

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

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A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

What a September!

We returned to our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship schedule only to be interrupted by hurricane Florence. We were delivered from what could have been devastation, but people in the Carolinas were not. We continue to pray for them and for how we can respond. There will be many opportunities to help. We kicked off our SALT program. The Pumpkin Patch is upon us, and we will have awesome opportunities to connect with people in our community.

There is a lot going on this fall. We elect church officers in October. Our stewardship emphasis is in November. Then it's the holiday season with Advent and Christmas approaching very rapidly.

As we move through the fall, the mission study team will begin its work. Its job will be to lay the groundwork for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) that will be established sometime next year. The major task that lies ahead is to look at what God has been doing here at KirkWood, what God is doing right now, and what lies ahead for KirkWood Presbyterian Church, as we move into the future God has in mind for us.

Your input will be invaluable. As the transition team starts to make its plans and prepara-

tions, I encourage you to pray for God's guidance. There will be a lot of work to do; and as we work together, God's desire for us will become more than apparent.

In Christ,
Charles



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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)

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WEEKLY READINGS

October 7 - Isaiah 55:1-9 & 1 Timothy 6:11-16

October 14 - Matthew 6:5-14 & Romans 8:24-27

October 21 - Pastor Tucker on Vacation

October 28 - Psalm 15 & Luke 16:13-15

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir

Make a Joyful Noise!

After a delay for hurricane Florence, our Children's Choir has had its inaugural rehearsal. It was great to see so many enthusiastic choristers! We began work on the song "I Will Enter His Gates" which is based on Psalm 100. The children will be sharing this song at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on October 14th.



The bulletin board outside the choir room isn't finished yet! The theme is "All Creation Sings Praise to God." You may notice some additions in the next few weeks, as we collect pictures of tiny singing creatures!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

On October 7th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the choir will sing Calvin Hampton's setting of the hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." Calvin's tune is called St. Helena; and although it isn't as popular as the tune "Wellesley" which appears in our hymnal, it is an absolutely gorgeous melody. It is unusual in that it is set in a minor key (think sad, although it really isn't sad.) Also, the meter changes practically every measure (you can't dance to it!)

Here is the text (written by Frederick Faber):

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word,
And our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

Fearful souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir Boot Camp



The Cantata Choir held its Boot Camp last week. 25 participants began the morning with a rigorous session of carb-loading (coffee and doughnuts.) Pastor Tucker led the team through a devotional that used Bible passages to trace our history of worshipping God through song.

The morning continued with some aerobic vocal training before we dug into the cantata music (and then some more doughnuts!) We are thrilled to have two teens with us. Olivia Hollowell and Katy Buchanan have joined our ranks!

If anyone wants to join our motley crew, we rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Thank You from the Choir

The choir wants to thank Ken Kingsmore for his years of service as a member of the KirkWood Worship Choir. The choir has added a new anthem to the music library and dedicated it to Ken. The piece, “God is our Refuge and Strength,” is a setting by Lloyd Larson. The Worship Choir will sing this anthem at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on September 30th.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Bell Choir



We are glad to have our KirkWood Bell Choir back in action. They will be playing at the worship services on October 21st!

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Christian Education

A new bookshelf in the children's library gives room for more opportunities. There is now a shelf dedicated to parenting books. Visit Room 2 to see what parents have experienced about blessing your children, the love language of your spouse, sibling rivalry, and so much more.

Newly added to the shelves: Busy Mom's Guide to Family Nutrition and Busy Mom's Guide to Parenting Teens both by Dr. Paul Reisser. Also new: The Pumpkin Gospel uses pumpkins to teach how God changes us into beautiful new creations to shine for Him!



SPECIAL DATES

October 7 - World Communion Sunday

October 14 - Congregational Meeting between services

October 28 - Reformation Sunday

October 31 - Enchanted Forest 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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.

Our new study discusses “Sticky Faith.” To learn more, go to <https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/stickyfaith>. We meet one Sunday a month at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4. Nursery is available. Mark October 14th and November 11th on your calendar and join us as we begin a new video series on “Sticky Faith.”



KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver will be visiting the Yorktown Riverwalk on Thursday, October 18th to enjoy lunch at Water Street Grille followed by a tour of the nearby Watermen’s Museum. We’ll gather at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. and browse the museum afterward. The entrance fee is \$4.

The Watermen’s Museum offers unique exhibits giving insight into the role Chesapeake Bay watermen have played in shaping our country from colonial times to the present time. Explore a variety of boats, learn about methods of the trade, and gain glimpses into the daily life of watermen. Treasures to be found in the museum gift shop include nautical themed jewelry, books, crafts, and more.

If you would like to participate in this event, please sign up in the Narthex September 30th through October 15th. Carpooling from the church at 11:00 a.m. will be available. Contact Bill or Carolyn Gilbert at (757) 868-8953 or Steve or Gloria Griffin at (757) 223-4104 if you have questions.

More for your calendar:

November 15 – Lunch at P. F. Chang’s – 11:30 a.m.

December 13 (second Tuesday) – Christmas Stories and Desserts - 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

ENCHANTED FOREST

Outreach

Princesses, Candy, S'mores, OH MY...it's Enchanted Forest Time!

We're in full swing planning for the Enchanted Forest 2018. We'll be running with pretty much the same lineup as last year. Photos will take place inside along with one room with outreach info, picture pickup, and a craft.

We'll decorate the Narthex, hallway, nursery, and the front restrooms. There will be three games outside, a s'mores pit, apple cider, and a bonfire. The prayer walk will be our "Enchanted Forest." We have 10 stations on the walk.

Once again, we'll have a Teal Pumpkin as one of our "Forest Stops" for those who have allergies. This will be a non-food treat.

What we need from you:

We'll start collecting candy donations on September 23rd. A few folks are needed to help bring down Halloween bins on Saturday, October 27th. Decorating will take place after the 11:00 a.m. service on October 28th with additional decorating Monday-Wednesday, if needed. We need volunteers for the following:

- 1 runner for inside with the photographer
- 1 person for the outreach station, picture pickup, and craft
- 6 people to run games and give out prizes (2 per game)
- 4-6 people to help make s'mores and serve apple cider outside
- 20 characters for the Enchanted Forest - 2 people per prayer pole to stand in costume, decorate the area to match your costume theme, and pass out candy
- 2 runners to refill the Enchanted Forest characters' candy bowls



Clean up will take place on October 31st and November 1st.



HURRICANE FLORENCE & PUMPKIN PATCH

Missions

Hurricane Florence and the Pumpkin Patch

In a newscast earlier this week there was a segment that indicated the Cape Fear River in North Carolina was projected to crest four feet higher than it did in Hurricane Matthew two years earlier.

I took part in the Adult Mission Trip this past April where we worked on several homes in the Fayetteville area that had sustained damage from Matthew. At one home we waited in the front yard for the homeowner to arrive from work and show us what was to be done at that location.

The home's damage was limited to the crawl space, the flooring, and some minor repairs outside. Flood waters had run across the property doing the damage to the floors inside the home. One repair that had been completed by another group was the installation of foundation air vents that were designed to blow out if the crawl space flooded, releasing water trapped there.

As we waited for the homeowner, I looked around the neighborhood and realized that this home sat on some of the highest ground around. Some nearby homes had roofs that were below the ground floor level of this home. They would have been pretty much under water. The Cape Fear River was about a half mile from the home where we were.

The Pumpkin Patch donations helped fund our trip to help these folks get their lives back together again. It saddens me to think how much damage another four feet of flood water could be doing right now.

When it comes time to sign up for Pumpkin Patch work shifts, please be generous with your time. We were blessed to have avoided the catastrophe that Florence was and is still going on today. The Pumpkin Patch effort helps us help our neighbors that were not as fortunate as we were last weekend.

Murray Ritter

Dear Pastor Tucker & Outreach Committee,

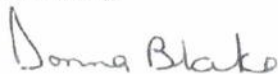
I wanted to follow up and thank you for your gift supporting the Bright Beginnings program. The program could not run without the support and dedication of donors like you! With your help and the help of 260 volunteers we exceeded our 150 student goal and served 168 children over a four day period in the program this year. The funds donated to the Bright Beginnings program went directly toward the purchase of clothing, backpacks and school supplies for the children served in this program.

It is well documented in research that educational opportunity is the key factor that distinguishes income opportunities. As with personal income, the two largest factors affecting poverty are educational attainment and economic opportunities. Students that are prepared for school with their minds and attitudes are ready to learn which increases educational attainment.

The school principals and counselors see a significant attitude change in the children after the shopping experience, a new sense of confidence and excitement for the school year. Parents and teachers report the improved confidence and positive attitude the children return to school with after their experience. Parents also report that these children would not be going to school with the proper clothing and supplies if it were not for your help.

Thank you again for your compassion to help those in your community. This program could not happen without you.

Sincerely,



Donna Blake
Community Development Director
Victory Family YMCA

