



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 2022

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July Events

- 1 Ayres Scholarship Deadline
- 3 10am Community Worship at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead
- No worship at KMPC**
- 4 **Independence Day**
Office Closed
- 8 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 23 11am Grocery Giveaway
- 31 Discernment Event
- Aug 1-5 Chris on Vac.

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
- Thu 8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our calendar on our website

Community Worship Sunday, July 3 10:00am Worship & Picnic

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead
Museum
1605 Daniel Bray Highway
(Rte. 29)
just north of Lambertville, NJ
609-397-2752

DIRECTIONS: The Museum is located on Route 29 just north of Lambertville, NJ. If you are traveling on Rout 202 in New Jersey use "last exit before toll" and follow signs to Farmstead.

Beginning at 10am.

**Please bring a picnic lunch.
Don't forget your lawn chairs
and sunscreen.**

From the Pastor

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

For freedom Christ has set us free.

*Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1*

As June slips into July our minds shift to thoughts of freedom, independence, and liberty. In anticipation of our country's annual 4th of July celebration, we tend to focus on the outward expressions of our liberty—from the patriotic clothes we wear to the red, white, and blue desserts we bake.

While our outward expressions of freedom create a fun celebration, in the midst of the holiday its time for some reflection as well as celebration. What does Christian freedom really mean, and how is it different from the freedom we celebrate on Independence Day? If you want to cultivate a heart that is centered on the love of God, it is important to consider what the Bible has to say on the topic of Christian liberty.

Independence is a strong American ideal. We praise each other for independent thinking. We are often encouraged to act independently without considering the needs of the people around us. It can be challenging to shift our view of independence. We tend to think of independence as a sign of strength and dependence as a sign of weakness.

It's natural to think of liberty as the freedom to do as we please. However, Christian liberty empowers us to live rightly in our freedom. The freedom we have in God's presence isn't the kind of freedom we often idolize: freedom that stays out of our way, not interfering with our desires. The freedom we feel in the presence of God's Spirit liberates us from sin, selfishness, and any oppression that would interfere with our continued transformation into the image of God. It is not a liberty to stay as we are; it is a *liberty to become what we should*.

In this way, Christian liberty does not herald our individualism. It is not concerned with offering us the 'freedom to be ourselves.' Instead, the liberty we have received will gradually make us less ourselves...and more like the God we love and serve.

In our culture, liberty often looks like an insistence on our freedom of speech, protests, acts of defiance, or an assertion that our rights be honored. In short, our experience of liberty is riddled with our fear that it might be taken from us.

However, Christian liberty is so confident in its freedom that it is willing to embrace others as it opens the door to allowing us to choose, in our free will, to love and bless people beyond ourselves, because our liberty is secure in Christ.

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From the Pastor...continued

Galatians 5 encourages us to live in the freedom Christ purchased for us and not try to go back to following the law. But if the law doesn't matter anymore, what does? In Galatians 5:6, we learn that, "the only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:13 illustrates this shift from liberty that is self-focused to liberty that reaches outward. It says, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge yourselves; rather serve one another humbly in love."

So, this July, enjoy your celebration. Make some noise. Light up the sky. But take some time to reflect on the difference between the nationalist brand of liberty we've grown accustomed to, and the humbling nature of the Godly liberty we have been offered in Christ, the truest freedom of all.

From the Discernment Team: Sunday July 31st following church is a discernment event that involves all of us. It is important that everyone is present either in person or on Zoom to help in the final steps of this process as we seek God's direction for Kirkpatrick. Many have been part of this process in the last couple of months but this is the most crucial event when we pull together our discussions. Look for more information to follow and set aside July 31st on your calendar today!



Project Backpack - Once again we are collecting school supplies for our young friends at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. Our goal is to provide as many fully stocked backpacks as possible. Feel free to donate items from the list or donate a completely filled backpack. Please place donations in the bin in the connector entry. Bev K and Kathy L have the answers if you have any questions. See a full list on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you.

Sunday Worship Services – We gather every Sunday at 9:30am in-person (with masks) 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.

Can You Help? We need Worship Leaders to read during the worship, and Coffee Hour Hosts Sign up Sheets in the sanctuary or go online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA9A623A4FDC25-volunteers>



Oh dear, the cupboard is bare!

Unfortunately, we need everything except tuna for our food ministry. If you are going shopping please pick up an extra canned veggie, fruit, or beans, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, paper towels, pasta, pasta sauce, syrup, and pancake mix. If you happen to see shampoo, conditioner or deodorant on sale we need that also. I know everything is getting more and more expensive, but that is why more and more families need our help and are showing up at our monthly grocery giveaways and by using the Blessing Box.

Thank you for thinking of your neighbors who are having food insecurities.



ART CAMP!

Grades K-5

at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 8th, 9th & 10th from 6-8 PM

Drinks provided

To register please call the office at 908-782-1177 or email at admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org with your child's/children's name and grade

We hope to see you there!



Session May Update

The session met via Zoom on Tuesday May 17th at 7PM for our regular monthly meeting. Pastor Marie called the meeting to order, and Roger Pickard gave the devotions and prayer.

It was approved that the Scouts could use the churches Wi-Fi at the church when they meet and also they will be using one of the down stairs Sunday School class room (under the gym) for storage of some of these things.

It was approved for membership of Sue Aliseo's to be transferred to Fork River Presbyterian Church where she now lives.

There will be a memorial service on June 15th for Hillary Tobin. This will be at 11AM. More information to come.

There is a sign up list to be a Worship Leader with Pastor Marie. She is hoping everyone will take a turn with assisting here. All Sunday's are taken up to and including June 26th. The invitation to help is for anyone in the congregation feeling lead to be more a part of the service. A Worship Leader reads all announcements and the First Reading of Scripture.

We have faithfully Celebrated Communion every week through April and May.

We agreed to keep the current Covid protocols in place. Masks and social distancing are optional at this point. We will also be monitoring as the levels change in our area.

Updates were given on all committees.

We are beginning the process for the Election of Clerk of Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Zimmerman



And that's how to wear a mask with style!!



Looking good Lanie!

When Giving Is All We Have

Alberto Ríos - 1952-

*One river gives
Its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.

We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.

We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,

We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,

Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,

But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,

Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.

Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you

What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.

Deacon's July 2022 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B
 Bart and Norma
 Ben D. (military transfer)
 Chuck & Jean Mundhenk
 Corliss & Family
 Danny S (non hodgkins lymphoma)Debi N
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Erik Z
 John S (health)
 Joyce G (looking for house)
 Karol (medical issues) Sue B. sister
 Ridgeley H (car accident)
 Scott Lanie B's husband
 Steve &Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony
 Pat W. grieving loss of her sister
 Mary .
 Caregivers
 Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice Patients
 Teachers & /Students

Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
 Irene K.
 Phyllis P
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
 Amy F. (healing)
 Angela Bodine (cancer)
 Bill (heart attack) Kathy L brother
 Charlotte's Family (grieving)
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D
 Deanna (chemo) Jeanne M friend
 Denise and John (John kidney removed, Denise breast cancer)
 Kathy's cousin
 Franklin (Cancer)
 Helen B (moved to care facility)
 Dorothy
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter

Jen (Health Issues) – Betsy P
 Karen (hip replacement) Bev's sister-in-law
 Kayla (cancer) Dave C's granddaughter
 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
 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
 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
 People of Ukraine



Mary Rae Fick	July 4
Katherine Hutchinson	July 5
Bonnie Meyers	July 6
Kate Hodes	July 8
Norma Zimmerman	July 8
Leila Al-Daqa	July 12
David Case	July 14
Anthony Dell	July 19
Benjamin Escok	July 19
Sharyn Danner	July 21
Auggie Perangelo	July 21
Chris Kosmac	July 26
Harold King	July 27
Jana Jensen	July 31
Chuck Mundhenk	July 31



Harold & Sue King July 9
 Brian & Kathy Mundhenk July 27



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

Community News

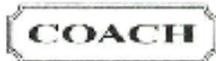


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DOONEY & BOURKE



Saturday, July 9

Flemington Elks, 165 NJ-31, Flemington NJ, 08822

Doors open at 5 PM - Bingo starts at 6 PM

Your ticket purchase includes:

- 10 games of bingo (4 chances to win each game)
- Door prizes
- Reserved seating for groups of 10
- BYO food and non-alcoholic beverages
- Light snacks will be available for purchase



REGISTER ONLINE AT Events4GNH.com

or complete the registration form below

You will receive your ticket(s) at the registration table upon check-in

Must be at least 18 years of age

For more information contact Dawn Davidson at (908) 806-4220 ext. 323 or Robin Jackson, ext. 326



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Please print clearly. Email address required to receive your confirmation. Complete and return this form with payment in the enclosed envelope. Registration form due by July 1.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

I would like to order _____ tickets @ \$40 each..... \$ _____

I would like to order _____ table of ten @\$350 per table of 10..... \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**All proceeds will benefit Good News Home Inc.,
a residential treatment center for women with chemical dependencies**

MISSION NEWS

Project Backpack

Friendship Center for New Beginnings

School Supplies:

- Backpack
- 1 Subject notebook
- Composition notebook
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Ruler
- Pencil Box
- 1 pkg #2 pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Erasers
- Washable Color Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Box of Tissues
- Lunch Tote



*Please check off the items in the backpack in the pack.

** You may add a sweet treat if you like ;)

Please help us help our young friends at Friendship Center for New Beginnings to be fully prepared for the new school year.

and add this list

The goal is to provide as many fully stocked backpacks as possible. You may donate items from the list or donate a completely filled backpack. Either way your help, generosity and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Donation bins are in the connector.

Deadline: August 17th

SUNDAY JULY 3

Annual Community Worship Service

On Sunday, July 3rd, the River Churches will gather at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead for our annual worship service together.

The service will begin at 10am. Please bring a folding chair, bug repellent and bottled water. We are asking that you BYOP+ 'Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch PLUS a little extra to share!'

We will set up the small building with tables as a buffet/pot luck room. This way we do not have to worry about food allergies and we get to sample some fine picnic cuisine.

No worship service at KMPC on Sunday, July 3rd