

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

OCTOBER 2016



Dear Members and Friends,

If you and your family were suddenly given \$20,000 as an outright gift, what would you do with the money? Would you invest it? Would you take your family on a vacation to Europe or Asia? Would you use it to pay down educational loans? Would you give it to several charities? Would you pay on your mortgage or pay off your credit cards? Wow, here's twenty grand – now it's up to you!

Suppose all of us increased our financial giving to the church by 10%. What new ministries or physical plant additions or mission outreaches could we embrace? Begin construction on a sanctuary; build a brand new kitchen and music room; construct a gymnasium; build a complex with showers and lockers to house mission groups. See what fun it is to dream of new additions or ministries if we had more money.

So why don't we dive into the deep waters and see what increased giving could mean for KirkWood?

Who's with me?

See ya in church this Sunday.

Fondly,

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Worship: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. (Adult)
11:00 a.m. (Preschool - Adult)

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THANKS FOR THE HELP WITH THE PUMPKINS!

Mission



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR PUMPKIN PATCH DUTY

Just a reminder to PLEASE sign up for volunteering to work shifts in the Patch. We need to know that we have enough volunteers to cover our shifts. Sign up sheets are on the wall outside Albertina's office or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62aa5f49-pumpkin

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

Mission

You've probably heard the term PORT through the halls of the church, and maybe some of you aren't exactly sure what it is, especially those of you new to KirkWood.

P.O.R.T is an emergency winter shelter that hosts an average of 100 individuals per night for 20 weeks (November-March). Coordinated by LINK of Hampton Roads – a network of 130 interfaith groups – P.O.R.T provides the facilities, volunteers, food, clothes and other resources to homeless men, women and children.

The shelter moves to a different church each week, and over the season more than 5000 volunteers are involved in planning, cooking, or distributing clothing and hygiene donations.

KirkWood has participated in P.O.R.T as a partner church for many years. This year, as we prepare for the upcoming season, we want to thank the many volunteers who have stepped up in the past, welcome them to another season and urge new volunteers to join us. Each night manning the shelter takes 35-40 volunteers, who work in shifts to prepare & serve dinner, check in guests, prepare and serve breakfast and check out guests. This season, we will be serving for two nights – January and March.

LINK also continuously needs new and gently used clothing to distribute to the guests, to include socks, underwear, outer wear (coats, hats, scarves, sweatshirts and pants), shoes, boots, sweaters etc. All sizes are needed, but especially larger clothing from XXL to 4XL. Donations may be taken to LINK located at 10413 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, or brought to the church and placed in the mission tub by the parking lot door. A list of needs will always be posted on the mission bulletin board.

So as we head into another winter, please prayerfully consider joining us in this much needed ministry. As always, we thank you for all the support given over the years.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mission

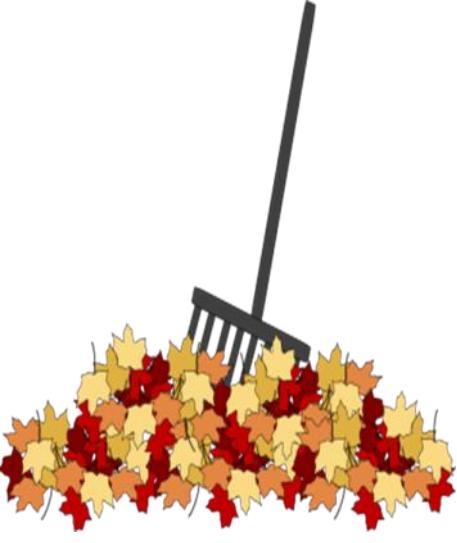
Yes, we are just getting pumpkins. But that means that Christmas is just around the corner. And that means SHOE BOXES!!!!

We are just asking that you mark your calendars in preparation. The shoe boxes will be collected around November 14th.

Please keep checking the bulletins and newsletter for all the details. There IS a lot of power in this simple gift.

FALL CLEAN UP

Property and Facilities



Mark your calendars! The Fall Clean Up and Pumpkin Patch Removal day is November 5 from 8am to 11am (but usually completed by 10am). If you are able, come on out to help. We will be trimming trees, raking leaves, general grounds maintenance, and removing the entire pumpkin patch. We would love to have you for whatever time you can afford; either the entire time or even one hour. Bring a rake, gloves, wheelbarrow, etc.

A big heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our summer lawn mowing teams for spending some of your summer keeping the grounds looking great.

If you are interested in joining the P&F committee to help keep the church in good working order; we meet the first Tuesday of the month in the kitchen. We can use all levels of talent; please contact Kirk Reno & Roger Crone.

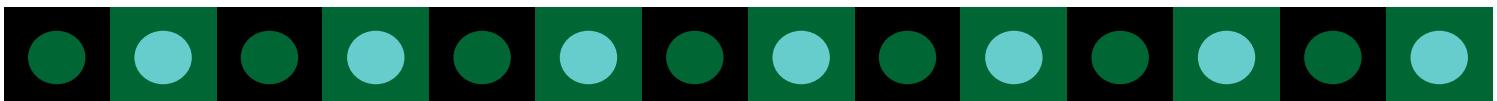
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

The name tag bulletin board has been redone. Please let Nancy Risdien know if you prefer a clip on, lanyard, or pin for your name tag. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Also, feel free to hang your tag where you feel comfortable leaving it. The alphabetical system is just a suggestion.

Attention Ruling Elders! In the next few months Nancy Risdien will be organizing the 2017 Communion Teams. Due to a change in the Children's Sunday School time, the number of people on each team will change. Please let her know if you prefer to serve during the 9:30 or 11:00 am service or be placed on the sub list.

Contact Nancy at ndrisden@gmail.com or 757-879-8670.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE HAPPENINGS

Congregational Care

Each week our flower ladies create these beautiful bud vases from our sanctuary flowers. A big THANK YOU to these ladies for their special ministry which provides flowers that are taken to our sick, shut-ins, and home-bound people. Our flower ladies are Ada Ward, Miriam Mason, Hope Purdue, and Joyce Adams. Many folks who receive these vases are most thankful and it brightens their day.

Every week Florence Smith is sending cards to Kirk-Wood members and friends to show we are concerned about their illness or special needs. This is an important ministry of compassion and caring for our fellowship. Florence, we thank you very much for your special caring work .

And Wilma Mitchell is coordinating our meals team to provide meals for KW members and friends with sickness, hospitalization, or death in the family. In recent months she has been really busy. She also helps us coordinate food for receptions which we have at Kirk-Wood. This is another key ministry for the KW fellowship. We need additional people to help with this ministry. If you would like to join this ministry, please call Wilma and have your name added to the list of volunteers.



Congregational Care Needs You to offer prayers and compassionate attention for members and friends experiencing sickness, medical procedures, and loss of loved ones - we need to be in touch with these folks to express God's love. Please review the long list of Illnesses/Health Concerns in our bulletin each week. We become stronger as a fellowship when we care for each other.



DINING PARTNERS DATES

Congregational Care

October 15, 2016	Peking, Hampton Town Center	6:00 P.M.
November 19, 2016	El Ranchero, Poquoson	6:00P.M.
December 3, 2016	TBD	6:00 P.M.
January 21, 2017	Holy Mackerel, York County	6:00 P.M.
February 11, 2017	Joe & Mimmas, York County	6:00 P.M.
March 18, 2017	York River Oyster Co. Gloucester Pt	6:00 P.M.
April 22, 2017	Vancosta's	6:00 P.M.
May 13or 20, 2016	Covered dish picnic	6:00 P.M.

Sign up in Narthex so KirkWood can reserve seating for all attending.

KIRKWOOD WRITTEN HISTORY

Congregational Care

We now have started a history team to compose a written history of KirkWood and we need your help to assemble all the information required for such a document. When completed, we hope to publish the history for all to have. We need all members, particularly our charter members, to take time to write down your recollections of history of KirkWood, noting the special events and times you remember most.

Our current team of Mary Gross and Connie Mixson will be looking for your inputs as they also research a variety of sources for material, including: Kronicle issues, Session minutes, Annual Reports, bulletins, and the like. But there will really be no substitute for the personal touch that your recollections can offer, so please send your history thoughts to Tina at the church office and she will provide them to Mary and Connie. We also welcome any members who are interested in joining our history team to help with this important task.

KIRKWOOD SILVER OCTOBER EVENT

Congregational Care

On October 20th, KirkWood Silver will set sail on the Tall Ship *Alliance* (<http://www.sailyorktown.com/>) from the dock at Riverwalk Landing for a two-hour cruise. The ship leaves at 11:00 AM, **BUT** in order to be sure we are gathered as a group in plenty of time to board, let's meet at 10:30 AM in front of Riverwalk Landing Restauraant/Water Street Grill across from the parking deck. The cost will be \$37, to be pre-paid to Bill Gilbert. If we have 20 or more in our group, we will receive a 10% discount.

Following the cruise, we will extend our fellowship over lunch at Water Street Grill at 1:00 PM. Land lovers are welcome to join us at 1:00PM, for lunch, or come at 10:30 AM to see us off and spend some time browsing shops or museums. The Waterman's Museum is beside the restaurant complex, and the American Revolution Museum (formerly the Victory Center) is nearby.

Sign up for this event beginning September 25th. The sign-up deadline for the sail will be October 9th and for lunch only will be October 16th. Call Bill Gilbert at 868-8953, if you need further information.

The KWS September Kick-off event was fantastic, with 30 "silver" folk attending. Following a lunch of tasty sub sandwiches from Italian Delights, our new music director, Ann Brown, shared where she's been and what's she's been "up to" prior to joining us at KirkWood. We are very grateful to Ann for being with us and for leading us in singing six songs ALL AT ONCE! FUN!

OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS

Stewardship

As a reminder, anytime you write a check to KirkWood for ANY reason (e.g., regular offering, Pastor's Fund, HOPE, flowers, mission trips, retreats, etc.), please write your offering envelop number on the memo line of the check. Also, there is no need to place your check in your offering envelope. In fact, the offering counters prefer that you just place your check directly into the offering plate, not in your envelope... but remember to write your envelope number on the memo line.

The Stewardship Committee and your weekly offering counters want to encourage you to contribute to KirkWood using your bank's *Online Banking* services. That's the easiest way to ensure your pledge or regular giving is always up-to-date, even if you're on vacation or otherwise miss church for a week or two. Most banks make it very easy to set-up a recurring payment and at most banks and credit unions, it's a free service. If you use Online Banking to contribute to KirkWood, please enter your offering envelop number as the "account number."

Regular contributions through Online Banking will help Session better manage KirkWood's funds, and ensuring your envelope number is on every check will save your counting volunteers considerable time!



WoW

Way of the Word

Resist temptation to stay in bed or play on Sunday mornings because WoW Classes will study “Jesus versus Satan; Satan’s weapons and God’s protections.” We will read Matthew 4:1-11 to learn what happened as Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days. Our memorization verse is from 1 Corinthians 10:13 “*You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it.*”



**Trunk
or
Treat**

Wear your favorite costume and join us!
New this year: *The Enchanted Forest*

WHERE: KirkWood Presbyterian Church
WHEN: Monday, October 31st from 5–7:30 PM
WHAT: Candy, games, prizes, refreshments, and photo booth
WHO: Free to All!
WHY: Great fun for the whole family as a safe alternative to going door-to-door.



**also accepting teens and adults interested in train playing, movie watching, ball throwing, game, or crafting time with the children.*

UNITE discipleship group for Parents

Join us each month as we explore a different parenting topic through our Ted Talk series.

Meets on the first Friday of every month at 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Geared toward parent(s) with child(ren) 5th grade and younger, but we welcome other parenting experience levels.

RSVP to Jeannine or Ben Scott to plan ahead for dinner and child care needs.

Unite experiences life together as Christ followers; growing through study, prayer, and serving others.

December 11th at
9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Join our practice as we learn and sing with the infamous talk show host that interviews the animals in the manger when Jesus was born.

Sunday Evenings from 6-7 P.M. in the KirkWood Music Room

September 25

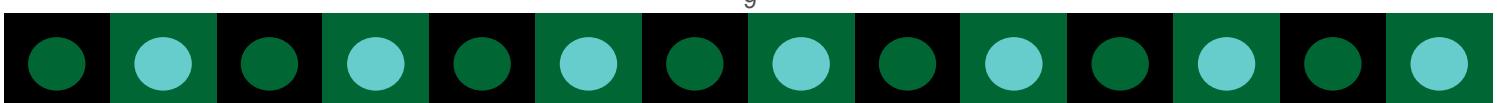
October 16

October 23

November 6

November 13

December 4



Music at KirkWood

Joyful Noises Abound

Music term: *crescendo* (to grow in strength or to get louder). Our music program at Kirkwood is beginning our Fall CRESCENDO. First there was the Worship Band. Then came the Worship Choir. Add to that the Cantata Choir, handbells and children, and you have a *crescendo* of music -making! Please read on for all the details.



Rehearsals have begun for the Christmas Cantata, "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria", by Mark Hayes. It isn't too late to join us. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please call Ann Brown at (347) 524-3313.

The **Kirkwood Worship Choir** is one in a million! Nowhere else is there a choir where the men outnumber the women! Ladies! If you have considered joining the choir, this would be a great time to do so. We are looking for 4 or 5 women, especially sopranos, to fill out the women's sections. You do NOT have to have a solo voice. All that is required is a love of singing (sense of humor is helpful as well!). A great way to check us out is by joining the CANTATA CHOIR (see above).



The **Kirkwood Handbell Choir** rehearses on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, October 16th. We are looking for people to fill in the vacant spots. No prior ringing experience is needed. We can train you!! For more information, please call Ann Brown (347) 524-3313.

The children have begun rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant, "**Manger Tales**" (to be presented at the worship services on December 11th).

We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? "**Manger Tales**" will introduce you to the animals that were there, from the residents of the stable to visitors from afar. As each animal pays a visit to a TV talk show, we will see the Christmas story through their eyes and get a fresh perspective on the wonder of Christmas.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

From the mouths of babes:

(Here are some of the ways our kids describe Pastor Michael.)

- He's funny.
- He's nice.
- He went to UVA.
- He knows the bible.
- He's sometimes funny.
(Sometimes I don't get his jokes.)
- He's someone you feel comfortable around.
- His head is shiny!
- He's a very good pastor.
- He's hilarious.
- He is very informed in his sermons.
- He trusts God.
- He tries to talk to everybody and is very family-oriented.
- He gets us baptized.
- He does good jokes.
- He's smart.
- He's a very good speaker.
- He knows what he is talking about.
(Because he hired my dad to clean the church).
- He always talks about something I can relate to.
- He always gives a high five or fist bump.
- He can tackle tough topics in the Bible.
- He is thoughtful of every member.
- He is super nice and kind.
- He tells good jokes.



NEW ACOLYTES

Congregational Care



Welcome new Acolytes Caedance Keller and Connor Linehan. Your Kirk-Wood Church family extends a big THANK YOU for volunteering to honor our Lord in this special mission. You are so appreciated for your Sunday Worship contribution.



DATE	EVENT
Oct. 1	Pumpkin Patch Opens
Oct. 2	World Communion
Oct. 9	Clergy Appreciation
Oct. 22	Pumpkin Palooza
Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat



October

- 2 – Luke 17:5-10
- 9 – Luke 17:11-19
- 16 – Luke 18:1-8
- 23 – Will Lowrance
- 30 – Luke 19:1-10