



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

December 2019



Ringoes, New Jersey

THE OLIVE BRANCH

December Events

- 1 **First Sunday of Advent**
The Bells of Kirkpatrick
- 3 6:30pm Deacons Mtg
- 6 6:00pm Tree Lighting Muni Bldg
- 7 5:30pm Come As U R worship
- 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**
4:00pm Caroling
- 10 9:30am Sip & Chat
6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
6:30pm Youth Grp Xmas Fun
- 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Pot Luck Lunch, Carols & Crafts
- 15 Delivering Xmas Food Baskets
- 17 7:00pm Session Meeting
7:30pm FREE Concert @ LWLC
- 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 23 **7:00pm Xmas Come As You R**
- 24 **5:30pm Candlelight w/ Band**
7:30pm Candlelight w/ Choir
- 25 Happy Birthday Jesus!!
Office closed
- 26 Office closed
- 27 Office Closed
- 29 2pm Hunterdon Care Center
- 31 New Year's Eve

Weekly

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| Sun | 8:45am Adult SS 9:30am Worship with Jr. Church |
| Mon | 6:30pm Boy Scouts |
| Tue | 8:00pm AA |
| Wed | 7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal |
| Thu | 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm AA |
| Sat | 4:00pm AA |



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Max Lucado, in his book [A Love Worth Giving](#), writes, "Love goes the distance...and Christ traveled from limitless eternity to be confined by time in order to become one of us. He didn't have to. He could have given up. At any step along the way he could have called it quits.

When he saw the size of the womb, he could have stopped.

When he saw how tiny his hand would be, how soft his voice would be, how hungry his tummy would be, he could have stopped. At the first whiff of the stinky stable, at the first gust of cold air. The first time he scraped his knee or blew his nose or tasted burnt bagels, he could have turned and walked out.

But he didn't.

He didn't, because he is love."

During this season of Advent, it is imperative that we not take the birth of Christ for granted. At any point, God could have changed His mind about sending His Son, Jesus Christ. But, as Lucado has reminded us, God did not. He loved us so much that He sent His Son for us. And when Jesus Christ was born on that first Christmas morning, EVERYTHING changed. The world would never be the same.

Our lives should not be the same, even today some 2,000 years later. Christ's birth should change us and cause us to be transformed in love, grace, and mercy. How will you show your gratitude this Advent season? What will be different for you in the days leading up to Christmas? Let us – together – make this season holy and special. Plan to join us for our activities to enhance your Advent and Christmas preparations.

See you Sunday!

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike

You are joyfully invited to

Christmas Worship

December 23

7:00pm Come As You Are (casual worship)

December 24

5:30pm for our Candlelight Service with the Worship Band

7:30pm for our Candlelight Service with the Choir.



Annual Reports are due into the office no later than **Sunday, January 5, 2020**. The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**.

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Caroling December 8. We will meet at 4pm @ church and drive to a few members homes, sing a few songs, and return back to church. Dinner options TBD by those participating.



Pot Luck December 15 after church we will have a pot luck lunch with carol singing and make a craft for the residences of Hunterdon Care Center.



Holiday Schedule

Sunday 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am Worship

Monday 23

7:00pm Come As You Are to Worship


Tuesday 24

5:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service led by the Worship Band
7:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service led by the Choir

Wednesday 25

Happy Birthday Jesus


Church Office Closed until Dec 29



Free Big Band Concert

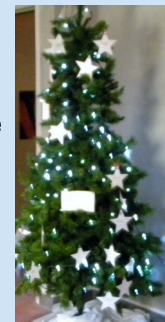
Living Waters Church (across from Larison's Corner Church)
December 17 @ 7:30 pm

John Nobile's Summer Swing Band rehearses at LWLC all year and this is their way to say thank you. Ask Chris if you want to know more.



The Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is in the connector. The "ornaments" have items we are collecting for The Friendship Center for New Beginnings. Please take 1 or more ornaments, purchase the items and place the new, unwrapped gifts with the star/dove attached under the tree before December 15. Gift cards should be given to Chris or placed in her mailbox. Thank you!



POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias are \$10 each and will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Please make checks payable to Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church or KMPC—in the Memo line please put 'Poinsettias'.

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____

Amount Paid _____

Dedication (in memory of, in honor of, given by, etc.) _____



Please note that the Poinsettias you have purchased can be taken home after the 7:30 Christmas Eve service. We ask that the flowers stay in the church until after this service so that congregants and their families at all Christmas services can enjoy the beauty of the flowers on that special night. Also: Please leave the plastic base dishes to be used again next year. Flowers not taken will decorate the Sanctuary throughout the rest of the season. We will also deliver flowers to the Hunterdon Care Center and to shut-ins.

Thanks for purchasing the flowers!
Music & Worship

Deacons Corner

The clothing drive is still going on.


Clothing Drive for the Rescue Mission of Trenton

The box is in basement under gym in orange classroom

Food Baskets: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving Food baskets. We were able to help 40 families. We will be doing about 30 baskets for Christmas. Athletes in Action will be helping us again and so will the Women's Auxiliary. This week we need boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you again for all you do to support this very worthwhile ministry. Collection boxes are in the vestibule and connector.

Outreach Goals – The Session has been talking about doing some intentional outreach in our church in order to bring more people through our doors. There are some ideas that are being researched and planned – but the Session would welcome any ideas that the congregation has to reach out to our community. Please let an elder or Pastor Mike know of any ideas you have.

Adopt-A-Family Ministry Update – This new ministry going strong, and the support is fully committed! Thank you to everyone who has pledged support. In November, we helped with assistance to the gas and electric companies, and a WalMart gift card. The family is very grateful for the church's assistance. Please pray for the family we have adopted – and for our church as we carry out this new ministry.



THE ANNUAL
MEETING
Will be held
on Sunday,
January 26th,
2020.

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

December 1, 2019 – Matthew 24:36-44 – “Managing Un-Expectations”

December 8, 2019 – Matthew 3:1-12 – “We Work While We Wait”

December 15, 2019 – Matthew 11:2-11 – “Hope in the King”

December 22, 2019 – Matthew 1:18-25 – “A Surprise Adoption”



KMPC Financial Summary

2019

MTD (October)

Receipts – \$14,171.67

Expenses - \$16,521.75

Difference – (\$2,350.08)

YTD (through October)

Receipts - \$170,220.11

Expenses - \$178,704.50

Difference – (\$8,484.39)

2018

MTD (October 2018)

Receipts - \$16,975.64

Expenses - \$20,949.88

Difference – (\$3,971.24)

YTD (through October 2018)

Receipts – \$181,726.10

Expenses – \$186,893.84

Difference – (\$5,167.74)

We lost some ground in October. Please help us to finish strong at the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of KMPC!

Deacon's December 2019 Prayer List

KMPC Family

Angela B (Mom grief)
Ashlyne – Jen B
Bart and Norma
Ben D. (military)
Barb K. (grieving)
Corliss & Family
Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B.
Debie Case-Neri (grieving loss of husband)
Dorothy S. (healing)
Freda VL
Hillary (healing)
Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson) .
Paul & Sharon M. (rebuilding & healing)
Phyllis P.
Steve & Terri F. (healing)
Sue K & (grieving)
Caregivers
Families suffering with addictions
Homebound members & Shut-Ins
Hospice Patients
Teachers & /Students

Hunterdon Care Center

Joe K.

Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)
Amy F. (healing)
Art (chemo for cancer) Dorothy cousin
Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend
Bob D (healing)
Carol—Amy's Mom
Arlene – Karen D Neighbor
Elizabeth's sister Barbara (Bladder Cancer)
Elizabeth's sister Patty (COPD)
Gail K (Parkinson)
Helen B (moved to care facility) Dorothy
Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter
Janice (concussion) Jen's Mother
Jean G (Dementia) Dorothy's Aunt
Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P
Judy (cancer) Annes' friend

Kate Lim (kidney) Sharyn
Lucas Gail G. great-grandson
Mary (cancer)
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
Rich Messmer Family(Rich complications from tick bite
Ron and Sandy P. (healing)
Shawn and Anthony
Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.
Toby & Judy N. (healing, Safety)
Tom (Lymphoma)
Families of Natural Disasters
First Responders
Military Men & Women
President & Congress
Prisoners
Refugees
Shooting Victims
Troubled youth
U.S. & World Situations
Unemployed
Victims of Violence



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| Joyce George | Dec 5 |
| Steven Esock | Dec 10 |
| Janice Jarrett | Dec 11 |
| Brian Mundhenk | Dec 12 |
| Keira McDaniels | Dec 13 |
| Luke Verbeyst | Dec 14 |
| Tiffany Perangelo | Dec 15 |
| Frank Hults | Dec 18 |
| James Danner | Dec 19 |
| Mohamed Al-Daqa | Dec 21 |
| Bev Kaminski | Dec 21 |
| Jesus Christ | Dec 25 |
| Tracy Kell | Dec 26 |
| Lori Wonsor | Dec 27 |
| Kim Fulper | Dec 28 |
| Michael Quinn | Dec 28 |
| Mikayla Fulper | Dec 29 |



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

Master Schedule

DECEMBER 2019

| Date | Nursery | Jr. Church | Greeters & Ushers | Security Cell | Communion Prep | Communion Servers | Coffee Break | Flowers | Advent Candle Lighters |
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| Advent 1 Dec 1 | Amy Atzert | Kristen Schott | TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk, Brian and Kathy Mundhenk | | Betty Reilly | Betty Reilly, Linda Hults | Men's Bible Study | Atzert | Colleen and Chuck Conrad |
| Dec 7 | 5:30pm Come As You Are Worship | | | | | | | | |
| Advent 2 Dec 8 | Ellie Verbeyst | Ellie Verbeyst | TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson | Darryl Cronce | Karen DeLay | Karen & Roger DeLay | Joyce George | Poinsettias | Terry and Skip Kell |
| Advent 3 Dec 15 | Joyce George | Please Volunteer | TEAM 3, Colleen Conrad, Kathy Lovett, Hillary Tobin, MaryLou DuBois | Darryl Cronce | Dave Case | Dave Case, Darryl Cronce | Barbara Kurylo | Poinsettias | Danner Family |
| Advent 4 9:30 Service Dec 22 | Ellie Verbeyst | Please Volunteer | TEAM 4, Steve and Lori Wonsor, Joyce George, Ann Don- | | Lori Wonsor | Lori Wonsor | Karen Shipman | Poinsettias | Pat and Terry Wright |
| Dec 23 | 5:30pm Come As You Are Worship | | | | | | | | |
| 5:30 Xmas Eve Dec 24 | | No Jr Church | | | | | | Poinsettias | Verbeyst Kaminski Family |
| 7:30 Xmas Eve Dec 24 | | No Jr Church | | | | | | Poinsettias | Reilly Hodes Family |
| Dec 29 | Ellie Verbeyst | No Jr. Church | TEAM 5, Darryl and Nancy Cronce, David Case, Marilyn | | Colleen Conrad | Colleen Conrad | Pickards | Poinsettias | |

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1/26/2020

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February

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2/23/2020

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March

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3/15/2020
3/22/2020
3/29/2020

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Flower Dedication Request

Honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a birthday or passing by providing flowers for the chancel area. Let Chris know what date and dedication you would like.

April

4/5/2020
4/12/2020
4/19/2020
4/26/2020

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| Lent Display |
| Easter Lilies |
| Easter Lilies |
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May

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5/10/2020
5/17/2020
5/24/2020
5/31/2020

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June

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July

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| Community Worship |
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August

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8/30/2020

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November

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11/8/2020
11/15/2020
11/22/2020
11/29/2020

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| Danner (Marine BD) |
| Zimmerman |
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December

12/6/2020
12/13/2020
12/20/2020
12/27/2020

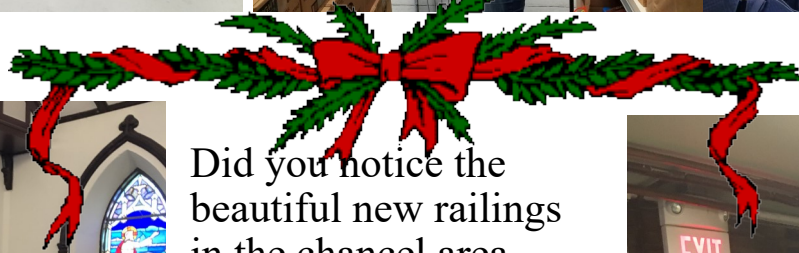
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| Poinsettias |
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Photo Album

Nov. 10 our Youth Group volunteered to help at the Flemington Food Pantry. They were a small but might group!!



I can't believe what got donated!!!!



Did you notice the beautiful new railings in the chancel area and gym stairs? They were donated by the Sally Fulper Memorial Donations, Bob approved, engineered and installed by Skip. Thank you to everyone involved in this inspiration.

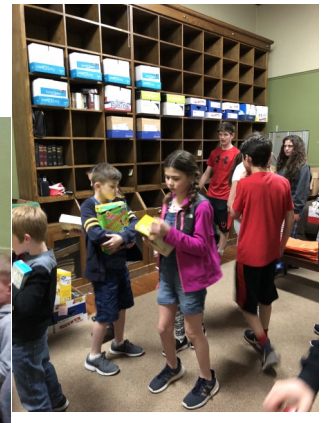


Thanks to all who stayed and help decorate the sanctuary.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Athletes in Action stuffing boxes



**Congratulations
Emily & Joe**
#thatzarapp



Community News



Flemington United Methodist Church

Christmas Craft Market

Saturday, December 7th
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

116 Main Street, Flemington

Hand crafted gifts
Silent Auction
Homemade Soup Luncheon
Baked Goodies

flemingtonumc@yahoo.com 908-782-1070

East Amwell Municipal Building

December 6 at 6:00 pm

30th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration



Cairn University's School of Music
presents

LESSONS & CAROLS

Cairn University Chorale

Dr. Steven McCollum, Director

Saturday, December 7, 7 pm

St. John's Anglican Church
1150 Bristol Road
Southampton, PA 18966

Sunday, December 8, 4 pm

Montgomery Evangelical Free Church
246 Bellemead Griggstown Rd
Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Reserve **FREE** tickets at cairn.edu/tickets

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

As we give thanks to Jesus for our many blessings this year, let us honor him by serving others. As Christmas Day approaches and you go shopping for ingredients to create that special family meal, please keep in mind that not every family in our community is as fortunate. The Deacons are asking our church family to help meet the needs of our community this year by picking up a few extra food items that will be made into Christmas food baskets. Please take this shopping list with you as a friendly reminder. Anything on the following list would be greatly appreciated:

- ☐ Peanut Butter
- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Pancake Mix
- ☐ Syrup
- ☐ Apple Sauce
- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Beans
- ☐ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Boxed Potato Dishes
- ☐ Frozen Turkey/Ham/Oven Roaster
- ☐ Turkey/Chicken/Pork Gravy
- ☐ Canned Fruit
- ☐ Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Tuna Fish
- ☐ Cookie &/or Brownie Mixes (not refrigerated)



If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector marked "Deacons Food Drive" before Dec. 15th. Thank you for your support!