

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

MARCH 2018

In February's Kronicle I explained how I got into writing the pastor's introduction as co-chair of the Interim Pastor Search Committee. If you attended the Annual Meeting on January 28th, you might remember my comments about the steps required for finding an interim pastor and being kind of vague about where we were in that process other than my assurance that I was optimistic about the search committee's progress.

Since the Annual Meeting, the committee interviewed a candidate and passed our recommendation along to the Session. The Session met with the candidate later that same week and affirmed the committee recommendation that he serve as our pastor. Our candidate went before the Presbytery Commission on Ministry the next week and was successful in his examination. At the February Session meeting the Intentional Interim Pastor Covenant was approved. Later that week, Nancy Ridsen, Clerk of Session, and Rev. Charles Tucker signed the Covenant.

The first full week in March, Rev. Tucker will complete the first part of his Interim Ministry training. That same week the Commission on Ministry will review the Covenant at their March meeting, and we have every expectation that it will be approved. That is the last step of the search process. Rev. Tucker's start date at KirkWood will be on March 12th.

We have had two opportunities to have Rev. Tucker lead us in worship at KirkWood, so you have had the chance to get to know him a little. The Search Committee and Session have had the chance to get to know him a bit better. Be looking for two things in the next several weeks. First will be the date for an opportunity for the congregation to welcome Rev. Tucker to KirkWood. The second will be the new author for this spot in the April Kronicle.



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I think God has led us to find a great person to serve as pastor at KirkWood.

Murray Ritter

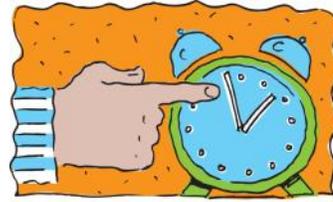
Worship: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (nursery available)

Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. (Adults)
11:00 a.m. (Preschool- Adults)



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SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 10th or you may be late to church!

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

The P&F team would like you to mark your calendars for the Spring Cleanup to be held on March 17, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you are able to come out and help, we will be cleaning out flower beds, placing mulch in the flower beds, cleaning up the entire campus, and general grounds maintenance. We would love to have you for whatever time you can afford: either the entire time or even one hour. Bring a rake, gloves, wheelbarrow, etc. The rain date is March 24.

A special thanks goes out to Jerry Deaton for leading a team to remove all of the ivy from the flower bed near the building in the front circle and installing fabric and mulch. The area looks amazing! They will be installing flowers in the area this spring to complete the project.

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.





MISSIONS

Missions

Update on Puerto Rico Ministry

Iglesia Presbiteriana Rosa Gonzalez Memorial Church in Puerto Rico continues to support families in need as well as “remodeling” the church buildings. The repairs to the church and annex building are expected to be completed by the end of February. Currently the church is supporting the community with drinking water and other health and safety needs. Electric power was restored in the area two weeks ago. The church is working with a local Nursing School. They hope to use the annex building for the nursing students to provide health care services to the community. The school will use this program as an “internship” for senior nursing students. Rey Ortega also reported that the church may be able to host some visitors in the future. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico in your prayers.

One Great Hour of Sharing

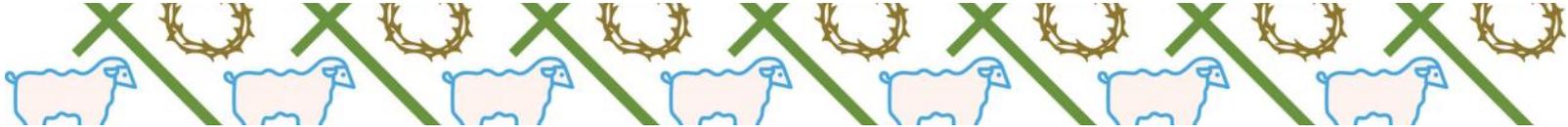
The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is approaching again this year. Gifts for this important effort provide disaster relief, refugee assistance, hunger relief, and empowerment to communities and individuals around the world.

Your opportunity to give is coming soon. Look for more information over the next few weeks and on the Mission Board. One Great Hour of Sharing is on Palm Sunday, March 25th.



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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir Boot Camp

Our KirkWood Cantata Choir Boot Camp was held at the church on February 3rd. After enjoying hot coffee and doughnuts, we got down to the business of learning our Lenten cantata, “Shadows of Sacrifice.”

Our group was small but mighty as we worked through four of the pieces. We welcome newcomer Denise Ortega!



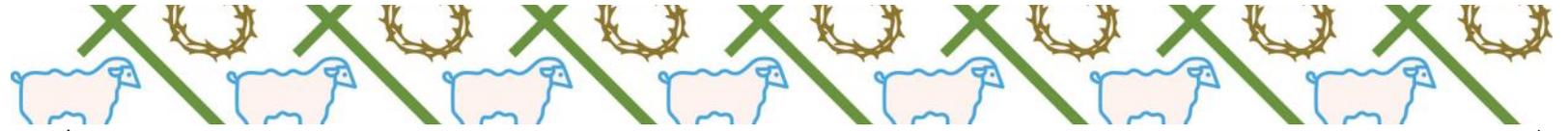
Thanks to all who made this day a success: the singers, Tina Dowe, Nancy Ridsen, Gloria and Roger Crone, Ben Scott, Mike Fore, and Rob and Barbara Ball.

“early morning warm-ups”



“kitchen elves Rob and Barbara Ball”





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

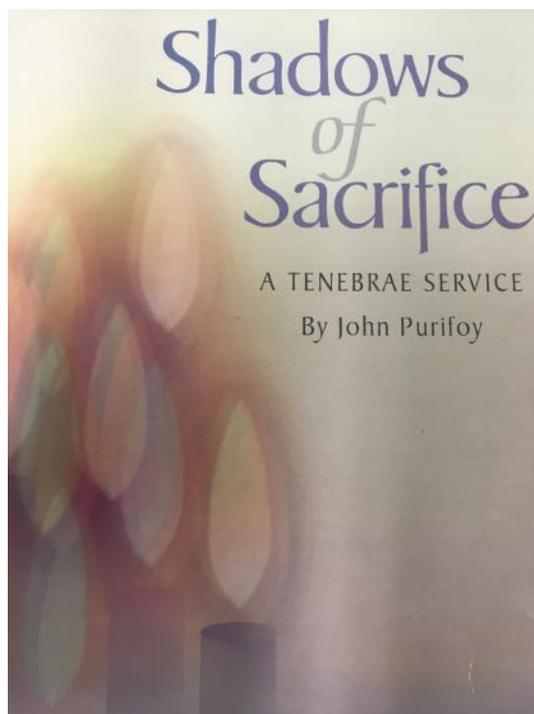
God So Loved the World

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” - John 3:16 King James Version (KJV)

Over the centuries this fundamental gospel text has inspired many composers. Our Worship Choir will present Bob Chilcott’s beautiful new setting of this Lenten text on Sunday, March 11th. We will be joined by soprano soloist Madeline Heraty.

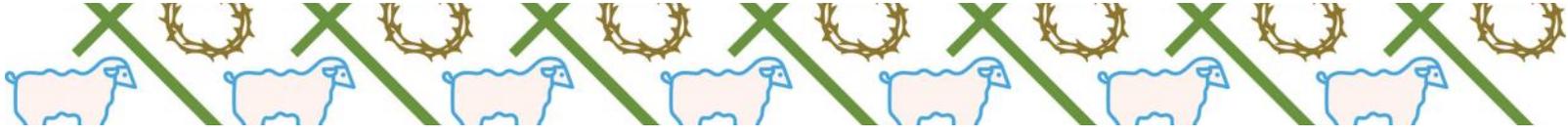
Maundy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Our congregation will gather to remember Jesus’ Last Supper with our observance of Holy Communion. After communion, we will have a Tenebrae service. The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “darkness” and refers to the ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week.



Our cantata choir will present the cantata “Shadows of Sacrifice” by John Purifoy, which depicts the words of Christ and the events that led to his betrayal, suffering, and crucifixion. They are followed by the Lenten hymn, “Were you There” and two wonderful new settings of texts by John Mason Neale and Charles Wesley.

Our hope is this service might contribute to your experience and journey through Holy Week that leads to the ultimate joy and assurance of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.



DINING PARTNERS & UNITE

Congregational Care

Dining Partners

A group of KirkWoodians (also known as KirkWood Dining Partners, which includes anyone who likes to eat and fellowship) went to Miyaki Sushi and Grill on Saturday, February 17 in honor of the Chinese New Year. There was a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed the hibachi-style food preparation.

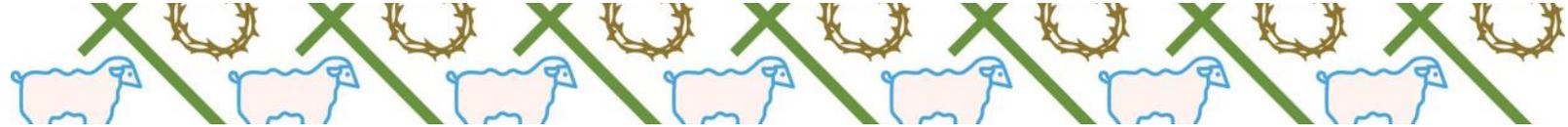
Next month's event will be El Rancho in Poquoson on Saturday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. Please consider joining in the fun as we get together throughout the year by going to restaurants or having a get together at someone's house. Look for details in the bulletin each month. There's no commitment – just to enjoy yourself and be with fellow KirkWoodians who enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun. Contact Cindy (cwillic114@gmail.com) or Arba Williamson (awillia114@aol.com) if you have any questions. We are always looking for suggestions of places you would like to try or recommend.

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 two meetings are scheduled for March 11th and April 8th. 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.





KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver has some great plans for our enthusiastic 'seniors' over the next few months. Get your calendars out and add these events now so you won't miss any of the fun and excitement!

March 15 - We'll get together for lunch at Fortune Garden, 1182 Big Bethel Road, at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the church at 11:10 a.m. to carpool, or join us at the restaurant at 11:30. Sign up for this event beginning February 25th. Contact person: Bill Gilbert at (757) 868-8953 or poqbill@verizon.net.

April 12 - (note the change this month to the second Tuesday) KirkWood member Elisabeth Kelly will share some of the amazing experiences she has had on her mission trips to Africa. This will be a luncheon gathering, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

May 17 - Roses and other flowers will be in spectacular color, and KWS will carpool to Norfolk Botanical Gardens for a close-up look! Guided tram tours will be available, as well as on your own walking tours. The entrance fee is \$10. Lunch may be purchased at the Gardens. Departure from KirkWood will be at 9:15 a.m. and return time approximately 3:00 p.m.

EXCITING!

A special day trek is offered for a matinee luncheon performance of "Always...Patsy Cline" at the Riverside Center in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, June 20th. We will leave KirkWood by 8:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. The cost for the meal and the musical will be \$54, payable by check to Jim Birch at the time of sign-up, which will begin March 4th.

In July of 2016, KirkWood Silver went to Riverside Center's matinee luncheon performance of "Oklahoma." Twenty KirkWoodians attended and came back with "rave" reviews of the entire experience!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Christian Education



Save the date and spread the word! The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **March 24th** 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! Candy and small toy donations will be accepted through March 18th. We already have 1000 plastic eggs – but they need to be filled. Volunteers are crucial! Help both during the event and also on March 21st from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Room 4 to fill eggs. Sign ups will be in the Narthex or scan this QR code.



Pulpit Supply

March 4 - James Hoy
March 11 - Dick Knowles
March 18 - Interim Pastor Charles Tucker begins

SPECIAL DATES

March 2 - World Day of Prayer
March 11 - Daylight-Savings Time begins
March 20 - First day of spring
March 24 - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.
March 25 - Palm Sunday
March 25-31 - Holy Week
March 29 - Maundy Thursday Cantata at 7:00 p.m.
March 30 - Good Friday

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Education



The poster is divided into four colored sections: a white top-left section with a cartoon illustration of a person in a yellow raft on a river, surrounded by mountains and trees; a teal top-right section with text; a purple bottom-left section with text; and an orange bottom-right section with text.

Cokesbury's
ROLLING RIVER
RAMPAGE
Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Rolling River Rampage
VBS
July 23—27th
5:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

***Includes free dinner**
each night for participants

***Special mission based**
program for middle school

Register Early before
all the spots roll away!

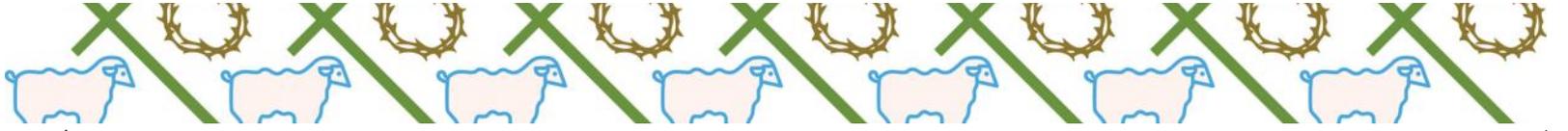
Ages 4 years
through rising 8th
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On Sunday, March 18th, we will welcome our new Interim Pastor, Reverend Charles Tucker. To celebrate this special occasion, a single worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow. Be sure to mark your calendars for this valuable opportunity to spend time together in worship and fellowship.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Christian Education

Children's Library

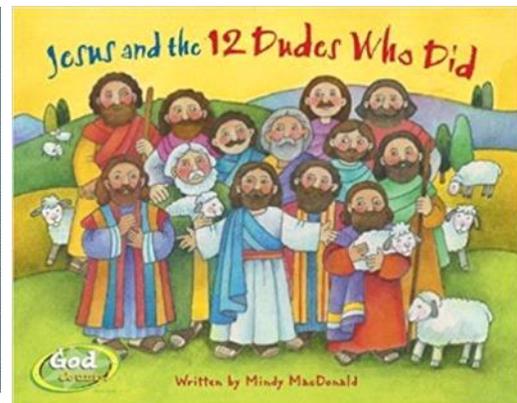
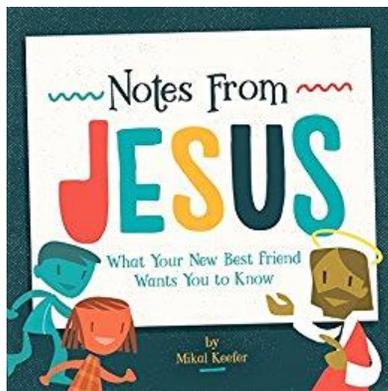
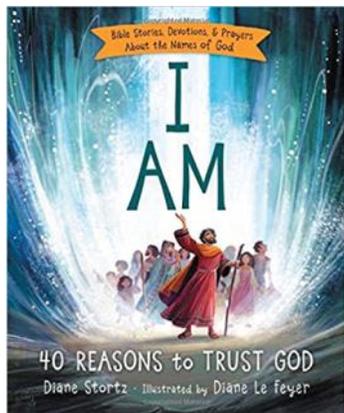
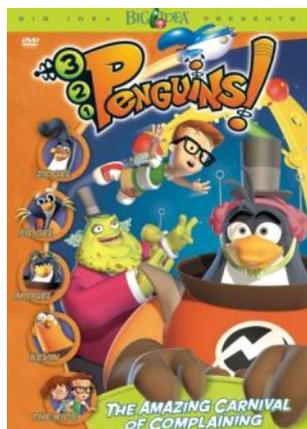
Look for these new additions in Room 2. Take them home for a week or two. The stickers on the side make it easy to reshelv.

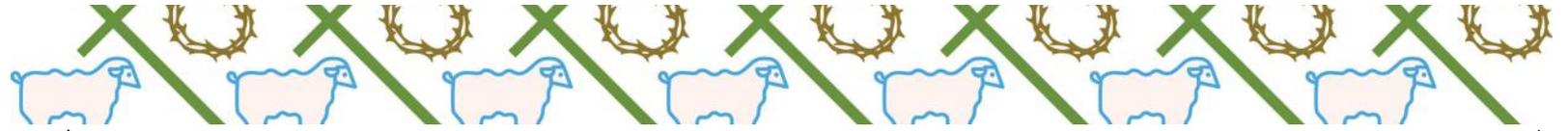
3-2-1 Penguins! DVD: Various episodes developed by the creators of Veggie Tales filled with faith, fun, and flightless birds!

I AM, Bible Stories about the Names of God written by Diane Stortz is a book to include Bible stories, devotions, and prayers about the names of God.

Notes From Jesus – What Your New Best Friend Wants You to Know by Mikal Keefer answers kid-sized questions and gives scripture to remember as you start this new faith journey with your best friend.

Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did by Mindy MacDonald introduces the 12 disciples. It shows how they came to follow Jesus and what they learned to carry forward from him.





STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship

Is Your Pledge Current?



We all missed a Sunday service at the beginning of January. Have you missed any other Sundays? It is so easy when you miss a Sunday to forget to catch up on your pledges. A simple solution is to sign up with your bank to send a check to the church every week or month. It really only takes a few minutes online to set it up. If you decide to do this, use your envelope number as your account number.

If you still wish to use your weekly envelopes, and would like to check if your pledge is up to date every quarter, email or call Kathy Fore at (757)867-6805. She is the only one who knows what you pledged and your status.

NOTE FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

Administration

KirkWood’s 2017 Statistical Report that is reported to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) and then on to the General Assembly of the PCUSA is available to the congregation to view. As clerk of session, I worked with Albertina to gather the numbers for this report. I will keep a copy of this form in my mailbox in the office if you wish to look at it. I will also be willing to explain any questions you may have. You may contact me, Nancy Risdén, at (757) 879-8670 or ndriscden@gmail.com.