



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 2022

THE OLIVE BRANCH



November Events

- 1 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 5 **Bedtime: Set clocks back**
- 6 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- 8 Election Day
- 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Tday Basket Deadline
- 20 11:00am Session Meeting
- 22 Olive Branch Deadline
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 26 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 27 **Advent Begins**

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship in-person
& via Zoom
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Bell Rehearsal
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our calendar on our website



A Big Shout Out & Thank you



A big thank you to Steve Wonsor and Mike Kurti for trimming shrubs around the church and manse and contacting Stover Wells & Pumps to replace the well pump at the church so we could have water. B&G Team Rocks!!!

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From the Pastor

Chosen Instruments

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
Praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
Praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals;
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD! (Psalm 150)



We all look forward to music when we come to church. I can say that I've been a church music fan for over 50 years; ever since my mom packed me off to choir at the tender age of 7. So yes, I've been praising God most of my life.

Now when we think of making a joyful noise we often think of using our voices and various musical instruments. How else can we make music for the Lord?

One great Christian had a slightly different idea:

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.



Of course the word instrument can be any kind of implement. Yet if we are to be instrumental in the service of our Lord, perhaps we should think of ourselves as God's instruments called to bring the joyful noise of God's grace to all the world.

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From the Pastor *continued...*

The music of divine love plays uniquely in each person's life. Through individual personalities and personal life events the goodness of God takes on a melody all its own. The song of God needs instruments to give it shape and voice.

A piano is just a row of keys until someone touches them into life. A violin remains a mute stringed instrument until someone picks it up and touches the strings with song. We are all called to the instruments through which the melody of God takes shape. Through our lives God's love seeks to make music for the world.

Imagine how differently we might live our lives if each day when we awaken we envisioned ourselves as an instrument of God. We would know each day that we are not alone. We would rejoice and find comfort from the divine musician making a melody of goodness with our gifts and talents. We would know that God's understanding and compassion are being sung through us when we are with people who are sick or troubled.

During this month of November I invite you to be an instrument of God's goodness. Develop your awareness each day of how God makes music through you. Discover anew how love touches others lives because of your availability and openness to the Divine presence. Most of all enjoy the song that God plays through you.

Joyfully,
Rev. Marie



Date (mm/dd/yyyy EDT)	Available Slot		 Calendar View
10/30/2022 (Sun. 9:30am)	Worship Leader	DR Donald Reilly	
	Coffee Hour	Sign Up	
11/06/2022 (Sun. 9:30am)	Worship Leader	NC Nancy Cronic	
	Coffee Hour	Sign Up	
11/13/2022 (Sun. 9:30am)	Worship Leader	RP Roger Pickard	
	Coffee Hour	Sign Up	
11/20/2022 (Sun. 9:30am)	Worship Leader	NZ Norma Zimmerman	
	Coffee Hour	Sign Up	
11/27/2022 (Sun. 9:30am)	Worship Leader	SL Steve Little	
	Coffee Hour	Sign Up	

Food Ministry

We gave out 20 bags of food at our October Grocery Giveaway. Our next Giveaway will be November 19 which will be our Thanksgiving Giveaway. The list of items that we hope to give every family is in the midweek. We try to give every family all the items of our monthly giveaway plus the works for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Giant and ShopRite are having their free turkey giveaway. If you qualify and don't want your turkey or ham, we would love to have it. I know that everything is expensive this year, but I have seen in ShopRite that the small boneless Hormel hams are \$12.99 and the boneless turkeys are \$11.99. Our Latino families seem to prefer hams.

We will probably be giving away around 40 boxes of food. We do a few more food boxes because East Amwell School lets us know about families that may need some help. Members of our church also know about needs in the community. If you know of someone who might need a Thanksgiving or Christmas food basket, please let Sue King know.

We don't do this alone. We will be getting help from Living Waters Church, Larison's Corner Church, Athletes in Action, The Women's Auxiliary of the Firehouse, a brownie troop from West Amwell, and Orlando's Restaurant is letting us put a box to collect nonperishables in their restaurant. ShopRite donates pumpkin pies.

Please refer to the Thanksgiving food list as you do your shopping. All donations should be at church by November 16. If you have a turkey or ham and can't get it to church when Chris is there, please email Sue King at shomax.hsje@gmail.com and she will arrange a time to meet you. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Baskets Shopping List:

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



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! **Christmas Baskets**—This drive will continue through December 14 so keep those donations coming.



David, helping fill the Blessing Box.



Donations from Living Waters Lutheran Church for Thanksgiving Baskets



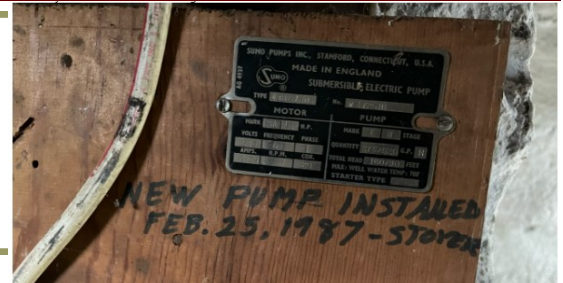
Church Custodian Barry Bacorn after many, many years being our church custodian (and a host of other unofficial workings) will be moving out of the area at the end of the month. Many thanks Barry for your hard work !! You will truly be missed!!

Personnel will be looking for someone that might want to take on these duties. If you're interested -or someone you know is- please contact anyone on the personnel committee (Jim Danner, Roger Pickard, Pastor Marie, Steve Little)

Thanks

Personnel committee

On Saturday, October 15, there was no water running in the building. Our wonderful Building and Grounds team contacted Stover Wells & Pumps . They replaced the well pump and Ryan Stover pointed out the last pump was installed by his father in 1987...Ryan said he is the same age now his dad was in 1987. Here's a photo from the previous pump.



Session October Update:

The session met in Library on October 16th at 11AM for our regular monthly meeting. Pastor Marie called the meeting to order, and Elder Don Reilly did the devotions and prayer.

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

Don Reilly filled in as clerk of session for this Month.

There is a sign up list to be a Worship Leader with Pastor Marie. Signups for September and October are:

October 23rd Steve Little

October 30th Don Reilly

November 6th Nancy Cronce

November 13th Roger Pickard

November 20th Norma Zimmerman

November 27th Steve Little

We are looking for more signups for Worship Leader with Pastor Marie and there is a link printed in the Mid-Week announcements and Olive Branch. Worship leaders volunteers can be from the Session, Deacons or congregation. A Worship Leader reads all announcements and the First Reading of Scripture and prayer.

We have faithfully Celebrated Communion every week through September and October 16th.

Charles and Colleen Conrad have requested A Transfer to their new church. This was approved with regret.

Our covid protocol – Social distancing.

The Deacons will now take notes for all requested prayers during the prayer request time and also someone will also bring the microphone around so we can all hear. This is so everyone on zoom can hear and all in congregation to hear more clearly.

It was agreed on Christmas Eve Service being held at 5:30PM and Christmas Day we are working on presenting a pre-recorded service created through Presbytery. More information will be reported next month. Pastor Marie will be off on January 1st and there will be a substitute for our morning service.

The Discernment Team is working very hard on going to the next step of our journey. More updates coming soon.

Deacons day was celebrated October 16th at Sunday Service.

Updates were given on all committees.

We continue to look for a replacement for Karen Shipman as Clerk of Session.

Next stated Session meeting – Sunday November 20th at 11AM after church. Roger Pickard will do opening devotions.

Motion to adjourn meeting and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Norma Zimmerman

Deacon's November 2022 Prayer List

KMPC Family

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)
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

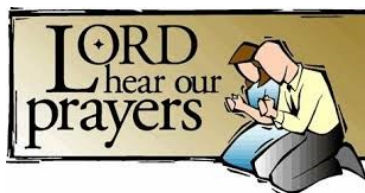
Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
Irene K
Phyllis P
Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
Amy F. (healing)
Andrew (heart & cancer) Bev
Angela Bodine (cancer)
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
Ellen (healing) Betty
Franklin (Cancer)
Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
Jackson (Lyme disease) Bev
Jean (Brain tumor) Chris
Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
Joey (brain aneurysm) Ferrell
Kayla (cancer) Dave C's granddaughter
Keith P (healing)
Larry (liver cancer) Ferrell

Lisa and Eric (house flooded)
Lynn H
Lolly H.(brain tumor) Debbie N friend
Mary (cancer)
Nancy (heart attack & leg amputation) Paul's 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
Troubled youth
U.S. & World Situations
Unemployed
Victims of Violence
People with flu and virus
People of Ukraine
Veterans



November Birthdays

Brian Case, Jr	Nov 1
Brennan Carey	Nov 2
Shane Carey	Nov. 2
Scott Ballard	Nov. 6
Jill Williamson	Nov. 8
Don Reilly	Nov. 10
Breanna Fulper	Nov 12
Jennifer Bacorn	Nov. 13
Ellie Verbeyst	Nov. 13
Pat Pickard	Nov. 16
Daniel Al-Daqa	Nov 21
Karen Shipman	Nov. 21
Wren Verbeyst	Nov. 23
Annie Donnelly	Nov. 27
Darryl Cronce	Nov. 30



Anniversaries

Joe & Emily Rapp	Nov. 2
Darryl & Nancy Cronce	Nov. 11
Barry & Jen Bacorn	Nov. 13



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

MISSION NEWS

This is Melissa Hults (Frank and Linda's daughter). I was a long time KMPC member, was married at the church, my kids were baptized there & I even traveled in my first mission trip experiences through KMPC back in the 90s!

Now I have been involved for ten years with an organization called e3. In particular I have traveled on evangelism and church planting trips to Colombia in the summers . I took my oldest daughter once and now I have an opportunity to take my two oldest kids again in June 2023. I am not sure if there would be a way to share the kids/ our mission trip link to the church newsletter or with the mission board. In the link is a post from my kids about the trip and they're drafting their individual letters now for the fundraising . Prayers from the congregation would also be appreciated as we prepare , fundraise and travel . It is a daunting feat to get one or two of us on a trip, but this time we are planning for three !

It is a crucial time to expose my kids to the mission field , and as I have seen as a high schooler , mission trips in my teen years have launched my life into a trajectory of home based and international mission work. The kids also are extremely involved in the community at home and are excited to venture out overseas and continue in service .

Here is our link. I'm available if you have any questions or concerns .

<https://www.purecharity.com/fundraisers/melissa-hultss-fundraiser-for-cali-colombia-co23c?aff=llpal>

Melissa



(Attaching a picture of my oldest on her last trip evangelizing to young people on the street in Colombia and my son managing a toys for tots project here in Maryland just for reference)



Hearts 4 Honduras

Kirkpatrick Memorial Church has a long held tradition of supporting local and foreign missions as an act of showing the love of Jesus Christ to all in need. A new opportunity has been brought to our attention by Janis Little following her recent trip to Honduras. The mission is called Hearts 4 Honduras which is a Christian school located in La Entrada, Honduras. The school provides a comprehensive Christian Education that includes literacy and life skills.

You can help with this project by helping to sponsor a child's education with a tax deductible donation. For more information, go to: <https://www.hearts4honduras.com/values> OR contact

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