



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



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Ringoes, New Jersey

## September Events


- 1 6:30p Zoom Deacon Meeting
- 5 5:30<sub>pm</sub> Saturday Zoom Worship
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 20 4pm Zoom Bingo
- 28 7pm Zoom Book Club


## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Zoom Worship
- Wed 7:30am Zoom Mens Bible Study
- Wed 7:00pm Zoom Prayer mtg

**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!

**Saturday Worship Opportunity** - Via Zoom, we will have a worship service at 5:30pm on Saturday, September 5th. We hope to bring back some of the elements you loved in the Come As You Are services. Stay tuned for more details and the zoom link.

**Weekly Prayer Meeting** – has changed to **Wednesdays starting this month**. Please join us at 7pm every Wednesday for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will included in the mid-week emailed each week. 

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



## From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,  
Usually, the September Olive Branch is all about returning and rallying. We come off the slower summer and resume meetings, programs, Junior Church, Bible studies, choir and band rehearsals, and thinking about the upcoming months. This fall, like so much of what we have experienced already this year, is not going to be like that. Meeting will still happen, but through Zoom. There will be no in-person gathering for worship, Junior Church, and no rehearsals.

With that said, we continue to be the church and do ministry together. In the pages of this Olive Branch, you will read of a new food ministry that is coming in the next month. This ministry has been borne out of our community efforts through the Deacons doing food baskets and helping those who are in need. I am excited to see how it begins. Your Deacons will put together Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets in the coming months. What that will look like – and how many baskets – still remains to be seen, but with God’s help, ministry continues.

Worship continues at 9:30am every Sunday via Zoom. For those not connected to the computer, you are able to phone in to connect and hear the worship service. In the fall, there will also be Adult Sunday School – day and time to be announced, via Zoom. It will be different, but it is what we are used

to starting in the fall. The Men’s Bible study meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30am through Zoom – contact Don Reilly if you are interested in joining them.

And we will find ways to fellowship this fall. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm where we will gather through Zoom for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Bingo Bash! If you missed the first one, it was a lot of fun for everyone who attended. Looking ahead, we are going to try for one fellowship activity per month in the fall. If you have ideas of things that we can do together virtually, please let me know. Interacting and seeing one another is so important for our church family and for our mental health.

The reopening team continues to meet and monitor what is happening in the state with regard to the virus. As new information becomes available, they will make sure that it gets communicated to the congregation. We want to provide a safe, healthy place for people to come and worship. I am encouraged with the conversation that the team is having in that area.

Through these last five months, it has been clear to me that God is in our midst. I have personally witnessed His hand moving and working through our church family. He has provided ways for us to gather and praise Him. And for that, I am grateful. See you Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,  
Pastor Mike

# Samuel Ayres, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of our Samuel Ayres Jr. Memorial Scholarships. Our prayers go with you for a fulfilling and blessed school experience this year.



I am a senior at NJIT studying Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Manufacturing Engineering. Currently I am in the NJIT Highlander Racing team which is part of the Society of Automotive Engineers. My goal is to become a licensed Professional Engineer. ~Andrew Cronce

“For I know the **PLANS** I have for you” declares the LORD “plans to **PROSPER** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **HOPE** and a **FUTURE.**”  
Jeremiah 29:11



I am entering my sophomore year at the University of Delaware. I am majoring in Sociology and plan to go to law school following my undergrad. I intend to become an attorney however I am unsure what field I want to practice law in yet. In my free time I like to spend time with my friends while I'm home. At school I am a part of Project Sunshine which is a club where I volunteer to go to children's hospitals to spend time and play with the children admitted there. I am also a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. We have the Ronald McDonald House Charity as our philanthropy where we also volunteer to spend time with the children and have fundraisers to raise money for our local house. Thank you to Kirkpatrick and the Scholarship Committee for awarding me the Samuel Ayres Scholarship. ~Sophia Petrucci



I'm a senior this year and I will be finishing my degree with a major in Exercise Science and a minor in Biology. In September I will be getting my L1 CrossFit Coaching Certification. I want to continue advancing through the coaching levels of CrossFit and potentially own a gym somewhere in the future. Along with my CrossFit certs. I plan on obtaining other personal training and nutrition certifications. Ashlyne Bacorn



Prayers of praise for Joel Haywood (past KMPC organist and choir director) and his wife Kathryn! Baby girl Briana Marie Haywood was born on Tuesday, August 11th Everyone is doing well.

## Hurricane Isaias takes issue with front door sign.



Fortunately that was the only damage to the church. Other than we had the slight inconvenience of losing power for a few hours.

Thank you to the Building & Grounds team who made quick work of the clean up and will be restoring the sign.



**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.



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

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Romans 13:8-14 – “Being in Debt”

September 13<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day) – Psalm 150 – “The One Who Sings, Prays Twice”

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 20:1-16 – “Your Date of Hire”

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Philippians 2:1-13 – “In Humility”

**Adopt-A-Family** - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021. If you would like to pledge your support of \$2/week or \$250 for a month for the new year, please let us know any way you feel comfortable: email Pastor Mike or the Admin, include a pledge note with your offering sent to the church. Thank you.

**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!

### Fellowship 2<sup>nd</sup> KMPC Bingo Bash!! Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm via Zoom.

Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Bingo Bash fellowship event. It was a big hit in May when we gathered, so we are doing it again! Create your own Bingo card or Pastor Mike can email you a card. Exciting Prizes!! Zoom Information below:

Topic: Bingo Bash!

Time: Sep 20, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84201671572>

Future Fellowship Events – If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the fall, please let Pastor Mike know.



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## Deacons Corner

### Project Backpack

We were able to donate 6 backpacks and 2 bags of supplies for our young friends at Friendship Center for New Beginnings. The Deacons are purchasing small amount WalMart gift cards for Friendship Center so they can give out to moms for the purchase of school supplies as well.

Thank you to all who supported and donated for this collection. They are thrilled to receive our donations!



### Wonderful News!

Our church is going to set up a Blessing Box (little pantry) outside our church. We pray that it will become a true community effort. We will fill it with non-perishable food and items not supplied by SNAP (food stamps). So start saving and using those coupons from the Sunday paper to get extra toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, laundry/dish detergent, toilet paper and paper towels.

Any non-perishable food items are welcome, but let's think about meals. Such as, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, canned meats (tuna/chicken), canned meals (Spaghetti Os, etc.), boxed mac and cheese, pasta and sauces, rice, ramen, soup, boxed potatoes, canned veggies, fruit, and beans. All items can be placed in the container by the side door.

The sign on the Blessing Box will say: Take what you need  
Bring what you can  
Above all be Blessed



Thank you for your generosity by helping support this ministry. You will be Blessed! Thank you for caring.

### KMPC Financial Summary

2020	2019
MTD (July)	MTD (July 2019)
Receipts – \$17,768.03	Receipts - \$18,117.56
Expenses - \$12,644.50	Expenses - \$19,970.07
Difference – \$5,123.53	Difference – (\$1,852.51)
YTD (through July)	YTD (through July 2019)
Receipts – \$115,208.72	Receipts - \$121,354.37
Expenses – \$113,037.93	Expenses - \$130,423.20
Difference - \$2,170.79	Difference – (\$9,068.83)

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our ministry together in the church and community! In July, we were able to make up all of the YTD deficit – praise God!! There are challenges ahead as the 3-month waiver of Pastor Pension & Insurance charges is over, and there is an insurance payment due. Please continue to support the ministry of KMPC through your giving!

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 \$.30 admin fee per transaction. Please consider adding those fees to your donation to cover the costs for KMPC.

# Deacon's September 2020 Prayer List



## KMPC Family

Angela B (grieving)  
 Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma  
 Ben D. (military)  
 Barb K. (healing)  
 Corliss & Family  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B.  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)  
 Lanie and Husband  
 Paul & Sharon M. (healing)  
 Phyllis P.  
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)  
 Shawn and Anthony  
 Tobin Family (grief)  
 Caregivers  
 Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice Patients  
 Teachers & /Students

## Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Art (Praises for remission) (his mom died – comfort) Dorothy's cousin  
 Bob D (Kidney)  
 Bob and Sue he has (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) and Sue his caregiver. Ann D. friend  
 Carol—Amy's Mom  
 Arlene – grieving son died (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Elizabeth's sister Barbara (Bladder Cancer)  
 Franklin (Cancer)  
 Gail K (Parkinson)  
 Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P)  
 Kate Lim (kidney) Sharyn  
 Lolly H.(brain tumor) Norma Z friend  
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of Gail Abdominal pain

Mary (cancer)  
 Mike V (heart) Bev K  
 Nancy F. (Health issues) Kathy's friend  
 Keith P. (healing)  
 Pauline (Alzheimer's) Kathy L. Aunt  
 Richard B. Sr. (Healing, diabetes)-Dorothy  
 Sandra H. (healing)  
 Sherri B. (healing, lupus) – Richard's Daughter  
 Renda Family (grieving)  
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)  
 Stacey (aggressive breast cancer)  
 Annie D. friend  
 Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.  
 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



- 1st Karin Stover
- 4th Parker Jensen
- 4th Christian Perangelo
- 6th Fred Fulper
- 7th Emma Ruel
- 8th Karen DeLay
- 13th Terry Kell
- 19th Ryan Rader
- 20th Angel Cockburn
- 21st Joshua Hosan
- 24th Steve Ferrell
- 25th Mike Kurti
- 26th Tom Carey
- 26th Colleen Conrad
- 28th Mavis Friedermann
- 28th Melissa Hults-Mokros
- 30th Kevin Ireland



Sept. 2nd 70 Years!!!

**Bart & Norma Case**

- Sept. 2nd Roger & Karen DeLay
- Sept. 4th Tom & Michelle Carey
- Sept. 9th Skip & Terry Kell
- Sept 12th Jamie & Joshua Hosan
- Sept. 20th Glenn & Tracy McClelland
- Sept 20th Tom & Ellie Verbeyst



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 Church.  
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 Amazon Smile for \$49.51!**

Please contact us to have names added or deleted at [admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org)

## Zoom Book Club

**Zoom Book Club!** Amy Atzert will be hosting a Zoom Book Club on **Monday, September 28th at 7pm**. The first book is "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner. She has reserved a book discussion kit from the library which includes 10 copies of the book. If you are interested in participating, please email her at [atzertamy@yahoo.com](mailto:atzertamy@yahoo.com). She will leave a copy of the book in the church library for those who sign up to be returned after the 28<sup>th</sup>. If there is enough interest, we will continue the book club and choose the next book together. Below is a synopsis of the book from the publisher:

*A beautiful scarf, passed down through the generations, connects two women who learn that the weight of the world is made bearable by the love we give away....*

*September 1911. On Ellis Island in New York Harbor, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.*

*Then, while caring for a fevered immigrant whose own loss mirrors hers, she becomes intrigued by a name embroidered onto the scarf he carries...and finds herself caught in a dilemma that compels her to confront the truth about the assumptions she's made. Will what she learns devastate her or free her?*

*September 2011. On Manhattan's Upper West Side, widow Taryn Michaels has convinced herself that she is living fully, working in a charming specialty fabric store and raising her daughter alone. Then a long-lost photograph appears in a national magazine, and she is forced to relive the terrible day her husband died in the collapse of the World Trade Towers...the same day a stranger reached out and saved her.*

*Will a chance reconnection and a century-old scarf open Taryn's eyes to the larger forces at work in her life?. (From the publisher.)*

Dear Friends,

Terri and I have accepted an offer to sell our house here in New Jersey. We will be moving to Florida very soon to be closer to family.

But we didn't want to leave without telling you how much the church has meant to us. We started coming to KMPC in 2001 right before

9/11 happened. We were immediately struck by the warmth and friendliness of the KMPC congregation and over the years we have

made many dear friends here. Terri and I frequently say that God has blessed us beyond measure. We have so much to be thankful for.

But the friends we have made and the time we have shared with our KMPC family is at the top of the list.

May God Bless you all,

Steve & Terri Ferrell



July 10, 2020

Rev. Michael Atzert  
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Dear Michael,

On behalf of the Flemington Area Food Pantry's 220 volunteers and over 2,800 clients, we would like to take a moment to thank you and Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, as well as Maddalenas Cheesecake and Catering, for your generous donation of \$100 on 5/14/2020.

Our clients and their families will have meals to share because of organizations and people like you! In 2019, we were visited 11,097 times, our highest ever and a 14% increase over last year. Our largest increase (25%) in visits were from our seniors, who we are happy to support to ensure they can stay in Hunterdon and pay their rising taxes.

During this coronavirus pandemic time, we particularly appreciated your generosity and thoughtfulness. We immediately saw the impact on families in our community as we've had a significant increase in clients who have worked hard their whole lives to avoid needing food pantry services. Your support gives us the encouragement and financial means to continue our mission during this difficult time.

Again, we thank you sincerely and express great gratitude for your donation to our organization. Your donation is tax-deductible and no goods or services were provided in return for the donation. For your records, our tax-id is 22-3061060.

We hope to work with you again in the future!

Kind Regards,

*Jeanine*  
Jeannine Gorman  
Executive Director

*Kristin*  
Kristin Stockwell  
Administrative Assistant

*Thanks for all the support of the Pantry!*

*Pastor Mike,*