

THE OLIVE BRANCH

April 2019



Ringoes, New Jersey

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church

April Events

- 1 Yad Sloof Lirpa
- 2 6:30pm Deacons Mtg 7:00pm Lent Worship
- 6 5:30pm Come As U R worship
- 7 The Bells of Kirkpatrick 11:00am Mitzen Shower 6:30pm Youth Group
- 9 6:30pm Boy Scout Cmte Mtg
- 10 7:00pm Lent Worship
- 13 11am Community Egg Hunt
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 15 Olive Branch Deadline
- 16 11:30am Spring Tea 7:00pm Session Meeting
- 18 Maundy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday 7pm @ KMPC
- 21 He is Risen!! Easter
- 22 Church office closed

Weekly

Sun 8:45am Adult SS 9:30am Worship

with Jr. Church

Mon 6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tue 8:00pm AA

6:30pm Bell Rehearsal

Wed 7:30am Men's Bible Study Thu 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00pm AA



From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Contemporary Christian singer and songwriter Ray Boltz sings this in a song called "Feel the Nails:"

Does He still feel the nails every time I fail?
Can He hear the crowd cry "Crucify," again?
Am I causing Him pain?
Then I know I've got to change.
I just can't bear the thought of hurting Him.

As beautiful and touching as that song is, it is also a painful reminder of our sin and shortcomings when it comes to our relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior. As we approach Holy Week and especially the events of Good Friday, it is a great time to examine our lives and see the ways in our lives that we cause our God pain and suffering due to our sin.

We know that Easter Sunday is coming, and the joy and celebration of the empty tomb will happen; however, it is also good for us to sit for awhile in the painful events of Good Friday. When I was in seminary, I worked as a chaplain in a Catholic hospital

one summer. One of the other chaplains there, who was a nun, told me one day: "That's the problem with you Protestants. You try and rush the resurrection instead of spending some time at the crucifixion and Good Friday."

Those words hit me hard. Maybe we do. Maybe we are so uncomfortable with how our sins put Jesus on the cross that we just want to skip to the "happily ever ending" part of the Easter story. Maybe it is just too unpleasant to reflect on Jesus' suffering on our behalf. Regardless, it is good for us, as children of God, to think about it from time to time.

Should we dwell on it? No. The hope that is found in the empty tomb and the resurrection is what helps us move forward. It allows us to feel and experience God's agape' love for us despite how we have failed. It enables us to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and receive the ultimate reward – salvation and eternity with our Heavenly Father. It came at a price, though. A price that our Savior was willing to pay. Alleluia – He is Risen!

See you on Sunday! Pastor Mike



WELCOME HOME (SOON) - There will be a housewarming shower for Paul & Sharon Mitzen on Sunday, April 7th following the service in the library and connector. If you would like to purchase something for Sharon & Paul as they finally (after almost 2 years!) get back into their home, it would be appreciated. A list of needs is on the table or call Chris in the office. If you would like to help with the refreshments, please see Norma Zimmerman.

ISI Dinner Casseroles

Dear KMPC Church Family,

We are so thankful for your support in providing casseroles for the International Students (ISI) ministry February Friendship Dinner! Thanks to you there was plenty of food and a nice variety that was very much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. People from many nations, ages and denominations come together at the ISI monthly dinners in friendship to worship our God! We were blessed to stay for the dinner and program that included worship through song, a testimony of faith and a message from a former attendee from Germany. John Desai and his wife, Aruna have been serving in this ministry for 42 years! He shared with us that KMPC Reverend Horsfield began our church's involvement long ago in this beautiful ministry. We are very thankful to be a part of it too! Thank you so much for serving God in this way!

God bless you, Terry and Skip

LAMBERTVILLE FOOD PANTRY: Help Wanted:

People who can handle a paint brush and who are willing to get their hands a bit messy to help paint the interior of the new facility of the Lambertville Food Pantry. A belief that work can be fun would also be helpful. ② Details will be forthcoming. See Linda Hults if interested or if you have questions.

If you are interested in donating, please make out checks to Delaware Valley Food Pantry and send to P.O. Box 705, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

MELISSA HULTS-MOKROS is going back to Colombia this summer! And the great news is that she will be joined by her 13- year-old daughter, Hannah. Melissa started her mission journey when she was in high school, and it appears her passion may run in the family! The Session has authorized financial support for their trip. If you would like to donate toward their efforts, please make checks payable to the church. Please keep Melissa and Hannah in your prayers.

Trex Recycling -Thank you to everyone who has



brought in recycling. The bench is here! We have collected over 500 pounds of plastic for this program. The church will continue to collect plastic for other groups within the Township who will participate In the Trex program.

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

Happy 90th Birthday

The family members of Millie Wolfe invite everyone to help us celebrate her 90th birthday coming up on April 13, 2019, by sending her a note or birthday card.

She's has adjusted well to moving to Bound Brook and is in good health and good spirits. A shower of birthday



greeting cards would be a welcome way to celebrate this milestone event. Thank you.

Ms. Millie Wolfe CareOne At Somerset Valley 1621 US 22, Room 118 Bound Brook NJ 08805

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Sally Fulper's funeral and luncheon - the snow shovelers, those who set up the gym on Sunday before service, kitchen workers, Lucia and the choir, and everyone who came out to support the family and celebrate Sally's life.



Maddalena Cheesecakes. If you ordered a cheesecake, they will be available for pickup on Good Friday, April 19th. Thank you for your support of the Bells and our fundraiser to refurbish the bells.



Last quarter we received \$17 from AmazonSmile. Every little bit is awesome!

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1977356

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

11. Scholarship recipients will be recognized during

11. 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.

Youth Group

During March, the Youth Group schedule will be as follows:

Sunday, April 7th – 6:30-9:00pm Pizza & A Movie Nite

Sunday, April 21st – NO Youth Group - Easter

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.

Scout Troop 65 Updates

The troop held 2 Eagle Courts of Honor during March as both Jeffrey Staudt and Gregory Veneziale achieved an honor that only 4% of all Scouts reach – that of Eagle Scout. Congratulations

to them and to their families. Elder Chuck Conrad (also an Eagle Scout) has assumed the role of Charter Organization Representative on behalf of the church. Chuck will be working with the troop to see how the church can engage with the troop on a more regular basis.



Confirmation Class -

Pastor Mike has been meeting with one of our youth and a youth from the Mt. Airy Church as part of a joint confirmation

class. The class has been looking at issues and matters of faith and what being a part of a church is about. Please keep them in your prayers. The youth will meet with the Session and join the church in May.

Junior Church – We are offering Junior Church as our Christian Education program for children. The children will begin in the worship service and then be excused after the Children's Message for a time of Bible stories, games, songs, and fun! We need volunteers to lead Junior Church each week. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the front of the sanctuary.

Midweek Lenten Services -

Thank you to everyone who attended the Midweek Lenten services at the various area Presbyterian Churches. It was a wonderful time of worship, reflection, and fellowship during the season of Lent!



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 accept • grow 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. Stay tuned for some fun outreach plans!





Congratulations and welcome

Tessa Jean DeMaio who was baptized on March 24th.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING During Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from national disasters, food for the hungry, and support the poor and oppressed. Offering envelopes are available in the pews if would like to contribute.

Upcoming Sermon Topics & Scriptures

(subject to change):

April 7, 2019 - John 12:1-8 - "Anointed in Lent"

April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday) - Luke 19:28-40 - "Stones Crying Out"

April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday) - Luke 24:1-12 - "Then They Remembered..."

April 28, 2019 - John 20:19-31 - "Reluctant Witnesses"

Palm Sunday April 14th -- KMPC 9:30am Worship

April 18th--Community Maundy Thursday Service Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm

April 19th---Good Friday Services

Titusville@noon, KMPC 7:00pm



6:15am Union Cemetery on Boss Road

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 21, 2019 6:45 to 9:15 am

Easter Worship 9:30am KMPC

KMPC Financial Summary 2019 2018 MTD (February) MTD (February 2018) Receipts - \$17,594.36 Receipts - \$17,882.10 Expenses - \$19,639.07 Expenses - \$19,188.79 Difference - (\$2,044.71) Difference - (\$1,306.69) YTD (through February) YTD (through February 2018) Receipts - \$32,497.20 Receipts - \$31,006.32 Expenses - \$34,942.09 Expenses - \$36,258.79 Difference - (\$3,935.77) Difference - (\$3,761.59)



Deacon's April 2019 Prayer List

Angela – (Surgery)

Ashlyne – Jen B

Ben D. (military)

Barb K. (grieving)

Corliss & Family

Dave M. (Wellbeing) – Jen B.

Dorothy S. (healing)

Freda VL

Fulper Family

Irene & Fred K. (Parkinson)

Linda W.

Paul & Sharon M. (rebuilding &

healing)

Phyllis P.

Steve &Terri F. (healing)

Sue K & her Father

Caregivers

Families suffering with addictions

Homebound members & Shut-Ins

Hospice Patients

Teachers & /Students

Hunterdon Care Center

Joe K.

Extended KMPC Family

Al (cancer & heart) & wife Karen - Bev K.

Amy F. (healing)

Ann (hit by car healing) Bev K.

Bob T. (grieving)-Sharyn's friend

Arlene – Karen D Neighbor

Donna -- Karen S Mother

Elizabeth's sister Barbara (Bladder

Cancer)

Elizabeth's sister Patty (COPD)

Gail K (Parkinson)

Gloria H. (Heart Issues)

Jackie -- Betsy P Daughter

Janice (concussion) Jen's Mother

Jen (Health Issues – Betsy P

Jessica

Kate Lim (kidney) Sharyn

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

Ron and Sandy P. (healing)

Shari's husband Vance, Mat &

Darcee (grieving)Karen

Stan (heart issues)-Betsy P.

Steve (cancer) -Tracy's friend.

Ryan Tessa's husband in service

Sharyn

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

TCNJ 5 people in car accident -

- Michael passed away- prayers

for family- (Emily A)





Linda Hults	Apr. 4
Steve Little	Apr. 4
Ernst Friedermann	Apr. 5
Jennifer Hoppaugh	Apr. 7
John Shipman	Apr. 7
Millie Wolfe	Apr. 13
Declan Bacorn	Apr. 16
Lauren Stover Esock	Apr. 16
Cindi Fulper	Apr. 17
Mia McDaniels	Apr. 18
Gary Dubois	Apr. 20
Greg Manners	Apr. 22
Skip Kell	Apr. 23
Michael Atzert	Apr. 24
Amanda Cronce	Apr. 24
Tracy McClelland	Apr. 25



Fred & Irene Kuhl Apr 25



BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

Millie Wolfe will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 13, 2019. A shower of birthday greeting cards would be a welcome way to celebrate this milestone event. Thank you.

Ms. Millie Wolfe CareOne At Somerset Valley 1621 US 22, Room 118 Bound Brook NJ 08805

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

Please come and enjoy a lunch of great food and fellowship!

Spring Tea

Tuesday, April 16

11:30-1:00

In the Church Gym

Please RSVP by April 7.
Call Chris 908-782-1177 at the office or email the church office.
admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org

East Amwell Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, 2019
11am sharp
at the East Amwell School Field
Wertsville Road

*Rain date Saturday, April 20, 2019 11am

All children fifth grade and under (bring your own basket)

Canned or dried food donations gratefully accepted for the Kirkpatrick Church Easter Baskets to help local families in need

> Sponsored by the East Amwell Parks & Recreation Committee

Questions?
Website: www.eastamwelltownship.com





Easter Baskets

When we celebrate Jesus' resurrection this Easter, let us honor him by serving others. As Easter 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 Easter 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

Pasta Sauce

Pasta

Hams (Preferably Fresh)

Canned Vegetables or fruit

Mac & Cheese

Canned Pineapple

Boxed potatoes (au gratin/scalloped/mashed

Cake mix or frosting

Tuna

Black beans, rice

If you are able to donate, please leave the items in the bin in the Connector by Sunday, April 7th. Thank you so much for your continuous support!

Photo Album



Youth Lock-in

January 2019











KMPC Bowling Team—Such style, such grace







Box City 2019



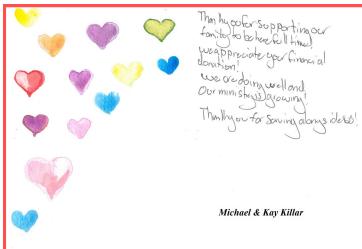
Saturday May 18th (6:30pm) - Sunday May 19th(8:00am)

Spend the night sleeping outside in a cardboard box (that you bring with you) to raise funds to support Family Promise of Hunterdon County's homeless families, and to increase awareness about homelessness in our own community. Everyone is welcome to participate by sleeping out, coming for the evening's festivities until 11pm, or supporting those that do.

We encourage participants of all ages! We welcome youth groups, sports teams, service groups, and families. **Don't forget to get a box for yourself!** We recommend looking for a box at: appliance retailers, outdoor

furniture stores, car repair companies, etc..







Brandywine Living at Pennington - 143 W. Frankfin Ave Pennington, NJ 08534

Call Hilary Murray or Kelly Runzer at (609) 730-9922

Studio apartments starting at \$5900/month

1BR apartments starting at \$6900/month (Reduced Monthly Fee for Spring)

Reserve Your Apartment By the End of April, with Deposit.

* Brandywine has a 2 year private pay criteria before a resident can apply for MLTSS (Medicaid)**

Monthly Rental Fee Includes

- All Day Dining menu (includes 3 meals a day with over 30 choices available)
- Café with coffee, tea, juice, muffins and fresh fruit served all day
- Basic cable service and Wifi
- Weekly housekeeping
- Linens and towels provided
- Daily trash removal and bed making
- Weekly laundry services
- 24/7 care staff, including licensed nurses on site
- Emergency Call Pendent
- Transportation to doctors appointments and weekly shopping excursions
- Cultural, educational and recreational programs and trips

Additional Services

- On Site Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Psychiatry and Counseling Services
- 6 Levels of Care provides assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene
- Medication Administration Assistance
- Beauty & Barber Salon, Moving Services & Downsizing Assistance
- Elder Law Attorney Referrals,



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH | 11AM-2PM

Planning Ahead for Aging Parents What You Need to Know. Three experts in the field of aging share tips and ideas to help you and your loved ones be better prepared before a crisis.

- *The Legal and Financial Details: Advance Medical & Financial Directives, Power of Attorney [POA], Living Wills and Guardianships.
- •How can a Geriatric Care Manager Help & When to Hire Additional Help
- Senior Housing: Independent Living & Assisted Living costs, services & respite care.

RSVP TO

RSVP to Kelly Runzer at krunzer@brandycare.com or Concierge 609-730-9922 by April 16th.

SPEAKERS

Flona Van Dyck, Attorney, Van Dyck Law Van Dyck Law, is a full service Estate Planning & Elder Law proctice, providing planning in the areas of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, medical directives, advanced estate planning, long-term care planning, Medicaid planning, Veterans benefits

Annette Murphy, MSW, LSW, Spring Point at Home Director of Home Care and Care Management

Hilary Murray, MS, CALA, Director of Community Relations at Brandywine Living at Pennington

LOCATION

Brandywine Living at Pennington 143 W. Franklin Ave., Pennington, NJ 08534







Master Schedule

April 2019								
Date	Nursery	Jr. Church	Greeters & Ushers	Security Cell	Communion Prep	Communion Servers	Coffee Break	Flowers
Apr 3	7pm Wednesday service will be held at the Titusville Presbyterian Church, located at 48 River Drive, Titusville, NJ 08560 Please come and invite a friend.							
Apr 6	5:30pm Come As You Are Worship							
Apr 7	Joyce George	Ellie Verbeyst	TEAM 7, Barbara Kurylo, Sue King, Karen Shipman, Beverly Kaminski	Darryl Cronce	Betty Reilly, Sarah Mundhenk, Dave Case	Betty Reilly, Darryl Cronce, Sarah Mundhenk	Men's Bible Study	Lent Display
Apr 10	7pm Wednesday service will be held at the Lambertville Presbyterian Church, located at 31 N. Union Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530. Please come and invite a friend.							
Apr 14 Palm Sunday	Jessica O'Leary	Kristen Schott	TEAM 8, Norma Zimmerman, Tracy McClelland, Steve and Janis Little	Steve Wonsor	Lori Wonsor	Steve & Lori Wonsor	Joyce George	Beverly Ka- minski
Apr 18 Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm Community Maundy Thursday Service @ Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church							
Apr 19	Noon @ Titusville Presbyterian Church							
Good Friday	KMPC @ 7pm							
Apr 21 Easter Day	Ellie Verbeyst	No Junior Church	TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk, Brian and Kathy Mundhenk		Emily & Amy Atzert	Emily & Amy Atzert	Easter Breakfast	Easter Lilies
Apr 28	Kristen Schott	Kristen Schott	TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson	Darryl Cronce	Sharyn Danner, Colleen Conrad		Roger Pickard	Easter Lilies

Usher & Greeter Teams

TEAM 1, Chuck and Jeanne Mundhenk, Brian and Kathy Mundhenk TEAM 2, Pat and Terry Wright, Betsy Peterson, Lynn Hutchinson

TEAM 3, Colleen Conrad, Kathy Lovett, Hillary Tobin,

MaryLou DuBois

TEAM 4, Steve and Lori Wonsor, Rod and Jana Jensen

TEAM 5, Darryl and Nancy Cronce, David Case, Marilyn Desnos

TEAM 6, Joyce and Daphne George, Amy Atzert, Sarah Mundhenk

TEAM 7, Barbara Kurylo, Sue King, Karen Shipman,

Beverly Kaminski

TEAM 8, Norma Zimmerman, Tracy McClelland, Steve and Janis ₉Little

Christ in the Passover Presentation Presenter Samuel Rood, Jews for Jesus



EASTER LILIES

The lilies are \$10.00 each and will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Please make checks payable to Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church—in the Memo line please put Easter Lilies.

Name

Number of Lilies	
Amount Paid	
Dedication (in memory of, in honor of, given by, etc.)	