

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

*A Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to
make Him known to all.*

MARCH 2017



Dear Members and Friends,

Just a few minutes ago, KirkWood Silver adjourned after a delightful soup and sandwich luncheon followed by a show and tell of people's leisure activities and hobbies.

It was cool learning that some people enjoy quilting, needlepoint, reading, coloring, sailing, crocheting, photography, cooking, dyeing eggs, woodworking, and card-making. So much talent among about 20 persons present.

Remember the good Lord is the giver of all good gifts. Many of our hobbies teach us a lot about determination, patience, beauty, and other virtues in our 100 miles an hour culture. So how has the good Lord enriched your life with hobbies and leisurely pursuits?

If other folks had been in the Fellowship Hall, we would have heard about cycling, scrapbooking, sports, civic clubs, horseback riding, martial arts, painting, bridge, and so on.

Here is a wonderful reminder that the good Lord is in charge of giving out certain skills, aptitudes, and interests.

So, enjoy Creation, and give thanks for all the ways we can enjoy so many activities!

Of course, I'll see you in church.

Fondly,

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Worship: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (nursery available)

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

11:00 a.m. (Preschool- Adults)



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir News

Our Children's choir has been hard at work learning the anthems to be shared on Sunday, March 5th. The children and youth of the church will be helping to lead both services that Sunday. What better way to lead than in song? In addition to their anthem, "A Lenten Love Song," the choir will sing a traditional Irish blessing at the end of the service.



Children's Choir

Bell Choir

Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Our Worship Bell Choir is STILL looking to fill a vacancy in our group. We need someone to ring with us for the next three months. We meet Sundays at 12:15 p.m. and would indeed be thrilled for you to fill our vacancy! If you have questions, please contact Ann Brown.

Cantata Choir

Traditionally, Maundy Thursday is the date when we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples. The word "Maundy" (from the Latin) means "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."

This year, KirkWood is marking this occasion with a Maundy Thursday Communion service on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to gather our families and friends around the Communion table and celebrate the Last Supper. The Cantata choir will present "A Time for Alleluia" by Joseph Martin which is a musical journey through Jesus' life and ministry.

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- March 1 - Ash Wednesday
- March 3 - World Day of Prayer
- March 12 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - First Day of Spring

WEEKLY READINGS

- March 5 - Matthew 4:1-11
- March 12 - James Hoy preaching
- March 19 - John 4:5-42
- March 26 - John 9:1-41



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Worship Choir

The text of this hymn was written by Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863):

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple we should take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

Fearful souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior,
There is healing in his blood.”

On March 12th, the Worship Choir will present a setting of this hymn to the tune “St. Helena” by Calvin Hampton. It’s free rhythm and haunting melody beautifully convey this text.



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship

Scout Sunday Worship and Workshop

Congratulations to the 10 Girl Scouts who earned their “My Promise, My Faith” pin at the workshop held after Scout Sunday Worship on February 12th.



Thank you to Barbara Ball and Toni Fisher who provided testimony on how they blend the Girl Scout Law with their faith journey. An additional thank you goes to Barbara Drejza who spearheads the Scout Sunday Worship each year. It is uplifting to see the boys and girls serve God in this way.



Family Worship

March 5th



Come prepared for a true intergenerational worship experience as we cancel our children and youth Sunday School for this one Sunday and involve children of all ages to witness the sacrament of communion and experience worship within the KirkWood family of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE HAPPENINGS

Congregational Care

Talent/No Talent Show

Fun was had by all at the Talent/No Talent show on February 12th.





FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

A blood drive was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017. We collected 30 lifesaving pints of blood!!! Thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to come out and donate. Also, a big shout out to all the volunteers who worked in registration, feeding the donors, and all those who helped with cooking or baking. Delicious soups with the fixings and desserts were provided by The Beautiful Mess small group. Thank you to Jim Pressick, Bob Lyttle, Betty Drayton and Jim Gouge who manned the registration table and Cathy Kibler and Wanda Birch who stepped up and took an extra shift feeding the donors. Thank you to Connie Barlow who organizes the menus for the drives. You are the best! We would not be successful without our fantastic volunteers. There is a constant need for blood donors. Our 2017 drive schedule is: **May 25, August 24 and November 9, 2016.** You can go online to www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: KirkwoodPC, to make your appointment when the time comes. Appointments are encouraged and will be honored but are not necessary. If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at these upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins, (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com.



DINING PARTNERS DATES

Congregational Care

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, 2017	Covered dish picnic	6:00 p.m.

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



The dining partners enjoyed their night out at Holy Mackerel in Yorktown on January 21st.

CHILI COOKOFF

Congregational Care

The chili cookoff in January was a huge success. 18 chilis and several side dishes were entered for judging, and a big crowd attended to sample the goods. Winners were Barb Drejza for best side dish with her Sopapilla Cheesecake Pie, Lacie and Scott Harman for most original chili, Hannah Conaway for hottest chili, and Rich Egyud for best overall!





CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAPPENINGS

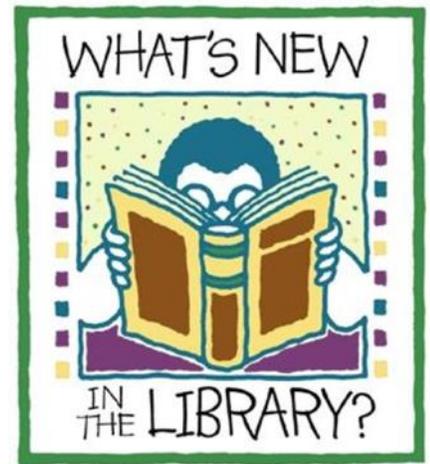
Christian Education

Children's Library

Movies, Bibles, Devotionals, Stories and More!

Go to Room 2 (the Glory Room) to see the new additions which include almost a dozen of your VEGGIE TALE favorites. All the items are color coded, so you may borrow an item to take home and easily reshelv in the correct place.

It is an honor system, but items are often used during Sunday classes, so please return within 2-3 weeks.



Easter Egg Hunt

It is not your regular egg hunt... it is better! Join us this year for our Egg Hunt Experience as participants learn why we have today's traditions by first taking a journey through Jesus' time. Start your tour with a parade at the first Palm Sunday. Share a snack while learning about the Last Supper. Celebrate new life with an egg hunt! The event will be held rain or shine. The 'tours' through time will begin every 15 minutes from the fellowship hall on **April 15th** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

HELP is needed! Candy and small toy donations will be accepted throughout March. We already have 1,000 plastic eggs, but they need to be filled. Volunteers are crucial! Please sign up in the Narthex.



KYG Soup Luncheon

KYG will be offering a soup luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. service on March 19th. We will have a variety of soups and desserts. Bread and a drink will come with your meal. All donations will support youth mission projects. Thank you for your support!



WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.” (I Corinthians 4:1)

To paraphrase, God owns everything and we are the managers of all he has given us – money, talents, homes, community, KirkWood Church, etc. The annual report set five goals for the Stewardship Committee to work on this year. Along with the usual pledge goals, we should establish a time and talent survey, encourage online banking, and increase the congregation awareness of the capability of providing for KirkWood in their wills. In order to work on these goals, I would like to invite any members who would be interested in helping with one or all of these goals to please contact me; I cannot do it by myself. Please prayerfully consider joining the stewardship committee this year.

Please contact me, Nancy Ridsen, at ndrisden@gmail.com or 898-1915 (home) or 879-8670 (cell) so we can set up a meeting time that it convenient for all.

MOWING TEAMS

Property & Facilities

It’s time for us to start planning for the 2017 spring/summer grass mowing season! So get your teams together, and P&F will be putting a sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon. Depending on how many teams we get, your team will only have to mow 3 to 4 times this summer. Please sign up if you are able.

Also, the church Spring Cleanup Day is April 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The rain date is April 8th; please mark your calendars.

If you are interested in joining the P&F committee to help keep the church in good working order, please contact Kirk Reno or Murray Ritter. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen.



CHILI COOKOFF RECIPES

Congregational Care

Sopapilla Cheesecake Pie by Barb Drejza

Prep time - 15 mins

Cook time - 45 mins

Ready in - 3 hours

Ingredients:

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon Mexican vanilla extract

2 (8 ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls

3/4 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup butter, room temperature

1/4 cup honey

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.
3. Unroll the cans of crescent roll dough, and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into 9x13 inch rectangles. Press one piece into the bottom of the baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, then cover with the remaining piece of crescent roll dough.
4. Stir together 3/4 cup of sugar, cinnamon, and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until the crescent dough has puffed and turned golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey. Cool completely in the pan before cutting.



CHILI COOKOFF RECIPES

Congregational Care

Caribbean Pork Chili by Lacie & Scott Harman, from Better Homes & Gardens

Prep time - 20 mins

Cook time - 4-5 hours on low, 2-2.5 hours on high

Ingredients:

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| 1 1/2 lbs boneless pork loin roast, cut into 1-inch pieces | |
| 1 tablespoon chili powder | 2 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chili pepper (optional) | 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1 tablespoon canola oil |
| 2 14.5 oz cans no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained | |
| 1 15 oz can no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained | |
| 1 8 oz can no-salt-added tomato sauce | 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn |
| 1 medium mango, halved, seeded, peeled, and chopped | |
| 1/4 cup snipped fresh cilantro | 1/4 cup red onion chopped (optional) |

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl combine pork, chili powder, garlic, ground chile pepper, cumin, and salt; toss to coat. In a large nonstick skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook half of the pork in hot oil until brown on all sides, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a 3.5-4 quart slow cooker. Repeat with remaining pork.
2. Add tomatoes, beans, tomato sauce, and frozen corn to pork in slow cooker.
3. Cover and cook on low heat for 4 to 5 hours or on high heat for 2 to 2.5 hours.
4. Combine mango, cilantro, and if desired, chopped onion. Spoon over top of each serving.