

## THE OLIVE BRANCH



Ringoes, New Jersey

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

## **July Events**

4 Independence Day Office Closed

9 6:30pm Troop 65 Cmte Mtg15 Olive Branch Deadline16 7:00pm Session Meeting27 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 8:00pm AA Sat 4:00pm AA

View our calendar on our website



Friends coming to visit: Rocco Ghezzi and his family, Hanh, Clifford, Ryan, Luke, and Binh, plan to join us for worship Sunday, July 7.



## **Pastor's Ponderings**

Summer is here! After a long spring, record breaking heat has blanketed the country. Schools are out, people have taken or are planning their vacations. The flora and fauna are showing their fecundity, seemingly everywhere, especially in this bucolic, beautiful part of Hunterdon County.

It is a great time to enjoy breezes in the shade or appreciate air-conditioned rooms. The change of the seasons gives us a chance to see and renew our appreciation of all that God has given us. Praise God for new seasons of life in many ways. The summer, with all our coming and going, visits and vacations, is a great time to renew and refresh our spiritual lives.

The summer months are a great time to try new avenues for spiritual growth. Meditate while sitting or walking. Read a particular part of the Bible (Psalms, Proverbs, Esther, Ruth, Micah, John, just to name a few) or plunge into a spiritual book over the summer before you dive into that "Best Seller" you have on your reading list. Add a new prayer ritual or set a prayer time that differs from your current daily prayers, or if you don't have a prayer time schedule, now is a great time to start one.

If you are traveling over the summer months, in addition to packing sunscreen, making hotel reservations, and travel plans.... make sure you have plans to enrich and grow your spiritual life. What a better time than now to recognize God's grace, love and abundance wherever you are. God created the people you will meet, and those special destinations you will enjoy! Plan for a daily devotion, special prayer time, and visit a church in the area where you are vacationing.

One thing I love about the Presbyterian Church is that we are a *connectional* church. There are some great churches and preachers out there- go and experience the wider body of Christ when you travel. When you get home, share your experiences with us and with each other. Tell us where and how you have seen God at work! Bring a bulletin if you have visited a church- I love to see what God is doing in other places. During this season, seek where God is calling you to go and always remember where you come from and to whom you belong. Praise God for a new season for us to remember God's faithfulness and love.

May this summer be a time of spiritual growth and renewal for you, your family, and our church.

Blessings,

Pastor Barbara

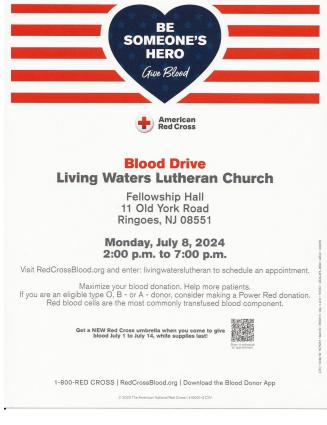
## **Food Ministry**

We gave out 17 bags on Saturday. Our next Grocery Giveaway is July 27. We will need canned corn, pasta, pasta sauce, cans of beans, soup, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and

jelly, mac and cheese, tuna, and paper towels. Toiletries for the Blessing Box are always welcome. Baked beans, boxes of pasta salad, Chef Boyardee cans, packages of Knorr rice or pasta, boxes of potatoes and packages of ramen are great for the Blessing Box, too. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.







## Deacon's July 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.

Dorothy S. Healing, decisions

Esther Erik Z

Glenn M (cancer) Tracy

Mike K healing

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 Travel Blessings

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** 

Troubled youth

U.S. & World Situations

Unemployed

Victims of Violence

People with flu and virus

People of Ukraine

Victims of War

BIRTHDAYS!

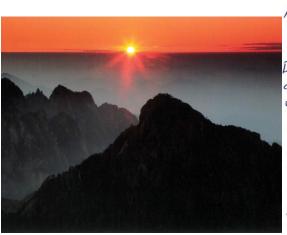
July 4 Mary Rae F. Bonnie M. July 6 Norma Z. July 8 David C. July 14 Benjamin E. July 19 Sharyn D. July 21 Chris K. July 26 Harold K. July 27 Chuck M. July 31



Harold & Sue K. Brian & Kathy M.

July 9 July 27

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



Huithow City, CHINA Dear KPMC Church Family, we are on holiday for chinese New time with family in Victory. We are thankful for the klac Updates .: We have had birthday Parties for Binh lyeur and Luke 4 years. I have been blessed hours Other christian Friends at work weare flowing on visiting July and hope to spend time with

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June 17, 2024

Dear Pastor Barbara and all our friends at Kirkpatrick Mem Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your faithful and very generous donation, and for being coworkers with us as we reach out to fatherless families with the love of Jesus. This month is Fathers' Day and, as many of you already know, God describes Himself as 'Father to the Fatherless' in Psalm 68:5. This reminds us of the vital importance of reaching out to our mothers to train their children in the Christian faith to become loving and caring spouses and parents.

We have many testimonies of lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit through our peer-counseling ministries, and we would like to share some of those testimonies with you. As you know, the Lord has given us a comprehensive resource library that enables us to minister to our clients with children from infancy through teens. At the same time, we realize that every parent needs a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to have God's wisdom to raise their children with Godly principles, so we always make sharing the Gospel our priority. One young woman came last month facing an unplanned pregnancy alone, and the Lord had been drawing her to seek a Christian pregnancy center. Our location on Main Street. Flemington, and in all the yellow pages-Internet and paper-meant we were easy to find. What a joy, when at her first visit, she heard the Gospel and responded eagerly in prayer to receive Jesus as Savior. At each following visit, she has taken steps to mature in her faith, reading the Word and finding a Biblically-sound church.

One of our Hispanic Counselors shared with me today that her client said that every visit, she leaves feeling like a different person! God meets her in a wonderful way as her peer counselor advises and prays for her, and we are delighted to see her progress through God's Grace in her faith. Another shared that when she came, she had little understanding on how to be a mother, but through the DVD's here, she has been so greatly helped in her parenting of her children. Further, a mother of a teen said how grateful she was that she had learned through the center how to parent her teen wisely, and how that had led to a much better relationship with her teen. All of our single mothers say what a tremendous difference the material support items for the babies make in their lives. Thank you so very much for your kind support.

Together in His Service

Heartbeat

Jeannie Avery, Board Chair

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#### GRADES K thru 6

# Art Camp



AUGUST 12, 13 + 14 6:00 - 8:00pm

Child's Name
Parent/Guardian Name
Child's Date of Birth     Grade Just Completed
Address
Phone / Cell # ( )Email
Emergency Contact Name and #
Allergies / Other conditions we should be aware of?
I, the undersigned parent/guardian, do hereby authorize emergency medical, dental, health or hospital services be rendered to my child upon consent of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church staff member or designated volunteer. The purpose of this authorization is to permit my child to receive emergency medical attention if needed while involved in the activities connected with Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church's children's programs when I or my emergency contact is unavailable to give such consent. Please do not send your child to camp if he/she has been ill during the past 24-48 hours.  Parent/Guardian Signature
Tarcho duan signature Date
CAMPERS!

NOTE TO

- . Bring a water bottle to keep you hydrated
- . Wear clothes than can get paint or other art materials on them (or bring an apron)
- . We look forward to having creative fun with you!

Return this form by mail to KMPC, PO Box 560, Ringoes, NJ 08551

Questions? email admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org or call 908.782.1177