

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

**SEPTEMBER 2017**



## Dear Members and Friends,

How my heart grieved following the events in Charlottesville on August 12th.

Watching young men and some women carry torches around Jefferson's statue at the Rotunda on University grounds made me almost physically sick. Listening to the Alt-Right, Neo-Nazis, and KKK members shout, "Blood and soil," "Jews will not replace us," and "Whose streets? Our streets" should remind all Americans that we are a long way from resolving a host of issues left over from the Civil War. Race, sectional economies, how we remember historical persons, and use of symbols in the public square all come together in an untidy mess to force us all to take a long hard look at ourselves.

As a Civil War buff and once-upon-a-time reenactor, I grieve that battlefield reenactments will be cancelled or outlawed because some folks will interpret them as racist and oppressive.

I continue to admire Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and J.E.B. Stuart for their brilliant military feats while at the same time I refuse to embrace their views on slavery and white privilege. As any reader of the good book will tell you, hatred, arrogance, prejudice, physical violence have no place in the kingdom of God. Even a cursory reading of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount will make that clear.



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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)

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As a nation, we have a long way to go in order to address racism in all its many forms. But that does not mean we must resort to guns and knives in order to out argue one another. We will need to re-embrace a tone of civility and respect as we listen to one another.

The death of over 700,000 persons from 1861-1865 should make it clear we never want to experience a civil war again.

Our nation needs your prayers as well as kind actions if we are to avoid another kind of blood-bath.

May the good Lord lead us all to repentance and respect for neighbors if we are to avoid another purge of the land with blood.

Fondly,

*Michael*

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# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship



## HANDBELL CHOIR

### Bell Choir

Our Bell Choir has two vacancies that need to be filled. No prior bell ringing experience needed. We will train you! Please contact Ann Brown.

### Children Love to Sing

The Children’s Choir at KirkWood is the perfect place to channel all their vocal energy to praise God. It has been shown that early vocal training in a choir helps children to develop their natural musical talents.



Our Children’s Choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 17th, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. All kids ages 4-11 are welcome!



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Hymn Sing

What are your favorite hymns? We are planning a Hymn Sing for the fall, and we need your input. Ann Brown is compiling a list, so now is the time to let her know which hymns you would like to see included in this Hymn Sing.



## Calling All Singers (Old Timers and Newcomers)

Do you like to sing? Do you wonder what it would be like to sing in the choir? Wary of a long-term commitment?

The Cantata Choir is something unique to KirkWood. It is our Worship Choir, PLUS band members, PLUS some choir spouses, some choir parents, and some choir offspring, PLUS our own Michael Condrey, PLUS regular members of the church, PLUS friends.

This ad-hoc group (which one might call “The Worship Choir on STEROIDS”) rehearses on Wednesday evenings and then presents a Cantata at Christmastime. This year we will be presenting “All is Well” by Michael Barrett and David Angerman on Sunday, December 17th.

We always begin with the fun part. Our Cantata kick-off potluck dinner will take place at the Searles’ house on Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m. We will share a meal, and then we will listen to a recording of the cantata.

On Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. we are holding our first annual “Cantata Retreat” at the church. We will again begin with the fun (coffee and doughnuts will be served from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.) The short retreat will include a devotional, choral warm-up and vocal training, tips for maintaining a healthy voice, and will conclude with a soup luncheon.

If you want to join, contact Ann Brown at (347) 524-3313 or [orybeebrown@gmail.com](mailto:orybeebrown@gmail.com) to indicate your interest.



# MISSIONS

## Missions



### The Power is in the Blood

KirkWood held a blood drive on Thursday, August 24, 2017. We had 37 presenting donors and were able to collect 34 life-saving pints of blood with 3 double reds and 3 deferrals (unable to give.) The goal for the drive was 32, so we exceeded our goal. Way to go KirkWood! A HUGE thanks goes to all those who volunteered their time to work a shift, prepare food, or come out and donate. We could not do this valuable ministry without the help of all of the volunteers. Our next and final drive of 2017 will be **Thursday, November 9th** from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. The dates for 2018 will be made available as soon as the Red Cross publishes them.

### 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.



The Mission Committee welcomes new members. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



# PUMPKIN PATCH

## Missions

### Time for Pumpkins

The smell of autumn has been in the air the past few days, and autumn and October translate to “Pumpkins” here at KirkWood! We have already started organizing for this year's patch, but we will need the help of all KirkWoodians to make it successful.

If you are new to KirkWood and this will be your first Patch experience, I urge you to visit the website and pull up the September 2016 Kronicle article “Pumpkin History Lesson 101.” Cathy Hudgins tells all --- how it began and the accomplishments KirkWood has made because of the funds raised.

Our first delivery date is Saturday, September 30th, followed by a second delivery on October 14th. We need all able bodies to help unload. Please sign up (sheets in the usual place outside Albertina's office) if you can help. Wear grubbies, and bring gloves and wheelbarrows if you have one. There will be coffee and donuts!

The Patch is open the entire month of October, 7 days a week. It takes many to plan and work the Patch to make it work. PLEASE prayerfully consider signing up to work shifts, count money, and help with special events (Palooza.) Everyone and everything helps. It is FUN and all ages can participate!

The Patch has been a blessing in many ways to KirkWood and all the communities we serve. Missions work is our priority, helping those in need locally, nationally, and globally. The fellowship is amazing and many new members have come to us via the Patch.

Again this year, you will be able to sign up electronically. Further details will follow, so please watch the bulletin announcements and come join us!

### Upcoming Mission Opportunities:

September 30th	Pumpkin Unloading
October 7th	St. Paul's Weekend Ministry
October 14th	Pumpkin Unloading





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# KIRKWOOD SILVER

## Congregational Care

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KirkWood Silver is a fellowship group of “senior” folk who get together on the third Thursday of each month. We invite you to just show up whenever there’s an event you would like to attend. We have LOTS of fun together and sometimes learn a little bit, too!

Our next event on **Thursday, September 21st** will be a short trek to Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center to see a short (about 20 minutes) film about the tough decisions colonists had to make prior to the Revolution. “The Story of a Patriot” is a moving story of colonial patriotism filmed in 1957 to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the landing at Jamestown. The film has been restored and is in fine shape. Jack Lord has the starring role of fictional John Fry, a Virginia gentleman who has to make a very serious decision for his family.

Following the film, we will drive to the historic district and have lunch at Shield’s Tavern. Sign up for this trek in the narthex September 3, 10, or 17. A carpool will leave from the church at 9:30 a.m. Contact Wanda Birch if you would like further information at (757) 868-8651 or [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net).

### **Future Plans for KirkWood Silver**

You’ll want to put this on your calendar now! On October 19th, KWS will treat our soon-to-be retired pastor, Michael, our own KWS brand of “toasting and roasting!” Before the honoring and fun begins, we’ll share a meal of Michael’s favorite food, spaghetti with meat sauce. We’ll trust Olive Garden with the task of preparing that fare. Be gathering your favorite “Michael anecdotes” to share or be thinking of any questions you’ve always wanted to ask him but were too shy to ask! This may be your last chance! Watch for sign-up info and other details in the next Kronicle and bulletins.

On November 19th, we will be taking a tour of VIMS (Virginia Institute of Marine Science), on the Gloucester side of the York River, followed by lunch at the York River Oyster Company restaurant. More details closer to the event.



# KIRKWOOD DINING PARTNERS

Congregational Care

Kirkwood Dining Partners is for anyone who enjoys being with fellow KirkWoodians. We typically go out to eat monthly, but sometimes we get together in homes to enjoy getting to know each other better. You can decide to join us when your schedule permits. Please consider joining us for any or all of the upcoming Kirkwood Dining Partners activities.

There will be sign-up sheets for each event in the narthex and reminders in the bulletin beginning in late August.

All are welcome and encouraged to share time with your church family. If you have any questions, please see Arba Williamson ([awillia114@aol.com](mailto:awillia114@aol.com)), Cindy Williamson ([cwillic114@gmail.com](mailto:cwillic114@gmail.com)), or ask anyone who participated last year. We had a lot of fun and many meaningful conversations.

Locations below are tentative; please watch the bulletin and your e-mail for final plans. Feel free to drop Arba or Cindy a note with any suggestions.

## **Dates for KirkWood Dining Partners**

September 16, 2017	County Grill, York County	6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2017	German Food – working on details	6:00 p.m.
November 18, 2017	See you at Kirkwood’s 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	6:00 p.m.
December 9, 2017	Christmas Cheer - working on details	6:00 p.m.
January 21, 2018	Brunch in Williamsburg	1:00 p.m.
February 17, 2018	Chinese New Year theme	6:00 p.m.
March 17, 2018	El Rancho, Poquoson	6:00 p.m.
April 21, 2018	Joe & Mimma’s, York County	6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2018	Covered dish picnic	6:00 p.m.



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# UNITE SMALL GROUP

Congregational Care

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## UNITE Discipleship Group for Parents of KirkWood Kids



Unite experiences life together as Christ followers growing through study, prayer, and serving others. You are doing a great job with your kids, and I want to give you a time and place to feel renewed and recharged.

This is your group to plan, and we are in a period of reformatting. Whether you have attended or not, let Jeannine Scott know if you are interested in joining us and what times and days work best for you.

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# PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

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We would like to thank all of the grass mowing teams for doing a fantastic job with keeping the grounds looking great over this hot and dry summer and through the fall ahead!

As we look ahead, P&F will be looking for help to set up the Pumpkin Patch on September 23rd before the first load of pumpkins arrives. Help will also be needed setting up for Trunk or Treat and on the evening of Trunk or Treat with directing traffic and guests.

Please mark your calendars now for the Fall Clean-up set for October 4th.

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; if interested please contact Kirk Reno & Murray Ritter.





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# ENCHANTED FOREST 2017?

Outreach

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Hello KirkWoodians:

It's that time of year for the Enchanted Forest. We had over 800 folks come through our doors last year. We have a reputation of putting on this event for our community. We feel it's a "treat" from our church to them. Having said that, it takes a village to put it on. Our awesome Enchanted Forest leaders, Mary and Lew, will not be here this year to help run the show.

Our question to the congregation is do we still want to put on the EVENT?

I know we have a lot going on with the 30th celebration and Michael wanting to retire.

To make a go of it we need a minimum of 45-50 people as volunteers: a minimum of 20 folks dressed up in the prayer walk (2 per post,) 2 runners, 2 bonfire workers, 1 counter, 1 photographer, minimum of 2 people per game room, and 2-3 workers for snack room. We need a lead for finding ideas for games (I'm so not creative.)

It takes two days for decorating and setting up games.

It also takes help from our church committees: Outreach, Christian Education, Admin. Staff (Albertina,) Congregational Care, and Property & Facilities.

It'd be great if we had someone who'd step into the leadership role to run things. Lew and Mary have a complete blue print of what we need to do. I can do it if I get a committee (besides our awesome Outreach) to help with keeping things on track and running smoothly.

I DO HAVE SOME IDEAS THAT WERE GIVEN TO US FROM LAST YEAR. YAY!

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**WHO'S ON BOARD?**

**We need to know ASAP if everyone is willing to help make this another awesome Trunk or Treat!**

Email me (Toni) at [fishermd1@gmail.com](mailto:fishermd1@gmail.com), text/call (719) 237-1156, or slip a note into my box during office hours if you're willing to help and what you'd like to do.

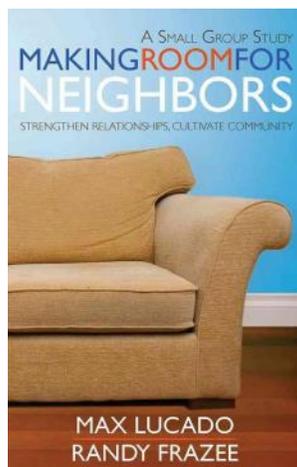
Blessings and Hugs,

The Outreach Committee

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christian Education

**8:30 a.m.**



**Making Room for Neighbors: Strengthen Relationships, Cultivate Community** by: Max Lucado and Randy Frazee

The guide is a catalyst to help Christian men and women intentionally go deeper and become more engaged in personal relationships with friends, family, and neighbors.

Fellowship Hall, September 10 - October 8

Leaders: Steve Hudgins and/or Nate Nickerson

**9:30 a.m.**

## **Adult Options**

### **Bible Study: "The Gospel of Luke"**

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

Room 4, September 10 -

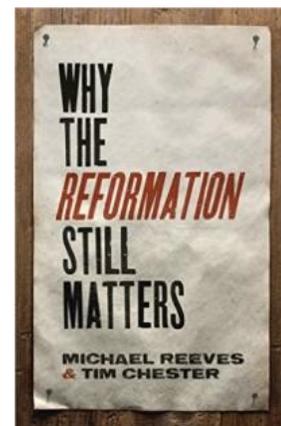
Leader: Jim Birch

### **Why the Reformation Still Matters** by: Michael Reeves & Tim Chester

In 1517, a German monk nailed a poster to the door of a church disputing key doctrines taught by the Roman Catholic Church in that day. This moment set in motion a movement that changed the entire trajectory of church history. But do the Reformers still have something to teach us?

Fellowship Hall, September 10 - November 19

Leader: Christine Pregler



**GLORY Time** is available for ages four 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 Hannah Conaway

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christian Education

**11:00 a.m.**

## **Adult Options**

**“And Here I Stand”** Compiled by: Joyce Armstrong

“And here I stand” is a quote by Martin Luther. He stands strong in his beliefs and the Bible. Explore the Reformation and where you stand as a subsequent follower of Luther and his teaching.

Fellowship Hall, September 10 - November 26

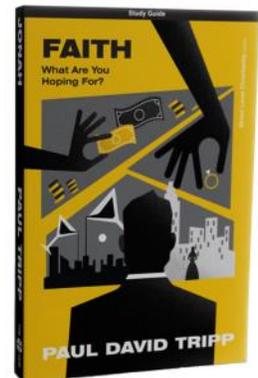
Leader: Joyce Armstrong

**Faith: What Are You Hoping For?** by: Paul Tripp

What is faith? We all know that the Bible defines faith as “the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen,” but do we know how to live by faith in the street-level situations and relationships of our daily Christianity?

Room 4, September 10 – November 5

Leader: Bruce Buchanan



## **High School & Middle School**

**The Protestant Reformation** by: PCUSA publishing

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, this is a survey of church history that includes a look at Martin Luther’s life and his impact on the Reformation, including a session on the life of John Calvin and his work. Through these times of turmoil and renewal, these men and women were faithful to God’s call.

Room 8, September 10 – June

Leaders: Ryan Wenner, Ashley Wenner, Elisabeth Kelly, & TBD



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christian Education

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## 11:00 a.m. (continued)

### Preschool Room

The Preschool Sunday School class has curriculum from Gospel Light. Children who are at least two years old in September will learn in three easy steps: Play, Listen, Talk! They are actively engaged in the Bible Story and led to experience God's love and know Jesus cares for them. They will start on September 10 in Room 2 with Jeannine Scott and very important volunteers leading.

### WoW (the Way of the Word)

WoW Classes for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade start on September 10th upstairs in Room 11. WoW is a highly interactive way to teach children the eternal truths of our faith found in the Bible. Students will study one Biblical topic each month by rotating through different learning styles each Sunday. We will start with learning about Daniel's rescue from the pit of lions. This is a great lesson to start our reformation theme as it teaches fundamental tenets about faithfulness under persecution, God's plan for each one of us, and how He blesses our faithfulness in sometimes miraculous ways. Our memory verse is from Daniel 6:26, "*He is the living God. He will live forever. His kingdom will not be destroyed. His rule will never end.*"

September 3rd - after 10:00 a.m. worship

### Church School Open House

On this 500th year of the Reformation, join us in Sunday School to learn, model, and improve your faith journey using the examples and messages from beginning Reformers.

The open house will allow you to review material, renew children's registration, and meet the teachers all while enjoying your coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall.



How will you be  
REFORMED?



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## YOUTH NEWS

Christian Education

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### K.I.C.K.

*Youth Group*

★ *3rd-5th Grade* ★

### K.I.C.K. Youth Group

Kids In Christ at KirkWood is going to have a great year. Don't miss out! Contact Jeannine Scott to make sure you are on the contact list for updates on activity details.

Next activity is pumpkin unloading on Sept 30th. There is something for everyone!

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## MICHAEL'S RETIREMENT GALA

Congregational Care

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### Michael's Retirement Gala at KirkWood's 30th Anniversary Celebration

Please circle Saturday, November 18, 2017 on your calendar and plan to join the KirkWood family as we celebrate KirkWood's 30th Anniversary and saying farewell to Rev. Dr. Michael Condrey after 28 years of faithful service as KirkWood's pastor. Michael will be retiring following worship services December 31, 2017.

The event will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church's Covenant Hall in Grafton and will include dinner, entertainment, and a lot of laughter. Please plan to be part of this very special event.

If you have an interest in helping the organizing committee for this event, please contact Bruce Knight at (757) 303-4252 or [bdknight03@hotmail.com](mailto:bdknight03@hotmail.com).



Welcome to our new acolyte, Emory Sheppard. We're happy to have you as part of our Sunday morning worship service acolyte program.



## WEEKLY READINGS

September 3 – Exodus 3:1-15  
September 10 – Matthew 18:12-20  
September 17 – Chaplain James Hoy  
September 24 – Guest Preacher

## SPECIAL DATES

September 4 - Labor Day (office closed)  
September 10 - National Grandparents Day  
September 11 - Patriot Day  
September 15 - October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month  
September 22 - First day of fall

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Stewardship

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KirkWood Presbyterian Church needs your help. We are asking you to volunteer to give some time and service to the activities of the church.

How can you help? Fill out a Time and Talent sheet by checking off what might interest you. Someone will get in touch with you to invite you to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ridsen at (757) 879-8670 or ndridsen@gmail.com.

The following activities only require about 1 – 1.5 hour(s) per month:

Attend a committee meeting on a Tuesday night	Ushering
Counting the offering	Lawn care (spring-fall – teams of 3)

Other activities require a little more time on a less regular basis:

Substitute nursery help	Set up a bulletin board
Prepare communion (4 times a year)	Bake bread for new members
Set up for fellowship dinners	Acknowledge memorial contributions
Assist with Blood Drives	Visit with shut-ins and the sick
Drive member to doctor appointment	Change outside sign board
Missions projects (St Paul's, PORT, Devonshire, etc.)	

Pick up a Time and Talent sheet on the sign-up table or use the following link to sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/BIYDPcmtx9AzIPBh1>