



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 2024

THE OLIVE BRANCH



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Ringoes, New Jersey

February Events

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 Super Fill-up Food Ministry
Super Bowl Sunday
- 13 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday at
Stockton Presby.
- 14 Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
7:00pm Worship at
Lambertville Presby.
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 18 1st Sunday in Lent
- 19 Presidents' Day, bank closed
- 20 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 24 11:00 Grocery Giveaway

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 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

View our calendar on our website



2023 Giving Statements:

If you did not receive your giving statement, you can contact the church. Printed copies are on the connector table, or you can get a pdf emailed to you

From Pastor Barbara

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

As I sit at the window, watching the fluffy snowflakes slowly float down to settle into their appointed places, I am filled with gratitude for the many blessings I have had by being called to KMPC. The beauty of this area is awesome and inviting. The snowfalls have brought a refreshing and new glimpse of the landscape as well as giving us a foretaste of all the beauty that will come. We can see the beauty in nature and accept the forgiveness Christ offers to cleanse us from our sins, making them white as snow.

We are in the season of Epiphany. An epiphany happens when suddenly a concept or idea becomes clear. It is like turning on a light bulb in the dark, where suddenly you can see or understand something that was unseen, or not understood before.

The church has an Epiphany season when perhaps you have and will continue to experience a stronger connection and insight into who Jesus Christ is, and why he came to earth. In our Sunday services we began the season with the Baptism of the Lord Sunday in which we reaffirmed our Baptismal Vows, and as we worshipped in the light of our Loving Creator, we are reminded that God claims us as God's own. Through this Epiphany season, as we approach Ash Wednesday, we may come to grow in our understanding the depth of God's love for us.

We are quickly approaching Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and is also Valentine's Day. What a fitting day to learn of the greatest Love there is. Jesus is God's Love letter to us.

As we move into Lent, we might grow in our understanding of how much we need a Savior. Our sins can be as scarlet, yet our Lord Jesus has come to cleanse us, and forgive us leaving our souls as white as snow.

I hope and pray that during this season, "that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God". (Ephesians 3:18-19)

Grace and peace,
Pastor Barbara

**Lent is a time to fast from certain things
and to feast on others.**

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on
promises that inspire.



Fat Tuesday — February 13th

5:30pm—8:30pm

**Pancake Dinner with
Live Musical Performances**

Stockton Presbyterian Church (22 South Main Street, Stockton, NJ) invites you to join us for an evening of great food and music—all for free. Starting at 5:30 SPC will be serving piles of pancakes, sausage and bacon with drinks. The live music will begin at 6:00pm. This year we are pleased to feature soloists, duets, a flash mob and a 10 piece band all on Stockton Presbyterian's historic stage.

The evening is all about food, music, Mardi Grass beads and having a good time. Feel free to bring a friend or two. There is parking across the street in the school's lot, at the firehouse and on the street.

This is a totally FREE event. Any donations will be gladly accepted to help finish our 4th Laos school building project in Ban Latsan Village in Xieng Khuang Province.

Contact Ken Hayes at 908-347-4144 M for more information.

The River Churches will be combining services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Shrove Tuesday - February 13th
5:30PM at Stockton Presbyterian

Ash Wednesday - February 14th
7:00PM at Lambertville Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday - March 28th
7:00PM at Kirkpatrick Memorial

Good Friday - March 29th
7:00PM at Titusville Presbyterian

Food Ministry

February

Thank you and Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church very much for helping our families in need of support!!

Through your generosity and support, in addition to the monthly Grocery Giveaway, we were able to help an additional 15 families in need of support this holiday season through our 2023 Holiday Cheer.

Thank you again for your care, compassion, collaboration, and generosity, and for bringing Holiday Cheer to our families in need of support!!

Wishing you and all at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

With gratitude,

Jessica/Student Services

Tackle Hunger Feb. 11 is Superbowl Sunday, and we need to "Super Fill Up" our Food Giveaway Baskets/Bags. Please donate a \$1 or a box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, jar of jelly, box of pancake mix, bottle of syrup, a jar of pasta sauce. If you are not in church that Sunday, leave all donations in the container outside the connector door.

KMPC Session January update:

The session met by Zoom on January 16th at 7PM with Pastor Barbara Booth as moderator for our monthly meeting. Pastor Barb called the meeting to order, and Norma Zimmerman opened with devotions and prayer.

Worship Assistant Sign up for:

February 4 Don Reilly

February 11 Jim Danner

February 18 Pat Wright

February 25 Mike Kurti

Volunteers needed for Worship assistant please sign up on the link printed in the Mid-Week bulletin and Olive Branch. We also need people to volunteer for coffee hour. Paul Mitten so graciously makes the coffee every week for us. Please sign up to bring a light snack for all to enjoy. Coffee hour is now in the gym each week.

We are still working on our list of keys to church. Decisions for a new key for main door will be made soon. New keys will be replaced in the Manse.

We have faithfully celebrated communion on 12/17, 12/31, 1/7 and 1/14.

Pastor Barb mentioned possibly having a Lenten Bible study. More information to come.

Updates from all committees.

We will be having our annual congregational Meeting on January 28th and the Deacons will be preparing a lunch for all to share. We will be having a variety of soups all home made by the deacons.

Next stated Session meeting – Tuesday February 20th at 7PM
Motion to adjourn meeting and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Norma Zimmerman

Deacon's February 2024 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angel Dave's daughter
 Angela Bodine (cancer)
 Alan Bodine (testing)
 Bart and Norma
 Betsy P. for healing
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Erik Z
 Glenn M (cancer) Tracy
 Scott, Lanie B's husband
 Shipman Family grieving
 Stef - Lynn's daughter
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony

Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins
 Hospice Patients
 Teachers & Students

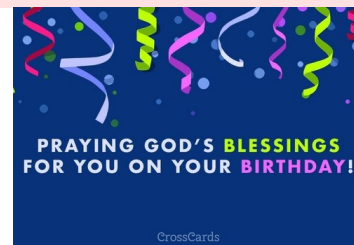
Assisted Living/Care Center

Barry C
 Chuck & Jean Mundhenk
 Irene K
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Debbie Sue B
 Edward G (cancer) Godown
 Howard (Parkinson) Betty
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
 Jean (Brain tumor) Chris
 Jen

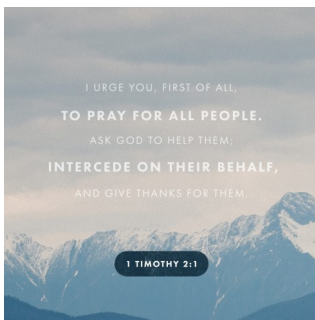
(Health Issues –
 Joey (brain aneurysm) Ferrell
 Karol Susan's sister
 Keith P (healing)
 Linda (Cancer)
 Larry (liver cancer) Ferrell
 Miller family recovering from
 house fire
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's
 Friend
 Natalie (Steve L sister)
 Rachel. Sue B daughter
 Sandy, Frank H.'s brother
 Sara (horse accident) Terri F.
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) –
 Tracy's M. Dad
 Vance Hayes family
 Families of Natural Disasters
 First Responders
 Military Men & Women and their
 Families
 President & Congress
 Prisoners
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims
 Travel Blessings
 Troubled youth
 U.S. & World Situations
 Unemployed
 Victims of Violence
 People with flu and virus
 People of Ukraine



Norma Case	Feb. 2
Kathy Lovett	Feb. 3
Nathan Reilly	Feb. 3
Aaron Reilly	Feb. 3
Tom Verbeyst	Feb. 3
Max Friedermann	Feb. 5
Erik Zimmerman, Sr.	Feb. 5
Nancy Cronic	Feb. 7
Jared Meyers	Feb. 7
Chelsea Fulper Davis	Feb. 8
Debbie Lentine	Feb. 12
Zach Hodes	Feb. 24
Steve Wonsor	Feb. 24



Feb 3 Anthony & Shawn Dell
 Feb 29 Jamie Lyn & Michael Quinn



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1 Timothy 2:1 The Message translation

Ladies of KMPC—you are invited to have coffee with Pastor Barbara on Wednesday, January 31st at 10 am in the church library. This is an opportunity for informal conversation and getting to know each other. Feel free to bring a treat to share with others but coffee and talk are all we need.



Thank you to Lynn for taking photos at the luncheon. See the [Gallery](#) page on our website to view them.

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