

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

OCTOBER 2017



Dear Members and Friends,

500 years is a long time. As we journey toward Reformation Sunday on October 29th, we are called to remember Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg door in October 1517. The Protestant Reformation calls out to us to remember and to forge ahead to new possibilities for mission and witness.

I invite you to join us here at KirkWood as we head to 30 years of corporate ministry. The Bible has certainly guided us as we study, labor, bear witness, and fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a grace-filled congregation eager and willing to share Jesus Christ with a world dying for words of life. You can celebrate our Reformation heritage by joining one of our many adult Sunday school classes, by worshipping either at 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., or by participating in one of our many mission opportunities.

By God's grace, you and I are called to be the followers of Jesus Christ. Let's show the world what that means.

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)

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Thank You Sarah Circle

Last spring, Sarah Circle generously donated funds to the Worship Choir music fund. We were able to purchase several new anthems for the choir, including two that were recently sung in worship: “Ubi Caritas” and “Holy Manna.”

Children’s Choir

The children of the church are singing again! Our Children’s Choir has reconvened, and there are ten enthusiastic youngsters working hard on the upcoming Christmas musical, “The Really, Really, Really Good News!”



We meet at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. Ages 4 - 11 are welcome.



Hymn Sing

Break out those hymnals and dust off your voices because we are having a “sermon-in-song” hymn sing at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 29th! We will have a chance to look more closely at several well-known hymns. If you have favorites you want us to include, please tell Ann Brown!

WEEKLY READINGS

- October 1 – Matthew 21:23-32
- October 8 – Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15 – Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22 – Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29 – Hymn Sing

SPECIAL DATES

- October - Pastor Appreciation Month
- October 1 - World Communion Sunday
- October 29 - Reformation Sunday
- October 31 - Reformation Day



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir

All is indeed well with the KirkWood Cantata Choir. We met at the Searles' home for a potluck supper, and we listened to a recording of our upcoming Advent cantata, "All is Well."

The first annual "Cantata Choir Retreat" took place last weekend at the church. After coffee and doughnuts, we spent the morning taking a deep dive into the cantata music. After a short devotional, the group started work on four movements of the piece spending time investigating pure vowel sounds (you kind of had to be there.)



We ended the morning with a soup luncheon lovingly served by choir spouses Elizabeth Nelson and Bob Pregler.

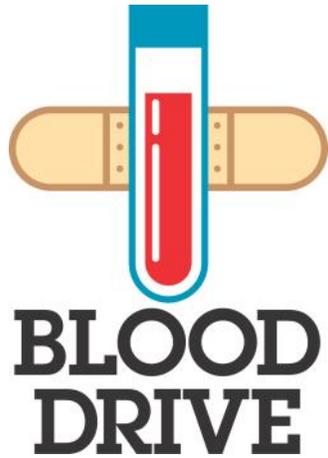
If you would like to sing, it is not too late to join us! We meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m.





BLOOD DRIVE & PUMPKIN PATCH

Missions



The Power is in the Blood

The final 2017 KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, November 9th** from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Once again the fabulous cooks from KirkWood will be providing a meal. You can schedule your appointment on line at www.redcrossblood.org, **Sponsor Code "KirkwoodPC,"** or at church on October 29th and November 5th 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 or email hudgepudge@aol.com.

For planning purposes, the schedule for 2018 is: February 22, May 24, August 23, and November 8. There are cards in the Narthex with these dates on them. Please mark your calendars!

Pumpkin Patch

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. You can sign up to work the patch by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fa4a72fa2f94-pumpkin/17469179>. If you are unable to sign up online, there's a sign-up sheet outside the office.



Our second delivery of pumpkins will be 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.



KIRKWOOD SILVER & UNITE

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

On **October 19th** at 11:30a.m., KirkWood Silver will treat our soon-to-be retired pastor, Michael, to 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 with salad and breadsticks from Olive Garden. Cost should be a little under \$10.00 to be paid at the luncheon. 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! This may be your last chance! Sign up in the Narthex October 1st - 15th. If you have questions, contact Bill Gilbert at (757) 868-8953 or poqbill@verizon.net.

On **November 19th** we will tour 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.



Unite Discipleship Group for Parents of KirkWood Kids

Unite is a small group of parents who experience life together as Christ followers, growing through study, prayer, and serving others.

We will start with a discussion from Kevin Leman’s book It’s Your Kid, Not a Gerbil. Do you sometimes feel like you are a gerbil on a wheel? How do you get off when it is spinning so fast? Do you feel dizzy with all the things going on around you? Dr. Leman has advice to creating a happier and less stressed home.



No need to read ahead or even get the book, just join us on **October 8th** in Room 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The nursery will remain open and a snack provided.



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. All are welcome and encouraged to share time with your church family. If you have any questions, please see Arba (awillia114@aol.com) or Cindy Williamson (cwillic114@gmail.com.)

Dining Partners will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st at the Searles' house. We will have our meal catered by Prost, a German food truck. Look for menu information in the bulletin.

Future Dates for KirkWood Dining Partners

November 18, 2017	See you at Kirkwood's 30 th 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.





TRUNK OR TREAT 2018

Outreach

We have some awesome plans in place for the Enchanted Forest. We've scaled down a bit but think it will be just as "treatful" as in years past.

We will have a "photos" area inside along with a station for Outreach info, picture pick-up, and a craft. The Narthex, hallway, Room 1A, and the front restrooms will be decorated. There will be three games outside, a s'mores pit, apple cider, and a bonfire.

The prayer walk will be our "Enchanted Forest." Characters will be dressed up at each prayer pole and will pass out candy. We'll also have a non-food treat at our teal pumpkin "Forest Stop" for those who have allergies.

What we need from you:

We'll start collecting candy donations on October 1st. Decorating will start after the 11:00 a.m. service on October 29th with additional decorating on the 30th and 31st, if needed. We need volunteers for the following:

- 2 people for photos - 1 for taking pictures, 1 for printing
- 2-3 people for the Outreach station, picture pick-up, and craft
- 6 people to run games and give out prizes (2 per game)
- 2-4 people to help make s'mores and serve apple cider outside
- Bonfire workers—Build, start, and control the bonfire
- 20 characters for the Enchanted Forest - 2 people per prayer pole to stand in costume, decorate the area to match your costume theme, and pass out candy.
- 2 runners to refill the Enchanted Forest characters' candy bowls





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christian Education

Hello Reformers!

Right now we have our thoughts full of tricks, treats, and pumpkins. Yet let us not forget the church! On October 31, 1517, a priest by the name of Martin Luther nailed to a door 95 things that he wanted to discuss about what the church was practicing at that time. Due to his courage through this time, we Christians could enjoy many pleasures that the common man could not in 1517. This allows us to experience the road that he would unknowingly pave for this group called Presbyterians.



We invite you to learn more about Martin Luther and the Reformation by attending one of our Sunday school classes. There are classes dedicated to learning more about this interesting topic at 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. for all age levels.

See you there!

Preschool Room: The Preschool Sunday school class will learn from less commonly studied examples (Nehemiah, Barnabas, and Philip) how to help, share, and be kind as ways to open up conversations about God. *You* can learn these important faith building blocks with us by volunteering to help in the classroom. Contact Jeannine Scott for available dates.

WoW (the Way of the Word): WoW classes for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade will travel with Ms. Ryann George to Damascus in the month of October. They will feel like a part of the dramatic conversion of Paul through fun workshops. Also, they will learn how their lives can be transformed through Jesus.

Jesus told Paul, "I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles – to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God." Acts 26:17-18



K.I.C.K. YOUTH GROUP

Christian Education

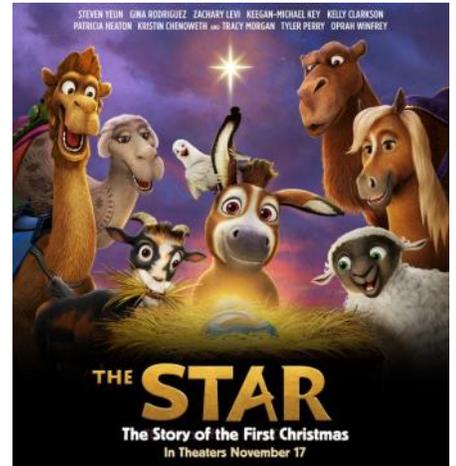


K.I.C.K.

Youth Group

★ 3rd-5th Grade ★

The K.I.C.K. Youth Group will be planning a movie theater trip on November 19th to see “The Star.” See Jeannine Scott for more information and to sign up.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God’s work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church’s ministry. “They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle,” Barna writes. “They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.” By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. “They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands,” Barna notes, “nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces.”

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!



MICHAEL'S RETIREMENT GALA

Congregational Care

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.

9:30 AM NURSERY

Christian Education

In case you ever wondered what our wonderful nursery workers do during the 9:30 a.m. service and Sunday school, they are kept on their toes by many of the little ones of the church. Thank you wonderful nursery volunteers!

