



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 2024

THE OLIVE BRANCH



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Ringoes, New Jersey

May Events

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 7 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 9 Ascension Day
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 19 Pentecost Sunday
New Members Sunday
- 21 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 25 11-12 Grocery Giveaway
- 25-3 Chris is on vacation
- 27 Memorial Day

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



Sunday, May 19



Pastor's Ponderings

What a beautiful spring! After taking my seven-year-old grandson to Washington DC for his spring break, which coincided with the scheduled blooming of the cherry blossom trees, I was acutely aware that God has the final say over nature. I saw beautiful cherry blossoms, but only after I returned to beautiful Hunterdon County. Spring was early in Washington DC. The blossoms had bloomed and fallen and blown away before we arrived. This was presumably news to the thousands of people who had similarly planned their vacation plans, especially because over a hundred cherry blossom trees, including the famous and beloved "Stumpy", are scheduled to be cut down this year. The reason for their demise is because the Tidal Basin is overflowing and is killing the trees bordering it. This is an increasingly non-debatable phenomenon of global warming.

Which brings me to *Stewardship*, which includes all that we do. What we do with the environment, our time, our relationships, our talents, our belongings, and our money. The first time I heard of Stewardship, I had no idea what they were talking about. I heard it in church and understood it to mean money. While money is the bottom line of a church survival, it is not the only way God asks us to give. Some have fallen upon financial hardship, especially retirees whose pensions and Social Security fall short of inflation. Some have had the blessing of abundance in finances. Most fall somewhere in between. All have been given a gift to contribute, in God's appointed way, to move this church forward into a thriving future.

The Session of KMPC has given the green light to forming a Stewardship Committee, which will focus on the money aspect of the church staying open. Don Reilly has heard the Call and Session approval to be the Chairman of the Committee. We are still figuring out the details of that role, but it is crucial. Right now, it involves money. The church building, and the manse, are a financial drain. The church is a historic building and beautiful and has a powerful history of members and clergy, but requires a lot of upkeep, and trained professionals to make repairs and keep the building from the dangers of disrepair. The Buildings and Grounds committee is working overtime to have the boiler and front doors replaced. The Food Pantry workers are working daily to gather and replace food for needed distribution to feed the hungry.

So, I ask, where is God calling you? What gifts do you have to offer back to God that God has so generously given to you. Pray about it. And listen. Then give accordingly. Many thanks to those who have already given your diverse gifts to the church.

Many blessings and many thanks,
Pastor Barbara



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KMPC Session update:

The session met on April 16th .

Worship Assistants for May volunteered: see below.

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 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 working on replacing the key/lock to the connector.

We welcome Linda Hults as our new Clerk of session.

New member Sunday will be May 19th. This is also Pentecost Sunday, so wear red if you have it.

We are grateful to have Debi N. as a volunteer to do all website and Facebook updates. If you have anything you want in either, contact Chris for Debi's info.

We discussed a Capital campaign for front door and furnace being fixed.

Next stated Session meeting – May 21st at 7PM

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Zimmerman

A new feature from Pastor Barbara:

Being a Presbyterian means:

Maintaining Christian habits,

Giving regularly of the time, money and abilities given to one by God such as regular church attendance, Bible reading, prayer and participation in church activities and services

Setting a worthy example

for the world, as a person who strives to be more worthy of Christ

Becoming informed

about Christian work around that world, and supporting the work.

Learn about Being a Presbyterian, Channing Bete Company, 2015

May 2024 Sunday Volunteers

Date	Preaching	Worship Leader	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
5/5/2024	Pastor Barbara	Debra Neri				Sharyn
5/12/2024 Mother's Day	Pastor Barbara	Jim Danner		Kim & Fred Fulper		Betty
5/19/2025 Pentecost	Pastor Barbara	Pat Wright		Kim & Fred Fulper		
5/26/2024 Trinity Sunday	Pastor Barbara	Betty Reilly		Beverly Kaminski		

Staff Vacation: Chris will be on vacation May 26 - June 2

Food Ministry

Grocery Giveaway – May 25

23 Food baskets were given away on April 27th.

We need toiletries for the Blessing Box, especially shampoo, deodorant, sun screen, toothpaste, and soap.

2024 KMPC Capital Fund Campaign

In the first quarter of this year, the church incurred two extraordinary expenses that depleted our Capital Fund by over \$26,000:

*January: One of the two boilers of the church needed to be replaced at a cost of \$13,600.

*March: It was discovered that there had been a water leak from the stained glass window above the front church doors which caused extensive water damage to the doors and damage to the interior wall of the vestibule. Repairs of the doors, window and wall resulted in a \$12,500 expense.

These major expenses have had a significant negative effect on our church finances and we need your help. Please prayerfully consider joining us in making a contribution to our Capital Fund while continuing your current level of Sunday offering.

Please note “Capital Fund” for your contribution.

Thank you!

The Session of KMPC



Deacon's May 2024 Prayer List

KMPC Family

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

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
 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
 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



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Benjamin Danner	May 5
Betsy Peterson	May 8
Kristen Schwenderman	May 16
Aniella O'Leary	May 16
Jeanne Mundhenk	May 18
Stefanie Hutchinson	May 21
Frederick Fulper, II	May 23
Kathy Mundhenk	May 24
Ray Dix (Sexton)	May 31



Lauren & Steven Esock	May 21
Ann & Jeff Donnelly	May 22



**Memorial
 Day**
*Never Forget
 Ever Honor*



Beautiful morning for our
 Easter Sunrise Service.
 Thank you to Betty for
 submitting the photos.



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

MISSION NEWS



April 2024

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church
37 John Ringo Road
P.O. Box 560
Ringoes, NJ 08551

In collaboration with the Session of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church (KMPC), the Community Foundation of New Jersey is pleased to announce the Samuel Ayres, Jr. Scholarship for the academic year 2024-2025. Mr. Ayres, a former member of the KMPC congregation, established this scholarship to provide financial assistance to college-bound high school seniors, current college students, or anyone accepted into a master's degree program.

Preference is given to active KMPC members; however, in years when there is an insufficient number of applicants from within KMPC, the scholarship offering may be extended to members of other Presbyterian churches located in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties *with a preference given to students pursuing a major in education (teaching profession)*. Annual scholarships of varying amounts may be awarded based on the availability of funds in any given year and the recipient's ability to demonstrate unmet financial need. **The award is for one year and will be paid directly to the college.** Applicants must reapply each year.

We ask that you share this opportunity with your church membership. The online application will open on April 15th, and the application can be found at <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/ip7rUo>. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2024. Please note only fully completed applications will be accepted for award consideration; late applications will not be accepted. Award announcements will be made in mid-August.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at csmith@cfnj.org or by telephone at 973.267.5502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Smith', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Colleen Smith
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Community News



Imani Milele Choir at Titusville Presbyterian Church, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

Venue Titusville Presbyterian Church

Date May 18, 2024 **Time** 6:30pm

Join the Imani Milele Choir as they sing, drum, dance, in spectacular display of hope, love, and faith through an energetic and immersive Praise and Worship Experience.

Enjoy this FREE CONCERT featuring uniquely created African Drum Routines.

(Titusville, NJ) On Saturday, May 18, the Titusville Presbyterian Church presents IMANI MILELE CHOIR for a one and one-half hour musical concert from 6:30 till 8 p.m.

Imani Milele is a Swahili phrase meaning “Always Believe”. This is the message they give to their children, encouraging them to never give up. Imani carries this motto with them as they perform for people across the United States. They believe that every child is special and they are dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time, through education.

The choir is an integral part of the Imani Milele Children’s organization. They currently rescue, educate and develop over 5,000 children in Uganda. With the help of groups and individuals, Imani is forming a strong and passionate team who works together to make a difference in the lives of these children.

The choir has been treating audiences to fun-filled, interactive and inspirational concerts since 2013. Expect to experience “True Africa”, which is showcased through culturally unique music, dance and well-crafted drum routines. Imanis’ vibrant costumes and enthusiastic energy creates a dynamic performance for all to enjoy. These concerts bring people of all ages the hope of a brighter future through Jesus Christ.

The concert is free of charge and a “Love Offering” will be taken to help the orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda. For more information, please call the church office at (609) 737-1385 or visit www.titusvillechurch.org.

The First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, founded in 1838, is located at 48 River Drive along the banks of the Delaware River, one mile north of the Washington Crossing Bridge and six miles south of Lambertville.



Blood Drive
Living Waters Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
11 Old York Road
Ringoes, NJ 08551

Friday, May 3, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: livingwaterslutheran to schedule an appointment.