



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 2020

THE OLIVE BRANCH



May Events

- 3 4:00pm BINGO! On zoom
- 6 National Nurses Day
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Blessed Mother's Day
- 14 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 19 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 20 7:00pm Prayer Meeting
- 20-24 Pastor on Study Leave
- 25 Memorial Day
- 31 Pentecost

Weekly

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



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I have wondered often what they will say when they look back 50 or 100 years from now about Kirkpatrick during the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020. Will they see how we did ministry despite all that was going on? Will they feel the sense of community and togetherness when they see pictures of our Zoom worship? Will they know how deep our faith and trust in the God of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is?

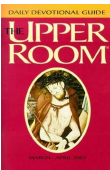
To all of those questions, I believe the answer is YES! We continue to be the church even though we cannot meet in person. We continue to be the church in our outreach and mission work. We continue to be the church in coming together through the internet every week and loving one another. I love seeing your faces and knowing that you are singing and praying and partaking in the sacrament every week.

We are so blessed with everything God has provided for us. Special thanks to Jim Hawthorne, Lucia

Lee, Jen Bacorn, Sharyn, James and Abbie Danner, and Emily Rapp for helping to provide meaningful worship each Sunday. Also, a word of thanks to my family for participating in Zoom "rehearsals" every week where we can test sound and internet connection. While I know that there have been a few issues regarding connectivity and sound, I believe that it is the best way for us to worship together – to interact with one another and share Christ's love.

A big thank you to our office administrator, Chris Kosmac, for all that she is doing in working from home. She is handling everything she normally does, and then some – with her usual excellence. And thanks also to Barry Bacorn who came at least three times a week when our 12-step groups were still meeting to wipe down surfaces and make our building safe and secure. Indeed, our church family is blessed in so many ways.

During this time, we need to constantly lift up our frontline workers in prayer. Those who work in our hospitals, doctor's offices, EMT's, first responders – police, fire, grocery stores, pharmacies, and all essential workers. The things that they see – the compassion that they give to



The May/June Upper Room is at the church on the library table. Please stop by in the morning Monday through Thursday to pick up your copy.



An Online Fellowship Event! Please join us on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom for a churchwide Bingo game! You can download free Bingo cards at <https://bingocardgenerator.com/print-bingo-cards/> or create your own. Bring your own snacks! Let's have some fun and fellowship! Exciting (virtual) prizes will be awarded!

Topic: Let's Play Bingo!

Time: May 3, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85927710508>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

From Our Pastor continued...

those who are sick. The people they have to deal with on a daily basis – people who are afraid, angry, impatient, and rude. Please remember each day to say a prayer for all essential workers – and send notes to them showing your support (if you need a list of our church's superheroes, please let Chris know).

The good news is that no matter what we have to endure, God is with us. He walks with us through the rough times, He grieves and weeps with us, and we can rely on Him at all times. God will bring us through this pandemic – God will help us on the other side of the virus – and God will bless us when we are able to resume our lives in that “new” normal. I give thanks for each of you, and pray your faith will be strengthened during this time.

My love and prayers through Christ,
Pastor Mike

Take Advantage of Giving Incentive During the COVID-19 Crisis

The CARES Act is federal legislation recently passed that provides a new economic stimulus package in response to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 crisis. One section included in the act provides an incentive to help nonprofit organizations. The goal of the incentive is to encourage charitable contributions to financially boost nonprofits struggling during the crisis.

While donors will need to wait until the 2021 tax season to reap the benefit outlined in the CARES Act, churches, ministries, and nonprofit organizations can benefit from cash donations now.

Remind your donors of the new tax incentive available for charitable cash contributions. Here's what's new in the CARES Act relating to charitable contributions:

- The 60% adjusted gross income limitation for cash charitable contributions is expanded to 100% of adjusted gross income for 2020.
- Taxpayers can take up to \$300 deduction for cash donations when they file their 2020 taxes in 2021.
- The \$300 deduction is available only to those who do not itemize. This is known as an “above-the-line” deduction and is an important incentive; only about 13% of taxpayers choose to itemize over the standard deduction.¹

The limit on the deductibility of corporate contributions of cash made in 2020 has increased to 25% of net taxable income.

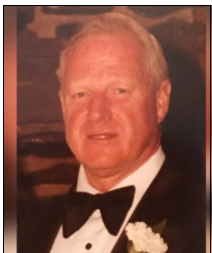
Dear Deacons,

I just wanted to thank you all so much for providing lunch to the nurses and healthcare team at HMC on 3 West. As you are all aware, it is a very stressful time for all and some days are so busy that meals and breaks get missed. The sandwiches were delicious and everyone appreciated your thoughtfulness. The social isolation, job losses and empty grocery store shelves have impacted us all. I am praying we all remain healthy. With each other and God's help we will get through this. I miss my church family and hope to actually see you all soon. Keep the faith and continue to wash hands and socially isolate

God Bless,

Karin Stover BSN, RN CMSRN

IN MEMORY OF



Norman Gilbert (Gil) Tallamy

www.holcombefisher.com for obituary information

Gil was a member at KMPC from 1978 until 1996. During that time he was very active especially as Sunday School Superintendent. Recently members had been helping Gil out with rides when he could no longer drive due to his eyesight. His wife Betty still resides in Ringoes.



Hunterdon Healthcare

Your full circle of care.

Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation
foundation.hunterdonhealthcare.org

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Flemington, NJ 08822
P: 908.788.6141
F: 908.788.6370

April 3, 2020

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 560
Ringoos, NJ 08551-0560

Dear Friends of Hunterdon Healthcare:

Thank you for your generous food donation for our medical staff, we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in this trying time. Your contribution is essential in helping Hunterdon Healthcare respond to the COVID-19 crisis in our region.

Hospitals and clinicians are on the front lines saving lives and keeping us healthy as the world confronts this pandemic. As healthcare providers begin launching crisis plans, they have never needed their communities more. Donations like yours are critically important at this moment and have never been needed more.

Thank you again for this vital in-kind donation. All of us at Hunterdon Healthcare hope you remain safe and healthy.

Best regards,

Phil Beekman
Senior Vice President



To Friends @ Kirkpatrick -
Thank you so much for
inviting us to participate in
the Food Basket collection this
Easter.
We hope that in the future,
our two churches can do
more of God's work together.
God's place - Irving Waters
Lutheran Church

Outreach - On Monday, March 30th the Deacons purchased and delivered sandwiches from a local restaurant to the staff on one of the floors at HMC. This was greatly appreciated by the staff. This is one small way our community of faith is spreading appreciation and support for those working tirelessly during this time. Your prayers, your continued participation in virtual opportunities, your donations are all examples of supporting each other. Do not feel helpless; you matter, we matter, we will get through this together.

Appreciating Our Healthcare Heroes
- Crown Trophy in Flemington has offered the opportunity to say thank you to those on the front lines at the Hunterdon Medical Center by purchasing road signs with a message to the staff. Our church purchased a sign that read "We're praying for you. Kirkpatrick Church - Ringoes." Pastor Mike drove up to the medical center to try and find our sign in order to take a picture; however, he was unable to locate it. If any of our healthcare heroes or anyone else up at the medical center should see our sign, please take a picture and email it to Chris.



KMPC Deacons,

April 2020



...but hope you know
how much it meant.
So thoughtful & so
appreciated. Stay safe
& God Bless,
♥ Karin Stiller

(Additional note:)

Just wanted to send you all a quick note thank you for providing lunch to the nurses & healthcare team at HMC & 3West. Please know that we all appreciate the prayers and your generosity. Hope to see you all in person soon.

Keep in touch: During this time of separation, online communication is the best way for us to keep it together. We are sending separate emails for:

the Weekly Prayer Meeting reminders & log-in instructions

Sunday Worship reminders & log-in instructions

this week's prayer list

this week's sermon in print and audio

Mid-week announcements with lots of entertaining and important information

the May Olive Branch will be available soon as well.

To be included: email, call or go on our website: www.kirkpatrickchurch.org and scroll to the very bottom of the home page where you will see SUBSCRIBE FOR EMAILS and a link to click on. Then fill out your email and click on as many boxes under Subscriptions as you want.

If you aren't getting emails every week, you may have been bounced. Yep, that's the official term for it. Contact us to get grounded again. Nope, that's not the official term for it.

Who's Who?

What a beautiful sight
to remember that God
is in control."

Photo by Ellie Verbeyst

Samuel Ayers, Jr. Scholarship.

The application for qualified students is included with this issue and a few printed copies will be available at the church. All applications are due to the Scholarship Committee no later than June 8.

Mail the completed application to:

KMPC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 560, Ringoes, NJ 08551,

All awards are paid directly to the recipient's college.

Website Editor – We are looking for someone to keep the website up to date. This includes: editing the home page with worship information weekly, adding photos to the gallery, adding your own creativity to other pages and generally making sure the information is up to date. Most information will be emailed to you. Currently, Pastor Mike is handling the duty. No website experience necessary – the website is very user friendly. Interested? Please talk with Pastor Mike.

Essential Workers List: The church is compiling a list of those in our church family who are on the front lines. If you know of someone who should be added, please email Chris (admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org). If you would like a copy for your prayer list or to send notes, please let Chris know.

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!

Junior Church – Thank you to everyone who served as a Junior Church leader this year! This program is so important as it is our Christian Education for our children.

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.

Easter Food Baskets – The Deacons filled 12 food baskets for local families that were delivered or picked up. There are still 20 baskets that will be filled sometime in May or June for the Lambertville Pantry. If you are able to pick up basket items, please leave them in the bin outside the Connector door. Thanks.

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

May those with children feel appreciated,
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,
May those mourning and missing
The ones who gave them life
Be wrapped in goodness and love today.

- TAMARA RICE

HopeFullyKnown.com

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose
between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.
During this time
when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
to our neighbors.
Amen.*



Picture of this cross
taken in front of the
Titusville Pres. Church.

Thanks for sharing Bev.

Finance Committee Update

Our weekly service is having a wide reach. Pastor Mike has pointed out that our Zoom worship services have been well attended and seen/heard by believers from eight states. Supporting our ministries is important to all of us and as always, Kirkpatrick's community of believers has answered God's call. Not unexpectedly our first quarter giving is down at \$46,656 while expenses were on target with our budget at \$52,996. Session is watching expenses carefully but we intend to support all our ministries which we believe is critical at this time. Therefore Session wants to thank all our members that have been able to mail in their weekly offering as well those friends of the church that have been supporting us during the pandemic. We are confident that God will continue to bless us with the ability to do so. So we continue to ask all who can for your support which enables us to fund our numerous ministries in our local community as well as our many ministries around the world. For more financial information you can see our first quarter financial summary in this month's Olive Branch. God bless all of you and stay safe!



What do you mean
they aren't allowed to
come visit????



Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures

(subject to change):

May 3rd – John 10:1-10 – “A Familiar Voice”

May 10th – I Peter 2:2-10 – “Building A Spiritual House”

May 17th – I Peter 3:13-22 – “Be Prepared”

May 24th – John 17:1-11 – “One”

May 31st – Acts 2:1-21 – “All Together in One Place”

KMPC Financial Summary

2020

MTD (March)

Receipts – \$17,753.67

Expenses - \$17,334.94

Difference – \$418.73

YTD (through March)

Receipts – \$46,656.76

Expenses – \$52,996.85

Difference (\$6,340.09)

2019

MTD (March 2019)

Receipts - \$22,378.19

Expenses - \$17,646.38

Difference – \$4,731.81

YTD (through March 2019)

Receipts - \$53,384.51

Expenses - \$52,588.47

Difference - \$796.04



Deacon's May 2020 Prayer List



KMPC Family

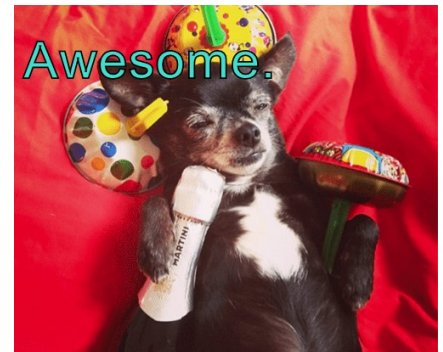
Angela B (grieving)
 Ashlyne – Jen B
 Bart and Norma
 Ben D. (military)
 Barb K. (grieving)
 Corliss & Family
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B.
 Debie Case-Neri
 (grieving loss of husband)
 Dorothy S. (healing)
 Hillary (healing)
 Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)
 Lanie and Husband
 Paul & Sharon M. (healing)
 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 (chemo for cancer) Dorothy
 cousin
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend
 Bob D (Kidney)
 Bob and Sue he has (Non Hodgkins
 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

Bob Trevithick	May 2
Benjamin Danner	May 5
Betsy Peterson	May 8
Ben Friedermann	May 14
Aniella O'Leary	May 16
Jeanne Mundhenk	May 18
Stefanie Hutchinson	May 21
Frederick Fulper, II	May 23
Kathy Mundhenk	May 24
Barbara Kurylo	May 25
John Kell	May 28
Hillary Tobin	May 30



Happy First Anniversary to

Alyssa (Wonsor) & Adam Swiatek May 11

Lauren & Steven Esock May 21
 Ann & Jeff Donnelly May 22

Please contact a deacon to have names added or

March 03, 2020

TO: Students

FROM: Samuel Ayres, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee

RE: Applications for 2020-2021 School Year

We are blessed to make available to deserving students a scholarship provided by the Samuel Ayres, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund requirements and application are attached.

Each applicant must provide the following:

1. Complete the attached application forms. If the applicant is applying for the first time, a letter of introduction explaining the reason for the application and the personal aspirations of the applicant must be submitted.
2. A copy of their high school transcript (as provided by the applicant's high school) must accompany their application. If applicant is re-applying or is not a current high school graduate, a copy of their scholastic record for the previous or most recent year is required. The scholastic record must include their cumulative GPA. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

All of the above items must be submitted to the Committee by June 08, 2020. If final high school transcripts are not available by June 08 then first semester grades must be provided with final transcripts submitted as soon as they are available. NOTE ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 08 even if final high school transcripts are not yet available.

Only completed applications will be accepted for award consideration and due to the approval process, late applications will not be accepted.

Send application to: Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, PO Box 560, Ringoes, NJ 08551 - Attention: Scholarship Committee. The telephone number is 908-782-1177.

All applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the Session of the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church. The recommendations of the Committee will be voted upon by Session and award announcements will be made during an August worship service (date to be communicated to all scholarship recipients).

Session award decisions will be submitted to the Trustee of the Fund, Bank of America. The award is for one year **and will be paid directly to the college**. Applicants must apply each year.

SAMUEL AYRES, JR., SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2020 – 2021 Academic Year
Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church
PO Box 560
Ringoes, NJ 08551-0560

Name of Applicant: _____

Birth Date: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Applicant's Permanent Residence: _____

Name of Church: _____

Name of Minister: _____

KMPC Member: * Please circle: Yes No

Non-KMPC Member but member of a Presbyterian Church: Please circle: Yes No

Please circle: Full Time Part Time **

Please circle: Fr. Soph. Jr. Sr. Grad.

Major: _____

College you will be attending/mailling address: _____

Total costs involved:	Tuition	\$ _____
	Room & board:	\$ _____
	Textbooks & fees	\$ _____
	Travel (commutation):	\$ _____
	Other (explain):	\$ _____
	Total Costs:	\$ _____

*KMPC members are listed on the official KMPC membership role. Any questions about your membership status should be directed to the KMPC office at **908-782-1177**.

**Full Time requires 12 credits per semester for two semesters in one academic year. Part Time is less than 12 credits per semester.

COMMENTS:

VERIFICATION FORM
AYERS B/A KIRKPATRICH CH ED FD
2020-2021

STUDENT VERIFICATION

Student Name: _____

Student Home Address: _____

Student E-Mail: _____

Student Phone #: _____

Student Cell Phone #: _____

Student College ID Number #: _____

COLLEGE VERIFICATION

College or University: _____

**Address of Bursar's
or Financial Aid
Office** _____

College Phone Number: _____

Samuel Ayres Applicant Requirements as Specified by the Trust

	Requirements
1. Gender	Female and Males
2. Residence	No resident restriction for KMPC applicants
3. Church Membership	If insufficient KMPC member applicants then can be offered to members of Presbyterian Churches in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties
4. Ability to pay/Need	Worthy and unable to financially afford college
5. Undergraduate vs Graduate	Four year course or any part thereof plus graduate school
6. Location of school	College, University or Normal School (Teachers College) of applicant's choice
7. Degree major	No degree restriction for KMPC members but non-KMPC members restricted to teaching profession
8. How much per student	Maximum \$2500 per yr.
9. How many students	More than five awards as long as sufficient income
10. Post-study requirement	No one year teaching requirement

The Session of KMPC will determine the following:

- A. *If award will be offered for part time or graduate studies:*
- B. *If applicant is worthy and applicant's financial need:*
- C. *If sufficient funds to award scholarships to more than five applicants:*