



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 2024

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## November Events

- 3 All Saints Sunday  
9:30am Communion  
Day Light Saving Time Ends
- 5 **Election Day**  
6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 **Veterans Day**
- 12 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 23 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 24 thru Dec 1 Pastor's Vacation
- 24 Pastor Spildooren preaching
- 25 Olive Branch Deadline
- 28 Thanksgiving—office closed
- 29 Office Closed for holiday
- Dec 1 Elder VanBruggen preaching

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65  
7 pm *Pastor's Bible Study*
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study  
6:00pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Band Rehearsal
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
8:00pm AA
- Sat 4:00pm AA

## Staff Vacation

Pastor Barbara is on vacation Nov. 24— Dec.1. Pastor Spildooren is preaching on Nov. 24 and Elder Van Bruggen will be preaching on Sunday, Dec. 1. There will be no communion on Dec. 1.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Clerk of Session, Linda Hults. She will arrange for pastoral visitation if needed.

View our [calendar](#) on our website



## Pastor's Ponderings

Trees, showing their beauty with multicolor, then brown, falling leaves, find the place where God has chosen for their resting place. They give us ground cover; show us the beauty and care God has chosen for our delight. This is the time we are reminded of the gift of life and beyond, all as God's plan.

We start the month with All Saints' Day, a time to remember and give thanks for those saints that have passed on from this life to the next. In Scandinavia, people are invited to All Saints' Day celebrations by lighting candles, cleaning ancestors' burial sites and having concerts. It is a public holiday; a day off for the general population, and schools and most businesses are closed.

Other cultures mourn in silence which can lead to depression and even despair. As Christians, we are invited to share our grief with each other and bring comfort and compassion to those who might be hurting while remembering. We can also use remembrance tokens to build small reminders such as pictures and use our memories and imaginations to bring peace.

Mary Oliver writes in *Wild Geese* "Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine. Whoever you are no matter how lonely; the world offers itself to your imagination".

Later in the month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving by joining with family or friends or with God, giving thanks to all the many gifts God has given to us.

A favorite blessing from my children's Pre-School days is -

"God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for our food, and each other." Amen.

Indeed, God is great, and God is good.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Pastor Barbara*



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**December 8<sup>th</sup>** December 8th Abby Danner will be leading a class for making a table arrangement for the Holidays. The charge will be \$40.00 per person with will include lunch prior to the class. Lunch will be served at 11 just prior to class. Class size is limited to 15 people and we now have 13. If interested get in touch with Norma. We will be having a few desserts after the class. Anyone interested in making something to bring please let me know. E-mail [enzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:enzimmerman@comcast.net)

### Field Trip: A Christmas Carol at Music Mountain Theater



The tickets to see the Christmas Carol on Dec 14th at 3pm have been purchased. Please see Kathy to get your tickets and to reimburse her the \$27.



### BOOTS and BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Many of you will remember that the KMPC Senior Women's Group used to sponsor a gift drive each year—we all picked a card off of the Christmas tree in the connector and we bought the childrens' gifts listed. This year, the Deacons are continuing that tradition by collecting gifts for the Friendship Center for New Beginnings and the Good News Home for Women. The Friendship Center has requested girls or boys toddler boots (any toddler size); the Good News Home has indicated that Walmart gift cards are the most helpful for their clients.

If you would like to purchase toddler boots, take one of the BOOT cards. There will be a box in the connector to collect your boots. If you would like to give a gift card, we ask that you put \$20 in one of the gift envelopes from the tree and drop it in the Gift Card Collection box in the church office—your Deacons will purchase the actual cards.

The tree will be up in the connector with cards and envelopes starting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like all gifts delivered to us by December 8<sup>th</sup> so that we can get them to the organizations and to the families in time to use for Christmas.

Any questions, please contact Kim Fulper or Betty Reilly.

You are an amazingly generous congregation and again we thank you for your contributions!

The KMPC Board of Deacons



**FALL BACK**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Sunday, November 5, 2024

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Kim Fulper will be sprucing up the Sanctuary on Election Day (she has off) and invites all to come help. Work begins at 11 a.m.; come when you can and leave when you must.

## Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is November 23. This will be our Thanksgiving giveaway. If you earn a free turkey or ham and you don't need one, we will gladly take it. Thank you for all you do to help our neighbors with food insecurity. **Donations are needed by November 20th**

We will continue to collect for the Christmas Baskets until Dec. 18th

### Monday Night Bible Study with Pastor Barbara

7:00pm in the library and on zoom

“Dreams of the Bible”.

Understanding this unique way God communicates with us throughout recorded history. We will look into the dreams of the Old Testament, and New Testament. What is God telling us?

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85881121128>

## 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, Boxed Potatoes
- 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 18 so keep those donations coming.

B&G crew doing fall trimming and clean up. Absent from the photo was Kim Fulper.



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### November 2024 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
All Saints 11/2/2024	Pastor Barbara					Terry
Veterans Day 11/20/2024	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
11/17/2024	Pastor Barbara	Deacons				No Communion
Christ the King 11/24/2024	Pastor Mark Spildooren					No Communion

*This is the latest message from Diane Kennedy who, along with her husband Walter, serve as missionaries in Indonesia. KMPC and supported their work for years. Diane has been undergoing treatment for cancer and is in need of prayer.*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for continuing to pray for us. We will be meeting every Tuesday with the doctor after Bloodwork. This past Tuesday my platelets were doubled from the week before, having gone up to 75, which is very good! The other counts are still low, but the Doctor is encouraged.

We are now in our new rental place through December 15th, being close to the hospital. Here is the address.

Walter and Diane Kennedy  
5014 Gainesville Dr.  
Temple Terrace, Fl. 33617

Ryan and Mandy's daughter Kaydence seems to be responding well to the typhoid medicine, and the fever has subsided. She continues to have a bad cough....so would appreciate continued prayers for her.

Thank you so much for all of your encouraging words and faithful prayers that the Lord is answering. We so appreciate that you have been with us through this whole journey and will continue to be with us.

With great appreciation,

*Diane and Walter*



## November Birthdays

Don Reilly	Nov. 10
Breanna Fulper	Nov 12
Ellie Verbeyst	Nov. 13
Pat Pickard	Nov. 16
Karen Shipman	Nov. 21
Pastor Barbara	Nov. 21
Wren Verbeyst	Nov. 23
Annie Donnelly	Nov. 27
Darryl Cronce	Nov. 30



## Anniversaries

Darryl & Nancy Cronce Nov. 11



On October 20th, we celebrated the sacrament of Baptism with Teagan Grace Swiatek, daughter of Alyssa Wonsor Swiatek and Adam Swiatek. Welcome to the fold!



Parents Alyssa and Adam Swiatek.  
Grandparents, Steve and Lori Wonsor.



The after party in the gym.

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