



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 2020

THE OLIVE BRANCH



Ringoes, New Jersey

June Events

- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 21 Blessed Father's Day

Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Zoom Worship
Virtual Coffee Hour
- Tue 7:00pm Zoom Prayer Mtg

Weekly Prayer Meeting –
Please join us at 7pm every Tuesday (except for Session meeting weeks, when it will be Wednesday) for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be emailed each week. 🙏

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. 📖



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we enter week number “who knows?” of the pandemic and being confined to our homes, except for essential travel and business, many of us cannot say what month or day it is. It is trying – for some, it is boring. It is trying our patience. And for some, it will be scary for many months, even after businesses reopen and we are allowed to go out and about.

With that said, I read an article recently that helped to put some perspective into these times – and give us some points on which to focus. Harriet Connor, in *The Way We Shape These Days is Shaping Us*, writes, “Humans cannot live without rhythm any more than we can live without meaning. This goes right back to the creation of the world. God created in a rhythmical way: he made the world in six days – each with evening and morning – and rested on the seventh. God also built into creation the marking of time...”

It wasn't just these natural rhythms that shaped the life of God's ancient people. God commanded the Israelites to order their lives to the beat of six plus one – God's own rhythm of creation. Each week comprised six days of work,

then a Sabbath of rest. Likewise, the land was to be worked for six years, then have a year of rest. After seven Sabbath years, the Israelites were to celebrate the year of Jubilee. In addition to these Sabbath patterns, the Israelite calendar included six different feasts throughout the year...

The ancient practices of Israel and the Church were based on the assumption that the way we shape our time is actually forming and shaping us. That's because our habits and rhythms of life train our hearts to long for certain things and ideals. These things we strive toward gradually shape the people we become. These days of confinement present us with a unique opportunity to reassess our personal and domestic habits; to give structure to our formless days” (from Internet. <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-way-we-shape-these-days-is-shaping-us/>. 05/13/20).

Connor then gives some suggestions that might help us shape our time in a way that helps us to grow in Christ. Here are a few of them:

Start with Sundays –

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Make Sundays count.

Prayer – Cover the day in prayer: in the morning, throughout the day, before you go to bed.

Mealtimes – Gather around the table with family and friends – or use Zoom or the phone to do so

From Our Pastor continued...

Put down the phone – Limit screen time. Read a book. Do a puzzle. Go for a walk. Send a note.
Give Color to weekdays – Make the most of every day – plan special times
Keep Special Things Scarce – Reserve special things for special times
Notice Nature – Pay attention to God's creation around us

If we start these now, chances are when things get back to “normal,” we will continue them. And how great will that be!

My love and prayers through Christ, Pastor Mike

SAVE THE DATE! (MAYBE!) Sunday, July 5th will tentatively be our annual Community Worship Service with our brothers and sisters from Mt. Airy, Lambertville, Titusville, Stockton, and Larison's Corner. The service and picnic will be held once again at Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead, 1605 Daniel Bray Highway, Lambertville beginning at 10am. Our church is asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Based on what the restrictions are at the time, we may change or postpone the worship service and picnic. Stay tuned!

CWS Blanket, Tool + Program We routinely support the Blanket, Tool + Program for CWS between Mother's Day and Father's day. This has been a well received again supported this outreach. If you'd like to continue to do so, please note CWS Blankets on your check or envelope. Checks may be made out to KMPC.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



This Father's Day consider honoring the day by contributing to one of these local organizations:

- Family Promise of Hunterdon County
- Harvest Family Success Center (Family support)
- Delaware Valley Food Pantry
- Flemington Food Pantry
- Hunterdon Hospice
- SAFE in Hunterdon
- Flemington Salvation Army (meal delivery service)
- Hunterdon Interfaith Outreach (utility assistance)



Hands For Prayer





Daphne George



Daphne graduates from Hopewell Valley Central High School and is planning to attend Mercer County Community College in the fall.



Our Graduates:
Jenna Atzert,
Daphne George,
Kathy Mundhenk,
Sarah Mundhenk

Well Done!!

Jenna Atzert



TCNJ - BS in Nursing.
Has accepted a nursing position with Hunterdon Medical Center on 5-South (starting in August)

Katherine Holcombe Mundhenk



What kind of jokes are appropriate during quarantine?

Inside Jokes!

Where do sick boats go to get healthy?

The Dock!!



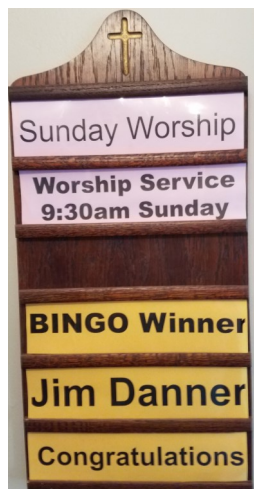
Drive in Church Services have been a huge success.


Drive in Baptisms not so much.

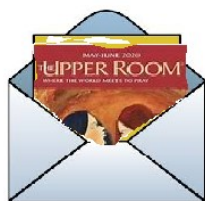
BINGO PRIZES - SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020



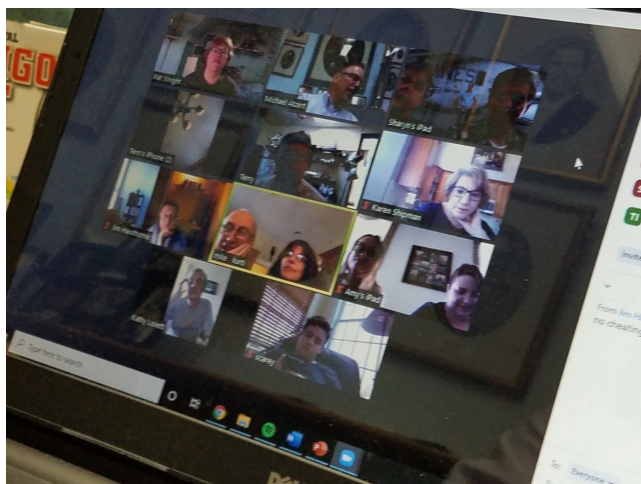
- * Permanent appointment to the nominating committee (he broke the rules so he “won” this!) – **Mike Kurti**
- * Complimentary choir folder and robe – exclusive invitation to sing in the choir – **Jim Danner**
- * Flowers will be donated in your honor when we return to in-person worship – **Sharyn Danner**
- * Reserved parking spot – **Kathy Lovett**



- * Name added to the Connector board – **Jim Danner**
- * Rights to display this on your FB page  - **Pat Wright**
- * Honorable mention in the mid-week under a winning banner – **Mike Kurti**
- * Coffee hour with the pastor and three others of your choosing....you do a zoom with them – **Terri Ferrell**
- * Next issue of Upper Room mailed to you free of charge – **Terri Ferrell**



- * Bingo Bonanza – Whole Card Bingo prizes: **Terri Ferrell**



Deacons Corner

The deacons are planning on making 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. We thought that we could help them by making up food bags. From what I understand they are getting many more people than they have gotten in the past that are needing food.

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!



Samuel Ayers, Jr. Scholarship.

Applications for qualified students are now available and located on the tables in front and in the back of the Sanctuary. **All applications are due to the Scholarship Committee no later than June 8.** Scholarship recipients will be recognized during an August worship service (date to be communicated to all recipients). All awards are paid directly to the recipient's college. **Time is running out.**

When the quarantine is over and you want to continue to wear your online worship wardrobe for Sunday mornings!

Mens short & long sleeve business shirts
\$2⁹⁹ EA.
 Polyester/cotton in white and pastels. 37-44.

Fashion ties
\$3⁹⁹ EA.
 Prints and woven designs. Look smart in a Target tie.

Fashion shorts
\$7⁹⁹ EA.
 Fashion shorts in a good range of styles. 3-7, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%.

Leather belts
\$2⁵⁹
 1 1/2" size
 Other sizes and prices available too.

Walk socks
99c PR.
 Machine washable. 1 size fits all. Assorted colours.

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures (subject to change):

June 7, 2020 – Genesis 1:1-2:4 – “It Was Good”

June 14, 2020 – Genesis 18:1-15 – “Laughing at God”

June 21, 2020 (Father's Day) – Genesis 21:8-21 – “God Hears”

June 28, 2020 – Genesis 22:1-14 – “What God Asks of Us”

KMPC Financial Summary

2020

MTD (April)

Receipts – \$17,746.50

Expenses - \$14,974.54

Difference – \$2,771.96

YTD (through April)

Receipts – \$64,403.26

Expenses – \$67,971.39

Difference (\$3,568.13)

2019

MTD (April 2019)

Receipts - \$20,110.31

Expenses - \$17,610.67

Difference – \$2,499.64

YTD (through April 2019)

Receipts - \$73,654.82

Expenses - \$70,199.14

Difference - \$3,455.68

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the ministry of the church through your giving. While giving is down from last year, expenses are also lower. The church has made up some of the deficit during the month of April. Please continue to mail or drop off your offerings to the church. God has provided!



Deacon's June 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)
 Hillary (healing)
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)
 Lanie and Husband
 Paul & Sharon M. (healing)
 Phyllis P.
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)
 Shawn and Anthony
 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
 Jean G (Dementia) Dorothy's Aunt
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P)
 Judy H. (Shoulder surgery) Kathy

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

Phyllis Polenz	June 2
Shawn Dell	June 5
Aiden Quinn	June 6
Erik Zimmerman, Jr.	June 7
Rachel Dell	June 8
Mary Lou DuBois	June 14
Ava O'Leary	June 17
Jennifer Schott	June 17
Donna Trevithick	June 19
Barry Cregar	June 22
Elizabeth Reilly-Hodes	June 22
Roger Pickard	June 26
Billy Schott	June 28
Todd Williamson	June 28
Marilyn Desnos	June 29



Frank & Linda Hults	June 3
Brian & Colleen Case	June 12
Mike & Amy Atzert	June 15
Mary Rae & Peter Fick	June 15
Lanie & Scott Ballard	June 20
Jim & Sharyn Danner	June 20

*Congratulations to
 Jessica & Bill Roethel on your
 first anniversary* June 28

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