golf Lover's Day	5  Rhode Island Day	6  Garlic Lover's Day	7  Blue Shirt Day	8  World Octopus Day	9  Sneakers Day	10  Handbag Day
11  It's my party day	12  Farmer's Day	13  Train Your Brain Day	14  Be Bald and Be Free Day	15  Mushroom Day	16  Dictionary Day	17  Pasta Day
18  Chocolate Cupcake Day	19  Dress like a Nerd Day	20  Sloth Day	21  Reptile Awareness Day	22  Color Day	23  Mole Day	24  Food Day
25  International Artist Day	26  Pumpkin Day	27  Black Cat Day	28  Chocolate Day	29  Oatmeal Day	30  Candy Corn Day	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN

[alwaystheholidays.com](http://alwaystheholidays.com)

- ◆ One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."
- ◆ A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."
- ◆ A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"  
One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."
- ◆ The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel microphone, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"
- ◆ Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.  
Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."
- ◆ A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay Ryan, you be Jesus!"