

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

APRIL 2018



A Letter From Our New Interim Pastor, Rev. Charles Tucker

Hello KirkWood!

I want to tell you once again what a great joy and privilege it is to have received such a warm and tender welcome. We are beginning a new season of the life of this part of Christ's Church, and I am looking forward to our work together during this time of transition.

Change is not ever easy, and it offers many challenges. But I know that with the Holy Spirit's power and your incredible gifts of ministry, this chapter in the life of KirkWood Presbyterian Church will be vital and vibrant. As we make this transition together, I want to reflect on some transitions we read about in the Bible.

In the Gospel story, Jesus' disciples went through many transitions. Peter and his brother Andrew were cleaning up after a long day fishing on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus issued that first transitional call, "Follow me!" Levi, the tax collector, was counting money he had extorted from his Jewish neighbors when Jesus said, "I want you!" His life was never the same. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on that first Easter morning to say one last goodbye to her beloved Rabbi. The risen Lord, said, "Mary!"

Perhaps the greatest transition of all occurred over the next few days. After eating and sharing with the group Jesus told his disciples, "you will be my witnesses first in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and then to the ends of the earth." The disciples were expecting

Jesus to lead them forth in this brand-new initiative. Jesus ascended on the clouds of glory to be at the right side of the heavenly Father.



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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)



Their leader was gone, and they were told to wait. As they waited, they prayed. They fellowshiped and chose a replacement for the betrayer. They worshipped and waited and waited. Then, many days later, during the feast of Pentecost, the Spirit came like tongues of fire and rushing wind. The transition moved forward “and the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

As we transition from old to new, from past to future, from what was to what will be, that same Spirit is ours to receive. No matter what happens I am convinced that God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit can and will accomplish among us more than we could ever ask for or even imagine. And I am so glad that you have invited me to be a part of it.

Thanks so much,

Charles



WEEKLY READINGS

April 1 - Easter Sunrise - Psalm 114 & Matthew 28:1-10; Morning Worship - Isaiah 25:6-9 & Acts 10:34-48

April 8 - Exodus 3:1-6 & John 20:19-31

April 15 - Isaiah 28:16-19 & Acts 4:5-12

April 29 - Exodus 19:1-8 & John 14:1-4

SPECIAL DATES

April 1 - Easter Sunday (Church Office closed on Monday, April 2)

April 22 - Earth Day

April 25 - Administrative Professionals Day

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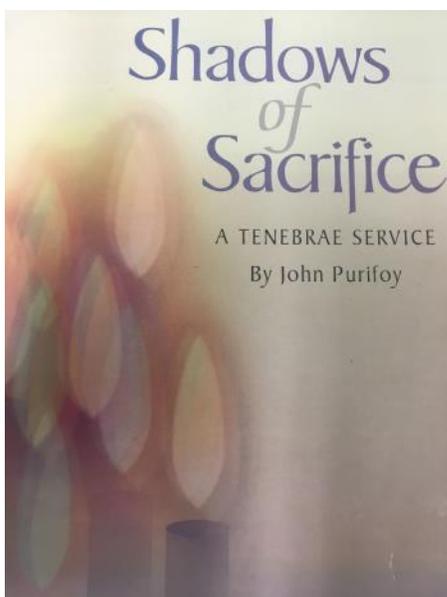
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MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

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.

NAME TAGS

Worship

Pastor Charles Tucker would like everyone to wear a nametag. He will connect faces with names easier if you will wear one. This request is not limited to members of KirkWood. If you do not have a name tag and would like to have one, please print your name on the form in the Narthex near the front door. You have a choice of a lanyard, clip-on, or pin.





STEPHEN MINISTRY & UNITE

Congregational Care

Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop

KirkWood hosted a half-day Stephen Ministry workshop on March 3rd. There were 158 participants from 26 congregations in attendance. Pam Montgomery was the workshop facilitator from Stephen Ministries and did an outstanding job sharing how the ministry works and the benefits to a congregation. Additionally, information was provided on ministering to folks experiencing grief and how to care for others in a Christian way.

There were 23 volunteers from KirkWood who helped with setting up, registration, parking, the resource center, and refreshments. We are truly grateful and appreciate everything they did to make the workshop so successful.

Stay tuned for information about the next Stephen Ministry class as we plan to begin the sessions in the fall. Participants complete 50 hours of training and learn the principles and skills that equip you to provide high quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others. We want to increase the number of Stephen Ministers at KirkWood to ensure that we are able to meet the requests from KirkWoodians. If you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact Regina Harris at (757)329-5746 or Steve Hudgins at (757)880-1862.



Unite for Parents of KirkWood Kids

Unite is a group of parents who experience life together as Christ followers, growing through study with the support of others.

Although we usually meet on the second Sunday of each month, April and May will be the third weeks to celebrate Spring Break and Mother's Day time with the kids. **Join us on April 15th and May 20th.** We will meet in Room 4 from noon-1:00 p.m. The nursery will remain open and a snack provided.



KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver has planned a variety of events for our third Thursday gatherings over the next few months. Watch for additional details in the weekly bulletins.

April 12- (note the change this month to the second Thursday) 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. The menu includes catered sandwiches and fruit or veggies salads, and, of course, desserts! Sign-up for this event will begin March 25th. Contact Wanda Birch at (757) 868-8651 or at wandjbirch@verizon.net.

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 is 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. The carpool 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 including gratuity and is payable by check to Jim Birch at the time of sign-up, which has begun and will continue through April 22nd.

The 20 KirkWoodians who attended the Riverside Center’s matinee luncheon performance of “Oklahoma” in July 2016 came back with “rave” reviews of the entire experience!



BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

The Power is in the Blood! KirkWood, you stepped up to the plate yet again! Our first Red Cross Blood Drive of 2018 was held on Thursday, February 22nd. We had 35 potential donors through the door which resulted in 30 lifesaving pints, 2 deferrals, and 2 donors unable to finish. A deferral means that the individual came through the door, began the screening process, but due to reasons such as blood pressure, temperature, or possibly low iron levels, they were unable to give.



Everyone was fed delicious soups, bread, and desserts prepared by the fabulous KirkWood cooks. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for your willingness to help make each of KirkWood's drives run so smoothly. For planning purposes, the schedule for 2018 is: May 24, August 23, and November 15. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR THE NOVEMBER DRIVE. There are cards in the Narthex with these dates as well. Questions: call Cathy Hudgins at (757) 869-2645 or email (hudgepudge@aol.com.)

SALUTE TO VETERANS DINNER

Congregational Care



Please plan to join us for our annual Salute to Veterans dinner on May 20th at 6:00 p.m. We are currently looking for veterans and active duty to share their experiences at our dinner. If you are interested, please contact Mike Fore.



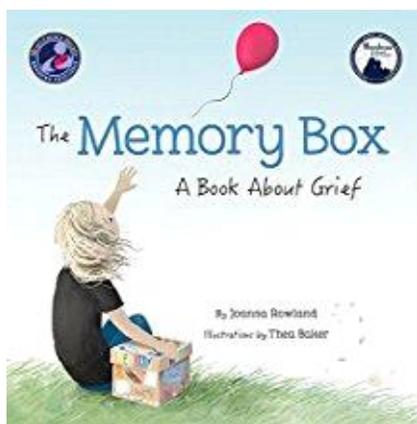
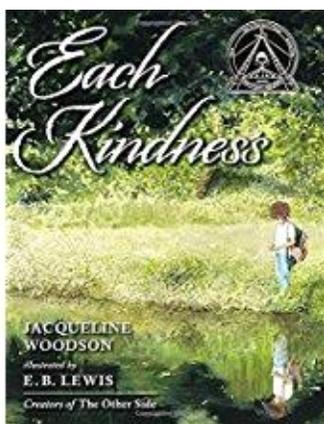
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Christian Education

These new additions, found in Room 2, bring up difficult topics such as grief and exclusion in an easy to discuss way. Take them home for a week or two. The stickers on the side make it easy to reshelv.

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson - "Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya."

The Memory Box: A Book About Grief by Joanna Rowland - This book describes what it is like, from the perspective of a young child, to remember and grieve a loved one who has died by creating a memory box.





PPCC ANNUAL BANQUET

Mission

Plan to Attend the PPCC Banquet

Last year KirkWood, a sponsoring church of the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC,) had a very good attendance at the PPCC Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction, and we all had a fun evening, resulting in a fine fundraising event for the PPCC – wonderful and a real blessing!

Let's do it again, maybe even better. This year we will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the PPCC. Ben Scott, member of the Board of Directors at the PPCC, has tickets available for the Banquet at \$65 each (covers a fine meal and donation.) Please plan to attend so we can assemble the most tables of attendees this year. The Banquet will be held Friday, April 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Michael Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 144 Harpersville Road, Newport News. If you can attend, please contact Ben Scott and we can start planning our attendance and seating. Also, if you know of individuals or local businesses who might want to be a sponsor for this event, please let Ben know and he can contact them. It is always a fun evening with a social time to start (with great appetizers,) a silent auction, a wonderful dinner, and a live auction finale. All for a very worthy mission cause of serving those of our community in need.

EASTER Sunday



Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. in "Wee KirkWood"

Contemporary Service at 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget to bring live flowers for the cross in the Narthex!



PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Spring Clean-up last month. Besides a large group of the KirkWood family, we had numerous Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and their families. We spread 22 yards of mulch and did a fantastic job of cleaning up the grounds.

We are very close to the start of the lawnmowing season for this year. As in past years, a number of teams have shared the weekly mowing, edging, and debris blowing chores during the April to October timeframe. Last year, seven teams shared that responsibility. Each team had three to four weekends over the course of the season. Teams are made up of two to three people and are asked to get the grass cut by Sunday morning. The church provides all the needed equipment. Please contact Murray Ritter if you are interested in joining a grass mowing team.

If you are interested in joining the P&F committee to help keep the church in good working order please contact Kirk Reno or Murray Ritter. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen.



Cokesbury's
ROLLING RIVER
RAMPAGE
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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 grade
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