

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

NOVEMBER 2016



Dear Members and Friends,

I cannot thank you enough for your recent giving to our Pastor's Fund. For those of you new to our congregation, here is a brief introduction.

The Pastor's Fund is a quick access vehicle to assist individuals and families with emergency financial crises. Many times it is used to help folks get their water or power turned back on. Sometimes it helps with the mortgage or rent; sometimes it is used to pay a motel bill when a family has to vacate their home due to a natural disaster or a fire or some such sudden and unexpected event. Families ask me to assist them and this fund is utilized to help them meet their financial emergencies.

Your giving to this benevolent account is over and above your giving to the General Fund of our church.

I can't thank you enough for loving others in such a kind and gentle way. Please continue to give generously to the Pastor's Fund. Many people are so thankful that you do.

Fondly,

Michael

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Sunday School: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Adults)

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (infant-6th grade & Adult)

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IT'S PLEDGE SEASON AGAIN!!

Stewardship

Yes, it IS pledge season again, and a good time to ask yourself if you're giving to God based on how he has blessed you.

As Christians, we believe all we are and all we have, including our money, comes from God... in fact, in the Christian sense, stewardship means "belonging to God." We're grateful to God for our financial resources, and responsible to Him for how we use them. There's a connection between stewardship and spirituality... generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us grow in Christ.

In Old Testament law, Israelites were required to give 10 percent (the tithe) of everything they earned and grew to God through their tabernacle or temple. In fact, it was to be the first part of what they earned and the best of what they grew.

New Testament writings do not 'command' Christians to submit to a legalistic system of giving. However, in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Paul says believers should set aside a portion of their income to support the church and says that giving should be "in keeping with income." Many Christians see the Old Testament 10 percent tithe as a "minimum" for Christian giving and believe giving should be based on 'gross income,' not what's left over after all other living expenses have been paid.

Please pray diligently and seek God's will concerning your financial giving in 2017. Above all, when you decide how much to give, give it with pure motives and an attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ. Second Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Doing what we ought to do as financially responsible Christians and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God, i.e., duty and delight, are both motivating factors for giving to God.

Sunday, November 13th is Pledge Sunday and by the time you read this, you should have received your pledge card. Please complete it and bring it to church on November 13th. By pledging you'll help Session, as it develops the 2017 budget, to know what kinds of programs KirkWood can support in the coming year.

...and remember, your pledge isn't between you and KirkWood Presbyterian Church or between you and PCUSA, it's between you and God. God knows your financial situation, and He expects you to give according to how He has blessed you.



MUSIC AT KIRKWOOD

Music

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! While we ALWAYS welcome any newcomer, this is a shout-out to the 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. We are looking for people to fill in 2 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. The children meet at 6 p.m. on most Sunday evenings. Please contact Jeannine Scott or Ann Brown for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE HAPPENINGS

Congregational Care

We continue to encourage members and friends of KirkWood to join our Congregational Care team as a volunteer to help with key ministries:

- Providing meals for sick or bereaved families and friends - call Wilma Mitchell to join this team.
- Help with fellowship events throughout the year, such as funeral receptions, going away receptions, fellowship dinners, Trunk or Treat, and picnics.
- Help with visitation of sick, homebound, hospitalized folks and calls to missing members - call Bill Gilbert or Cathy Alexander .
- Join the Congregational Care team to help with planning of work.

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.

THE POWER IS IN THE BLOOD-

The next and final 2016 KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for THURSDAY, November 10, 2016 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Once again the fabulous cooks from KirkWood will be providing a meal. There will also be child care available after 4:00 to donors. You can schedule your appointment on line at www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code "KirkwoodPC, or at church on October 30 and

November 6th in the fellowship Hall between services! Walk-ins are still welcome. COME OUT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD! Make your appointments early. Questions: call Cathy Hudgins, 757-869-2645 (hudgepudge@aol.com) For planning purposes, the schedule for 2017 is: February 23, May 25, August 24 and November 9. There are cards in the Narthex with these dates on them. Please mark your calendars!



KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

On October 20th, seventeen KirkWood Silvers gathered at Yorktown for lunch and a sail on the York River. All seventeen enjoyed an excellent lunch with great service and wonderful fellowship. Afterward, 10 adventurous folks boarded the sailing schooner Alliance for a two-hour sail on the York River. Several of the guests aboard assisted the crew with raising the sails. Sailing went well on a really beautiful and perfect day for such an outing, as seen in the picture below. The KirkWood Silver group continues to have activities each month for fun and fellowship—plan to join us. For more information, contact Wanda Birch.

A reminder to those who have tickets to the Mannheim Steamroller concert on November 30: please gather by 7:10 PM, in the lobby of the Ferguson Center to allow a little time to visit before being seated for the concert. This event serves as our November and December KirkWood Silver event.

A sneak peak at January: It's Everybody's Birthday! Fun for all! Watch for details!!

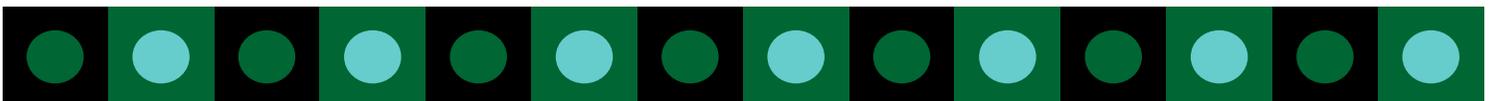


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DINING PARTNERS DATES

Congregational Care

November 19, 2016	El Ranchero, Poquoson	6:00 P.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 13 or 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 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 input 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.

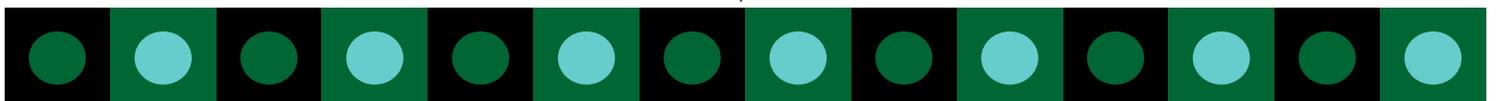
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

P&F

The Fall Clean Up and Pumpkin Patch Removal was a great success and thanks to everyone who came out to help transform the church grounds back to their normal state.

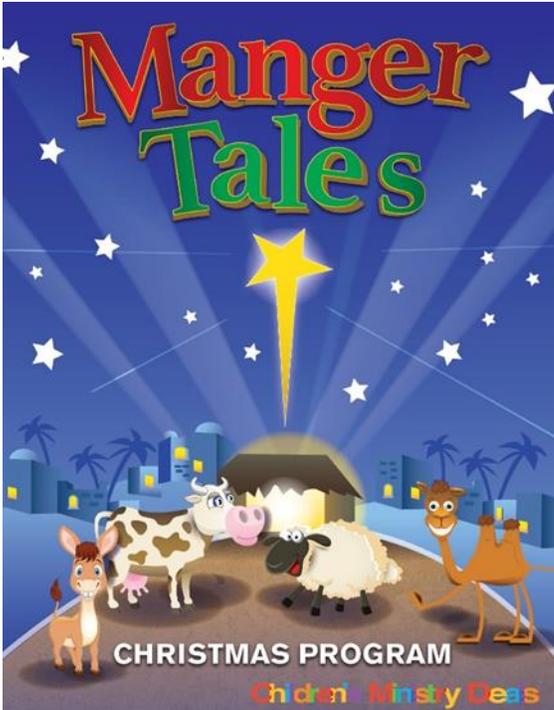
Also, we would like to thank everyone for your help with the P&F's portion of the Trunk-R-Treat effort, including installing handrails on the walking bridge, parking control on the big night, additional lighting throughout the prayer walk, and for making the church grounds and prayer walk look great.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen. We can use all levels of talent; please contact Kirk Reno & Roger Crone.



WoW

Way of the Word



November will start our Advent journey a little early as the elementary age kids travel with some real “wise guys” to learn some important lessons about Jesus and why we celebrate Christmas as we do. Our memory verse is from Isaiah 9:2: *“The people who are now living in darkness will see a great light. They are now living in a very dark land. But a light will shine on them.”*

We will incorporate the musical pageant into both services on December 11th. Learn from our littles what the animals in the manger thought of baby Jesus.

Remaining practices are on November 6, 13, and December 4th. A run-through will be held on November 20th after church (lunch provided).

Please contact Jeannine Scott or Ann Brown to volunteer to help.

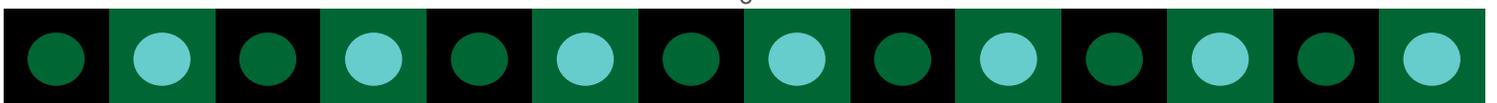
Needed: Youth singers, Snack Coordinator, Costume Director, Energy Redirection Supervisor, and Set Designer

GET YOUR ADVENT CALENDARS !

Have you ever gotten to December 6th and realized that you didn’t start your advent devotional?

This year pick one up early during coffee time in the fellowship hall on November 20th and 27th.

This “lift a flap” version provides a daily picture and Bible verse to help your family (of any age) prepare for Christmas.



CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF ZUNI HOMES

News

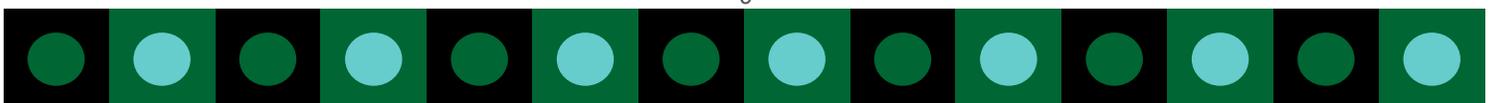
Zuni Presbyterian Homes opened in 1967 and has provided a loving and safe home for individuals with intellectual disabilities for nearly fifty years. Sadly, in 2017, Zuni Homes will close by federal mandate to allow these individuals to live in smaller group homes in neighborhoods where they can be participants in community life. (The government classifies Zuni Homes as an “institution.”)

HumanKind, formerly Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, asks for your prayers and support as they face the challenges of compliance with this nationwide mandate. They are working with the Zuni staff and families in prayerful and careful discernment to transition all of the individuals to the best possible community setting. Here are some supports that are needed:

- Financial support to help with the transition of nearly 40 individuals who currently live at Zuni Homes to community-based settings
- Individual or corporate donation of one or more homes which could become a “small-group” home for four persons (the new limit)
- Families or individuals willing to become trained and certified sponsored homes for 1 or 2 individuals
- Local churches willing to offer program support to the new smaller settings (e.g., give parties, dances, or provide furnishings or other comforts for the new homes)

Next year, 2017, will mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the opening of Zuni Homes. This special anniversary will be celebrated at the final Day in the Country on Saturday, April 22, 2017, on the Zuni Homes campus. Please mark your calendars now and join in celebrating 50 years of beautiful, Christian ministry at Zuni Homes.

If you want to send financial support for the Zuni Transition, please make your check to HumanKind and write on the memo: Zuni Transition. The KirkWood office will forward your check to HumanKind. If you have questions, please talk with Wanda Birch. Thank you for your prayers for this really huge concern.



OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mission

The shoe boxes are out and waiting to be filled!! Last year, KirkWood filled 156 boxes. That beat our 2014 count. Can we set another record?? Believe we CAN.

Get together with family, small groups, and friends and have a party putting the shoe boxes together. These boxes can very well change the life of a child. And there is fun to be had creating your shoe box.

PLEASE NOTE: There are bulletin inserts and instructions for filling. Please use this as a guideline when buying your items. For instance, most of us would love to have a stuffed animal. Not so where many of these shoe boxes go. Animals have a different meaning in many countries and can scare the children. Please be careful with clothing. Since you do not know the climate where your box ends up, send only short sleeve t-shirts and no winter hats, gloves and scarves.

Please bring your shoe boxes to the church on Sunday, November 13th. There will be a shoe box dedication during the worship services. Please place a rubber band around your box, fill out the information card and include \$7 per box to cover shipping. You may also do your shipping label online and follow your box to its destination!!

You may continue to bring boxes during that week, but drop dead date is Thursday, November 17th.

Thank you all for your participation in this ministry. If you should have any questions, please contact Chris Wood (757-335-3475) or any member of the Mission Committee.



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

Mission

Last month you read about the P.O.R.T. ministry in which KirkWood participates. Please note that in addition to our two full nights, we have volunteered to help out a host church (Warwick United Methodist) that lost a few partner churches. So, we will be working one night only, the first shift only (4:30-9:00 p.m.) December 7 – 14th. Notice will be given as soon as we know which night and a sign up sheet will be on the mission bulletin board. Our regular dates will be early January and March. Exact dates will follow with sign up sheets on the bulletin board.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry. It takes at least 30 volunteers to man the shelter for one night. Thank you again for your help.

Weekend Ministry:

Our next date to serve at the St. Paul's soup kitchen will be December 10th.

We welcome new members to the Mission Committee. 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 (757-286-3406).



PRAY FOR CONGO

Prayer Request

There is an ongoing crisis in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where our sister church Mikondo is located. The current President is refusing to leave office after his Constitutionally elected two terms are over and elections are due. There have been demonstrations against him in which university students have been fired upon by soldiers. The United States and many European nations are closing their embassies. Mikondo is on the outskirts of the city and has not been affected as much but everyone is very worried about the situation. The Kinshasa Presbytery (CPK) has also been in an uncertain state since the death of the long-time Bishop. There are demonstrations planned in the capital On December 17-18. Please pray for Mikondo , CPK and the people of Kinshasa.



- **All Saints' Day, November 1, 2016**
- **Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 6, 2016**
- **Election Day, November 8, 2016**
- **Veterans Day, November 11, 2016**
- **Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2016**
- **Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016**
- **First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016**

NOVEMBER READINGS

6 - Luke 20:27-38

13 - Luke 21:5-19

20 - Chaplain Dick Knowles

27 - Chaplain James Hoy

