



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 2024

THE OLIVE BRANCH



June Events

- 2 Elder Mark Van Bruggen preach
Pastor Vacation Day
- 4 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 11 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 14 Flag Day
- 16 Blessed Father's Day
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 19 Juneteenth
- 22 11-12 Grocery Giveaway

Weekly

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

View our calendar on our website

Vacation

Pastor Barbara's vacation continues on June 1 & 2nd. Elder Mark Van Bruggen will be preaching for us on Sunday. There will be no communion.

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

Pastor's Ponderings

Have you opened your windows yet? Spring has finally come in its glory, while it seemingly was struggling to get into the schedule. The blossoms vibrant colors and the growing buds promise an array of even more beauty to see in the next few weeks. And, amidst all the growth and beauty, the birds are singing with delight. All we need to do is to take the time to look and listen to appreciate God's creative handiwork. With gratitude, we are allowed the privilege of thanking God for these gifts.

When I was a child, I loved spring as it merged into summer. I would look out my window at night, waiting for the lightening bugs to appear. They would give light in the darkness. With the lights, the fear of darkness lessened. I needed to see the light. It brought a peace that came with knowing God is in control of everything, bringing calm and peace that overcame my fears.

Looking for the light is a good practice. I need to know that for darkness, there is usually a light somewhere. This happens in nature as well as in our spiritual lives. We can count on light. At times, we may have to look hard for it, but it is always there. Light is God's way of helping us walk down this path of life. Sometimes it is hard to find, but it is there. Sometimes, God has called people to be the light. The Light Givers have had to find it to be able to pass it on, and someone has shown them the Light. Have you opened your heart to the possibility that you are to pass the Light onto someone else?

"You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." - Maya Angelou

Blessing for your Open Heart,
Pastor Barbara

Samuel Ayers, Jr. Scholarship.

Online applications for qualified students are now available through CFNJ. The deadline is July 1, 2024.

Visit www.grantinterface.com/sl/ip7rUo



7 Facts about our Pastor

Written by Terry Wright

As she marks seven months serving Kirkpatrick, here are seven items in the life of Pastor Barbara Booth-Jarmon:

1-Fluent in sign language, she taught at schools for the deaf for the first 10 years of her adult life. She majored in teaching for the deaf at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and then worked at Katzenbach School for the Deaf, a state facility in Ewing Township, before moving to Wisconsin.

There, she taught in Stevens Point at a mainstream elementary school that included the deaf with other children, before teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to high school students at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. For her students, their “first” was American Sign Language

It all got started the summer after graduating high school, when she was a volunteer working with young deaf children. She’d learned the basic signs from a teacher. “As soon as I signed the word ‘blue’ to a 4-year-old and she knew what it was, I knew I was supposed to do this for the rest of my life.” “Much later I realized I had a great-uncle who was deaf, but I never thought of him as deaf. Uncle Artie lip read and could speak pretty clearly. He never signed. He was also a great dancer; he was my grandmother’s brother and she taught him to dance.

2-She wrote a book “Mandy” about a little deaf girl and her hearing grandmother, that tens of thousands of people all over the world have purchased and enjoyed. Spurred by the memories of her great-uncle, “In my book, I refer to a deaf girl dancing with her grandmother.”

She had left teaching for full-time work as a mother of two in Minneapolis when “God gave me a book to write,” is how she explains the creation of “Mandy,” which won an international award for inclusivity.

3-Moving back to New Jersey with her family, she worked with many groups as a volunteer including Clean Ocean Action and National Wildlife Federation and was Sunday school teacher about 15 years. She was a leader at the Bible Study Fellowship, an international, “very fundamental” group, in the Garden State and then while living in southern California nearly 10 years.

Pastor Barbara feels “I have been called into ministry my entire life, as far back as I can remember,” and decided to enroll at Princeton Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity (MDiv) in worship, preaching and spirituality. Originally “I wanted to learn how to translate the bible from the original language (Greek and Hebrew) into English, for myself.”

At seminary she was a classmate of **Dawn Adamy**, a former interim pastor at Kirkpatrick who is now leading a West Virginia church.

4-She went on to receive a Master of Theology (ThM) in pastoral care and later earned a Doctorate in Worship, Preaching and Spirituality (DMin) at Drew University Theological School. After continuing education, she became a Stephen Minister leader, to teach lay people how to give pastoral care, usually with a congregation. The international organization has the name in recognition of Acts 6 telling of how Stephen was among those chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need.

Besides serving as a traditional minister, including as pastor at Rossmoor Community Church retirement community in Monroe Township, Pastor Barbara has been a hospice chaplain and a minister to low-income housing residents in Asbury Park and other parts of Monmouth as well as Mercer County.

5-Always wanting to live in Florida, she searched on a Presbyterian jobs website and was called to become a pastor at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland. Its residents included retired clergy. “I had good theological discussions with them, I learned a lot from them,” Pastor Barbara said of the people.

One in particular, the former executive presbyter (head) of a presbytery near Pittsburgh, Pa., “was part of the team that told Fred Rogers, after he’d gone through all the seminary training in Pittsburgh, that his call was into the television ministry.” Rogers was a creator and star of the famed TV show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

This is the second connection Kirkpatrick Church has with Rogers; a former youth director at KMPC, **Kevin Ireland**, has for years taken a special interest in the Rogers ministry.

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Food Ministry

Grocery Giveaway is
June 22 from 11 am until noon.

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6-After being in Florida many years, Pastor Barbara moved back north to become interim pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church in Monmouth County, then returned to Florida, planning to retire. But she found it not so likeable and felt the need to return to the Garden State, in part to be closer to her grandchildren in Monmouth. "I knew God was calling me to a place...I had no idea where" yet until she was led to Ringoes. "I needed to go back to work. I was not suited for retirement. I did not play golf or have hobbies. I didn't have the time but I didn't want them, either."

7-She and Jack Jarmon, who were sweethearts at Shore Regional High School in West Long Branch, wed 22 years ago. (Both had been married to other people.) While they love living in Hunterdon," "I hold my breath when I go around the Flemington circle ... hardest circle I've ever navigated. Getting stuck behind farm equipment on the road is not new to me, because I lived in the middle of Wisconsin."

She was surprised "that Ringoes' experience during an earthquake is so similar to earthquakes I experienced in southern California. (However, living amidst the beautiful historic buildings in Ringoes is a bit different than living amidst earthquake-proof buildings.) "I am also awed by the beauty of this area. I did not know New Jersey could be so bucolic!"

The couple's dog, Joy, "loves to be in the church ... she runs to people to be able to kiss them."

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

Date	Preaching	Liturgist	Nursery / Jr Church	Flowers	Coffee Break	Communion
6/2/2024	Elder Mark Van Bruggen	Jim D.				No Communion
6/9/2024	Pastor Barbara	Debi N				Dave & Kathy
6/16/2024 Father's Day	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
6/23/2024	Pastor Barbara					No Communion
6/30/2024	Pastor Barbara	Pat W.				No Communion
Staff Vacation: Pastor Barbara will be on vacation June 2						

Deacon's June 2024 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Alvin D.
 Angel Dave's daughter
 Angela B. (cancer)
 Ann D. healing
 Alan B. (testing)
 Bart and Norma
 Betsy P. for healing
 Dave M.
 Dorothy S. Healing,decisions
 Esther
 Erik Z
 Glenn M (cancer) Tracy
 Ballard Family for their loss
 Shipman Family grieving
 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.
 Irene K
 Millie W

Extended KMPC Family

Cindy, Pat's Niece
 Edward G (cancer) Godown
 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 Applegate
 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



Erik Zimmerman, Jr.	June 7
Ava O'Leary	June 17
Jennifer Schott	June 17
Donna Trevithick	June 19
Barry Cregar	June 22
Roger Pickard	June 26
Billy Schott	June 28
Marilyn Desnos	June 29

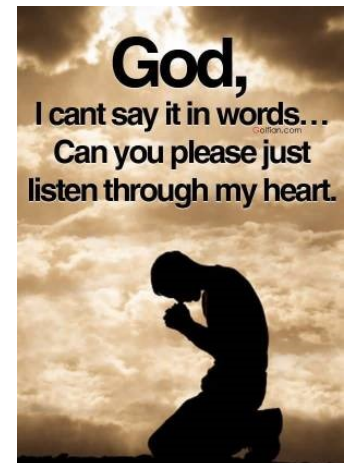


Frank & Linda Hults	June 3
Brian & Colleen Case	June 12
Mary Rae & Peter Fick	June 15
Jim & Sharyn Danner	June 20
Bill & Jessica Roethel	June 28

A Father's Day Thank you to the men in this congregation

For being a part of this church,
 and being an example of what faith is.
 For being weak enough to pray for strength
 And strong enough to believe in God's answers.
 For being brave enough to show your doubts,
 And doubtful enough to keep coming back.
 For caring about others
 And allowing our prayers to care about you.
 For living your faith in your everyday life
 Especially when no one is looking
 For setting an example
 For those following your footsteps.
 Thank you for being present.
 And a gift to us all

By Chris Kosmac



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

KMPC Session May update:

The session met by Zoom on May 21st at 7PM with Pastor Barbara as moderator for our monthly meeting. Linda H. opened with devotions and prayer.

Worship Assistances for June

June 2nd Jim D.

June 9th Debbie N.

June 16th

June 23rd

June 30th Pat W.

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 M. 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 have now replaced the key/lock to the connector. Any questions about the new Keys please contact Darryl C., Steve W. or Chris in the office.

June 9th We will begin having communion once a month. It will then be the first Sunday of every month.

We have faithfully Celebrated Communion on 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26th

We welcomed two new members joining KMPC last Sunday on 5/19. We welcome Ester C. and David M..

We are grateful to have Debra N. volunteer to do all website and Facebook updates. If you have anything you want in either contact Chris for Debbie's info. We are always looking for things to post on Face Book. Things that are going on in the area are welcome additions to add. Anyone working on updating the Web site, Debbie is ready and waiting.

We are in the middle of doing a Capital campaign for new door and furnace repairs. People are being very generous and we are getting to the total we need but still have a ways to go. Steve W. is checking to see if insurance will cover any part of these damages.

We received an e-mail from Rocco G. that he and his family were back in the area and would be visiting KMPC on July 7th. He will be attending with his wife and children. Let's all attend the service and give him a huge KMPC welcome.

Next stated Session meeting – June 18th at 7PM

The meeting closed with a prayer said by Pastor Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Z.

Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church
 Mt. Airy Village Road
 Half Way between Ringoes and Lambertville
 Just off of Route 179

FLEA MARKET

You never know what you might find!

We will have Hot Dogs for lunch as well as our Bake sale table.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Rain Date - June 15, 2024
 Spaces are \$15 each
 Bring your own table & chairs
 For information contact Sue, 609-209-6400

Community News



Scout Troop 65 loaded 6 pick up trucks full trash from the church basement and took it to the Raritan Recycle center. Special thanks to Dave C., Terry W. and the Fulpers for volunteering and driving their pick up trucks to the dump...also special thanks to Roger P. for keeping the mission on track.