

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

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Dear Members and Friends,

A few weeks ago, in summer worship, the New Testament lesson came from Matthew 13:1-9. Verse 3 reads, “And he told them many things in parables, saying, ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow.’” Jesus urges his hearers to listen to what he is saying. Listen in this sentence is an imperative.

We must do as Jesus says.

In our culture, there are so many voices competing for our attention. On local television, I bet you have heard these phrases: “Swap keys, swap keys;” “Lowell ‘The Hammer’ Stanley;” “13 News Now Investigates.” On the internet, there are all manner of voices emanating from network broadcast centers, sports teams, police press conferences, curators at historical sites, government offices, and so on. Every day you and I must choose who we will listen to and whose voice we will ignore.

But if we wish to follow Jesus as Lord, we must be careful to hear Jesus in His entirety. The tendency is to only listen to those words of Jesus which we agree with or which give us joy. Then we ignore those words of His which challenge our assumptions, call into question our priorities, and confront our prejudices. I wonder how many Christians ignore Jesus’ words to love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, and abstain from long-term anger, lust, and an obsession with pursuing possessions.

As we journey through life, we must be careful to listen to all of Jesus’ words – not just the ones we agree with.

So keep on reading, listening to, and doing Jesus’ words.



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Summer Worship: 10:00 a.m. (nursery available)

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

It is the stuff of an abundant life.
Here in the good ol’ summertime.

See ya in church!

Fondly,

Michael

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WEEKLY READINGS

August 6 – Matthew 14:13-21
August 13 – Matthew 14:22-33
August 20 – Youth Mission Trip Service
August 27 – Matthew 16:13-20

MOVIES ON THE LAWN

Outreach

KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES ON THE LAWN!

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AUGUST 4TH
"FINDING DORY" AUGUST 11TH
"THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE" AUGUST 18TH
"MOANA" AUGUST 25TH



PRODUCTION Free admission for all!
DIRECTOR Games: 7:30 PM, movie: dusk

DATE	SCENE	TIME
Bring a blanket or chair.	Free popcorn & drinks!	1209 Hampton Hwy. 23693

* Check our facebook page in case of rain



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir

Calling all KirkWood Kids (age 4 -11),

Get ready to Vociferate (sing out!)

Children's Choir rehearsals will take place immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service beginning Sunday, September 17, 2017. We are hoping that this time slot will enable more of our young ones to participate in our Children's Choir.



Attention Singers (and Wannabe Singers)

Saturday, September 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., is our 1st annual Cantata Choir RETREAT.

What happens at a choir retreat? Singing (obviously,) laughing (most likely,) group voice training, food (definitely,) devotional time, and fellowship. This is a chance to take a deep dive into our upcoming Advent Cantata, "All is Well" by Michael Barrett and David Angerman to be presented at both Sunday morning services on December 17th.

For all who in the past have enjoyed the Christmas Cantatas from the comfort of the pew and are thinking about joining in the fun, now is the time!

Sign up for the retreat on the bulletin board outside the choir room.

USHERS



Ushers Needed

Beginning in September, we need three people to volunteer to usher once a month at the 11:00 a.m. service. If interested, please contact Nancy Risdan at (757) 879-8670 or Albertina in the office. Thanks for prayerfully considering helping with this need.



MISSIONS

Missions



Blood Drive

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR! The next KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, August 24, 2017**, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Once again the fabulous cooks from KirkWood will be providing a meal. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code "KirkwoodPC," or at church on **Sunday, August 20th**, in the fellowship Hall! 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 (email - hudgepudge@aol.com)

For planning purposes, our final blood drive of the year will be on **Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars!

2017 Adult Mission Trip Update

The details for the KirkWood Adult Mission trip scheduled for September 10th-16th are being finalized. Our KirkWood team has been assigned by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to work in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville will host the team, and we will be helping families in the area continue their recovery from devastating floods from Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

We have 11 volunteers so far, but there is still time to join the team. This is a great opportunity to show God's love and give hope to those in need. Please contact Arba Williamson at (757) 867-9289 or (757) 344-5588, or sign up in the narthex.





CONGREGATIONAL CARE HAPPENINGS

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

Eleven of our KWS friends got together for great food, great company, and great music on July 20th, at Water Street Grille and Riverwalk Landing lawn. The Tiderwater Drive Band delivered great sounds including many of our generation's old favorites!

Plans are in the works for the following KWS events:

September 21– a trip to Williamsburg to see “The Story of a Patriot” at the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor’s Center followed by lunch at a restaurant to be announced later.

October 19 - a ‘roast and toast’ luncheon to honor our soon to be retired pastor - PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

November 16 – a tour of VIMS (Virginia Institute of Marine Science), including the labs of Kirk-Wood’s Kimberly Reece and Kate Ritter.

Watch future Kronicles and Bulletins for details.



God's Left Hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. “Look at the gorgeous leaves!” Grandma exclaimed. “Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!”

“Yep,” said her grandson, “and he did it left-handed.”

Perplexed, Grandma asked, “Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?”

“Because,” said the boy matter-of-factly, “we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God’s right



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS

Christian Education

Questions and Answers for Children and Youth Fall Programs

Whether you are a veteran KirkWood attendee or visiting for the first time there are always questions for the new Sunday School year. Please contact Jeannine Scott (children through 5th grade) or Ryan Wenner (6th-12th grade) or members of the Christian Education Committee if your answer is not provided in the following samples.

Q: Where and when does my child go to Sunday School?

A: Sunday School classes are at 11:00 a.m. starting on September 10, 2017.

Infant through age 2 in Nursery A/B, Preschool in Room 2,

Upstairs: K-5th grade in Room 11, grades 6-8th in Room 7, and 9th-12th grade in Room 8

Q: How do I know if my child is ready for the preschool room?

A: Your child must be two years old when Sunday School starts. The parents and the teachers can observe young children to make sure that they are learning to work together as a group and follow basic instructions. We create the age overlap to give you the most flexibility.

Q: How can my child best participate in worship?

A: Acolyting starts in 3rd grade and 6th grade children may join the worship team and choirs.

Q: Are there opportunities beyond Sunday morning for my kids?

A: Yes! In addition to movie nights, pumpkin patch activities, and Trunk or Treat, there are also Youth Group activities that start in the 3rd grade. Look at the bulletin board across from the office for more information.

Questions and Answers for Adults Who Don't Have Children Attending the Church

Q: How can I help promote the children and youth ministry programs?

A: Don't hesitate! Call Jeannine or Ryan. We need teachers and substitutes, snack donations, field trip drivers, birthday recognizers, prayer warriors, and so much more. Support all the programs by attending the Christian Education Committee meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Education



"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b



Thank you for the super contributions to Hero Central VBS! We had a record breaking year with registration over 80 children! Mission contributions helped CHKD, Natasha House, the food bank, and more!

Heroes have HEART!
Heroes have COURAGE!
Heroes have WISDOM!
Heroes have HOPE!
Heroes have POWER!





TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

Stewardship

Stewardship is NOT just financial. Psalm 24:1 says, "*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*"

Just as Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to work and maintain it, we come to KirkWood as God's stewards to work and grow in faith and love. We are the managers of all that God has given us, working on God's behalf both at KirkWood and in the community. KirkWood has many activities, jobs, and opportunities that need to be done to keep us an active growing church in our community. We are asking for all to be volunteer stewards to help with some of these activities. Some of these opportunities may take a single day, once a month, or for a whole week, or as with the pumpkin patch, several times in one month. Members are asked to choose areas in which you might be willing to help.

On the next page, you will see a listing of all the different areas that can use your help. The jobs are listed under the different leadership positions held by session members. After you fill out the form, your name will be given to the elder in charge of those activities. If you are unsure but are interested in learning more, check that box and an elder will get back with you, or look inside the cover of your directory and call the elder for that category.

There are two ways you may complete this survey:

- 1.Fill out the form and drop it off in the box in the narthex. Extra forms can be found there as well.
- 2.If you have a computer, it will probably be easier to use the following link to sign up:
<https://goo.gl/forms/BIYDPcmpx9AzIPBh1>

Thank you for a prompt reply to this request to join KirkWood in becoming good stewards in faith and work as well as with your financial offering.

KirkWood - Time and Talent Survey 2017 Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Attend/Participate

- Worship
- Sunday School
- Small Groups
- Men's Breakfast
- Prayer Groups

- Assist in WoW
- Help with VBS
- Lead Children's Message
- Help with special events

- Serve as Advisor
- Provide Meals/Snacks
- Chaperone Fun Events
- Help with Bible Study
- Chaperone Mission Trip

- Serve as Advisor
- Acknowledge memorials
- Prepare room for funerals
- Serve on Committee

- Lead Small Group
- Host Small Group
- Lead Women's/Men's Retreats
- Attend KirkWood Silvers
- Attend Dining Partners

- Help with St. Paul's Ministry
- Help at P.O.R.T
- Help with Blood Drives
- Help on local 1-2 day Special Projects
- Participate in mission trips
- Work in Pumpkin Patch
- Help with Pumpkin Palooza
- Pumpkin Patch \$\$ Counters
- Help with Devonshire Activities
- Serve on Committee

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Christian Education

- Teach Children's Class
- Teach Youth Class
- Teach Adult Class
- Serve on Committee

Outreach

- Maintain Sign Message
- Help to Publicize Events
- Greet members & visitors
- Bake bread for new members
- Work with Trunk or Treat
- Movies on the Lawn help
- Serve as Photographer
- Serve on Committee
- Visit with Sick & Shut-ins
- Make phone calls
- Provide meals during crisis
- Help with fellowship dinners
- Keep track of kitchen supplies
- Manage library
- Arranging flowers
- Acknowledge memorials
- Prepare room for funerals
- Serve on Committee
- Serve on Pastor Nominating Committee

Technology

- Run the Media Desk
- Help with website/Facebook
- Serve on Committee

Worship

- Usher
- Prepare Communion
- Keep Pew Racks Supplied
- Help with Acolytes
- Sanctuary Banners
- Decorate Advent/Easter
- Nursery Worker/Substitute
- Serve on Committee

Congregational Care

- Transport Members to Appts./Church
- Serve on Committee
- Serve on Committee
- Serve on Nominating Com.
- Serve on Pastor Nominating Committee
- Worship Band
- Adult Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Children's Choir
- Cantata Choir
- Play an Instrument
- Sing Special Music

Music

- Serve on lawn mowing
- Assist on Clean-up days
- Provide fill in Custodial Help
- Repairs to Building & Equip.
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- HVAC
- Painting
- General
- Traffic/Parking for Activities
- Serve on Committee

Technology

- Run the Media Desk
- Help with website/Facebook
- Serve on Committee

Administration

- Help Audit Books Annually
- Count Offering
- Assist with Kronics
- Proof Kronics
- Proof Bulletins
- Stuff Bulletins
- Serve on Committee

Stewardship

- Help with Time & Talent Survey
- Give Stewardship minute
- Serve on Committee