

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

A Christian Community Knowing, Loving & Serving Christ, to
Make Him Known to All.

March 2016

Dear Members and Friends,



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After being a patient at Golden Living Bayside nursing home in Poquoson for more than a year, this week my mother walked about 100 feet with the aid of a walker. She suffered a stroke on January 1, 2015 and this was the first time she could ambulate for any distance. Needless to say, she was quite grateful to the good Lord for increasing her strength each day.

Our lives are filled with extraordinary evidences of grace in very ordinary circumstances. Perhaps you have a conversation with someone who used to give you a chewing out every time you spoke, but now those words are filled with peace and comfort; perhaps your financial situation has turned the corner for the good; maybe you have quietly found the power to forgive someone who hurt you twenty years ago; maybe your adult child who has been floundering is now flourishing; maybe that biblical text which had eluded you for so long now makes sense thanks to your Sunday School teacher.

As we make our Lenten journey, open your eyes and your heart and see how the good Lord is leading you to His abundant life. And be thankful.

See ya in church!

Fondly,

Michael

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Worship: 9:30 a.m. (Contemporary) & 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)

Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (Adults)

9:30 a.m. (infant-6th grade & Adult)

11:00 a.m. (middle school - Adult)

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Upcoming Mission Events

Mission

LENTEN LUNCHEON

A Lenten Luncheon and program sponsored by KirkWood Silver, will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, **March 17th** at 11:30 AM. The luncheon entrée will be Shepherd's Pie. After the meal, Chaplain Will Lowrance will share his unique stories to help us prepare to celebrate Easter. (And since it is St. Patty's Day, feel free to wear green!) Sign up in the Narthex beginning February 28th. Contact Wanda Birch at wandjbirch@verizon.net or at 757-868-8651 for more information. All KirkWood friends and guests are invited!



A DAY IN THE COUNTRY AT ZUNI HOMES!

The Kuwayes (friends) of Zuni Homes are busy organizing this year's A Day in the Country, which will be held on Saturday, **April 23rd**, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the Zuni Campus. The Kuwayes need your help! Please mark your calendar to attend this delightful and fun family day. Activities include hayrides, stage entertainment, games, inflatables, great food, vendors, and more!

Also, please consider supporting A Day in the Country in one or more ways:

- Helping at a booth for a 2-hour shift (selling beverages, food, or supervising activities)
- Contributing baked goods for sale
- Donating Wal-Mart, Target, or grocery gift cards from \$5-\$50. Gift cards need to be turned in to Wanda Birch by April 15th.

There will be a sign-up sheet for A Day in the Country volunteers in the Narthex March 13th through April 10th. Speak to Wanda Birch if you want to know more about Zuni Homes (for intellectually challenged adults) or about A Day in the Country.



Do not neglect
to **do good** and to
share what you have,
for such **sacrifices**
are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

P.O.R.T (People Offering Resources Together)

We have one more date this season to serve at the homeless shelter. On **March 14th - 15th** we will need volunteers to serve at the Mosaic Center. The sign up sheet is on the mission bulletin board. It takes 25-30 volunteers to man the shelter. There are several shifts and opportunities to sign up for. We have been supporting this ministry for several years and we are grateful to the many volunteers who have made it successful. Come join us! You may find a gift you didn't know you had!

St. Paul's Weekend Ministry: Prepare and serve lunch to 20-50 guests on a Saturday morning from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in downtown Newport News. It only take 3 hours of your day. Our next date to serve is **April 23rd**. We appreciate your help!

The Mission Committee always welcomes new faces, time and talents. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Wood (757-335-3475) or Sue Worthington (757-286-3398).

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all. -Galatians 6:10

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter is coming upon us early this year, bringing us to our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). We will be collecting for OGHS on Easter Sunday, **March 27th**. Between now and then, the youth and Sunday school classes will be collecting donations in their FISH BOXES to help those in need who have been victims of disasters or just not as blessed. An information table will be in the Narthex by March 6th.

Kirkwood has supported OGHS for many years. Presbyterians have a history of working to build a more just, resilient, and sustainable future. Please prayerfully consider your support this year. When you give, you are supporting the gifts and talents of people and communities all over the world.

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. -1 Peter 4:10

PENINSULA PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER ANNUAL BANQUET

This year the PPCC Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction will be held on Friday, **April 22nd**, from 6:30 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. at St. Michael Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Newport News. This event is a very important fund raising effort which provides for a client assistance fund at the Center to ensure all who come for help can be served. KirkWood is a continuing sponsor of this wonderful ministry and many of our members and friends have received valuable counseling from the Center. For the past seven years Bill Gilbert has been a member of the Board of Directors of the PPCC; beginning this year, Bill is retiring and Ben Scott is becoming a member of the Board – congratulations and thanks to Ben!

Each year we try to sponsor several tables at the Banquet and Auction, filled with KirkWood folks, and we also assemble a team of volunteers to help with the setup and operation of the auction. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend this year. Very soon we will be providing more information about the PPCC and this key event for fund raising. Thanks for your support!



Congregational Care Happenings

Congregational Care

RECENT RECEPTIONS

We have provided two excellent receptions for funerals held at KirkWood over the last month. The Gouges' and the Stockdales' were very grateful for these very thoughtful events. And we want to thank all the volunteers who provided food and helped with setup, serving, and cleanup, particularly our reception team led by Wanda Birch and Wilma Mitchell. Wilma maintains our list of volunteers who are willing to provide food when the need arises at KirkWood; *we always need your help so please call Wilma and add your name to the list.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY

During the 9:30 A.M. worship service on February 21st, four lay people were commissioned into a special ministry of caring for others as Stephen Ministers. This rite of commissioning culminates 50 hours of extensive training and preparation for this ministry through the Stephen Series, a program for lay caring ministry developed and administered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis. Regina Harris led the training sessions with assistance from Pastor Condrey and Bill Gilbert.

The Stephen Ministers commissioned were April Mershon, Chris Wood, Donna O'Hara and Steve Hudgins. We thank God for their gifts of caring and listening. They have spent time studying and practicing skills in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics to prepare them to help people who are experiencing problems in their lives. Additionally, Steve Hudgins went through training in January to become a Stephen Leader.



Last year Bill Gilbert and Scott Coverdale were commissioned as Stephen Ministers so we will begin this wonderful ministry in April with five Stephen Ministers.

Although we will be providing specific information over the next few weeks about this ministry, here are the general steps for requesting a Stephen Minister.



- 1) Contact Pastor Condrey or one of the Stephen Leaders who are Regina Harris and Steve Hudgins. They will discuss the request to determine if it meets the criteria to have a Stephen Minister.
- 2) A Stephen Leader will contact and meet with the individual to explain how the **confidential** process works and then assign a Stephen Minister.
- 3) The Stephen Minister will contact the individual to schedule a meeting and determine next steps.

Please keep these Stephen Ministers in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to others.

REFLECTIONS ON THE CHILI COOKOFF

Attendance was very good (85 plus) and we really appreciate all who attended and brought chili and side dishes for judging and sharing. We had some wonderful creations, some real “scorchers”! Next year we will try to advertise more extensively to have more entries in our judging ; we will probably use our KirkWood website. A big thanks to Doreen Knowles and Marsha Coverdale for their excellent work setting up the judging competition, execution of it, and preparation of the awards. We all had a great time of fellowship and dining.



UPDATE ON THE FLOWER GUILD

We now have two ladies preparing bud vases from the sanctuary flowers each Sunday after the 11:00 A.M service: Linda Phaup and Hope Perdue. And we have two ladies who have volunteered to step in to do this important work if our primary ladies are not available: Mirian Mason and Joyce Adams. A very big thanks to these ladies. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Bill Gilbert or Cathy Alexander. You do not need to be an expert, we can learn as we go. A lot of homebound and sick folks really appreciate this special ministry.

COMING EVENTS

On **May 15th** we will have our annual Military Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 P.M. at the church. At this event we honor our members and friends who serve in our armed forces, so please join us as we say a big thank you to these brave people.

On **June 12th** we will have our annual picnic at the church after morning worship. This is always a lot of fun for all who attend. We usually have a bounce house for the young folks. Our setup for the picnic will be done at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 11th, so please come out and help.



Congregational Care Continued

Congregational Care

MEMBER CARE

Our work in member care involves visiting the homebound and sick, sending cards to the sick and bereaved, and contacting missing folks (people we have not seen at worship for awhile). Thanks to the special people who help us with this important ministry:

Visiting: Mary Pressick, Wendy Linehan, Scott Coverdale, and Bill Gilbert

Cards for sick and bereaved: Florence Smith (teamed with Tina)

Contacting missing members: April Mershon, Mary Pressick, and Anne Effler.

We are always looking for more people to help in this ministry, so please contact Bill Gilbert or Cathy Alexander if you would like to join our team.

IMPROVED WEBPAGE COMING SOON

The Congregational Care web page on the KirkWood website will soon be updated to provide a better view of the various activities and ministries sponsored by our committee. Please take a moment and look it over. Also, please take time to review the recent Annual Report which was presented at our Annual Congregational meeting as it provides a wonderful and comprehensive look at our church work.



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We now have a new KirkWood pictorial directory of members and friends that will help us better connect names and faces in our fellowship. Thanks to our photo team led by Doreen Knowles and Bob Maloney (with major help by others) and to Tina for help in developing the actual directory. We hope to update this directory each year to keep it current.

Spring Clean Up!

Property and Facilities

The P&F Committee is inviting all able-bodied KirkWoodians and their friends to come out and help with the spring clean.-up of the KirkWood campus. The date is **March 12th**, 8:00-11:00 A.M. We will be cleaning flower beds, trimming trees, raking leftover leaves, spreading yards and yards of mulch. We normally start after 8:00 A.M. and are done between 10:00-11:00 A.M. Feel free to arrive at whatever time works best for you and stay as long or short as your schedule allows. Bring gloves, a rake, and we can use some additional wheelbarrows. (The rain date is March 19th)

Soon the P&F committee will be looking for volunteers to be part of a summer lawn mowing team to help keep the KirkWood campus looking its best. We will be looking for 8 to 9 teams of 3 to 4 volunteers. This will allow each team to only have to mow three to four times throughout the summer. Please contact Kirk Reno or Roger Crone if you would like to help.

The P&F committee would like to thank Nate Nickerson for the last 6 years as Co-Chairman of the P&F committee. Through his leadership and dedicated efforts, the P&F team has kept the facilities and grounds in great shape and kept our team focus on God's work. Thanks again Nate and thanks for your continued help!

Property and Facilities (P&F) committee chairs are Roger Crone and Kirk Reno. Our group is involved in keeping our church, property, and landscape in top shape to best reflect God's blessings to all who pass-by or visit.

Please feel free to pass along to Roger or Kirk any concerns or observations you may have regarding our church's facilities or if you are interested in volunteering to get involved in P&F.



Worship + 2

Stewardship

A few years ago, KirkWood had a program theme we called “Worship +2.” The idea behind “Worship +2” was to encourage each KirkWood member/regular attender to participate in one of the two Worship services each week (Contemporary or Traditional) and at least two other regularly scheduled KirkWood activities. As often happens in the life of any organization, good programs seem to fade over time, and so it has been with “Worship +2.”

During a recent Congregational Care Committee meeting, a member suggested we revive “Worship +2” and make the congregation aware of the many opportunities for the “+2” in “Worship +2.”

The intent of “+2” is not to merely “participate” in KirkWood events (for example, like attending fellowship dinners or “Movies on the Lawn” in the summer), but to actually “SERVE” the Lord by volunteering your time to make a difference in the life of the church.

Here are eight KirkWood service areas:

Administra- tion	Congregational Care	Christian Education	Mission
Outreach	Planning & Leadership De- velopment	Property & Facility	Worship

As Easter approaches and we think of springtime renewal and the renewal of life Christ has provided us through His death and resurrection, it’s a good time to take stock of our service to Him. Are you helping keep the KirkWood Christian community strong and vibrant through your service as a member of this congregation? If you’re not “serving” in at least two KirkWood activities besides just attending worship, please pray about your role in fulfilling KirkWood’s vision as “A Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to make Him known to all.”

“In the Kingdom of God, service is not a stepping-stone to nobility: it is nobility, the only kind of nobility that is recognized.” ~ T.W. Manson



Envelope Numbers are IMPORTANT

Stewardship

As you fulfill your financial stewardship through KirkWood, please help your Offering Counter Teams by entering your offering envelope number on the memo line of EVE-
RY check you write to KirkWood for ANY purpose, including regular offering, HOPE, Pastor's Fund, Flowers, *These Days* books, Men's/Women's Retreats, Adult/Youth Mission Trips, etc., etc. As part of the Offering Counter process, every check must have the donor's envelope number on it, even if the check was in the envelope. Therefore, by including your envelope number on every check, you don't even need to put it in your offering envelope... just drop your check in the offering plate. These two actions will save your counting team volunteers considerable time and will be greatly appreciated.

Also, if you send your offering to KirkWood using "on-line banking," please enter your KirkWood offering envelope number as your "account number." That way, the bank will include your envelope number on your check when they send it to KirkWood.

If you do not have offering envelopes, but would like to have them, please contact Kathy Fore, 757-867-6805.



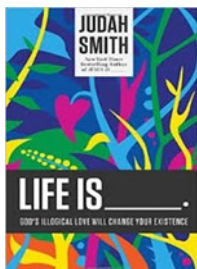
March 4	World Day of Prayer
March 13	5th Sunday in Lent and Daylight Savings begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Palm Sunday & First Day of Spring
March 20-26	Holy Week
March 24	Maundy Thursday
March 25	Good Friday
March 27	Easter Sunday



Bible Study

Christian Education

8:30 A.M. Bible Study

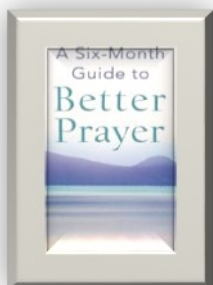


“Life is ...” by: Judah Smith

How does life influence your relationships when it is ultimately about loving God and others.

Fellowship Hall, February 21-March 20

Leaders: Steve Hudgins and Nate Nickerson



“Better Prayer” by: Various Authors

Further your relationship with God by starting your worship time praying.

Room 4, February 21- June

Leader: Barbara Ball

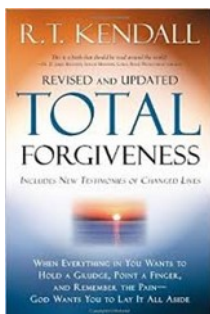
9:30 A.M. Bible Study

Bible Study: “Ecclesiastes”

They will methodically be going through the book. Studying all aspects of each verse and how it directly applies to your life.

Room 4, February 21 - June

Leader: Tony Sweers



“Total Forgiveness” by: R.T. Kendall

Forgiving others to build relationships with God, believers and unbelievers.

Fellowship Hall, February 21 - June

Leader: Christine Pregler

Elementary Age: Students will rotate through classes based on monthly themes. Way of the Word (WoW) is for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet upstairs in Room 11 then move to rooms based on our activities for the week. There is something for every learning style! Leader: Jeannine Scott and Renae Preyna..

Preschool: The ABC's of the Bible. This class meets in Nursery A/B and is play based with a short story lesson. Leader: Regina Harris and Katie Mitchell.

11:00 A.M. Bible Study

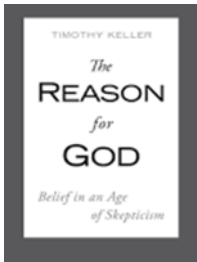
“James”

Looking at how our relationship with God changes through prayer, His will, praising Him, and other relationship building topics.

Fellowship Hall, February 21 – June

Leader: Dr. Joyce Armstrong

“Reason for God” by Timothy Keller



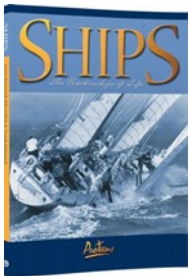
Addressing frequent doubts both skeptics and non-Christians bring to a relationship with God.

Room 4, January 24 - ?

Leader: Ted Lovdahl

High School & Middle School:

Ships by: Positive Action for Christ



This series will demonstrate and discuss how to build a variety of ships in your life – kinship, courtship, friendship, scholarship, fellowship and Lordship. Room 8, February 21 – end of year

Leaders: Ryan Wenner, Jim Mershon, Ashley Wenner, & Cathy Alexander

GLORY Time available for ages 4 through 2nd grade: Children are dismissed from worship service after the children’s message to study various aspects of the worship service. Nursery A/B, Leaders: Jeannine Scott and Katie Mitchell.

Nursery available for ages birth until 4 years old. Nursery A/B, Leaders: Katie Mitchell.

Holy Week Music

Worship

The Maundy Thursday service, on Thursday, **March 24th**, will take place at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church (6218 George Washington Memorial Highway in Yorktown) and features a performance of the John Rutter Requiem. The feature will be sung by combined choirs of KirkWood and Yorkminster with orchestra. The service starts at 7:00 P.M. and communion will be served.

There will be a Good Friday service at KirkWood on Friday, **March 25th**, at 7:00 P.M. This somber service will be centered around the reading of the crucifixion litany.



North to Alaska Re-Cap

KirkWood Silver

Our recent luncheon, with soups, salads, and a great program was a huge success! This lovely presentation was given by KirkWood folks who recently toured in Alaska. Lots of very interesting discussions and stories about our largest, most northern state were had.

Ken is keeping warm in his 50 year old Alaskan fur coat.

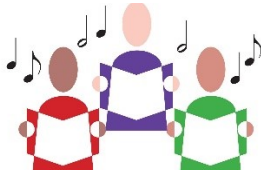


WoW (Way of the Word) Sunday School

Children's Ministry

Without an appreciation of the depth of Christ's suffering, we are unable to be truly thankful for the gift of His sacrifice for our salvation. Therefore, we will talk, read, and discuss the crucifixion as presented in the gospels. Our rotations will include games, computer, and drama. Easter Sunday gives your family a time to worship together, since there is no Sunday School (Glory time and nursery provided at both services).

Our memory verse is *"We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time."* Hebrews 10:10

 <p>March 13th, 11am</p>	<p>The WoW students have been practicing a song to sing during the March 13th introit at the 11:00 A.M. service.</p>
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WoW! What an opportunity! Try out teaching for just 2 weeks to enhance the elementary age children's growing faith. Find new ways for you to experience God's word with the easy lesson plans provided to you. Openings begin March 6th so don't wait. Sign up on the bulletin board by the parking lot or see Jeannine Scott.



And a special congratulations to the Girl Scouts that earned their "My Promise, My Faith" pin after Scout Sunday on February 14th.



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 John Rutter's Requiem sung by the combined choirs of
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 Yorkminster Presbyterian Church

Friday, March 25th
 Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.
 KirkWood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 27th
 Sunrise Service - 7:00 Wee KirkWood (weather permitting)
 Contemporary Worship - 9:30 a.m.
 Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m.
 KirkWood Presbyterian Church

HOLY WEEK Schedule



March 6	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
March 13	John 12: 1-8
March 20	Luke 23: 1-49
March 27	Luke 24: 1-12



Linda Briggs would like to say thank you KirkWood for the prayers, cards delicious food, and especially the wishes for recovery after her surgery. The care that you all have extended means so much to her.

