

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

**SEPTEMBER 2018**



## A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

I know I have said this before, but I want to reiterate what an awesome privilege it is for you to allow me to be a part of the great things going on here at KirkWood. It has been a wonderful summer.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Summer Sunday Seminar Series. A lot of people have participated. We have had a chance to talk about a lot of topics ranging from how the Bible came into being to how we can best worship God as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians. It truly has been a great experience.

I had tons of fun on the Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School in July. It was great to see so many young people and adults learning about and serving Jesus. It is a wonderful ministry.

As we move into fall, there is even more to look forward to. This month, we launch our Sharing and Learning Together (SALT) education program. I hope you can find a way to plug in so we can all join in learning about Christ and growing in His love together. Next month is the Pumpkin Patch. I am looking forward to seeing this awesome community ministry in action.

The biggest thing in the life of KirkWood that will happen over the next few weeks is the organization and beginning work of the Mission Study Team. Your session is in the process of identifying folks we believe God is calling to be a part of this team. Over the next few weeks,



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

**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m. (Adults), 9:30 a.m. (Adults), 11:00 a.m. (Children, Youth, & Adults)



we will start asking specific individuals to serve. I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider your roll in the Mission Study. Whether you become a team member or not, we all have a valuable role to play as we seek God's direction for KirkWood's future.

In Christ,  
Charles

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

- September 2 - Matthew 22:34-46 & Psalm 90:1-12
- September 9 - Genesis 50:15-21 & Romans 8:28-30
- September 16 - Exodus 17:1-7 & Ephesians 6:10-12
- September 23 - Psalm 110 & Hebrews 1:5-14
- September 30 - 1 Samuel 17:38-40 & Ephesians 6:13-17

**SPECIAL DATES**

- September 3 - Labor Day (Office Closed)
- September 9 - Return to two Services at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; National Grandparents Day
- September 11 - Patriot Day
- September 15-October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 22 - First day of autumn
- September 30 - Congregational Meeting between Services



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship



**“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all [ye KirkWoodians.]  
Serve the Lord with gladness and come into his pres-  
ence with singing!” -Psalm 100:1-2**

In the next few weeks, Ann Brown will be taking a few minutes during the worship service to speak to you about our music ministry at KirkWood and the various ways you can get involved in one of our music ensembles:

- Our **Worship Choir** helps lead the 11:00 a.m. worship service. They rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Our **Cantata Choir** (our Worship Choir plus extras) rehearses for several weeks in preparation for our Christmas Cantata. They rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during the first part of the Worship Choir rehearsal.
- Our **Children’s Choir** is for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They meet on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. They will be singing at worship services each month and will participate in the Family Service on Christmas Eve.
- Our **Bell Choir** meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. This year we will be exploring various combinations of ringers and small ensembles.

So whatever your interests or talents, we’d love it if you would share.



KirkWood will return to two services at 9:30 a.m. (contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (traditional) on September 9<sup>th</sup>.



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# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

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## Worship Choir

It is time to begin another choir season!

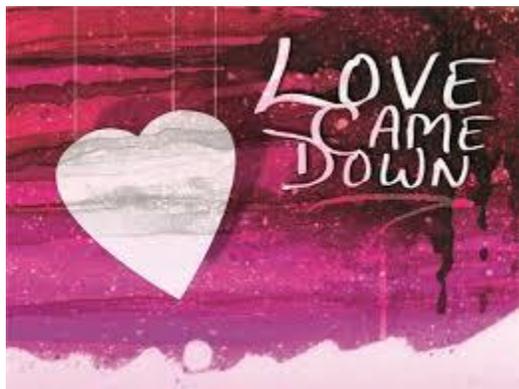
- 1) New music has been ordered.
- 2) Oldies but goodies pulled from the filing cabinet.
- 3) Robes have been cleaned.
- 4) Schedules drawn up.
- 5) A fresh sign-out calendar posted.



Now, for your part: we will begin Wednesday evening rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. on August 29<sup>th</sup> in order to be ready to sing on September 9<sup>th</sup> when the church moves back to two services.

## Cantata Choir

On December 16<sup>th</sup> we will present our Christmas Cantata, “Love Came Down at Christmas” by Joel Raney. Our Cantata Choir will be celebrating the good news with a Cantata Choir kickoff potluck to be held **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** at the Searles’. We will enjoy a fine dinner and then have our first chance to hear a recording of the entire piece.



On **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will meet at the church for our **Cantata Boot Camp** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Come at 8:30 a.m. for doughnuts and coffee. Pastor Tucker will lead the morning devotion and then we will begin our work on the cantata.

Please consider joining our group. We LOVE new people! It keeps us on our toes and renews our spirit.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Children's Choir

### **Hear the Good News!**

The first rehearsal for the KirkWood Children's Choir will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. We have lots of fun planned for our energetic bunch of choristers. The children will be participating more often in the worship services this year (roughly once a month.)



### **Hear some more Good News!**

The Children's Choir will be participating in our Christmas Cantata, "Love Came Down at Christmas" at both worship services on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The children will have a chance to join the adults in this spectacular celebration of Jesus' birth.

### **Hear even MORE Good News!**

The children will be presenting the musical, "100% Chance of Rain" in the spring! This musical about Noah and the flood will feature costumes, solo opportunities, speaking parts, and a real live rainbow!

See you on September 16<sup>th</sup> for our first rehearsal!

## Bell Choir

Two new bell ringers are desperately needed. Must like having fun. Knowledge of music helpful. No prior handbell experience necessary. We will train you.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:00-6:45 p.m. beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Ann Brown.

# UNITE & KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

## Unite S.A.L.T. group for Parents of KirkWood Kids

Unite experiences life together as Christ followers growing through study, prayer, and serving others. You are doing a great job with your kids, and this is a time and place to feel renewed and recharged.



We meet one Sunday a month at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4. Nursery is available.

Mark September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join us as we begin a new video series on Sticky Faith.

## KirkWood Silver

I suppose most of us have never and probably will never visit Antarctica! On September 20<sup>th</sup>, KirkWood Silver will have a terrific opportunity to hear from someone who has been there! Here's a bit of info to whet your appetite!



Antarctica is a desert with annual precipitation of only 8 inches. Anywhere from 1,000 to 5,000 people reside throughout the year at research stations scattered across the continent which measures about twice the size of Australia.

The real question is who would visit Antarctica? Jan Knight did in December of 2016! If you'd like to hear a little about her trip, come to the KirkWood Silver luncheon on September 20<sup>th</sup>. She will chat a bit and show some pictures and videos from her adventure.

This intriguing program will follow a BBQ lunch with sides of homemade coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and dessert. We ask for several people to bring the desserts. Thanks in advance The cost for lunch will be less than \$5. Sign-up will begin September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questions? Contact Wanda Birch at [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net) or (757) 868-8651.



# DINING PARTNERS

Congregational Care

## Dining Partners

KirkWood Dining Partners is for anyone who enjoys being with fellow KirkWoodians. We typically go out to eat monthly, but sometimes we get together in homes to enjoy getting to know each other better. You can decide to join us when your schedule permits. Please consider joining us for any of this year's Dining Partners activities.

There will be signup sheets for each event in the narthex and reminders in the bulletin.

All are welcome and encouraged to share time with your church family. If you have any questions, please see or contact Arba Williamson ([awillia114@aol.com](mailto:awillia114@aol.com)) or Cindy Williamson ([cwillic114@gmail.com](mailto:cwillic114@gmail.com)) or ask anyone who participated last year. We had lots of fun and many meaningful conversations.

We are still working on restaurants for the 2018-2019 year. Please let either Cindy or Arba know of any suggestions or new restaurants you would like to try.

The first Dining Partners dinner for the fall will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Smoke at 10900 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, at 6:00 p.m.

 <p><b>K.I.C.K.</b> <i>Youth Group</i> ★ 3rd-5th Grade ★</p>	<p><b>Fun Times Ahead!</b></p> <p>Kids In Christ at KirkWood is going to have a great year. Don't miss out. Contact Jeannine Scott to make sure you are on the contact list for updates on activity details.</p> <p>The next activity is pumpkin unloading on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is something for everyone to do.</p>
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# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christian Education

## **Preschool Room**

The Preschool Sunday School class has curriculum from Danielle's Place. It will give a chance for these little ones to learn the Bible *and* the alphabet. Children who are at least two and a half years old in September will learn through story, craft, and play!

## **WoW (the Way of the Word)**

WoW Classes for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade start on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. upstairs in Room 11. WoW is a highly interactive way to teach children the eternal truths of our faith found in the Bible. Students will study one Biblical topic each month by rotating through different learning styles each Sunday. We will start with learning about God's call to Abraham and the covenant available to us today through our faith in Jesus.

# SHARING and LEARNING TOGETHER (SALT)

Christian Education

Come share and learn with us. All are welcome, no matter how frequently you can attend, but some formats may be better suited to attending regularly—check with the group leader.

## **Children and Youth**

Sunday School classes are at 11:00 a.m. starting on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteer teachers for the children's ministry classes.

- **Looking for help with infants and grade school classes!**
  - 1 year-round teacher is a must!
  - 3 year-round teachers would be best!
  - 4-5 year-round teachers would be a prayer answered!
  - Additional short-term volunteers for a rotating schedule—alternatives for volunteers to help for as little as a week at a time

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- Infant until age 4: in Nursery A/B, Preschool in Room 2
  - K-5<sup>th</sup> grade: upstairs in Room 11
  - Grades 6-12 (youth): upstairs in Room 8

### Young Adults

You are welcome at any Adult SALT group. However, you are specially invited to Ashley Wenner's group at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, "God is Supernatural," a practical application and exploration of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.

### Adults of All Ages

Check with the group leader, Charlie Reece, or Bruce Buchanan for more information. Watch for updates and announcements on the bulletin board just inside the church door and in the church bulletin.

### Sundays – will begin Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. - book or video-based discussion with Nate Nickerson
- 9:30 a.m. - an in-depth Bible study currently finishing Luke and starting 1 Timothy soon with Jim Birch
- 9:30 a.m. - book or video-based discussion with Arba Williamson
- 11:00 a.m. - with Joyce Armstrong, a program specifically chosen for those who can't commit to weekly attendance
- 12:15 p.m. (once per month) - Unite for parents of KirkWood Kids with Jeannine Scott
- 3:00 p.m. - "God is Supernatural" with Ashley Wenner

### Weekdays

- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - small group with Cathy & Steve Hudgins
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. - small group with Barbara Ball
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. - an in-depth Bible study with Tony Sweers
- **Looking for several volunteers to facilitate a small group on a rotating schedule—** time based on volunteers' input; with curriculum and organizational support from Bruce Buchanan ([r.bruce.buchanan@gmail.com](mailto:r.bruce.buchanan@gmail.com))

# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship



**Did you go on vacation and/or just miss attending a few Sundays at KirkWood?** Did this cause you to miss paying your pledge or donation to KirkWood? Please take a few minutes to check your records to see how many weeks you have missed this year. Please write a check to KirkWood to make up for those missing weeks.

KirkWood has had some large expenses this year as well as the “must pays” such as electric, water, trash, copier, and insurance. The new air handler for air conditioning and the new TVs in the sanctuary are examples of large expenses.

Methods for paying KirkWood:

1. Put cash in your envelope. *Please write amount, cash, and any special use (flowers, pastor’s fund, etc.) on the front of the envelope.*
2. Write a check to KirkWood – *Remember to put your envelope number and any special use (flowers, pastor’s fund, etc.) on the check – even if you use your envelopes.* If you want envelopes, sign up in the narthex. You can have envelopes even if you didn’t pledge. It is easier for the counters if you just fold your check in half as you put it in the offering plate.
3. Make your payment online through your bank. They will mail the church a check each week or month. *Put your envelope number as your account number.* The KirkWood address and phone number are needed by the bank and can be found in the front of the bulletin.