



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 2024

THE OLIVE BRANCH



August Events

- 4 10:30 Communion
- 13 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 12-14 6pm **Art Camp**
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 18 Backpack Deadline
- 23 VIP Deadline
- 24 11-12 Grocery Giveaway

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Troop 65
- 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:

Jim H is on vacation
August 4, 11, 25 & Sept. 1.

View our calendar on our website

Pastor's Ponderings

As we move into the last full month of the summer, I wonder where the summer went. Wasn't it just yesterday that we watched the eclipse? How did it go so fast? It was full of hot days across the country, breaking records. We had an increased need for air conditioning, shade, fans, and water, either in a cup to drink, or in a body of water safe enough to swim in.

It has been said that time goes faster as we age because we are experiencing fewer "firsts". When we are experiencing new things, time seems to stand still while we are living them. And this has been a time of many "firsts" possibly because newscasters are needing to sensationalize the daily events, or because the world events are happening faster than usual. Or maybe it has been both. Nevertheless, the summer seems to have been passing by at full speed.

Yet, we shouldn't allow time to slip through our grasp. Time itself, is a gift from God. We all get 24 hours to use. No one, no matter how much money or "toys" we have, we all have the exact same portion of hours in the day.

As we are turning the corner of summer, the time that is called the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, we can look back and see how we used our time this summer. Did we pray enough? Have we set aside time to serve others? Did we set aside time to care for the gift of all the creation - the earth and all that is in it- that God has given to us? Did we devote time to serve God? And, have I been a good steward of the time God has given to me?

The good news is that summer is not over. We still have time to make changes. We can still spend time with God, praying and meditating. We still have time to either continue caring for or start caring for all of creation, as God's appointed stewards of it.

As we prepare this month for the summer to give way to the busyness of the cooler days, let us continue down our stewardship journey.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Barbara



Congratulations Kirkpatrick!!!

Session is pleased to announce that we have exceeded our **Capital Campaign** objective. Once again the congregation has responded to the needs of the church. We collected \$29,895 against our \$26,000 goal. This includes a \$4,000 pledge to be received by years end. The contributions ranged from \$50 to \$10,000 with each contribution helping us achieve our goal. Thank you for your continued faithfulness which enables us to serve the Lord in our community and beyond.

The Scots' Confession

Recently, we have been reciting portions of The Scots' Confessional in our Sunday mornig service. Pastor Barbara has explained that she feels it is important that we are exposed to the church's history.

Dennis R Bratcher (a retired professor of the Old Testatment and church educator) explains The Scots' Confessional: "The Scots' Confession was written in 1560 at the direction of the Scottish parliament. Bitter struggle had erupted between the supporters of the Roman Catholic Church led by the Queen Regent Mary of Guise and those who embraced the Reformation and opposed Catholicism, which is derogatorily referred to as Papism. Mary had adamantly opposed all attempts at reformation of the church in Scotland." In 1560, "Protestant leaders petitioned the Scottish parliament to take action. John Knox, the leader of the Reformation in Scotland, and five other ministers drew up the Scots' Confession in four days, which was promptly ratified by the Parliament. Its central doctrines are those of election (predestination) and the nature of the Church."

The 25 chapters of the Confession are a statement of the Christian faith as understood by the followers of John Calvin at the time. Scotland adopted a supplement (The Second Scots' Confessional) in 1581. It was superceded by the Westminster Confession in 1647, which was written as an stricter attempt to unify religious doctrine, policies and worship over Catholicism and radical Protestant factions in Scotland, England and Ireland.

Today, the Scots' Confessional is included in the current Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Book of Confessions.

One item of interest: included in our readings has been the word 'kirk' which is a traditional Scottish word for 'church'.

from: *KMPC Music & Worship*



Food Ministry

Our next Grocery Giveaway is September 28th.



Norma,
Please accept this donation for your church pantry in July.
I have such wonderful memories of the people I grew to love in your very special town.
Blessings to all involved in this sharing.
Love to all,
Betty M
Retired East Amherst Teacher



Opportunity to help your local community: Volunteer to pick up donated bread from the Giant Supermarket in New Hope and deliver it to the Lambertville Food Pantry. Many people in our congregation have been doing this for years and have found this to be a simple and gratifying thing to do knowing that it is a much appreciated by many in our community. Contact Linda Hults if interested.



Project Backpack - Once again we are collecting school supplies for our young friends at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings, ages K-3rd grade. 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. Susan B., Lanie or Kim F. have the answers if you have any questions. See a full list on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you. Deadline: August 18.



This is David C.'s granddaughter Cassandra and the picture is of her being sworn in as a detective for the Somerset County Prosecutors office. Major accomplishment for this young lady and David is so proud of her.

We extend our congratulations to her on such a wonderful achievement and our prayers for her guidance, wisdom and safety in her position as detective.

Pastor Barbara will be preaching a Creation Series during the month of August.

August 4 – “The Sun, Stars and Moon Up Above”

August 11- “The Earth Is The Lord’s!!!”

August 18- “Water, Water, Everywhere...”

August 25- “All Things Now Living”

(and September 1 – “Imagine Heaven”)

Deacon's August 2024 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Alvin D.
 Angel, Dave's daughter
 Angela B. (cancer)
 Ann D. healing
 Alan B. (testing)
 Ballard Family for their loss
 Bart and Norma
 Betsy P. for healing
 Dave M.
 Esther
 Erik Z
 Glenn M (cancer) Tracy
 Mike K healing
 Stef - Lynn's daughter
 Steve L. Healing

Caregivers

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

Assisted living/ Care Center

Barry C
 Chuck & Jean M.
 Dorothy S. Healing, decisions
 Irene K
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Cindy, Pat's Niece
 Edward G. (cancer)
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter

Jean (Brain tumor) Chris
 Jen (Health Issues –
 Keith P (healing)
 Linda (Cancer)
 Matt –Delay son-in-law
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's
 Friend
 Natalie (Steve L sister)
 Ryan & Tessa A.
 Reece, Fulper baby
 Sara (horse accident) Terri F.
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) –
 Tracy's M. Dad
 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
 Victims of War



Roger D. Aug 3
 Randy S. Aug 3
 Christopher W. Aug 9
 Paul M. Aug 13
 Jessica R. Aug 17
 Glenn M. Aug 25
 Rob F., II Aug 29
 Abigail D. Aug 31



Janis & Steve L. Aug 4
 Roger & Pat P. Aug 12
 Mike & Karen S. Aug 17
 Erik & Norma Z., Sr. Aug 25
 Don & Betty R. Aug 26
 Charles & Jeanne M. Aug 29
 Matt & Kristen S. Aug 29



August 2024 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
8/4/2024	Pastor Barbara	Elder Wright				Sharyn
8/11/2024	Pastor Barbara	Elder Reilly				No Communion
8/18/2024	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
8/25/2024	Pastor Barbara					No Communion

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

Project Backpack

Friendship Center for New Beginnings
Ages: K thru 3rd Grade

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 and add this list 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.

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 18th

Grades K-6

Art Camp

August 12, 13 + 14
6:00 – 8:00 pm

To register, call
908.782.1177
or email
admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

SECTION HEADING CROSSES

THE CROSS IS ONE OF THE OLDEST and most universally recognized symbols in Christianity. Those in the *Book of Common Worship* represent a variety of the many forms that have been used throughout history to represent the Christian faith.



Cross Botonnée
(Preparation for Worship)



Cross from Fifth-Century
Greek Pottery (Prayers
for Various Occasions)



Celtic Cross
(Service for the Lord's Day)



Cross from 4000 B.C.
Near Eastern Pottery
(Marriage)



Jerusalem Cross
(Resources for the
Liturgical Year)



Rayed Cross
(The Funeral: A Service of
Witness to the Resurrection)



Anchored Cross
(Baptism and Reaffirmation
of the Baptismal Covenant)



Cross Patée
(Pastoral Liturgies)



Cross Crosslet
(Daily Prayer)



Cross Cantonnée
(Calendar and
Lectionaries)



Maltese Cross
(The Psalms)