



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 2020



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Ringoes, New Jersey

THE OLIVE BRANCH


August Events


1-8 Pastor Mike Vacation
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Weekly


Sun 9:30am Zoom Worship
Tue 7:00pm Zoom Prayer mtg
(except August 4)

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!

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

Weekly Prayer Meeting

– Please join us at 7pm every Tuesday (except August 4th) for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be emailed each week. 



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,
Max Lucado, in his book “When God Whispers Your Name,” talks about how he loves the short sentence. He loves to make his point in just a few words. In the book, he shares some of his favorite short sentences:

Pray all the time. If necessary, use words.
Sacrilege is to feel guilt for sins forgiven.
God forgets the past. Imitate him.
Greed I’ve often regretted. Generosity – never.
Never miss a chance to read a child a story.
Pursue forgiveness, not innocence.
Be doubly kind to the people who bring your food or park your car.
Don’t ask God to do what you want. Ask God to do what is right.
Nails didn’t hold God to a cross. Love did.
You’ll give up on yourself before God will.
Know answered prayer when you see it, and don’t give up when you don’t.
Flattery is fancy dishonesty.
We treat others as we perceive God is treating us.
Sometimes the most godly thing we can do is take a day off.
No one is useless to God. No one.
Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.
You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.
You’ll regret opening your mouth. You’ll rarely regret keeping it shut.
Faith is the grit in the soul that puts the dare into dreams.
God doesn’t keep a clock.
Never underestimate a gesture of affection.
When Jesus went home, he left the front door open.

And to sum it up:
As soon as you can, pay your debts.
As long as you can, give the benefit of the doubt.
As much as you can, give thanks. He’s already given us more than we deserve.

(Max Lucado. When God Whispers Your Name. Nashville: Word Publishing, 1999. pp. 43-44).

These are great sayings to help us live our lives in faith. And if we all lived these out in the world, what a better place it would be! God loves you... forever and always.

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike

KMPC Financial Summary

2020

MTD (June)

Receipts – \$16,352.24

Expenses - \$17,102.55

Difference – (\$750.31)

YTD (through June)

Receipts – \$97,440.69

Expenses – \$100,393.43

Difference (\$2,952.74)

2019

MTD (June 2019)

Receipts - \$14,193.71

Expenses - \$20,746.00

Difference – (\$6,552.29)

YTD (through June 2019)

Receipts - \$103,236.81

Expenses - \$110,453.13

Difference – (\$7,216.32)

We are now in the third month of the pandemic and because of God's grace the church is currently able to financially support our existing ministries. The Deacons, our Music Ministry, Missions, Adopt a Family and our Pastoral Ministries continue to be supported at the same level as last year. We continue to manage our finances carefully and while it is always necessary to do so, it is even more challenging today.

This year through June income including Sunday offering was down by \$5,796 when compared to last year. While giving was down dramatically in the first quarter, unlike many churches, our giving has actually increased during the pandemic thanks to your support. In spite of this, we will struggle to meet our 2020 budget. As an example we anticipate having a \$5,000 short fall for Missions this year.

On the spending side of the ledger our expenses this year are \$10,059 less than last year. While we had a \$6,340 deficit at the end of March (Income \$6,340 less than expenses) we have reduced the deficit dramatically and at the end of June we have a \$2,952 deficit. A significant savings for this year was achieved in our health insurance and pension costs which our Treasurer was able to reduce by a one time savings of \$7,500. Spending will continue to be carefully controlled to provide adequate support our many ministries with our Missions ministry the largest funding concern at this time.

For the balance of the year we will face a number of financial challenges which makes your continued generosity and support for the Church so critical.

(From Don Reilly, Finance Chair)

Pastor Mike & his family will be on vacation through August 8th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Karen Shipman (908-581-2411) or Linda Hults (908-581-5298). There is a neighboring pastor covering for Pastor Mike.

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures

(subject to change):

August 2nd – Ephesians 5:11-20 – “Teach Me To Make the Days Count”

August 9th – Matthew 14:22-33 – “Stepping Out of the Boat”

August 16th – Matthew 15:21-28 – “Crumbs of Grace”

August 23rd – Romans 12:1-8 – “True and Proper Worship”

August 30th – Exodus 3:1-15 – “Where Are You Standing?”



**AUGUST
SERMONS**

Deacons Corner

Lambertville Food Pantry.

The deacons are continuing to prepare bags of food for the pantry. They are no longer letting people “shop” for their food. They prepare a bag of food and people take one.

Items needed: Paper bags, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, tuna, canned chicken, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit and veggies, soup, rice or boxed potatoes, baked beans, or canned meals. Toiletries are also needed such as shampoo, soap, or toothpaste and if at all possible toilet paper or paper towels.

Please drop items off in the plastic bin outside the connector door. Thanks again!

Project Backpack

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

** You may add a sweet treat if you like ;)

Friendship Center for New Beginnings

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 on the other side or donate a completely filled backpack. Either way your help, generosity and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Donation bins are in the connector or outside connector entrance.

Deadline: August 15th

Thank you

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.

Reopening Plan – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources. Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.

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!

Q&A Session Update - At the Q&A on June 28th, someone asked about getting a rebate from the insurance company since our building has been closed for 4 months, just as many car insurance companies have done for us. The Church Treasurer, Roger DeLay, reached out to the insurance company to inquire of a rebate. The response from the insurance company was that they are not offering any rebates at this time.





July 15, 2020.

Dear Friends and Supporters of the ISI Ministry at Princeton,

Greetings in the name of our Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ!

As you know, for many years the Garage-Give-Away in early September and the Monthly Friendship Dinners during the academic year, both held at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Princeton, and the Christmas Banquet at the Montgomery Evangelical Free Church have been mainstays of the ISI ministry to international students and scholars studying or visiting Princeton University, the Princeton Theological Seminary and the Westminster Choir College.

It is with sadness in our hearts that, after thinking, praying and consulting with the Core Support Team at Princeton a decision has been made to CANCEL the Garage-Give-Away, the Monthly Friendship Dinners through December 2020 and the Christmas Banquet.

We are very concerned about the risks that would be posed to the health of the international students and the volunteers attending those events. We thank you in advance for your understanding of our unprecedented decision, in light of the exceptional circumstances we are living through. In January we will re-examine the situation and decide about the Monthly Friendship Dinners from January through May 2021.

The Princeton ISI ministry is very much alive: it thrives by making impact and bearing fruit locally and globally through the weekly Zoom Global Christian Fellowship, one-on-one zoom meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, texting and WhatsApp....and will continue till December.

We thank you for holding John and Aruna's hands through your fervent prayers and generous financial support.

“¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.” *Exodus 17:10-13 NIV.*

In the Lord,

Hugo P Simão

Dr. Hugo P Simão, Core Support Team Leader.

Deacon's August 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
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend
 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



Roger DeLay	Aug 3
Christopher Wonsor	Aug 9
Rod Jensen	Aug 11
Susan Aliseo	Aug 13
Paul Mitzen	Aug 13
Daphne George	Aug 23
Glenn McClelland	Aug 25
Dan Mock	Aug 28
Barry Bacorn	Aug 29
Rob Fulper, II	Aug 29
Jenna Atzert	Aug 30
Abigail Danner	Aug 31



Janis & Steve Little	Aug 4
John & Karen Shipman	Aug 10
Phil & Elizabeth Reilly-Hodes	Aug 11
Roger & Pat Pickard	Aug 12
Mike & Karen Stover	Aug 17
Erik & Norma Zimmerman, Sr.	Aug 25
Don & Betty Reilly	Aug 26
Charles & Jeanne Mundhenk	Aug 29

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



August 2020

Family Fun Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Back To School Month						1 Homemade Pie Day
2 Dinosaur Day	3 Georgia Day	4 White Wine Day	5 Oyster Day	6 Gossip Day	7 Lighthouse Day	8 Zucchini Day
9 Book Lover's Day	10 Spoil Your Dog Day	11 Play in the Sand Day	12 Vinyl Record Day	13 Left Handers' Day	14 Creamsicle Day	15 Relaxation Day
16 Roller Coaster Day	17 Black Cat Appreciation Day	18 Fajitas Day	19 Aviation Day	20 Radio Day	21 Senior Citizen's Day	22 Eat a Peach Day
23 Hug Your Sweetheart Day	24 Waffle Day	25 Second Hand Clothes Day	26 Toilet Paper Day	27 Kiss Me Day	28 Bow Tie Day	29 Lemon Juice Day
30 Beach Day	31 Eat Outside Day		National Peach Month			

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More wonderful Church Bulletins!

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up ...

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:
'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'