



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 2021



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Ringoes, New Jersey

## January Events

- 1 Happy & Healthy New Year  
Office Closed
- 5 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 6 Epiphany
- 8 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 10 Baptism of our Lord
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 31 Annual Meeting**

## Weekly

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

All activities will be on zoom

### The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

will be held on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> after worship – on the same Zoom worship link. Reports will be available for pickup or email on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

**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.

## From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As the New Year dawns, we find ourselves in what appears to be the second wave of the virus. There is good news on the horizon with several promising vaccines, but we are not out of the woods yet. I am afraid that we face a few more months of isolation and quarantining until things start to get better again.



While we wait, I thought it a good idea if we focus our prayers on those whom we prayed for most at the beginning of the pandemic in March. This prayer focus comes from Jen Pollock Michel, author, wife and mother. I encourage you to remember the frontline workers in our church family, friends, family, loved ones and strangers who serve in this way in your prayers.

*For frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. We also pray:*

*God, keep them safe and healthy. Keep their families safe and healthy.*

*God, help them to be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this disease, as well as the changing protocols.*

*God, help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic.*

*God, deliver them from anxiety for their own loved ones (aging parents, children, spouses, roommates).*

*God, give them compassion for every patient in their care.*

*God, provide for them financially, especially if they fall ill and are unable to work.*

*God, help Christians in health care to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope. Give them opportunities to proclaim the gospel.*

*God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love.*

*Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen. (From Internet. [www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/covid-19-coronavirus-20-prayers-to-pray-during-pandemic.html](http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/covid-19-coronavirus-20-prayers-to-pray-during-pandemic.html). 12/07/20).*

In this new year, let us commit to more prayer, more time with God, more concern and care for others until we can gather in person once again. What a day that will be! See you on Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,  
Pastor Mike



### Giving Tree for Friendship Center



Thank you also to everyone who purchased gifts for the Giving Tree. We received over 188 gifts for the clients of the Friendship Center (many from Amazon – so thank you to everyone who used Amazon Smile and designated the church as the charity!). The gifts were delivered the week of December 14th, and the Friendship Center was thrilled by the generosity!

See their thank you note on another page.



### Advent "Name That Carol" Fellowship Event –



On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we had our Advent "Name That Carol" Fellowship Event. It was a wonderful time of guessing and remembering the names of familiar carols! Thanks to everyone who participated!! Our big winners were Jeanne Mundhenk & Amy Atzert – congratulations!!

Special thanks to Emily Rapp for playing the songs!

### Future Fellowship Events

– If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the winter, please let Pastor Mike know. We may plan another Virtual Paint Party, "Name That Tune," and Bingo – but are looking for other ideas.

**2021 Calendars** Deacons are collecting 2021 calendars for the residents of the Hunterdon Care Center and greeting cards for the women at the Edna Mahan Correctional Center. Donations may be left in the bin outside the connector.




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!

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

Adopt-A-Family - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021 and have fully funded the ministry for the year. Thank you for your support!!

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.

Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. We will finish up our Advent study is "Advent of the Savior" by Cindy Bunch on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a video series by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why," based on the Apostles' Creed. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.



Thank you to Betty Reilly for sending us a photo of our sign outside the Hunterdon Hospice office.



**Annual Reports** are due into the church office by Sunday, January 3, 2021. You may email them to Chris at [admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org). The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> after worship – on the same Zoom worship link. Reports will be available for pickup or email on Sunday, January 24, 2021.

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

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeremiah 31:7-14 – “The Lord’s Declaration”

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:4-11 – “Cleansing Waters”

January 17<sup>th</sup> – I Samuel 3:1-20 – “Who’s Calling?”

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Mark 1:14-20 – “And Now for the Good News”

January 31<sup>st</sup> – James 1:2-12 – “A Year Like No Other”



### KMPC Financial Summary

#### 2020

MTD (November)  
 Receipts – \$18,664.49  
 Expenses - \$17,354.54  
 Difference – \$1,309.95

YTD (through November)  
 Receipts – \$183,020.04  
 Expenses – \$181,616.09  
 Difference - \$1,403.95

#### 2019

MTD (November 2019)  
 Receipts - \$15,637.29  
 Expenses - \$21,734.30  
 Difference – (\$6,097.01)

YTD (through November 2019)  
 Receipts - \$185,857.40  
 Expenses - \$200,438.80  
 Difference – (\$14,581.40)

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together – let us finish 2020 strong! God has blessed our church abundantly this year. Pledge cards and stewardship letters have been sent – please prayerfully consider how you will support KMPC in 2021.

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 \$0.30 admin fee per transaction. Please consider adding those fees to your donation to cover the costs for KMPC.





Christmas Poinsettias 2020

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| The Atzert Family                         | In memory of Shirley Atzert<br>In memory of Raymond Moyer<br>In memory of James K. Davies      |
| Jenna Atzert, Emily & Joe Rapp,           | In memory of Bill McLeester, Steve & Kathy Hilbert                                             |
| Susan Berger                              | In memory of Pete & Blanche Gary<br>In memory of Dean Berger / Marylin Berger                  |
| Karen and Roger DeLay                     | In memory of Frances and Ted Mills<br>In memory of Mildred and Raymond DeLay                   |
| The Fulper Family                         | In memory of Sally Fulper                                                                      |
| The Kaminski Family                       | In memory of Renn Kaminski<br>In memory of Doug and Grace Cronce                               |
| Kathy Lovett                              | In memory of Grandmother Cleona Warner<br>In memory of parents David and Edna Lovett           |
| Lynn & Ridgeley Hutchinson                | In memory of Coerte & Anne Hutchinson<br>In memory of Gail Messier, Ray Messier, Theresa Heyes |
| Don and Betty Reilly                      | In memory of Frank & Pearl Reilly<br>In memory of Adolph & Edna Cox                            |
| Karen Shipman                             | In loving memory of my mom and dad, Nancy & Randy Phillips                                     |
| Pat and Terry Wright                      | In memory of Olga Kertesz<br>In memory of Alice Baldwin                                        |
| In memory of Hillary Tobin, Sharon Mitzen |                                                                                                |



**Holiday Food Baskets** – Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support of the Deacons Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Between the 2 holidays, we filled over 40 baskets and 10 additional food bags for the pantry! This would not be possible without the generous support of our church family, Athletes in Action, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Amwell Valley Fire Company.



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## Clothing Drive

November 18, 2020 – January 21, 2021

Please Place Items & Bags in Box Under Front Porch Area  
1141 Old York Road Ringoes, NJ 08551

### Accepted items

- Clothing for men, women and children.
- Shoes (Please Place in Separate Bag)
- Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc.
- Soft household items like towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters and curtains.
- Small toys (2 ft. or less).
- Stuffed animals, bikes and scooters.
- Car seats (only together with base) and strollers

### Non-Accepted Items

- Sport equipment (bikes and scooters are OK)
- No board games, books, puzzles, pots and pans.
- No electrical devices or glass.
- No large toys, high chairs, baby cribs.
- VCR tapes, furniture and outdoor play sets.



It takes a village.

Delaware Valley Food Pantry thanks YOU for touching our hearts with your support during this unprecedented year.

Our volunteers. Our clients. Our community. We've all been challenged by this pandemic, but it is through the strength, ingenuity, and generosity of our community that we've managed to stay open in 2020 and feed our neighbors in need.

For safety reasons, we moved our operations outside and limited the number of our volunteers. In our 65 years of service, we have never experienced greater demand. Fortunately, we have also received unprecedented support.

Thank you to our loyal and dedicated volunteers, our generous and caring community, and YOU!

Stay safe over the holidays and into the New Year!

*Joe McGrath*  
Joe McGrath  
Director of Operations

*Bert Johnson*  
Bert Johnson  
President



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December 15, 2020

Dear Pastor Mike and all our friends at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your very kind donation of clothing, toys, diapers, and toiletries, and delivering them! Your church family has been so faithful, I wish you could see the looks on our moms faces when they pick up the gift! This is such a timely reminder of God's love to our clients at Christmas and especially this year with the pandemic! We thank God for all His blessing upon us and for his mercy and grace upon the Hispanic community. This time of year can be very difficult for our moms, not only for material things but loneliness always seems worse at Christmas. They feel loved and cared for by people they don't know, which gives us the opportunity to tell them Who really loves them, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Many of our moms have lost their jobs in the current coronavirus pandemic, since most of them work in unskilled jobs like waitressing, retail, and in cleaning houses or hotels. This makes the support we offer even more vital. Since we freely share the Good News of the Gospel in all our outreaches, we believe God has placed us here especially for such a time as this, as an expression of His Loving Provision through godly counsel, prayer, and material support

It is hard to believe that 2020 is almost over! We thank God so much for His provision all through the year. We have continued to see new moms almost every month, even though the pandemic has made it difficult but, God always finds a way. It is wonderful to see how God is transforming the lives of our moms and also of their families. Many of them are attending a church or they are able to see it on-line. We believe that God, once again made a way for people to hear His Word and feel the hope that it brings.

Next year will bring other "challenging" goals, and we believe that God will continue helping us to show his love to many people. We are confident that God will provide, because nothing is impossible for Him! We pray that God blesses you and all your family at Christmas, and may He refresh you in the New Year as your kindness has refreshed us. Pastor Mike it was so nice to see you, and we will continue to pray for Jenna and all at your church!

Together in His service,  
Mimi Koontz, Co- Director

