

THE BLIVE BRANCH



Celebrating our 150th Year

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ringoes, New Jersey

January Events

- 1 Happy & Healthy New Year Office Closed
- 4 No Ladies Bible Study
- 6 Epiphany
 - 5:30pm Come As You Are worship
- 7 Annual Reports Due 6:30pm Youth Group
- 8 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
- 9-15 Pastor Mike on Vacation
- 9 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Meeting
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 21 Pulpit Swap: Rev. Kevin IrelandDeacon Day6:30pm Youth Group
- 28 Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Weekly

Thu

Check weekly bulletin for changes.

Sun 8:45am Adult Sunday School

9:30am Worship Service
Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts

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Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00pm AA

Fri TGIF Sat 4:00pm AA

the sanctuary.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and

Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 28th after worship. Annual reports are due into the church office no later than Sunday, January 7, 2018. Reports will be available for pickup on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Following the meeting, there will be a luncheon in the gym. Look

for signup sheets of what to bring in



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends.

As you know, 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of our congregation. Throughout the year, there will be visits from former pastors, presentations on the history of Ringoes and our church, musical offerings from former music directors, and a community barbecue/picnic. Our year will culminate on Sunday, October 7, 2018 when we will officially mark our anniversary with a special worship service and luncheon. Please plan to join us for all of our celebrations!

In honor of the 150th, I will use my space here to recount some of the history of our church (thanks to Irene Kuhl, who used others' accounts to put this together). In the beginning...

Around 1850, the Ringoes Lecture Room Association acquired ¼ acre of land from John Rue and built the lecture room (later known as the chapel). Today, it's known as the minister's office. Its original use was for town meetings, prayer meetings, and Sunday school classes.

It is necessary to mention the early Amwell Churches. Then we can understand why the church in the village of Ringoes was built and for whom it was named. Amwell Valley's first church was built in 1738 at Reaville calling it "Amwell First Church." In 1988, it celebrated its 250th year. The "Amwell Second Church" was built in 1754 at Mt. Airy.

Five years earlier the original "Old Stone Church" was built in 1749 at Pleasant Corner, which is now called Larison's Corner. The church was supplied pastors from Holland and Germany. Both morning and afternoon services held...In 1800 the church was called the "German Presbyterian Church of Amwell." Dr. Kirkpatrick graduated from Princeton in 1804 and had intended to become a lawyer. In 1807, during a revival service, his views were changed and from then on, he devoted himself completely to the teaching of the Gospel. Dr. Kirkpatrick's field of labor extended from the Delaware River to Somerset County. Six Presbyterian Churches besides a number of other denominations were under his charge. However, later he preached alternately between his own church at Larison's Corner and the one at Mt. Airy, and for a time at Reaville.

Many years before our church was built, consideration was given to build a place of worship in the village of Ringoes. As far back as 1784, a proposal was made to unite the two English speaking churches of Reaville and Mt. Airy (at that time, the services in the Larison's Corner church were conducted in German). No action was taken, however, upon this proposal. In the year 1846 when the mother church

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From Our Pastor continued...

at Larison's Corner was in need of repair and the matter of renovation was being discussed, some members offered a suggestion that a new church be built in the village but the question was voted down by an overwhelming majority. Again in 1867 a similar question was brought up. This time a majority of the congregation favored the proposal. Those that had strong attachments to the old church where their fathers had worshiped for so long, were reluctant to agree to the proposal. Forty-seven members, including three elders were dismissed from the Larison's Corner Church.

A good beginning. Stay tuned! See you in church! Pastor Mike



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Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

January 7, 2018 - Mark 1:4-11 - "Who is This Guy?"

January 14, 2018 – Pulpit Supply – Rev. Aaron Twitchell (chaplain at Pennington School)

January 21, 2018 – Pulpit Swap (150th Anniversary) – Rev. Kevin Ireland

January 28, 2018 – Jonah 1:1-18 – "Strong and Courageous"

Adult Sunday School – The Adult Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 8:45am in the library. All are welcome!



ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th



Immediately following the Annual Meeting we will have a Soup & Salad luncheon in the gym. All are invited to attend. Please sign up to bring a crockpot of soup, a salad, rolls, or dessert. Sign up sheets are in the sanctuary or you can contact Linda Hults directly.

Tis the season

In the event of inclement weather on weekends, please call the church office or check our website to see if services are cancelled.



DO YOU LIKE US?

The church is utilizing Facebook more to reach out into our community. If you have not already liked the church's Facebook page, please do so. When there are posts that show how we are proclaiming the love of Christ, you are encouraged to like and share

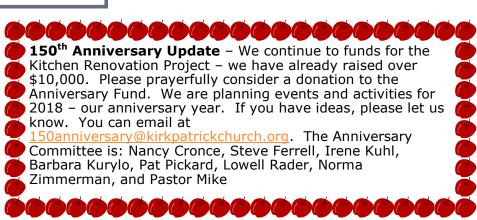
these. You never know how God will bless a simple click on social media. **Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian**



Junior Church – We are offering Junior Church as our Christian Education program for children. The children will begin in the worship service and then be excused after the Children's Message for a time of Bible stories, games, songs, and fun! We need volunteers to lead Junior Church each week. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the front of the sanctuary.





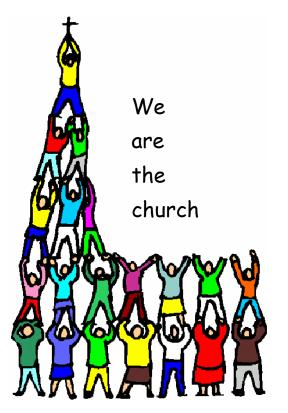




The Youth Group meets on the first & third Sundays of the month from 6:30-9:00pm. See John Kell for more details.







Grave Marker for Margaret Case - The Amwell Valley Ambulance Corps is trying to raise money for a grave marker for Margaret Case. We will get you more information as soon as possible. Keep checking the mid-week email announcements.



Church Safety & Security – In light of recent events, the Session has been discussing how to keep our worshipping community safe and secure when we are all together. A building safety plan is in the works. It is unfortunate that we have to address these issues, but it is part of our world today. Look for updates in the coming months.

Deacons Corner

The clothing drive is still going on. Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton

The Deacons would like to thank the congregation for their outpouring of support in the recent food collection efforts. We were also blessed with support and help from Boy Scout Troop 65, Girl Scout Troop, the Athletes in Action group and The Amwell Valley Fire Company Auxiliary for providing the Christmas hams & turkeys, and Shoprite of Flemington for providing the Thanksgiving Pies. The Board provided **83** food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas to East Amwell School, South Hunterdon School District, and local families. Without your support and assistance, this would not have been possible!



Our plea for help filling holiday baskets was met with a wonderful response, but also served to remind us how great the need is all year long. ShopRite's Can-Can sale will start soon. It's a great opportunity to take advantage of the sales to stock up on can goods for the Easter Food Baskets.



Hello and Happy Holidays!

Thank you very much for your love, support and generosity!!

This Holiday season, we were able to bring Holiday Cheer to 34 of our families in need of support at the elementary, middle and high school levels. With your support, we were able to assist with many basic necessities including food, shelter, and clothing, as well as crayons, coloring books, toys and gift cards. All items were made possible because of you – our South Hunterdon Regional School District Family and our community partners including SHRHS FFA Alumni and FFA, Kirkpatrick Presbyterian Church: Women's Auxiliary Fire Dept. of Ringoes; Boy Scout Troop #65; Athletes in Action, First Baptist Church, Solebury United Methodist Church, St. John's Catholic Church and additional partners who have asked to remain anonymous.

When a family identified as late as yesterday after the end of the school day, you were still able to amazingly answer this call of need bringing them a much needed assistance and holiday cheer!

Thank you for all you do and continue to do for everyone! Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season!

♥Student Services♥



Food Pantry Donations Needed Lambertville Food Pantry Needs for January

The Lambertville Food Pantry is low on the following items: cereal, black beans, tomato sauce (jars), fruit juice, canned fruit, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, toilet paper, pasta, crackers, pancake mix, and syrup. Your generosity is appreciated.

KMPC Financial Summary

 2017
 2016

 MTD (November)
 MTD (November 2016)

 Receipts – \$17,862.83
 Receipts - \$20,026.35

 Expenses - \$22,150.75
 Expenses - \$19,211.98

 Difference – (\$4,287.92)
 Difference – \$824.37

 YTD (through November)
 YTD (through November 2016)

 Receipts - \$206,439.58
 Receipts - \$211,341.29

 Expenses - \$215,406.15
 Expenses - \$200,451.95

 Difference - (\$8,966.57)
 Difference - \$10,889.34

Thank you for giving to the ministry of Kirkpatrick Church.

Deacon's January 2018 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ann O. (healing) Ben D. (military)

Betty B. (healing)

Bill Stahl (Health Issues)

Corliss and family

Dorothy S. (healing)

Freda VL (healing)

Fulper Family

Hillary T. (healing)

Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)

Jackie P. John K.

Linda W. (healing) Lynn H (healing)

Melissa M (healing)

Maureen (strength & healing)

Norma C. (Norma Z. Aunt)

Phyllis P. (healing)

Sharon M. (healing)

Sue Z (caregiver)

Paul and Sharon (house damage after

storm)

Rich J. (liver failure)

Terri F. — (healing)

Caregivers (Many within our church

family)

Teachers & Students (elementary-high

school-college)

Home bound members and shut-ins

Those with addictions and their

families

Hospice Patients

Hunterdon Care Center

Joe K. (healing)

Extended KMPC Family

Amy F. (healing)

Billy C. (healing)

Carol W. (hip replacements)

Clara H (healing)Claudia –(cancer

Dawn S (healing)

Ed N

Eunice (cancer)
Evan D. (healing)

Gail 1

Gail K. (Parkinson)

Gloria H. (broken hand & heart

problems)

Frank M.

Hailey (cancer)

Holly (healing)

Janie C. (surgery)

Joel H. (healing)

John M

Karen P. and family

Kathy H. (healing)

Keith P. (healing)

Khalif T (safety)

Larry (cancer)

Lilly (treatment)

Leslie (healing, cancer)

Nancy (healing)

Neil T. (broken leg)

Pam S (cancer)

Richard B. Sr. (healing, diabetes) —

(Dorothy)

Sandra H. (healing)

Sherri B. (healing, lupus) - (Richard's

daughter)

Paige C. (treatment)

Richard (healing)

Ron and Sandy P. (healing)

Sandy and Bobby

Serena P.

Steve (cancer) - Tracy's friend

Sue Z (caregiver)

Theresa O.

Toby & Judy N. (healing)

Vera Betty R

Troubled youth

Military Men & Women

President & Congress

U.S. & World situations

Unemployed

Families of Natural Disasters

Refugees

Shooting Victims

Prisoners





Danielle Mundhenk	Jan. 2
Keith Stover	Jan 3
Jason Zimmerman	Jan. 7
Gavin Horne	Jan. 8
Kris Al-Daqa	Jan. 9
Krystle McDaniels	Jan. 9
David Plimpton	Jan. 12
Irene Kuhl	Jan. 13
Mike Stover	Jan. 13
Ryleigh Bacorn	Jan. 14
Janis Little	Jan. 16
Terry Wright	Jan. 16
Joe Kurylo	Jan. 17
Elizabeth Kadezabek	Jan. 18
Lynn Hutchinson	Jan. 19
Jaime Lyn Quinn	Jan. 19
David Fulper	Jan. 20
Jamie Pickard Hosan	Jan 21
Anna Dell	Jan. 26
Terri Ferrell	Jan. 30
Jack Plimpton	Jan. 31
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Please contact a deacon to have

Master Schedule

January 2018

Date	Nursery	Jr. Church	Greeters & Ushers	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Prep	Communion Servers	Coffee Break	Flowers	
Jan 6 Epiphany	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship								
Jan 7		Terry & Skip Kell	TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson				Men's Bible Study	Dorothy Shellenberger	
Jan 14		Ellie Verbeyst	TEAM 3, Colleen Conrad, Kathy Lovett, Hillary Tobin, MaryLou DuBois				Joyce George		
Jan 21 Deacon's Day		Please sign up in sanctuary	TEAM 4, Steve and Lori Wonsor, Rod and Jana Jensen				Deacons		
Jan 28 Annual Meeting			TEAM 5, Darryl and Nancy Cronce, David Case, Marilyn Desnos				Annual Meeting Luncheon		

February 2018

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Date	Nursery	Jr. Church	Greeters & Ushers	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Prep	Communion Servers	Coffee Break	Flowers
Feb 3	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship							
Feb 4			TEAM 6, Joyce and Daphne George, Amy Atzert, Sarah Mundhenk				Light Luncheon	
Feb 11 Ordination & Installation Deacon & Session		Ellie Verbeyst	TEAM 7, Barbara Kurylo, Sue King, Karen Shipman, Beverly Kaminski				Joyce George	
Feb 14 Ash Wed								
Feb 18			TEAM 8, Norma Zimmerman, Tracy				Darbara Kunda	
Lent			McClelland, Steve and Janis Little				Barbara Kurylo	
Feb 25			TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk,				Poger Dickard	
Lent			Brian and Kathy Mundhenk				Roger Pickard	

Usher & Greeter Teams

TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk, Brian and Kathy Mundhenk

TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson

TEAM 3, Colleen Conrad, Kathy Lovett, Hillary Tobin, MaryLou DuBois

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The Giving Tree





Christmas Basket Delivery







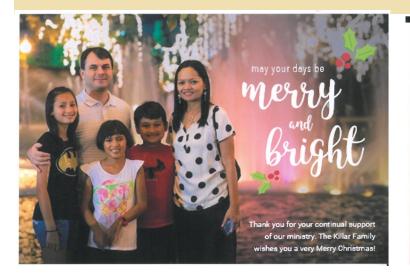




Christmas Eve Eve



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December, 2017 Bung kok, Thailanc

Dear Members of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

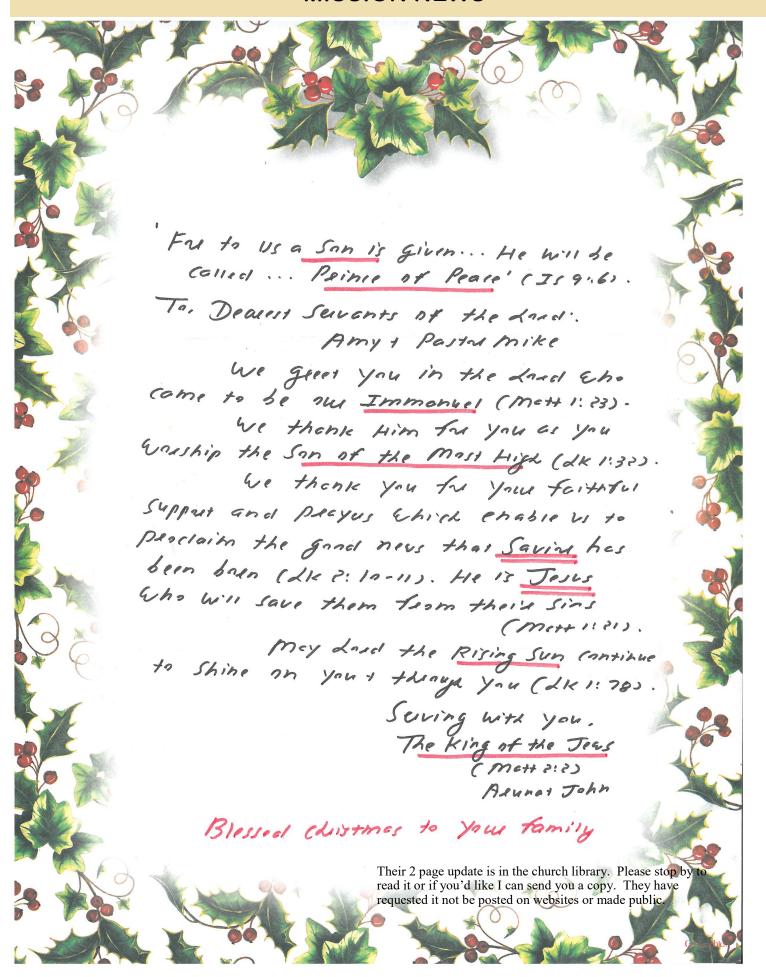
At the end of the day, even if only one woman leaves the red-light district and comes to know Jesus' transforming love and power, then all of our efforts are worth it. Yet God has blessed us. We have seen God faithfully bring women to us who not only desire to leave the sex industry, but also come to know Jesus and share the Gospel with their friends. In a ministry such as ours, we often do not see results right away. It has been a huge blessing to see God work in and through us in so many ways this year.

God provided in an enormous way so that one of our long-time workers could live out her dream of owning her own business. We have helped seven women leave the bars to work for us this year. We continue to assist and sponsor 8 children. We currently have 10 full time and 2 part-time women that are not only being transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit, but are sharing the Gospel with their friends! Through our ministry, to our greatest joy, we have baptized six individuals who had the Gospel shared to them by our own women. Many of our women also volunteer to run a children's program in the slums of Bangkok. This year our outreach program shares the Gospel with and teaches 60 children every Saturday!

We are overwhelmed with God's faithfulness to us, through his work and your support. We know that your financial support and prayers are a significant part of what keeps our ministry going. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for supporting us financially. We are a small ministry in Bangkok, yet God had used us in big ways in the lives of so many women here. We could not do it without you. May God bless you richly as He has blessed us in 2017.

With great joy, Mike & Kay Killar

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