

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

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Dear Members and Friends,

I do not have the words to thank you all for the wonderful grace-filled, laughter-filled evening of November 18th up at Yorkminster's Covenant Hall. It was a night to reflect on KirkWood's 30 years of ministry as well as enjoy a trip down memory lane for my 28 years as your pastor.

Bonnie and I are so overwhelmed by the travel voucher and cash for a getaway next year, and we love the drawing of the church by a Williamsburg artist. Thank you for all who worked so hard to put the evening together. Hats off to Bruce Knight, his committee members, the KirkWood Boys, all the folks who did a video salute, as well as all those who helped set up and take down the hall. It was an evening Bonnie and I will never forget. I will long remember Rae Lyn and Ann's duet and Wendy Linehan bantering on stage with Bruce. Arba Williamson said some mighty kind words, and Mike Fore did a superb job with the 30 years of KW slides. I very much appreciate Bill Gilbert highlighting KirkWood's rich history of mission, worship, outreach, and fellowship down through the years.

My heart is full as Bonnie and I bid you farewell December 31st. While I am looking forward to retirement, I sure will miss each and every one of you.

May the good Lord continue to richly bless you and fill you with His Spirit. You have sure been a rich blessing to Bonnie and me. Love you all.



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)



SPECIAL DATES IN DEC & JAN

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December 3 - First Sunday of Advent
 December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent
 December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
 December 21 - First day of winter
 December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
 December 25 - Christmas Day
 December 31 - New Year's Eve

January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day
 January 6 - Epiphany
 January 7 - Baptism of the Lord
 January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance
 January 18-25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir

The Christmas Cantata "All is Well" by Michael Barrett and David Angerman, scheduled for Sunday, December 17th during both services, assures us of the comfort and joy we have in the miracle of grace. This beautiful piece will combine narrator, choir, soloists, and instrumental ensemble to enrich our celebration of this blessed Advent season.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir

Will Maddie learn what the true meaning of Christmas is? Will Ms. Oliver be able to organize the 11 energetic souls in time to rehearse the Christmas play? Will Jasper stop joking around long enough to learn his part? Can Gail drop a bit of her sarcasm? Will Christie stop interrupting Ms. Oliver every five minutes? Will Billy be able to quote Luke 4:11 by memory? Will Anna Rose be able to convey her deep understanding of the Christmas story? And what about the Angel Gabriel? Will he have his wings and halo in time for the performance?



These are indeed burning questions...

KirkWood children and youth will present the musical, "The Really Really Really Good News" at both services on December 10th.

Child's Destiny to Appear at KirkWood

The world-renowned girls' trio, Child's Destiny, fresh from their global 2017 tour will make a guest appearance on Sunday, December 10th at the worship services.

Destiny's Child has sold more than sixty million records worldwide to date. *Billboard* magazine ranks the group as one of the greatest musical trios of all time. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear these amazing performers!





DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship

- December 10—Children’s Christmas Pageant, “The Really, Really, Really Good News” held during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
- December 17—Cantata “All is Well” held during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
- December 24—Worship Services
 - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary
 - 11:00 a.m. Traditional
 - 7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight
 - 11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion
- December 31—10:00 a.m. combined Worship Service followed by a farewell fellowship



NAME TAGS

Worship



Beginning in January, please wear your name tag each week so the visiting or interim pastor can learn our names. If you do not currently have one, please sign on the sheet in the Narthex indicating whether you would like a lanyard or a clip on. Please sign up also if you wish to change your current name tag to a different kind.

In the near future, Nancy Ridsen will be updating the name tag board to make it easier for some to find their tags.



PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE

Missions

Thank you for your support and work during our Pumpkin Patch event. The Pumpkin Patch provided over \$22,000 to a Navajo Reservation in New Mexico to support educational and community services. The Patch also raised over \$18,000 for KirkWood's mission giving, our youth and adult mission and service trips, and local service projects on the Peninsula. KirkWood members manned the Patch for 280 hours during October and many additional hours setting up the lights and signs, unloading pumpkins, hauling rotten pumpkins to a local farm, and cleaning up the Patch. We had great fellowship doing all this work and showed God's love to the many visitors at the Patch. Special thanks to Scout Troop 54 and Pack 54 for their help. Again, thanks for volunteering your time, talents, and resources to this effort.



MISSIONS NEWS

Missions

The Mission Committee has a number of opportunities to volunteer over the next several months.

- The Mission team is feeding the homeless at St Paul's Weekend Ministry on December 9th.
- The Christmas Fund collection will be December 10th at both services.
- Kirk Reno is planning a wheelchair construction project in Newport News in January. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Narthex with the exact dates.
- The KirkWood Mission team is supporting the Peninsula Homeless Shelter (PORT) on December 28th - 29th and the week of January 31st - February 7th. Watch the Mission Committee board in the hallway to sign up.
- The KirkWood Mission team is planning an Adult Mission trip to Fayetteville, North Carolina in April 2018. Watch for bulletin announcements soon.

Again, thanks to all the KirkWood volunteers in 2017.



BLOOD DRIVE

Missions

The Power is in the Blood

Our final Blood Drive of 2017 was held on Thursday, November 9th. There were some unforeseen glitches, but we were able to collect 29 pints of blood. The supplier of the bags that are used to collect the blood donations is located in an area that was decimated by the hurricanes this year. Therefore, the bags are being carefully rationed, and unfortunately our drive was short supplied. Apologies go out to those who took the time and rearranged schedules to come out and donate and were unable to do so. Our hope is that the problem will be fixed before our February drive. Many thanks go out to the volunteers who fed and checked in the donors. What a fantastic outreach to our community. If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins at (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com.





KIRKWOOD SILVER & UNITE

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

For all KirkWood “seniors,” A Christmas Dessert (with some sprinkles of inspiration and fun) will happen on Thursday, December 14th, from 2:00—3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a small plate of cookies, brownies, other sweet treat, OR fruit, cheese and crackers, or other non-sweet nibbles to share. Sign up in the Narthex through December 12th. Contact Bill or Carolyn Gilbert, Gloria or Steve Griffin, or Jim or Wanda Birch if you need further information.

KirkWood Silver’s January event will be, simply but enjoyably, lunch out together at Andrea’s Italian Restaurant, 1730 George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17.) You may meet us at Andrea’s at 11:30 a.m. or carpool from the church at 11:15 a.m. This would be a great time to invite someone new to KirkWood or new to KW Silver! If you have questions, contact Bill or Carolyn Gilbert at (757) 868-8953 or poqbill@verizon.net.

KirkWood Silver’s Save the Date

February 15, 2018 is the date for a cozy winter soup luncheon and Lenten program featuring local inspirational speaker, Paula Bass. Her topic will be “Them Bones!” (aka – the jawbone, the funny bone, the backbone, the wishbone, and more!) Watch January bulletins for further announcements concerning this special Lenten 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.

No RSVP required. Just join us on **December 17th and January 14th**. We will meet in Room 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The nursery will remain open and a snack provided.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOLIDAY UPDATES

Christian Education

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Christian Education Holiday Updates

12/10 – No preschool, WOW, middle school, or high school classes for the pageant. Adult classes as normal.

12/17 – No 9:30 a.m. Glory time. Worksheets provided for children during the Cantata. Sunday School classes as scheduled.

12/24 – No Sunday school. Worship services at 9:30 a.m. (includes Glory time,) 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

12/31 – No Sunday school due to one service at 10:00 a.m.

1/7 – Resume normal Sunday school schedule



All are invited to Northside Community Church (1300 George Washington Mem. Hwy.) for their Nativity programs. Jeannine Scott will offer carpooling for K.I.C.K. youth on Friday, December 15th. See the youth bulletin board for more information.

WEEKLY READINGS **FOR DECEMBER**

- December 3 – Mark 13:24-37
- December 10 – Children's Christmas Pageant
- December 17 – Christmas Cantata
- December 24 – Luke 2:15-20
- December 31 – Luke 2:22-40



INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Interim Pastor Search Committee has met several times and is completing preparations to conduct screening interviews for interim pastor applicants. While the committee and Session originally expected ample applicants, we have since been informed that Presbyterian ministers and interim ministers are in short supply. In response to that latest information from PEVA, the search committee has begun to post our vacancy on various Presbyterian web sites. Regional Presbyteries have been contacted along with current interim ministers in our area. We are also sharing information with military chaplains. Please pray for the search committee and the church as we work through the process of finding an interim pastor. The search committee is co-chaired by Regina Harris and Murray Ritter. Please contact them with any questions about the process.

PLEDGE CARDS & 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Stewardship

Pledge Cards

Everyone can still turn in pledge cards. Extra pledge cards can be found in the Narthex near the sanctuary doors. You can put them in the offering plate or put them in the office in the envelope provided in Kathy Fore's mailbox.

2017 Contributions must be turned into the office prior to December 29th at 1:00 p.m. to get credit for the 2017 tax year if you will not be in church on Sunday, December 31st. Again, you may put a check in the offering plate or turn it in to the office. The offering collected on December 31st during the 10:00 a.m. service will count as contributions collected during the 2017 year when it is deposited.