

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

NOVEMBER 2017



Dear Members and Friends,

You better believe it feels strange to be winding down a 28-year ministry here at KirkWood. Each day I look at the calendar and sigh. October becomes November becomes December. Time waits for no one.

You all have taught me so much about the Christian faith. Here are a few which come to mind:

- Jesus Christ is the person who transforms our lives from bitterness and hatred into lives characterized by love, forgiveness, and laughter.
- All are welcome at KirkWood.
- We take scripture seriously. We may not all agree on interpretation methods, but we will listen to one another without resorting to judgment or arrogance.
- Children and youth are the future of the church.
- Mission deeds are very important to us as a congregation.
- Laughter is one way to take God seriously but not so much ourselves. That's the way it should be.
- To be a Christian means you are in community with other Christians, and you are called to love one another as Christ has loved you.
- Worship is so important.

Those are only a few of the teachings you have passed onto me through the years.



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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)

May the good Lord continue to richly bless you as we all enter into God's future.

See you in church!

Fondly,

Michael

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir

Can you say “royal beauty bright” three times fast?

The KirkWood Children's Choir is hard at work on our Christmas musical, “Really, Really, Really Good News.”

The children have begun working on several of the songs and hand movements. Some of the words are a bit much for the youngest four year olds, but they are still enthusiastic about singing phrases such as “royal beauty bright!”

Some of the older children have been assigned speaking parts, and we'll be working between now and December 10th to bring these characters to life (emphasis on “characters!”)

We have a lot of material to learn, but I am confident that with everyone's help, we will be ready. It was so good this past week to have so many of the children at rehearsal. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, etc. who shuffle the kids to and from choir rehearsal and enable our choir to thrive!



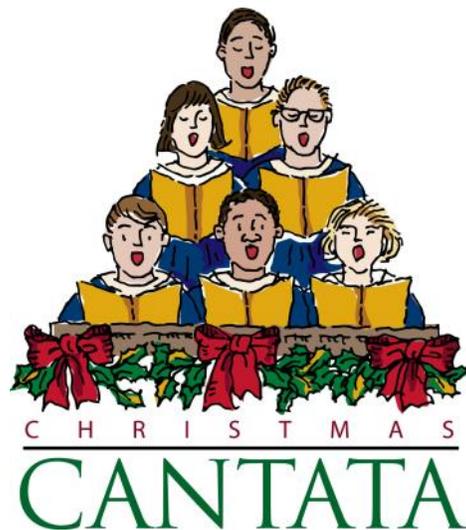
MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir

The KirkWood Cantata Choir will be presenting “All is Well” by Michael Barrett and David Angerman on Sunday, December 17th during both worship services.

This cantata is more on the contemporary side and incorporates traditional carols with more modern songs such as “Here I am to Worship,” “Shout to the North,” and “Breath of Heaven”. And this year, the band will be joining us, so we’ll have bass, guitar, drums, piano, and keyboard.



With narrator and soloists, this year’s cantata should have something for everyone!

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

The P&F team would like to thank all of the grass mowing teams for doing a fantastic job this summer. We will be back next spring looking for your help again!

Now that the pumpkin patch has closed on another successful year, it is time for the Fall Clean-up. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th starting at 8:00 a.m. Bring your gloves, rakes, pruning tools, etc. and come out to help clear the patch and trim the trees and bushes around the grounds. The rain date is November 11th.

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 or Murray Ritter.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Missions

Operation Christmas Child



The shoe boxes are out and ready to be filled! Last year KirkWood filled 116 shoe boxes, a great accomplishment, but our record is 156! We **be-**
lieve we can beat that record in 2017 and add to our number of children who will receive a special Christmas box.

These boxes can change the life of a child and to some, introduce them to Jesus. Have fun filling your boxes with family and friends. This year, you can go online and print a Hobby Lobby coupon, specifically intended for Shoe Box “WOW” items.

PLEASE NOTE: Please observe the guidelines for buying gifts. Some things have changed. You may no longer send candy or food of ANY kind, no liquids, lotions, breakable items, or aerosol cans. NO toothpaste. Also be aware of things we take for granted ----- you may send CD/DVD's, however chances are the children will not have anything to play them on. If you send soap, include a soap container; toothbrushes, include a cover. They don't have vanities. Stuffed animals can scare children in many countries as animals have different meanings in other parts of the world. You will not know the climate where your shoe box ends up, so send only short sleeve t-shirts and no winter attire.

Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church on Sunday, November 12th. There will be a dedication during both worship services. Please place a rubber band around your box, fill out the information card, and include \$9 per box for shipping. PLEASE place the “Boy” or “Girl” label on the OUTSIDE of the box and check the age. You may also do your shipping label online and follow your box to its destination!

You may continue to bring boxes until November 16th – that is the drop dead date.

We again thank you for your participation in this ministry. If you should have any questions, please contact Chris Wood (757) 335-3475 or wickywood@cox.net, or any member of the Mission Committee.



MISSION NEWS & BLOOD DRIVE

Missions

Mission News

The annual Christmas Fund will be collected December 10th. This collection is divided between the York County/Poquoson Social Services and the KirkWood Pastor's Fund. It goes to help many in our community with utilities, food, and necessary items that they otherwise would not be able to have. Please prayerfully consider your donation. Thank you.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities:

Shoe Box Dedication	November 12 th
St. Paul's Weekend Ministry:	December 9 th
Christmas Offering	December 10 th

The Mission Committee welcomes new members. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Chris Wood (757) 335-3475 or Arba Williamson (757) 344-5588.

****There is no correlation between size and significance...EVERY ministry matters, because we are all dependent on each other to function. If you aren't serving, you're just existing, because life is meant for ministry. (Mark 8:35)****

The Power is in the Blood

The final 2017 KirkWood Blood Drive will be held on **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 online at www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: KirkwoodPC. Additionally, someone will be in the fellowship hall making appointments on Sunday, October 29th and November 5th. Appointments are encouraged and will be honored but are not necessary.

For planning purposes, the schedule for 2018 is: February 22, May 24, August 23, and November 8. Cards with these dates will be available in the narthex next week. Please mark your calendars!

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 email hudgepudge@aol.com.



KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver has scheduled a tour of VIMS (Virginia Institute of Marine Science) at Gloucester Point for Thursday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m. The tour will include an orientation video and tour of VIMS, including a visit to KW member Kate Ritter's lab and a visit to the oyster hatchery. Golf carts will transport us down the hill to the hatchery and back up. The word is that all we will see and learn is "fascinating!"



We need to carpool from KW at 9:15 a.m. to be at VIMS by 9:50 (allowing for the uncertainty of a bridge lift.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT OPEN-TOED SHOES ARE NOT ALLOWED, AN OSHA REQUIREMENT.

Following the VIMS tour, we plan to enjoy lunch together at the York River Oyster Company, 8109 Yacht Haven Rd., Gloucester Point, 23062. Sign up in the Narthex beginning October 29th if you would like to join us. Contact Wanda Birch if you have questions at (757) 868-8651 or wfbirch@verizon.net.

Looking ahead:

For a festive Christmas celebration, KirkWood Silver plans to attend the Christopher Newport University Department of Music Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3rd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. KirkWood member Brenden Kibler plays in several bands at CNU. Tickets will be \$5 and need to be purchased in advance. Watch the bulletin for further information.



UNITE & DINING PARTNERS

Congregational Care

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.

Join us on **November 12th** to continue our discussion on Kevin Leman's book [It's Your Kid, Not a Gerbil](#). We will meet in Room 4 from noon - 1:00 p.m. The nursery will remain open and a snack will be provided.



Dining Partners



KirkWood Dining Partners got together for Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 21. Hans and Susan Searles hosted the event and even got dressed up for it! We think we might all dress up for the next Oktoberfest! We had great German food from Waypoint in Williamsburg, some oom-pah music, and Hans offered the blessing in German. How's that for authentic?

Please consider joining in the fun as we get together throughout the year by going to restaurants or having a get together at someone's house. Look for details in the bulletin each month (although we will take a break in November as we all attend Michael's retirement dinner on November 18.) There's no commitment – just to enjoy yourself and be with fellow KirkWoodians who enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun. Contact Cindy or Arba Williamson if you have any questions.



KirkWood Youth Group

Christian Education

There have been some changes in how our mission trips will be funded for this next year.

The cost for each trip usually averages \$400.00 per youth. This year you will only be paying \$100.00 total, **IF** you participate in four pumpkin patch activities and four other mission activities.

As you know, the Pumpkin Patch is our biggest fundraiser and it takes A LOT of man hours to run it. **You were each asked to work at least four shifts in the patch this year.** Unloading pumpkins and the Enchanted Forrest counted too.

Now, you will need to work four other mission related tasks sometime during the year. This can be St. Paul's soup kitchen (youth do five per year and you can join the adult ones too), there is PORT each winter with at least two evenings and morning shifts, there are at least four blood drives during the year, there are monthly activities at the nursing home (both evenings and Saturdays and Sundays), and there are local mission projects throughout the year. This means no Soup Luncheon or Pancake Supper for mission fundraising this year.

We are doing this to help spread the events you need to do throughout the year, to cut down on the funds we ask our church members for, and to help encourage you to see that mission work is a year round need, not just one week a year.

Please keep a list of the mission activities you complete and put the list in the K.Y.G. box in the office.

In His name,

Kirk and Jamie Reno, Ryan Wenner, and Robin Clifford

Future KYG Soup Kitchen Dates:

November 11, 2017

January 20, 2018

March 17, 2018

May 5, 2018

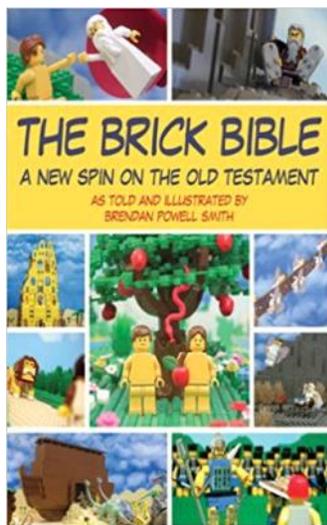
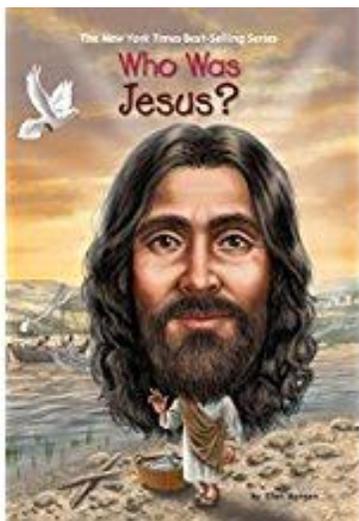


CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

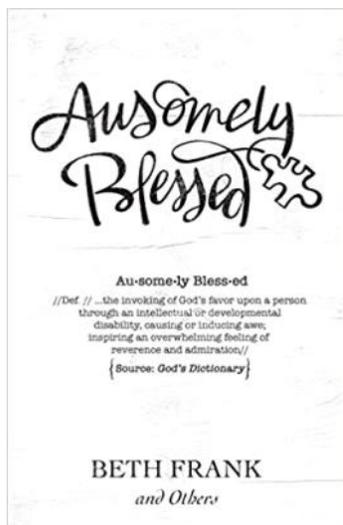
Christian Education

Children's Library

While you are at church, look at these new additions in Room 2. Take them home for a week or two. The stickers on the side make it easy to reshelv.



Now also available, books for the parents too!





YOUTH NEWS

Christian Education



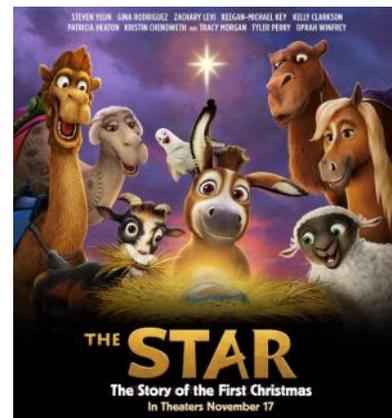
K.I.C.K.

Youth Group

★ 3rd-5th Grade ★

K.I.C.K. Youth Group

The K.I.C.K. youth group, for 3rd-5th grade, will be planning a movie theater trip on November 19th to see “The Star.” Families of any age are invited! See Jeannine Scott for more information or to sign up.



Some important family and children ministry dates:

October 31st - Trunk or Treat featuring the Enchanted Forest from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

November 12th – Unite Discipleship Group, Room 4

November 19th – “The Star” movie trip

December 10th – Children’s Christmas Pageant during both services! Tell your friends and family.

Sunday’s during the 9:30 a.m. worship service – Glory Time for grades 2 and younger

Sunday’s at 11:00 a.m. - Children’s Sunday school classes

Sunday’s at 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. - Children’s Choir practice

WEEKLY READINGS

SPECIAL DATES

- November 5 – Matthew 23:1-12
- November 12 – Matthew 25:1-13
- November 19 – Matthew 25:14-30
- November 26 – Guest Preacher

- November 1 - All Saints’ Day
- November 5 - Daylight-Savings Time ends
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 - Christ the King Sunday



PLEDGE TIME

Stewardship

NOVEMBER IS PLEDGE TIME!

Pledge Sunday is November 12th, and now is a good time to ask yourself why you give to the church. Are you giving to God based on how much He has blessed you with everything you have?

Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” We, as Christians, are the stewards or managers of the gifts that God has given us. We are grateful to God for our financial resources and responsible to Him for how we use them.

In Old Testament law, Israelites were required to give 10 percent of the first part of everything they earned and grew to their tabernacle or temple. New Testament writings do not command how much Christians should give. In First 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” not what is left over after all other living expenses have been paid.

Please pray diligently and seek God’s will concerning your financial giving for 2018. 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.”

Within a couple of days, you should receive a letter with a pledge card. Please prayerfully decide what you will pledge to the general fund and fill out your pledge card. Bring it to church on November 12th. By pledging you will help Session develop the budget for 2018 and figure what programs KirkWood can support next year.

Also remember, your pledge is between you and God; not you and KirkWood or you and the PCUSA. God knows your financial situation, and He expects you to give according to how He has blessed you.

If you have not filled out a Time and Talent Survey to actively participate in the activities of KirkWood, please pick up one in the narthex or go online to: <https://goo.gl/forms?BIYDPcmpx9AzIPBh1>

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INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH

The Interim Pastor Search committee has been at work since its appointment during the August Session meeting. Our task is to identify candidates from which the Session can select an interim pastor that will serve as Michael's replacement until a new, permanent pastor is found. An interim pastor is recommended by Presbytery and specially trained in assisting churches prepare for the installation of a new pastor. The search for a new pastor is a process that will take a year or more during which time the interim pastor cares for the KirkWood congregation. While the whole congregation is involved in the selection of a new permanent pastor, it is a Session responsibility to select the interim pastor.

So far, the committee wrote a job description that was approved first by Session and then by the Presbytery Council on Ministry at their October meeting. The committee is now in the process of reviewing 46 pages of documents received from Presbytery that are being used to help the committee form a plan to evaluate applications for the interim pastor position. Once that is complete, we will be ready to evaluate applications.

Our goal is to have the interim pastor position filled by February 2018. Between Michael's retirement at the end of December and the start of service by the interim pastor, guest preachers will guide worship services as has been done when Michael was on vacation.

The search committee is co-chaired by Regina Harris and Murray Ritter.

