

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

**FEBRUARY 2018**

For the faithful Kronicle reader, you will remember this is the place in the newsletter where Michael normally spoke to you. As we continue to realize the impacts of his retirement ranging from small to large, this (fortunately) small one has fallen on me to address.

Most of the January Session meeting discussion was around “communication.” The Session specifically discussed how they will communicate to the church membership the actions they are taking to meet church membership needs until an interim pastor can be hired and come on board. If you were to go back to our first worship service this year you would see some examples of the Session’s effort to communicate with you:

- There were several items in the church bulletin. The first concerned Pastoral Care needs which can still be directed to the church office. From there they will be referred to someone from Congregational Care (Bill Gilbert) or Stephen Ministry (Regina Harris or Steve Hudgins.)
- A second bulletin notice was about the annual meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. that includes the “Chili Cook-Off.” Part of the meeting will include a review of the Presbyterian process followed to replace a departing pastor.



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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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- The last bulletin item concerned the work of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and the status of their search, which I will address in more detail a bit further down.
- In the slides that were shown before the worship services Sunday was a listing of the scheduled pastors that will be worshiping with us at upcoming services. Ben Scott has been making those arrangements, and a purpose of the slide was to assure the church that we will continue a normal schedule of worship.
- The last communication effort was having the General Presbyter for our Presbytery, Reverend Liza Hendricks, deliver our sermon. Rev. Hendricks was scheduled to be at the services that were cancelled by the snow storm. Ben had to juggle the schedule to get Rev. Hendricks on January 14<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to meet with the congregation to talk about change that we are experiencing and will continue to experience for some time to come. We wanted her reassurance to be a part of the first sermon after Michael's departure.

The reason I was asked to write "Michael's" column this month is due to my role with Regina Harris as co-chair of the Interim Pastor Search Committee. The other committee members are Matt Fisher, Bruce Knight, Jim Mershon, Kate Ritter, and Jeannine Scott.

The committee began its work in August. Our first effort was to write a job description and get that approved by the Session. The job description was then sent to the PEVA Commission on Ministry which approved it at their October meeting. Originally, we were told to expect a field of applicants from which we would be able to find an interim pastor that is specially trained in guiding the church through a year-plus long search for a new pastor. Come to find out, interim ministers are not all that plentiful. We met with a great interim candidate that we recommended to Session who was ready to come to KirkWood. Unfortunately, that person was committed to their current interim assignment until that church called a new pastor. That church's candidate took another position forcing the Pastor Nominating Committee to renew their search, thus delaying the availability of the candidate we liked.

There are more stories, but I don't want to make this into a book. We are still looking at people and have interviews scheduled. The Lord knows who that person is, and the search committee will continue its work until we find each other.

And I will continue communicating with you on the progress of our efforts.

Murray Ritter



# WHO DO I CALL?

Administration/Session

## Who Do I Call?

Since we do not currently have a pastor, the elders are the people to call for information, questions, or help. If you are not sure which elder to call, contact Albertina at 766-0343 for help. Below are the current elders' phone numbers and emails. When the new directories are printed, this list will be printed on the inside of the front cover. If you need to connect a face to the name, pictures of each elder are on the wall outside Albertina's office.

Please read the information in the Kronicles and bulletins to stay up to date on the happenings at KirkWood. If you would like a printed copy of the Kronicle, send Albertina a message, and she will add your name to the list.

### Administration:

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### Congregational Care:

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# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Cantata Choir Seeks New Blood

The KirkWood Cantata Choir is seeking new blood!

As we begin our Lenten cantata rehearsals, this is the perfect time to jump into the group. We need singers of all voice types (soprano, bass, amateur, professional, novice.)



You may imagine by our recent cantatas that every one of our singers has a solo voice and a ton of experience and that you couldn't possibly fit in. Do NOT be fooled! It is truly amazing what a group of regular people can do when they get together to sing!

We begin rehearsals on Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at our Boot Camp. We rehearse regularly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for an hour. This is a great way to get involved in the KirkWood music program on a trial basis!

## KirkWood Cantata Choir Kick-off

Our very own KirkWood Cantata Choir is gearing up to rehearse for our Lenten cantata, "Shadows of Sacrifice" by John Purifoy which will be presented on Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



The festivities begin on Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with **Cantata Choir Boot Camp**. (We called this a "cantata choir retreat" in the fall, but this didn't fool anyone.)

Our morning will begin with coffee and the infamous "Sunrise Donuts." After a devotional, we will get to work on the cantata. After a soup lunch, we will all grab our scores and listen to a performance CD of the piece.

Regular Wednesday evening rehearsals begin Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



# ADULT MISSION TRIP & BLOOD DRIVE

Missions

## Adult Mission Trip – April 15-21

The KirkWood Mission Team is planning another Adult Mission Trip! We are scheduled to go back to Fayetteville, North Carolina on April 15-21 since we had to cancel in September due to Hurricane Maria. Our hosts will be the United Methodist organization coordinating the rehab of a number of houses in the area damaged from devastating floods from Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and helping families return home. The team could use some additional members! If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex or contact Arba Williamson or Jen Carter.



## The Power is in the Blood

**GIVE**  
*Blood*

There is an urgent need for all blood types at this time of the year. The next KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org), **Sponsor Code “KirkwoodPC,”** or at church on

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall! Walk-ins are welcome. **COME OUT AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE! THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD!** Make your appointments early. If you have questions, call Cathy Hudgins (757) 869-2645 or email ([hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com).)

## Pulpit Supply

February 4 – Charles Tucker  
February 11 – James Hoy  
February 18 – Donald Troast  
February 25 – Rebecca Lesley

## SPECIAL DATES

African-American History Month  
February 14 - Ash Wednesday  
February 14 - Valentine’s Day  
February 19 - Presidents Day



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Congregational Care

## Stephen Ministry

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, KirkWood will be hosting a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. It will

provide an opportunity for other congregations to come to KirkWood to learn about Stephen Ministry. Workshop participants will be able to experience a sample of Stephen Ministry training and learn caregiving skills they can put to use right away.

The folks at Stephen Ministry are assisting with the promotion of the workshop by sending letters to congregations throughout the Hampton Roads area. We will also be doing some other things to get the word out about this awesome workshop.

There will be three sessions during the workshop:

- An Introduction to Stephen Ministry
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. However, there is no cost for KirkWoodians, so we hope you will use this opportunity to come and learn first-hand about the value of this ministry.

We will need volunteers to help as we prepare for the workshop and also on the day of the workshop. More information will be disseminated over the next few weeks. Please contact Steve Hudgins or Regina Harris if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.



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MINISTRY.

Christ caring for people through people.



# KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

## KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver invites everyone to a special Lenten Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on February 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a soup and sandwich luncheon followed by an inspirational talk by local speaker, Paula Bass. Paula Bass' speaking and teaching ministry began over 20 years ago. Her gifts and talents have enabled her to help many recognize God's presence and blessings on their individual life journeys. You will laugh, learn, and thoroughly enjoy her time with us as she brings a message on "Dem Bones" from the book of Ezekiel. (Think: jawbone, funny bone, wishbone, backbone, and more!)

Several pots of soup and several platters of half-sandwiches, plus a few desserts will be needed to make this a special luncheon. The cost will be \$5.00 to cover the speaker's fee and paper supplies. Please sign up in the Narthex January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Wanda Birch at (757) 868-8651 or [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net) if you would like more information.

## "Beautiful Mess" Christmas Party

The "Beautiful Mess" small group had their annual Christmas party and gift exchange on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Donna Craig's house.





# UNITE

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.

Unite meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next three meetings are scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in room 4 from noon - 1:00 p.m. Snacks and childcare is provided. Please join us any month or every month.

A small group of moms from Unite went to the Melting Pot on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a Moms Night Out! We enjoyed “mom” conversation and cheese appetizers!



# EASTER EGG HUNT

Christian Education



Save the date and spread the word! The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

It is not all about candy and fluffy tailed bunnies! Our hunt takes the children on an adventure through time to connect the sweet gift of Jesus’ grace with the traditions we hold today.

HELP is needed! Starting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, candy and small toy donations will be accepted. We already have 1000 plastic eggs – but they need to be filled. Volunteers are crucial! Sign ups will be in the Narthex.

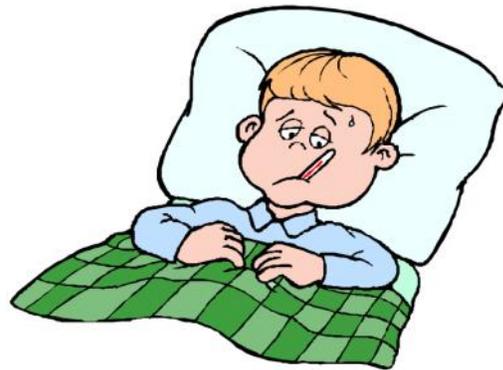


# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Christian Education

## Cold & Flu Season - A Friendly Reminder

It's that time of year when the "bugs" are going around. Sometimes it is difficult as parents to decide if your child who is feeling under the weather should come to Sunday School or church activities. Below are some things to keep in mind when making a decision about what is best for your child and the children and/or adults who will be in contact with your child.



Has your child had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours? If yes, it is probably best to let them stay home.

- Fever
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Common cold
- Sore throat
- Unexplained rash
- Infections to include, but not limited to skin infections and pink eye
- Any symptom of a childhood disease to include but not limited to chicken pox; hand, foot, and mouth; scarlet fever; or whooping cough

If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, he or she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to church.

Thank you for thinking of the safety of the other church members and visitors.



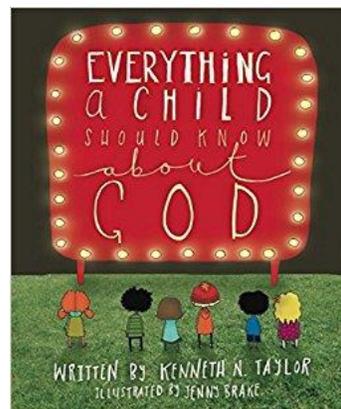
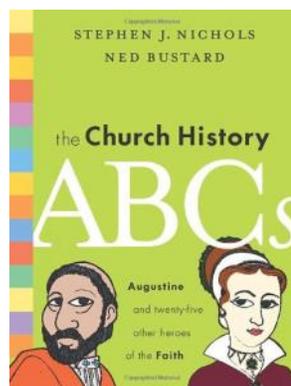
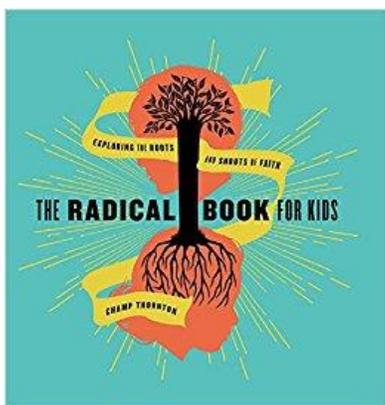
# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Christian Education

## Children's Library

Look for these new additions in Room 2. Take them home for a week or two. The stickers on the side make it easy to reshelv, but if you don't know your colors there is also a basket.

- The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith - "It is a fun-filled explorer's guide to the Bible, church history, and life."
- The Church History ABC's: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith - "This wide range of characters...reflects the breadth of church history and reminds children that these great figures of the past were living, breathing people who lived and died for the glory of God."
- Everything a Child Should Know about God - "This guide helps children understand the essential Bible truths, such as: why Jesus came to earth and how the Holy Spirit helps us."
- The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story - Often nicknamed the 'comic book Bible,' "this compelling blend of clear writing plus dramatic images offers an appeal that crosses all age boundaries."





# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Stewardship

### Giving to God and His Church at KirkWood with Your Money and Your Service

Thank you all for your pledges. Those pledges help keep the church's bills and salaries paid. To continue to help, please keep your pledge current. You can also help by considering the following:

- Even though we do not have a pastor, we continue to pay the pastors that preach on Sundays, as well as the pastors who come to moderate the session and congregational meetings.
- On all checks made out to KirkWood, please put your envelope number on the memo line – even if you use your envelope. This saves the counters quite a bit of time.
- Consider signing up with your bank to automatically make your pledge payments. They will mail a check directly to KirkWood. Please use your envelope as your account number. It only takes a few minutes to sign up, and the checks will even continue to arrive while you are on vacation.
- Consider your capability to provide for KirkWood's future by providing for it in your will.

