



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

THE OLIVE BRANCH



Ringoes, New Jersey

September Events

- 4 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 10 Rally Day/Church Picnic
- Congregational Meeting**
- 11 7:30pm Deacons Meeting
- 12 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 13 7:00 pm Bells of Kirkpatrick Practice
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- Woman's Retreat @ Spruce Lake
- 17-23 Pastor Mike on Study Leave
- 17 9:30am Jr. Church resumes
- 20 1:00 pm Westminster Guild
- 21 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study Resumes
- 24 8:45am Adult Sunday School Starts
- 12:00pm St. Baldrick's fundrasier
- 27 7:00 pm Mature Life Planning

Weekly

- Sun 8:45am Adult Class begins on 24th
- 9:30am Worship
- Jr. Church begins Sept 17th
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:30am Men Studying something...
- Thu 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00pm AA
- Fri 7:00pm FUSION Worship



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

This summer marked the 2nd anniversary of the Session introducing our vision statement “Accept...Grow...Share.” Do you remember that we have a vision statement? The full statement says, “Together, KMPC invites all to accept Christ, grow in Christ, and share Christ.” Our goal was to provide opportunities for the congregation to intentionally look for ways to grow in their faith through worship, participation in small groups, and active mission work.

Heading into fall, the biggest change to worship is that we will continue to offer just 1 service each Sunday. As I said this summer in a sermon, I am excited about the possibilities of what we can do – musically, liturgically, and worshipfully with all of us coming together. I think God can really bless us together.

We are always looking for people interested in forming and participating in small groups. There are some

active small groups meeting now, and always room for new groups. If you are interested in a small group, talk to an elder.

While we did not travel far for a short term mission trip, we did hold our first “backyard” mission trip at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington. 16 of us helped to paint, clean, organize, repair, and replace for them. It was a great day for us, and they were so appreciative of our efforts. We are looking at another “backyard” opportunity for this fall, so stay tuned!

How have you done with growing in your faith over the last two years? Where can you improve? How can your church and your pastor help? The Session and I continue to be excited about the possibilities in each of these areas. We are here for you to help as you explore and grow in your faith in Jesus Christ. What would you like to do? Please let us know.

Here is to a great year this year – see you on Sunday! To God be the glory!

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike

Westminster Guild

The ladies of the KMPC Westminster Guild will meet on September 20, 2017 at 1 pm in the church library. We will start to cut out the decorations for the Christmas “Giving Tree”. Correspondence received over the summertime will also be dealt with. Ladies of KMPC—you are invited to join this group.

Men's BBS Study

The men of KMPC meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am in the church library. Sometimes they focus on a book and sometimes it's the sermon, but there is always coffee and you are always welcome.

BTW—BBS is short for Bible, Book, Sermon...so glad there are 2 B options!!

Ladies Bible Study

Christian women from the community will resume their bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the green classroom in the basement. This is not a KMPC small group, but several of our ladies participate. Their first meeting will be September 21. Again, there is always coffee and you are always welcome.

And Mrs. Peacock will meet in the kitchen with the *candlestick!* .. But that's one meeting you should have a clue not to attend. (editor's humor)

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Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Worship is at 9:30am in the sanctuary, followed by a picnic on the lawn. Hamburgers, hot dogs, fajita fixings and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. At the picnic, we will have a balloon release to kick off our 150th Anniversary year. Please come and invite a friend!



Junior Church – Beginning on Sunday, September 17th, we will offer once again 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

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class will begin meeting again on Sunday, September 24th (Note date change) at 8:45am in the library. We will finish up with the last lesson of "Half Truths" with "God Said It...I Believe It...That Settles It." Then, beginning October 1st, we will start the video series "Creed" and will explore what the Apostles' Creed says and why we believe its words. All are welcome!

Please join us for this engaging and thought provoking study.

Although we may travel to the shore or up to the mountains on our vacations, remember that God does not take a vacation! God's work continues to go on, whether we are here or not. Please remember your giving during the summer! Thank you for your faithfulness to God's work here at KMPC!

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS!!!! The Bells of Kirkpatrick will start practicing again on Wednesday September 13th at 7 PM in the room in between the nursery and the choir room. We hope to practice every Wednesday and ring during the first Sunday the month. If anyone has questions, comments etc, please feel free to contact Sharyn Danner either via email or call her cell.

Youth Group

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

150th Anniversary Update – We are currently raising funds for the Kitchen Renovation Project – we have already raised over \$6,000. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Anniversary Fund. We are planning events and activities for 2018 – our anniversary year. If you have ideas, please let us know. You can email at

150anniversary@kirkpatrickchurch.org. The Anniversary Committee is: Nancy Cronce, Steve Ferrell, Irene Kuhl, Barbara Kurylo, Pat Pickard, Lowell Rader, Norma Zimmerman, and Pastor Mike

New Website – thanks to John Kell, we have a new, updated website! We hope that it will help our church to reach out to the community and invite others into our church family. Please take a look at the new website – and encourage your friends too!

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, September 10, 2017 immediately following worship for the purpose of amending the by-laws to reduce the number of Session members from 12 to 9 over a three year period.

Mature Life Planning – On Wednesday, September 27th at 7pm in the gym, we will welcome back Nightingale NJ to present information on this important topic. After the feedback from their Caregiving 101 seminar in February, the invitation was extended to them to share information on planning for the mature years. All are invited – please spread the word!

Ladies Bible Study meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am; our first meeting will be held on 9/21 and we'll introduce our book that morning.

Our fall study will begin with "Breaking the Worry Habit Forever" by Elizabeth George.

In "Breaking the Worry Habit Forever" Elizabeth George tackles the growing problem of anxiety in our culture. Drawing from her own personal experiences and the wisdom of the Bible, she helps her readers develop trust in the Lord and take the necessary steps to keep worry and runaway fear at bay. -CBD.com

We'd love for you to join us for coffee, prayer, laughter and Christian fellowship.

Please contact Christin Thompson if you have any questions. 908-399-4595 or christinmarie16@gmail.com

PARTICIPANT 932703



Michael Atzert
is shaving to cure childhood cancers!

Sep 24, 2017 • 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Event: St. Baldrick's Headshaving Event & Auction
At: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company
761 Sergeantsville Rd, Sergeantsville, NJ US

Join Me

Donate

Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed
with cancer. Help me **fund the**
research that will save their lives!

**I am shaving to raise money for childhood
cancer research**

St. Baldrick's -On Saturday, September 24, 2017 from 12pm -5pm, there is a headshaving event and auction at the Sergeantsville Fire Company. The Foundation shaves heads to raise funds for research grants and to stand in solidarity with kids who often lose their hair during treatment. Pastor Mike has signed up to participate - who else is in??? If you would like to support Pastor Mike's efforts, please go to: www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/932703/2017.

A prayer for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey from [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/prayer-hurricane-harvey/). PDA is responding to [#HurricaneHarvey](https://twitter.com/HurricaneHarvey), read the full prayer and find donation and response information here: <http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/prayer-hurricane-harvey/>
Text "PDA" to 20222 to give \$10

Give to support Hurricane Harvey relief

KMPC is also collecting and we will send a consolidated donation to PDA. Be sure to mark the donation is for PDA or US Hurricane Response.

How much of gifts are used for PDA's administrative fees?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) uses all designated funds it receives to support relief and recovery efforts. PDA does not charge, nor do we receive, administrative fees on designated gifts for disaster response. Generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering and other undesignated gifts cover PDA's non-program related activities such salaries and other program administrative overhead or communications.



Deacons Corner

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



The Deacons would like to thank everyone who participated in our Backpack Drive to help the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. Your generosity enabled us to donate 22 backpacks! It has been a blessing to be able to help this organization. Our next outreach will be our Holiday Food Drive for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes that we give to families in need in our community. There will be more information in the coming weeks.



Lambertville Food Pantry Needs for September

The Food Pantry needs the following items: pasta - (NOT ziti or penne), baked beans, cereal, soup, toothpaste, hand soap, feminine sanitary products, adult diapers, canned chili, canned beef stew, canned tomatoes – large, crackers, canned Boy-ar-dee products, and tuna. Thank you for your support and help.

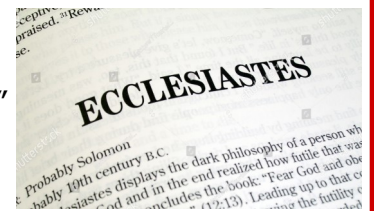
Mission Visits – This fall, we will have 2 of our supported missions coming to share with us about their work. You don't want to miss them!

Sunday, September 24th – Good News Home for Women

Sunday, October 1st – John Desai from International Student Fellowship

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

- September 3, 2017 – Ecclesiastes 4:7-16 – "Why We Need Each Other"
- September 10, 2017 – Ecclesiastes 8:10-15 – "Days That God Gives You"
- September 17, 2017 – Pulpit Supply – Phil Hodes
- September 24, 2017 – Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 – "Figuring Out God"

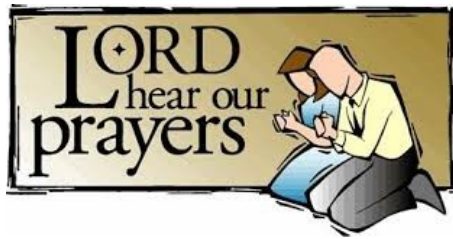


KMPC Financial Summary

2017	2016
MTD (July)	MTD (July 2016)
Receipts – \$19,677.75	Receipts - \$14,306.40
Expenses - \$19,796.33	Expenses - \$17,316.50
Difference – (\$118.58)	Difference – (\$3,010.10)
YTD (through July)	YTD (through July 2016)
Receipts – \$136,229.00	Receipts - \$136,080.10
Expenses - \$136,128.49	Expenses - \$126,295.48
Difference - \$100.51	Difference - \$9,784.62

If you have been away for the summer, please remember that the church's expenses did not take a break. Prayerfully consider catching up on your giving during September. Thank you for your support!

Per Capita – the 2017 Per Capita assessment is \$32.98 per active member. If you are able to cover your per capita, please use the blue envelopes in the envelope box. Thank you for your support!



Deacon's September 2017 Prayer

KMPC Family

Ann O. (healing)
 Ben D. (military) surgery
 Betty B. (healing)
 Bill Stahl (Health Issues)
 Conrad family (grief, Colleen's Mom)
 Corliss and family
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Freda VL (healing)
 Fulper Family
 Hillary T. (healing)
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)
 Jackie P.
 Jackie H. Family (Grief)
 Joe K. (healing)
 John K.
 Linda W. (healing)
 Lynn H (healing)
 Margaret C. loved ones (Grief)
 Joe N. Grief
 Maureen (strength & healing)
 Phil H. (grief)
 Phyllis P. (healing)
 Sandra H. (healing)
 Sharon M. (healing)
 Paul and Sharon (house damage after storm)
 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

Extended KMPC Family

Billy C. (healing)

Carol W. (hip replacements)
 Clara H (healing)
 Dawn S (healing)
 Ed N
 Evan D. (healing)
 Frank M.
 Gail K. (Parkinson)
 Gloria H. (heart problems)
 Hailey (cancer)
 Holly (healing)
 Janie C. (surgery)
 Joel H. (healing)
 John M
 Karen P. and family
 Kathy H. (healing)
 Keith P. (healing)
 Kevin K (cancer)
 Khalif T (safety)
 Larry (cancer)
 Lilly (treatment)
 Leslie (healing, cancer)
 Mary R. (loved ones grief)
 Nancy (healing)
 Richard B. Sr. (healing, diabetes) — (Dorothy)
 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
 Susan (ALS, Bev K's friend)
 Theresa O.
 Toby & Judy N. (healing)
 Tom (heart problems) Bev K's friend
 Val (grief)
 Vera (shingles) Betty R
 Troubled youth
 Military Men & Women
 President & Congress
 U.S. & World situations
 Unemployed
 Families of Natural Disasters
 Refugees
 Shooting Victims



1st	Karin Stover
4th	Parker Jensen
4th	Christian Perangelo
6th	Fred Fulper
7th	Emma Ruel
8th	Karen DeLay
13th	Terry Kell
19th	Ryan Rader
20th	Angel Cockburn
21st	Joshua Hosan
24th	Steve Ferrell
25th	Mike Kurti
26th	Tom Carey
27th	Elizabeth Wright
28th	Mavis Friedermann
28th	Melissa Hults-Mokros
30th	Kevin Ireland



Sept. 2nd	Bart & Norma Case
Sept. 2nd	Roger & Karen DeLay
Sept. 4th	Tom & Michelle Carey
Sept. 9th	Skip & Terry Kell
Sept 12th	Jamie & Joshua Hosan
Sept 19th	Mike & Jessica O'Leary
Sept. 20th	Glenn & Tracy McClelland
Sept 20th	Tom & Ellie Verbeyst

Please contact a deacon to have names added or deleted at deacons@kirkpatrickchurch.org

Master Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2017

Date	9:30am Nursery	9:30am Greeters & Ushers	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Servers	Communion Prep	Flowers	Coffee Break
Sept 2	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
Labor Day Wknd Sept 3				Amy Atzert	Amy Atzert		Light Lunch Men's Bible Study
Sept 10 Rally Day		TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk, Brian and Kathy Mundhenk		Steve Wonsor, Lori Wonsor	Lori Wonsor		Joyce George
Sept 17		TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson			Joyce George		Barbara Kurylo
Sept 24		TEAM 3, Colleen Conrad, Kathy Lovett, Hillary Tobin, MaryLou DuBois			Karen DeLay	Conrad	Pickards

OCTOBER 2017

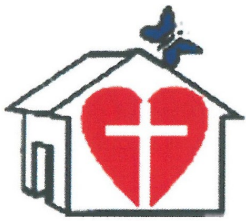
Date	Nursery	Ushers/Greeters	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Servers	Communion Prep	Flowers	Coffee Break
Oct 1		TEAM 4, Steve and Lori Wonsor, Rod and Jana Jensen,			Light Lunch Men's Bible Study		Light Lunch Men's Bible Study
Oct 8		TEAM 5, Darryl and Nancy Cronce, David Case, Marilyn Desnos			Joyce George		Joyce George
Oct 15		TEAM 6, Joyce and Daphne George, Emily Atzert, Sarah Mundhenk			Barbara Kurylo		Barbara Kurylo
Oct 22		TEAM 7, Barbara Kurylo, Sue King, Karen Shipman, Beverly Kaminski			Roger Pickard		Pickards
Oct 29		TEAM 8, Norma Zimmerman, Tracy McClelland, Steve and Janis Little					Volunteer Wanted

Kids Camp

Kids Camp – On Sunday, August 13th, we held our 2nd Kids Camp of the summer. It was a great afternoon, with more than double the children we had at the one in July. We sang, played games, did crafts, ate cupcakes, and learned about prayer. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make Kids Camp a success this summer – and to John Kell and Tracy McClelland for helping to organize!



Lovely ladies afternoon visit with Phyllis Polenz



MISSION NEWS

Friendship Center for New Beginnings

162 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822

Summer 2017

908) 806-4444 or Toll Free: (877) 88-4-MOMS

"TO YOUR NAME BE THE GLORY, O LORD, BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS" PSALM 115:1

BOARD MEMBERS

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Prayer Committee
Chair

Mark Vesper
Board Vice-Chair

George Moyer
Board Secretary

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Building & Property
Co-Chair

Dave Stryker
Treasurer/
Building & Property
Co-Chair

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Yari Gonzalez
Catalina Gregg
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David Stryker

Co- Directors
Jeannie Avery
Mimi Koontz

Most of you, our faithful donors, will already know the story of how God miraculously provided for the needs of the Israelites, as Moses led them through the desert on the way to the Promised Land. We, at Friendship Center, want to give God the glory for providing, at just the right time, the funds needed to complete needed repairs to this beautiful facility, that He gave us to help our local fatherless families. We know you share our joy in seeing lives continue to be saved and transformed, through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, our Lord Jesus delights to work through *His people* to accomplish His good purposes: the first line of servers naturally, are our very precious peer counselors, almost all of whom *volunteer* their time regularly each week. For the Lord they are "shining like stars...as they hold out the Word of life" in His love to all who come. (Philippians' 2:15&16) PTL!

In God's eyes, every kind of help that is given to the work for His Kingdom is treasured by Him. (Matthew 10:41) We are so very grateful for each and every donor who supports this ministry—the faithful monthly givers, both individuals and churches, and the generous foundations who have stood by us all these years. The smiling faces you see in the photo at the bottom of this page are an excellent example of the cheerful volunteer groups that we welcome from local churches, to help maintain the property—their diligence and fellowship refreshes us all! Indeed, the Lord watches over us, and continues to allow us the privilege of serving Him here. He is answering your prayers for each new generation to experience His Love and guidance.

Now we are asking, would you pray with us for a bilingual mature Christian lady to tutor our Hispanic clients in English, as they use our Rosetta Stone program?

**Volunteers
from
Kirkpatrick
Memorial
Presbyterian
Church
In Ringoes, NJ**



**God bless
you all!**

Visit Our WebSite: www.friendship-center.org

Email: jeannie@friendship-center.org

Fax #: (908) 806-4277

A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM SANDY RIOS

I was wondering if anyone in church family might have one of the following items that could be donated to my dad who was recently moved to an assisted living facility:

- 1. An iPad for dad (the nurse would operate it!) that could be used for skype calls so I could see my dad.**
- 2. A chair lift recliner - the kind that assists with bringing a person to a standing position from sitting in the recliner.**

If anyone is able to help meet either of these needs, please let me know. That would be a great help. Thanks! Sandy

Community News



Wednesday Sept. 27th 6:30PM

MATURE LIFE PLANNING

Mature Life Planning is a comprehensive interdisciplinary approach to the aging process that incorporates your health, financial and legal needs. An Eldercare Navigator identifies present and potential health needs, designs a plan to address those needs, and monitors your wellness throughout the aging life continuum. A Wealth Manager identifies the best strategies for financing your plans so you are financially secure. An Elder Law Attorney creates the legal documentation necessary to ensure your voice is heard and wishes are executed.



NIGHTINGALENJ

Eldercare Navigators



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW



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A financial advisory practice of
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Mature Life Planning responds to the ever-changing aging process with the goal of maximizing quality of life through proactive planning and advocacy.

Join us for this **FREE** educational program

Topics:

***What are my care options and rights?**

***How will I pay for my Care?**

***Who ties it all together?**

Attendees will have access to an Eldercare Navigator, Wealth Manager and Elder Law Attorney

Location:

Kirkpatrick Presbyterian Church
37 John Ringo Rd
Ringoes, NJ 08551
(908) 782-1177



Women's Retreat

Spruce Lake's: 5389 Route 447, Canadensis, PA 18325

September 15-17, 2017

Cost: \$186/person (triple); \$221/person (double)

Speaker: Marsha Harvell

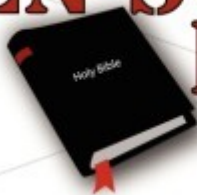
Marsha Harvell packs experience, excitement and elegance into focused studies of God's Word. She's a world traveler, having taught for Over 30 years on three continents, as well as missionary, gifted teacher, church planter and international trainer for Precept Ministries – one of God's partners in transformation. She has dedicated her life to helping others study the Bible, to lead Bible studies, and to discover the power of praying Scripture over themselves and their loved ones. Marsha has written the book, *The Covenant Maker: Knowing God and His Promises for Salvation and Marriage*, and is the co-author (with her husband, Ron) of *The Watchman on the Wall*, volumes 1 and 2. Volume 2 is hot off the press as of fall, 2016! Marsha's books are available in our Gift Shop or on her website @ www.marshaharvell.com.



**** Please bring your Bible with you!**

If interested, please sign up on the table in sanctuary or vestibule. If there is enough interest, we will need someone to be the contact person for the church.

MEN'S RETREAT



Lake Champion – Glen Spey, NY
October 5-8, 2017

Cost: \$210/person (through July 15th); \$250/person after July 15th

The Lake Champion Men's Weekend is an opportunity for you to disengage from the "busy"ness of life – to discover and reflect on meaningful priorities and true significance in your life.

We invite you to spend a few days in a beautiful wilderness setting – away from it all – an adventure for the mind, body, and soul. Your future is your greatest asset, and the choices you make every day will determine where it leads. Join us for a weekend experience that can impact the rest of your life.

If interested, please register online at <http://priorityone.org/mens-weekend/lake-champion/>