

THE OLIVE BRANCH



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ringoes, New Jersey

July Events

- 1-2 Youth Retreat "Creation Fest"
- 1 5:30pm Come As You Are worship
- 2 10:00am Community Worship
Holcombe/Jimison Farm
- 4 Independence Day—Office Closed
- 7 Office Closed—Chris on Vacation
- 11 6:30pm Boy Scout Committee
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 18 7:00pm Session Meeting

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tue 8:00pm AA
- Wed 7:15am Men's Bible Study
- Thu 8:00pm AA
- Fri 7:00pm FUSION Worship
- Sat 4:00pm AA
5:30pm Come As You Are to worship

Vacation Dates

- 1-7—Chris
- 1-23—Lucia
- 23-13—Jim
- 20-12—Atzert Family



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,
In his book, Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer talks about the value of living life together in community with other believers. He says this, "Among earnest Christians in the church today, there is a growing desire to meet together with other Christians in the rest periods of their work for common life under the Word. Communal life is again being recognized by Christians today as the grace that it is, as the extraordinary, the 'roses and lilies' of the Christian life" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Life Together. San Francisco: Harper Collins Publishers, 1954. p. 21).

As a church family, we are blessed to have the loving fellowship that we do as a congregation. It warms my heart every Sunday to watch the passing of the peace. Folks travel around the sanctuary in order to say hello, give a hug and a smile. This part of our worship service sometimes lasts 5-7 minutes – it is wonderful! The conversations that take place during the passing of the peace, I believe, are sacred and special. They are just as much a part of our worship as the

Scripture readings or the sermon.

The beauty of the communal life is that it can be simple. We certainly can engage in deep moments of prayer and sharing, but community can also happen in a walk at the park, a meal at a restaurant after worship, and when we are out and about. When, as Christians, we do this "life together" thing, it can open us up to new bonds and new friendships like we have never experienced.

The church is planning some of these simple – yet meaningful – activities for this summer – times when we can experience life together in things that we really enjoy. Plans are being made for a prayer hike in our area, a day trip to the shore, and some meals out after worship.

Our lives are so busy that we can get bogged down with all the things we have to do. We need to take the time to develop deeper friendships and bonds with our sisters and brothers in Christ. These will lead us to greater commitment to God and increased faith. Please join me as we do "life together" in Christ. See you this weekend!

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike

Community Worship

Sunday, July 2 at 10:00am
Worship & Picnic

Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum
1605 Daniel Bray Highway (Rte. 29)
just north of Lambertville, NJ
609-397-2752

DIRECTIONS: The Museum is located on Route 29 just north of Lambertville, NJ. If you are traveling on Rout 202 in New Jersey use "last exit before toll" and follow signs to Farmstead.

This is an opportunity to worship together as a larger body of Christ, encourage each other in our faith and enjoy fellowship. We have been invited to bring dessert to share at the picnic.



Saturday

Come As You Are Worship -

Every Saturday in July & August we will be offering an alternative worship service for those who will be traveling on Sundays or have other plans. The service will be at 5:30pm on Saturdays - so come as you are (shorts & flip flops encouraged) - and let us worship the Lord!



Coffee Hour Volunteers involves coming in early enough to make coffee and set up the counter with cups, sweetness, creamers, napkins, etc. We also provide light food items, e.g. bagels, coffee cake, cookies, etc. , store bought and homemade are both enjoyed. Sometimes there are items in the freezer left over from other events that can be used for coffee hour. It usually takes about an hour to set up and about 30 minutes to clean up afterward but quite often someone will offer to help with clean up. Roger Pickard would be happy to talk with anyone interested in helping out with coffee hour and to provide training if needed.

We are looking for someone to volunteer for the 5th Sunday of the month, as well as people to fill in when our wonderful usual providers are on vacation or unavailable.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can view Sunday's bulletin on our website?
- Listen to a missed sermon or listen to it again.
- View a colorful copy of the Olive Branch (and copy photos for your own use).
- See lots of photos of our events.
- It's all there on our website.

<http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/>



LIKE us on Facebook to stay updated on more events and activities in the coming months.

CWS Blankets Fund

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to contribute \$360 to Church World Services Blankets. Thank you
For information on where the blankets go, please see:

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/cws-blankets/blankets-reports.html>



Ushers/Greeter Ministry – Just 2 more volunteers needed to give us 9 teams so ushers will only get to serve once every 9 weeks.

Ushers and greeters are the point of first contact for visitors and those attending our worship services. There have been some Sundays that we have not had sufficient coverage for this important ministry. Starting in September, we are going to try something new as it relates to our usher & greeter ministry. We will be forming teams of 4 people to serve on a rotation as ushers and greeters. The more volunteers we have, the less of a commitment it will be. There will be an usher captain for each team who will make sure that everyone is there and coordinate the ushers for that day. If you are interested in being a part of the rotation as an usher (and would be interested in serving as a captain of a team), please let Karen DeLay or Pastor Mike know. Or sign up on the sheet on the tables in the sanctuary. Or email Chris in the office. We will be contacting current ushers and



Youth Group

The Youth Group is attending "Creation Fest" in Mt. Union, PA from June 30-July 2. It is a festival with musical groups, speakers, and times of worship and prayer. Please keep the youth and their leaders in your prayers.

Youth Group Summer Schedule – look for more information from John in the coming weeks!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Lambertville Food Pantry Needs

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.

150th Anniversary Update – We are currently raising funds for the Kitchen Renovation Project – we have already raised over \$2,500. 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



Prayer Stations – On Sunday, June 11th, 8 of us came out to participate in a time of prayer using prayer stations. For some of us, this was the first time they had ever used stations like these to pray. The stations were a very powerful tool to pray, and the night was a real blessing! Look for another night in the fall and plan to join us!



See St. Baldrick’s announcement on page 8—could be a preview to P.Baldmike

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures
(subject to change):

- July 2, 2017 – Community Worship at Holcombe/Jimison Farm – 10am
- July 9, 2017 – John 4:19-26 – “In Spirit and In Truth”
- July 16, 2017 – Luke 2:1-20 – “Christmas in July”
- July 23, 2017 – Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 – “Is It Worth It?”
- July 30, 2017 – Pulpit Supply – Rev. Walter DeGunya, Chaplain at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital

KMPC Financial Summary

2017	2016
MTD (May)	MTD (May 2016)
Receipts – \$20,457.11	Receipts - \$24,208.90
Expenses - \$22,857.84	Expenses - \$20,448.23
Difference – (\$2,400.73)	Difference – \$3,760.67
YTD (through May)	YTD (through May 2016)
Receipts – \$99,357.64	Receipts - \$104,155.35
Expenses - \$97,222.62	Expenses - \$90,761.87
Difference - \$2,135.02	Difference - \$13,393.48

- Please remember to catch up your giving when you are not in church. Our expenses continue during the summer months, so please plan ahead with vacations. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry together!
- 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!
- The Finance Committee is looking for someone to chair their committee. Responsibilities include: coordinating meetings, working with the Treasurer to present budget and stewardship campaigns. Some knowledge of church finances is helpful. Any questions, please see Roger DeLay.

Elders' Update

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, Elder Karen Shipman gave an update to the congregation at the beginning of the worship service as to the Session's work with regard to Worship. This is a summary of those remarks.

We embarked on the Simple Church journey about a year and a half ago. This is an approach we are utilizing to ensure that KMPC is a thriving and growing church. At the congregational meeting in January, we told you that Session felt the need to further focus on the worship ministry in order to realize our vision: "We will utilize our resources wisely and ensure that we have a robust worship program which will bring glory to God, feed believers and bring new believers to Christ."

Our decision to move to a single worship service is about how we best utilize the resources God has given to us to glorify Him. This is about further enhancing our worship, not fixing something that is broken. We want to clarify something that was said at the congregational meeting. When it was stated that we wanted to offer more vibrant worship, that was not to say that we do not already have that. We certainly do and are gifted with great worship leaders. We were imagining the possibilities of bringing those resources together every week.

These were some of the guiding principles as Session discussed and developed the new format for our worship. We also listened to the feedback and input that you provided in the Town Halls and in individual conversations. These were very helpful to us.

We would like to announce the new format for Fall 2017:

Adult Sunday School – 8:45am

Worship Service – 9:30am

Junior Church – offered during worship service

Coffee Hour each week following worship (a light luncheon on the 1st Sunday of each month)

Communion will be celebrated weekly. On the first Sunday of the month, it will be served to the congregation seated in the pews. The remaining Sundays will be celebrated by intinction.

The Saturday "Come As You Are" service will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm.

This new format will begin the week after Rally Day in September.

For this summer, we will worship every Sunday at 9:30am. There will be no Adult Sunday School. The Saturday "Come As You Are" services at 5:30pm will begin on Saturday, June 24th. We have been "test driving" the new worship order during 1st Sunday services and will continue to do so during the summer.

The Session needs your support. Please pray for God's blessing on our new worship format and our worship leaders. We ask for your mercy as we try new things. We may not always be perfect, but we will always seek to fulfill our vision to bring glory to God, feed believers, and bring new believers to Christ.



Deacon's July 2017 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Ann O. (healing)
 Ben D. (military) surgery
 Betty B. (healing)
 Corliss and family
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Freda VL (healing)
 Fulper Family
 Hillary T. (healing)
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)
 Jackie P.
 Jackie H. (healing)
 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)
 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)
 Bill S. (healing)
 Carol W. (hip replacements)
 Clara H (healing)
 Dawn S (healing)
 Ed N
 Evan D. (healing)

Frank M.
 Gail K. (Parkinson)
 Gloria H. (healing eye hemorrhage)
 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
 Prisoners



Mary Rae Fick	July 4
Katherine Hutchinson	July 5
Bonnie Meyers	July 6
Kate Hodes	July 8
Norma Zimmerman	July 8
Leila Al-Daqa	July 12
David Case	July 14
Sally Fulper	July 14
Anthony Dell	July 19
Sharyn Danner	July 21
Jackie Holcombe	July 21
Auggie Perangelo	July 21
Chris Kosmac	July 26
Harold King	July 27
Jana Jensen	July 31
Charles Mundhenk	July 31



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

Master Schedule

JULY 2017

Date	9:30am Nursery	9:30am Usher & Greeters	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Servers	Communion Prep	Flowers	Coffee Break
July 1	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
July 2	10:00 am Community Worship at Holcombe/Jimison Farm 1605 Daniel Bray Hwy					No Flowers Needed	Bring Desserts
July 8	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
July 9	Amy Atzert	Hillary Tobin Karen DeLay			Karen DeLay	Lynn Hutchinson	Joyce George
July 15	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
July 16	Kristen Schott	Mary Lou DuBois, Joyce George			Sharyn Danner		Barbara Kurylo
July 22	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
July 23	Ellie Verbeyst	Jana & Rob Jensen			Betty Reilly	Atzert	Roger Pickard
July 29	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship - John Kell Pulpit Assistant: Janis Little						
July 30 Supply Rev Walter DeGunya	Skip and Terry Kell	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Roger DeLay		Sue King		

AUGUST 2017

Date	9:30am Nursery	9:30am Usher & Greeters	Pulpit Assistant	Communion Servers	Communion Prep	Flowers	Coffee Break
Aug 5	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship - John Kell Pulpit Assistant: Jana Jensen						
Aug 6 Supply Rev. Walter DeGunya	Joyce George	Chuck & Jean Mundhenk	Karen Shipman		Sharyn Danner	Kaminski	
Aug 12	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
Aug 13	Jessica O'Leary	David Case Marilyn Desnos			Joyce George	Dorothy Shellenberger*	Joyce George
Aug 19	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
Aug 20	Amy Atzert	Skip & Terry Kell			Amy Atzert		Barbara Kurylo
Aug 26	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship						
Aug 27	Ellie Verbeyst	Brian & Kathy Mundhenk			Sue King	Atzert	Pickards

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Dear Pastor Mike and all our hardworking friends at
Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Les and I were absolutely amazed at the many, many jobs you all completed last Saturday! We were so encouraged by your joyful and diligent commitment to do everything wholeheartedly, 'as unto the Lord.' 'How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters!) work together in unity.' We were refreshed by the great fellowship we shared together! We want you all to know the extent of all that was accomplished that day:

The counseling rooms, office, and material support areas were all thoroughly cleaned for the summer, including all the toys being individually wiped,

The laundry room and the frame round our roadside sign painted,
The rainwater drain installed correctly,

The broken faucet changed in the Center kitchen,
The mower received its annual service,

The two doors sticking on the new carpet were modified to open smoothly, &

Several broken trims were replaced on the front porch and garage!
Then some of you whose schedule allowed, even stayed later to help us clear up!
WOW!

'God will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.' Hebrews 6:10

God bless you all!

Les and Jeannie and all at Friendship Center for New Beginnings



Zoraida Got a Car!
Many of you have met, and quickly fallen in love with, Zoraida (or "Z") and her two beautiful children (Mia and Jaylin). They have been with us since April and last month, Z got a job with the ARC. The problem was that in for her to keep the job, she needed her own transportation. Although we were able to cobble together rides from another client and some of the staff, it was definitely not a long-term solution. Thankfully, the Pauley family came to the rescue with a gem of a car! We used Neighbors in Need funds to do some maintenance to get it road-ready and off she went. Z says: "I can't wait to figure out all the bells and whistles!" She is thrilled to be back behind the wheel and doubly pleased that she no longer needs to rely on others to get to work and the child care center. This is not the first car that this family has donated and we are grateful for their

generosity. Thanks to the Pauleys for giving this family - and others - a wonderful gift and the ability to earn an income!



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Show Your KMPC Pride!
T-shirts & Polo Shirt Sale
(to benefit the 150th Anniversary Celebration)

Cost:
T-Shirts \$9.00 each
Polo Shirts \$13.00 each

Choice of white or green

Name _____

Choose Quantity & Type:

T-Shirt ____ Color _____ Size _____

Polo Shirt ____ Color _____ Size _____

(Checks made payable to KMPC). Any questions, please see Pastor Mike.

Afraid to wear your KMPC shirt on Mission work days???

Splurge for a 2nd.

This is a great opportunity to stock up. Designate your current one for Mission projects and continue to display badges of hardwork (grass stains and paint splatters) and get a new one for fancy events when you want to show your KMPC pride.



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/>

KMPC SERVICE & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

St. Baldrick's – On Sunday, June 11th, Linda Swackhamer spoke during a minute for mission about her work with the St. Baldrick's Foundation. 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. It's a courageous, selfless act to show support for these amazing kids – and in the process, inspire friends, family, and colleagues to donate to childhood cancer research. Our church is putting together a "Shave Team." If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Mike or Norma Zimmerman know.

SAVE THE DATE: September 22, 2017



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30 Years of Service
 Anniversary Gala at
 The Princeton Marriott at Forrestal

Good News Home is a residential treatment center for women with chemical dependencies. We offer a holistic approach to healing the total woman; mind, body and spirit through a comprehensive program without regard to race, religion or ability to pay.



St. Baldrick's FOUNDATION
 Childhood Cancer

SAVE A SHAVE FOR KIDS WITH CANCER
St. Baldrick's Headshaving Event & Auction
 Sep 24, 2017 • 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 At: Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company
 761 Sergeantsville Rd, Sergeantsville, NJ 07875
 Need more info? Contact Linda Swackhamer

Friendship Center Work Day June 10

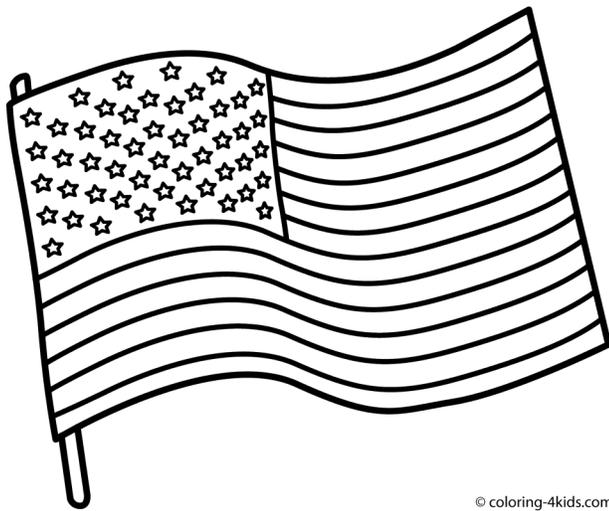


Backyard Mission Trip – On Saturday, June 10th, 16 of us went to the Friendship Center for New Beginnings for our local mission trip. We were able to accomplish a great deal – helping them with spring cleaning projects, painting, minor electrical and plumbing work, shaving and hanging doors, and a rerouting of their gutter system. Les and Jeannie Avery were very happy with all that we got done! They provided us with delicious pizza for lunch. Thank you to everyone who came out to work! See Thank You letter in this issue. More photos are posted on our website.



150th Projects Continue





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Coloring is an activity that we tend to associate with children. As we grow older, we put aside our crayons and colored pencils in favor of more respectable writing utensils like pens and highlighters. However, it turns out coloring can be beneficial for adults — namely for its de-stressing power. The practice generates wellness, quietness and also stimulates brain areas related to motor skills, the senses and creativity.

