



Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 2021

# THE OLIVE BRANCH



## February Events

- 2 Groundhog Day Feels like a year  
6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- 7 Installation of Officers
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day  
Installation Session & Deacons
- 15 Presidents Day  
Olive Branch articles due
- 16 7pm Session Meeting
- 17 Ash Wednesday

Got an idea for a fellowship event?  
Let Pastor Mike know

## Weekly

- Sun 9:30am Worship
- Sun 10:45am Adult Sunday School
- Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- Wed 7:00pm Prayer mtg
- Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

All activities will be on Zoom

Midweek Lenten Services – there are plans to gather with the other churches via Zoom for worship on Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm. Our theme will be confes-

**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!

**Weekly Prayer Meeting** – Please join us at 7pm every Wednesday for a time of sharing, prayer and checking in via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be in the midweek announcements email.

## From Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

Workers for the Chicago Transit Authority have minted some interesting terms to describe life on the trains and tracks of the city, says writer Anne Keegan. The elevated train often runs on a platform built above the city streets. In many places, these platforms are narrow, with just enough width for two trains to pass. If a workman was fixing the tracks when two trains came from different directions, he would have no room to avoid the oncoming trains.

And so, now and then alongside the tracks there is a small platform with a railing, three feet square, projecting out over the street. These small platforms provide a place for those working on the tracks to escape an oncoming train. Workers for the Chicago Transit Authority call these platforms "fool catchers."

On occasion we all play the fool. We lose our temper or bend the truth or neglect our responsibilities or perhaps even do something criminal. We make decisions that in hindsight we realize were just plain stupid. As the trains of trouble come bearing down on us, we need to remember that God has provided a way of escape. The fool catcher is confession (From Craig Brian Larson, ed. Contemporary Illustrations for Preachers, Teachers & Writers. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996. p. 34).

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. As we know, Lent is a time leading up to Easter where we have the opportunity to self-reflect, to confess, and to repent before our God. In these times in which we live, there is much that we all need to confess before God and repent from. Our country is broken, and is in great need for God to restore us. We can play a part by examining our thoughts, words, and deeds and seeing where we need to change and allow God to transform us.

For this Lent, let us each commit to looking inside ourselves and recognizing the sin in our lives. And then, let us confess those sins to God and realize anew the grace, mercy and forgiveness of our God. So that we might love God more fully and all of our neighbors as ourselves.

My love and prayers through Christ,  
Pastor Mike

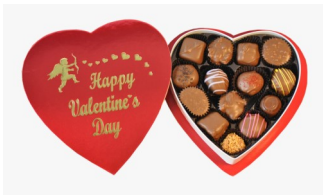


**Ministry Post-Pandemic** – Please begin thinking and praying about how our ministry will grow and change once the pandemic is behind us. How can we use technology to reach across states with the Good News of Jesus Christ? How can we connect with our community more effectively? What creative ways can we use our building and resources to show the love of God? Now is the time to plan and form a vision!

**Readers Wanted** – If you would like to do a Scripture reading at one of our Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Mike know.

**Adopt-A-Family** - We are renewing our commitment to the same family through 2020-2021 and have fully funded the ministry for the year. Thank you for your support!!

**Reopening Plan** – Please refer to the church website for updates from our reopening team - [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org/covid-19-resources). Any questions, please contact Janis Little or Pastor Mike.

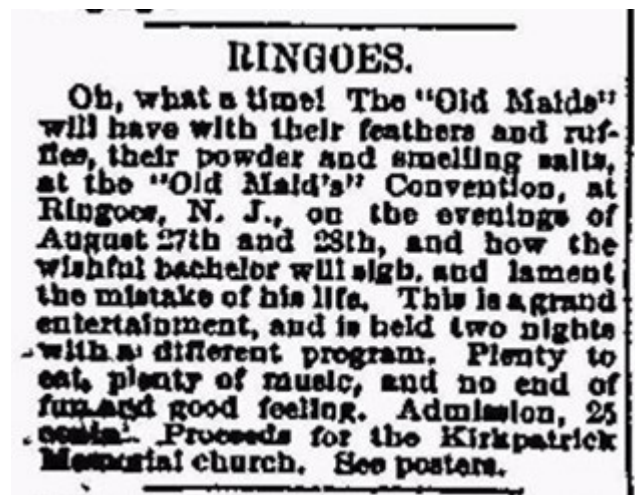


**Future Fellowship Events** – If you have ideas of things we can do together via Zoom for the winter, please let Pastor Mike know. We may plan another Virtual Paint Party, “Name That Tune,” and Bingo – but are looking for other ideas.

**Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 10:45am via Zoom. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, we began a video series by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled “Creed: What Christians Believe and Why,” based on the Apostles’ Creed. Please contact Pastor Mike if you are interested in attending.

**Midweek Lenten Services** – there are plans to gather with the other churches via Zoom for worship on Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm. Our theme will be confession and repentance. Look for more information in the midweek announcements and Sunday bulletin.

**Attn Woodworkers** -- anyone out there who could build 3-4 pedestals to place cameras for Zoom worship on? Please contact Pastor Mike for specs and details.



From Hopewell Herald in 1902. Maybe we should hold one of these festivals again to benefit the church! LOL. Thank for the find Betty.

## Blessings Box

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church is hoping to help more struggling families in our community with food insecurities. We hope to be able to give those families a bag of food each month with the

following items: cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce, tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, and paper towels.

### **Blessings Box:**

We have implemented a new food ministry – The Blessing Box. It is an outdoor, small food pantry which will include non-perishables foods and what food stamps do not cover: feminine products, toothpaste, soaps, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

**“Take what you need / Give what you can /Above all be blessed”**

### **UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS & SCRIPTURES** (subject to change):

February 7<sup>th</sup> – I Corinthians 9:16-23 – “All Things”

February 14<sup>th</sup> – II Corinthians 4:3-6 – “Under the Veil”

February 21<sup>st</sup> - I Peter 3:13-22 – “A Saving Baptism”

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Mark 8:31-38 – “Deny Thyself”



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### KMPC Financial Summary

2020

MTD (December)

Receipts – \$16,143.38

Expenses - \$15,893.11

Difference – \$250.27

YTD (through December)

Receipts – \$199,163.42

Expenses – \$197,509.20

Difference - \$1,654.22

2019

MTD (December 2019)

Receipts - \$29,502.36

Expenses - \$16,007.08

Difference – \$13,495.28

YTD (through December 2019)

Receipts - \$215,359.76

Expenses - \$216,445.88

Difference – (\$1,086.12)

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together! God has blessed our ministry abundantly this year, and we were able to finish in the black at the end of the year. Praise be to God! If you haven’t sent in your pledge card yet, please consider doing so.

We have included a "Donate" button on our website for those that prefer to give online. [www.kirkpatrickchurch.org](http://www.kirkpatrickchurch.org) look for the yellow button in the upper right hand corner. KMPC is charged 2.2% and \$.30 admin fee per transaction. Please consider adding those fees to your donation to cover the costs for KMPC.



# Deacon's February 2021 Prayer List

## KMPC Family

Ashlyne – Jen B  
 Bart and Norma  
 Ben D. (military)  
 Barb K (healing)  
 Bob F. (covid)  
 Brian, Kathy & Dan M (covid)  
 Corliss & Family  
 Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B  
 Dorothy S. (healing)  
 Ginger, Shirley and Bob  
 Irene (Parkinson and Covid)  
 grieving

## John S on going health issues

Lanie and Husband  
**Nancy C grieving Albert**  
 Paul (grieving)  
 Steve & Terri F. (healing)  
 Shawn and Anthony  
 Tobin Family (grief)  
 Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions  
 Homebound members & Shut-Ins  
 Hospice Patients  
 Teachers & /Students

## Assisted living/ Care Center

Phyllis P  
 Millie W

## Extended KMPC Family

Alice (healing)  
 Amy F. (healing)  
 Barb (broken leg and covid) Roger D  
 sister  
 Barbara (grieving) Betsy's Friend  
 Bob D (Kidney)  
 Bob and Sue he has (Non-Hodgkin's  
 Lymphoma) and Sue his caregiver  
 Ann D. friend  
 Arlene – (Karen D Neighbor)  
 Vance (liver cancer) Karen D  
 Denise and John (John has bladder  
 cancer) KL  
 Diane F (car accident) Karen D  
 Erick F in rehab hospital (Janice L  
 friend)

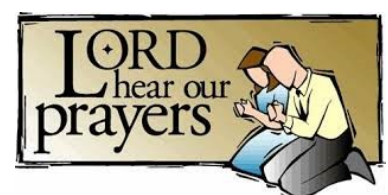
Franklin (Cancer)  
 Gail K (Parkinson)  
 Helen B (moved to care facility)  
 Dorothy  
 Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter  
 Jeff (heart) Mike's Brother  
 Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P  
 Kate (Bipolar) Bev K  
 Lolly H. (brain tumor) Norma Z  
 friend  
 Lucas 3 year old great grandson of  
 Gail Abdominal pain  
 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  
 Rebecca Case (car accident head  
 injuries & seizures)  
 Renda Family (grieving)  
 Ron and Sandy P. (healing)  
 Stacey (aggressive breast cancer)  
 Annie D. friend  
 Stacey L. Sharyn's 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  
 People with flu and virus  
 People waiting for vaccine for virus



Norma Case	Feb. 2
Kathleen Lovett	Feb. 3
Nathan Reilly	Feb. 3
Aaron Reilly	Feb. 3
Max Friedermann	Feb. 5
Erik Zimmerman, Sr.	Feb. 5
Nancy Crouce	Feb. 7
Jared Meyers	Feb. 7
Chelsea Fulper Davis	Feb. 8
Debbie Lentine	Feb. 12
Bob Fulper	Feb. 15
Amy Atzert	Feb. 19
Zach Hodes	Feb. 24
Steve Wonsor	Feb. 24



Feb 3 Anthony & Shawn Dell  
 Feb 29 Jamie Lyn & Michael Quinn



Please contact us to have names added or deleted at [admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org](mailto:admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org)