

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!

I never knew how spiritual a pumpkin could be! Being a part of KirkWood's pumpkin patch has been an incredible experience. I've had the opportunity to push a wheelbarrow full of pumpkins across the front lawn. I've helped unload pumpkins from inside a semi-trailer. I've had the privilege of fellowship with many of you who are serving others by making the patch available to our friends and neighbors here in this part of York County.

Who knew that pumpkins could do so much? As I reflect on the pumpkin patch, I can not help but think about the nature of the Church. Paul once described the Church as the Body of Christ. A human body is made up of many different parts. So, the Church is made up of many different parts. Each part has a very special job to do, and no one part is any more or any less important than any other part. So many different people are doing so many different things to make it work. That's what being the Church is all about!

Jesus has made each one of us a part of His body. We're all in this together. We need each other, and everybody needs each of us. KirkWood is in a time of transition. We really do not know what the future holds. This much we do know. We are part of the Church of Christ Jesus the Lord. As we work together dedicated to the mission Jesus has given us, the future will be bright indeed.

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

November 4 - Malachi 3:8-12 & Luke 18:9-14

November 11 - Rev. Rebecca Tucker-Motley Preaching

November 18 - Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 & Luke 6:32-38

November 25 - Psalm 30 & Romans 14:1-6



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on November 3rd!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Thank You from the Choir

The choir thanks Sandy Westbrook for her many 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 Sandy. The piece, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is set to the hymn tune "Beach Spring" and arranged by Victor Johnson.

The Worship Choir will sing this new anthem for the first time on November 25th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Welcome Back to these Members of the Worship Choir

The Worship Choir alto section was happy to welcome Kim Reece back (if only for one day!) Kim is living in Washington State on a much deserved sabbatical leave from The Virginia Institute for Marine Science. We will welcome her back for good at Christmas.

The alto section is patiently awaiting the imminent arrivals of both Linda Briggs, who has been at her home in Maine for the summer, and Cindy Williamson, who has had a sabbatical of sorts in Minnesota. Our alto section will soon be complete once more!



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir participated at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on October 14th. Our group was small but mighty!

We have begun work on our song to be sung at both services on November 11th. Ask any one of them what "Yahweh" means, and they will be able to name other words for God. "Yahweh" is the Hebrew word for God.

This week we learned "Grant us Peace" in Latin (Dona nobis pacem.) As you may know, the children are participating in the Cantata Choir's "Love Came Down at Christmas" on December 16th. They are learning to sing a beautiful melody with these Latin words.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.



We meet one Sunday a month at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4. Nursery is available. On November 11th we will discuss creating warm and safe places to connect with our kids using “Sticky Faith.” To learn more, go to <https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/stickyfaith>.

KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver will be meeting at P.F. Chang’s, 12090 Jefferson Avenue, on November 15th at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fellowship. Carpooling from the church will be available if needed. If you would like to participate in this event, please sign up in the Narthex by November 14th. We would love to have you join us.

Save the Date- KirkWood Silver is planning to have a Christmas dessert and story time on December 13th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the church. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Hanging of the Greens

Come join us for the hanging of the greens! This year we are doing things a little different. We will be gathering at the church on Saturday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and decorating. Wear your favorite tacky Christmas sweater! Let’s see who has the best hidden in their closet. We will provide the food and drinks, just bring yourself and your family for a great time!

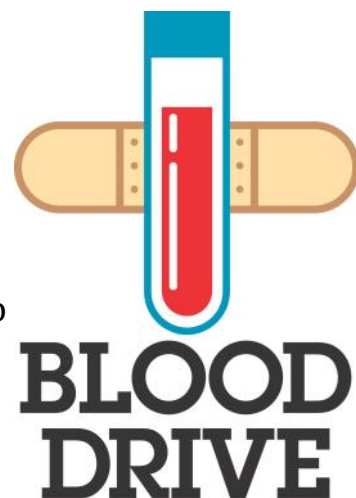


BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

Our next amazing KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The fabulous cooks and bakers will be out to feed all donors. No menu as of this date, but I know the Griffins have some yummy ideas in mind.

Donors can schedule their appointments by going online to www.redcrossblood.org; sponsor code 'KirkwoodPC.' If you would like to save yourself some time on drive day, you can access the RAPID PASS. RAPID PASS lets you do the prescreen process from your laptop or desktop computer and can save you as much as 15-20 minutes when you get to the drive. The Red Cross will send a link to your email the day before the drive. There will be someone in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 4th between the worship services to make appointments as well. If you would like to help with the preparation of the food for the drive, there will be a signup sheet in the Narthex two weeks prior to the drive or contact Gloria Griffin at (757) 223-4104. If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins at (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com. There is an urgent need for all types of blood during the holidays and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need.



Please mark your calendars for the 2019 dates: Thursdays, February 21st, May 23rd, August 22nd, and November 21st.

SPECIAL DATES

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

November 4 - Daylight-Savings Time Ends

November 25 - Christ the King Sunday

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 18 - Pledge Sunday & Shoebox Drop-off Deadline

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY & SALT UPDATE

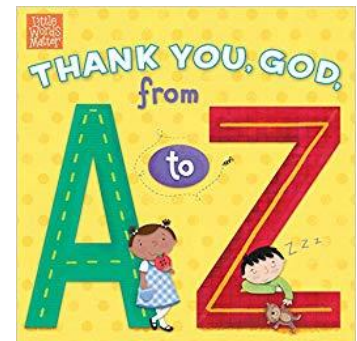
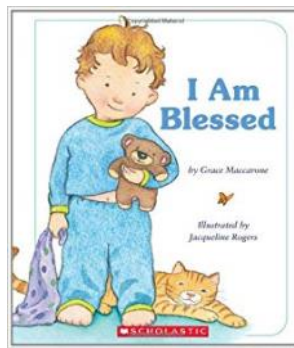
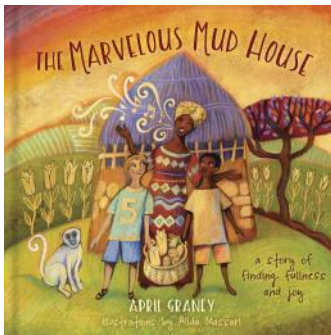
Christian Education

Borrow these new books from the children's library in room 2 to help discuss your blessings and thankfulness all month long.

The Marvelous Mud House by April Graney is about an American family that travels to Kenya to learn that joy and faith are the truest riches.

I Am Blessed by Grace MacCarone shows a child going through the day's activities with an appreciation of God's blessings.

Thank you, God, from A to Z by Pamela Kennedy is a great companion to the preschool Sunday School lessons.



S.A.L.T.y Update

The Sharing and Learning Together classes will be taking a fresh look at **prayer** in the coming weeks. In the month of November the groups will discuss the reality that our views of God fuel how we pray. Many popular notions of God are actually not at all what we learn of God from scripture. God invites us to approach Him in awe, joy, grief, gratitude, petition, and all honesty. In a poetic sort of way, prayer is simply breathing life with God.

Come join us as we take a fresh look at prayer in scripture and share our varied experiences in prayer on the roads we've taken thus far. Come when you can. Come refresh and deepen your life of prayer.

Open groups meet Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



LACKEY CLINIC

Missions

Thank you so much for your most generous donation of \$1,250.00! When saying thank you to those who support us, I am finding that the most difficult part of doing so is expressing how grateful I really am.

Even after having been a part of this ministry since 2000, I am still so impressed by the work that is done here. The secret sauce is remaining true to our mission statement so that we continue to be mindful of honoring the name of Jesus Christ.

And it is with that focus on our mission that we take aim at the complex decision to be made regarding Medicaid expansion. The more we learn, the more we realize that we must be careful and prayerful. We need to remember that the decision needs to be the one that is best for our patients and the realities of their access to health care after Medicaid expansion.

It helps me to purposefully remember that our patients endure so many more vulnerabilities. Many live not just from paycheck to paycheck, but have had (before Lackey) to make the decision between health care and food, heat, or rent.

I believe that the future will hold an important role for Lackey Clinic as we continue to seek His will. As I began, I can't thank you enough for supporting us in this way! As you can imagine, your support will mean so much to so many by supporting a medical home where patients feel safe and cared for physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

God bless you,



Ralph Robertson, MD
Medical Director



Lackey Clinic

Free and Charitable Healthcare Center



PLEDGE SUNDAY

Stewardship

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” by William Walsham How in 1858 (pg. 428)

How much attention do you pay to the words of a hymn? I know that it is hard for me as I try to look at both the words and notes to sing. This hymn teaches about all forms of stewardship, that is: the importance and benefits of giving to the Lord.

Verse 1: *“We give Thee but thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;*

All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.”

Usually we think of giving money, but there are many other gifts that we can give to the Lord – time, effort, talent, etc. (Rom. 12:6) For one example, the attendance at committee meetings is low. **Could you give time, once each month, to attend one committee meeting and give input?**

Verse 2: *“May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,*

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give.”

We have all received the bounties of God because every good and perfect gift comes from Him. (James 1:17) Every gift - job to earn money, house to live in, family to love, food to eat, your interests - came from God. **How can you use these gifts to give back to God?**

Verse 3: *“To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe.*

To tend the lonely in distress, is angels’ work below.”

Our giving involves not only money we contribute but also good deeds to help others. (James 1:27) **Can you help someone move, hammer some nails on a wheel-chair ramp, or give to the food pantry or H.O.P.E.?**



Verse 4: *"The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace-- It is a Christ-like thing."*

We need to give of our time, effort, and talent to do what we can to bring others to God. (Acts 8:4) God will equip you where you might want to help. **Can you sub to teach Sunday School, help with the children in choir, WoW, or Glory Time?**

Verse 5: *"And we believe Thy word, Though dim our faith may be,
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee."*

But whatever way we give, by devoting a portion of what we have for the Lord's work, we are lending it back to Him just as He has lent it to us. (Prov. 19:17) **Can you increase your pledge to KirkWood this year by money & time?**



Pledge Sunday is November 18th.

UPDATE ON TRANSITION PROCESS

The next step of the Transition Process has begun with the creation of a Mission Study Team. Members of the newly created Mission Study Team are Jen Carter, Ashley Wenner, Rich Egyud, Tony Sweers, Wanda Birch, Bob Craig, Kate Ritter, and Mike Fore (advisor to the team- Pastor Charles Tucker.)

Goal of the Mission Study Team- Conduct a comprehensive Mission Study for KirkWood Presbyterian Church to help determine the vision for its future and goals for pastoral leadership.

- The Mission Study team will develop a report on the findings for Session approval.



- It is imperative that the Mission Study Team gets extensive input and engagement from as many KirkWood members as possible (young to our most senior members; 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service participants; include input from all the different ministries within KirkWood; new members to our most tenured members.) This is to be done through a series of town hall meetings, one on one meetings, info sessions, and extensive surveys.
- 5 areas that the Mission Study Team will explore:
 1. **A comprehensive study into KirkWood's past and present.** - What has worked? What has changed? What is no longer working?
 2. **What is the mission of KirkWood?** - Have we been following our current Mission Statement? Does that Mission Statement still mirror where we see God's role for KirkWood as we move to the future?
 3. **Connections of the church** - All the different KirkWood activities and groups, Scouts, PEVA, demographics of the surrounding community, etc.
 4. **Focus on future leadership needs** - Do we have the correct staffing for now and the future? Is Session configured to maximize its effectiveness for the future? Etc.
 5. **Develop a Vision Statement** - A summary of where we see God leading KirkWood in the future.
- Potential time lines for the Mission Study Team:
 1. **Sept. -Dec. 2018** - Mission Study Team organizes their strategies and does extensive research and background work, as well as preparation for info sessions, one on one meetings, surveys, and town hall meetings.
 2. **Jan. - March 2019** - Mission Study Team engages as much of the congregation as possible in a series of info sessions, town hall meetings to get input and opinions, one on one meetings, and surveys.
 3. **April - June 2019** - Mission Team completes study and develops conclusions and writes final Mission Study report to be submitted to Session for approval.
 4. **June 2019** - target month for completion of Mission Study report and submission to the Session.