

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

FEBRUARY 2019



A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

Can you believe it's already February 2019? I'm still getting used to writing a 9 instead of an 8. This coming year promises to be a year of great excitement and anticipation here at KirkWood. There will be all kinds of opportunities to be involved, not only in the transition process but also in the work, ministry, and worship of Christ Jesus the Lord.

I want to update you on a few things that the Mission Study Team has been doing and will do over the next few months. As you probably know, the charter of the Mission Study Team is to more clearly discern God's plan here at KirkWood. We believe that God's plan becomes clearer as we read, work, share, and pray together as a community of faith.

So, the Mission Study Team has spent a lot of time reading, working, sharing, and praying together. We have been reviewing church records as well as sharing stories of things we remember about KirkWood. It is our conviction that understanding where KirkWood has been can help us better understand where KirkWood is being called to go.

To help us with that process, the Mission Study Team has developed a "KirkWood Tree." Hopefully, you have seen it in the Narthex and heard a little bit about it in worship. I want to invite you to join the discernment process by adding your personal memories to the "KirkWood Tree." As we reflect together on the special things that have happened among us,

we can look forward to the incredible things that will continue to happen.



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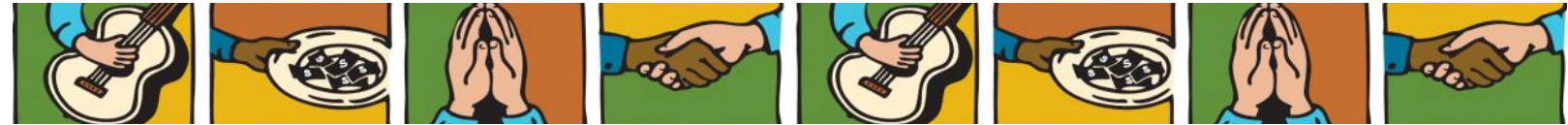
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Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (nursery available)

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



There will be other opportunities in the coming weeks and months to share even more, but the “KirkWood Tree” is our first step toward a deeper understanding of what God is doing among us. I encourage you to join in the journey!

In Christ,
Charles

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WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES

February 3 - Isaiah 58:1-9 & Matthew 5:13-20
Sermon Title: EXTRAORDINARY EXCELLENCE

February 10 - Joel 2:12-17 & Matthew 6:1-6
Sermon Title: PERSONAL PIETY

February 17 - Genesis 8:13-19 & Matthew 7:21-29
Sermon Title: HEAR & DO

February 24 - 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 & Matthew 8:5-13
Sermon Title: ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH

SPECIAL DATES

- African-American History Month
- February 9 - Talent (No Talent) Show
- February 14 - Valentine’s Day
- February 18 - Presidents’ Day (Office Closed)



Explore where God’s Power can take You!
Vacation Bible School July 22-26,2019



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Worship Choir

The Worship Choir will present a new anthem, “My Lighthouse” by Rend Collective on Sunday, February 3rd at 11:00 a.m. It is a tune many recognize from Christian radio. The choir has been working hard to learn this challenging but infectious arrangement!

The New Testament reading for that morning is from Matthew 5:14-15 which say, ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

The text of the chorus is:

“My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You.
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore.”



Bell Choir

The KirkWood Bell Choir is hard at work on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We will be ringing bells for the Sunday services at least once a month. In addition to our own bell anthems, we are incorporating bells more and more into our worship services. We are collaborating with the Cantata Choir for both Palm Sunday and Easter.

However, we still have two vacancies to fill! Tom Jeffrey will be joining our group. Tom hasn't ever played before but is willing to give bell-playing a try. Thank you, Tom! Anyone else? No experience needed! We will train you!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

KirkWood Children's Choir

The Children's Choir has been working diligently on new anthems for February, March, and April. On Sunday, February 10th at both services they will present the anthem "Come Let us Sing" by Mark Patterson which will feature Nancy Ridsen on hand-bells.



The group has begun work on our spring musical about Noah's Ark, "100% Chance of Rain." Here is our singing schedule through May:

- Feb. 10** **Come, Let us Sing (Mark Patterson)**
- March 10** **Every Morning's Sun (Sue Ellen Page)**
- April 14** **Hosanna Processional (with Adults/Bells)**
- May 12** **100% Chance of Rain**

100% Chance of Rain

The KirkWood Children's Choir will present the musical "100% Chance of Rain" at both worship services on Mother's Day, May 12th.

This musical is a delightful telling of the story of Noah and the Flood. Ben and Jeannine Scott (Mr. And Mrs. Noah) will anchor (pun intended) our production.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Calling All Artists, Set Designers, (Anybody!)

KirkWood Kreative Kollaboration Krew needs your help! We are tasked with building a boat (an ark, actually) for the children’s musical. If you are the least bit creative, please join us on Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room.

Please contact Ann or Jeannine if you have questions!

Spring Cantata

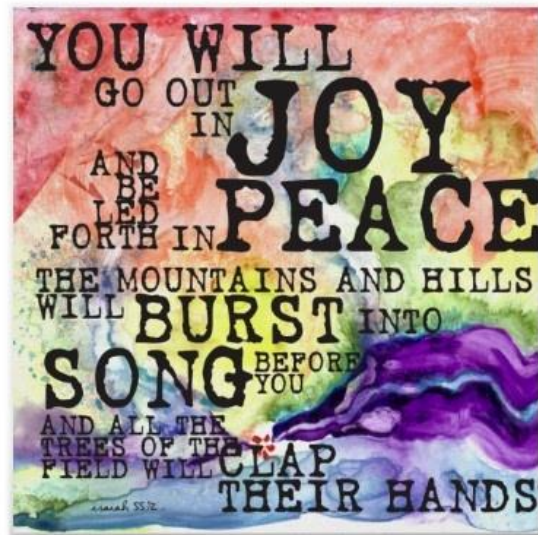
This spring the Cantata Choir will help lead worship for three important services during Holy Week: Palm Sunday (04/14), Maundy Thursday (04/18), and Easter Sunday (04/21).

The music includes pieces by Joel Raney (who wrote our recent Christmas cantata), Mark Miller, Hank Beebe, Caleb French, and others.

On Palm Sunday, KirkWood’s Children’s Choir and Bell Choir will join us for “Hosanna Processional,” and on Maundy Thursday flutist Mary Brown will accompany us for “Here in the Silence” by R. Kevin Boesiger.

On Easter Sunday, be prepared; we will be singing in gospel style (“Love Brought Me Back”) and will raise the roof with “Go Out with Joy!”

We’re hoping that everyone who sang in our glorious presentation of “Love Came Down” last month will return to the group this spring. Any of you who haven’t yet joined us, know that you are welcome! No experience needed. Rehearsals begin February 16th! Please contact Ann Brown or the church office for more information.





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Spring Cantata Boot Camp: February 16th

Lace up your sneakers and get ready for a workout. Our Cantata Boot Camp is set for Saturday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Cantata Boot Camp is our time to gather everyone for our first dive into the music. Our morning begins at 9:00 a.m., but please come at 8:30 a.m. if you want coffee and Sunrise doughnuts. The morning's activities include a devotional, group vocal training, and concentrated rehearsal sessions.

After all our hard work, at 12:30 p.m. we will head out for lunch and fellowship (place TBA.)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care

Bud Vases Needed

Congregational Care critically needs more small bud vases for use by our wonderful ladies who use the Sunday sanctuary flowers to make beautiful, small arrangements that we take to sick and homebound folks. We are almost out of these bud vases and ask for your support to help us restock. Look in your closets, garages, etc., to see if you may have a few to donate. Thanks for your help.



Talent Show (or no talent)

Saturday, February 9th at 6 pm

Desserts in the fellowship hall afterwards.

Save the date to perform or just come to the KirkWood Sanctuary to enjoy!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care

Upcoming Blood Drive

The next Kirkwood Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, February 21** from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The fabulous cooks and bakers will be out to feed all donors as well. No menu as of this date, but I know the Griffins have some yummy ideas in mind. Please mark your calendars for the 2019 dates: Thursdays, May 23rd, August 22nd, and November 21st. 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 **RAPIDPASS**. RAPIDPASS 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, February 10th and 17th between the worship services to make appointments as well.

If you would like to help with the preparation of the food prior to the drive, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex two weeks prior 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 now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this life-saving need.

Chili CookOff Winners

Best 4-Legged Chili - Bruce Buchanan

Best 2-Legged Chili & Best Overall - Hope Purdue

Best No-Legged/Vegetarian Chili - Jeannine Scott





KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

Coming up next for KirkWood Silver is a Soup and Salad Luncheon on Thursday, February 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Please note that this is a week later than our usual date. After lunch we will be treated to an interesting and informative “sharing time” with KirkWood members Etienne and Regine Tshiek on life today in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including the latest on our sister church there, CPK Mikondo. We will purchase a variety of soups from Olive Garden, as well as their salad and breadsticks. The cost will be \$5.00 payable at the luncheon.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning February 10th. Contact Wanda Birch if you have questions at (757) 868-8651 or at wandjbirch@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE: KirkWood Silver invites the congregation to a Lenten Luncheon on Thursday, March 21st, at 11:30 a.m. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie and fruit salad. Pastor Charles Tucker will lead a time of inspiration following lunch.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach

To start out the new year the Outreach Committee is looking for a few new members. One of our goals is to not only advertise our church to the community but to let the community know that we are here for them. Please let Toni Fisher know if you are interested in joining.

In a couple of weeks, we will have T-Shirts for sale. This will be another great way to advertise the church while we are out and about and attending events like Port, Coventry Dash, etc. They range between \$9.00-\$12.00, depending on the size. A couple of samples will be in the Narthex for display and pre-ordering.





MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission

Last Spring's mission trip to Fayetteville, North Carolina was a wonderful and meaningful experience for the KirkWood team. We were able to work on six different houses during the week in the areas flooded during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The Mission Committee is planning two trips for 2019! The first will be back to North Carolina, most likely to the town of Swansboro, Wilmington, NC where Hurricane Florence caused extensive flooding. We are still coordinating a date, probably in May. The second will be a joint adult and youth trip to Harrisonburg, VA. We will stay at Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Camp. Activities will include rehab projects, fellowship, fun, and opportunities to show God's love to those in need. Look for future announcements.



CPK Mikondo support - The Congo churches continue to struggle. Although the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) has been able to resume some wire transfers of money, the lack of funds during the interim resulted in many needs going unfilled. Pastor Bulabula sends his greetings and blessings for KirkWood's Transition Pastor Tucker. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Congo.



MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

Mission Study Team

The Mission Study Team was created by the Session as an ad hoc team “to conduct a comprehensive Mission Study for KirkWood Presbyterian Church to help determine the vision for its future and goals for pastoral leadership.” Part of our mandate from the Session was to get extensive input and engagement *from as many KirkWood members as possible*.

The team is to study several key areas:

- **Heritage:** Who are we? Where did we come from? What is our story? What are our patterns of behavior?
- **Mission:** What are our core values? What is our vision? What are our goals? Where do we place our focus?
- **Connections:** Who do we relate to outside of ourselves? Who do we have relationships with? What is our relationship with PC(USA)?
- **Leadership:** How are we organized? What kind of leaders do we need? What kind of structure do we need to accomplish our ministry?
- **Future:** What does the future hold? How do we move forward? How do we achieve our goals and dreams?

Since November, the team has extensively reviewed historical documents, session minutes, etc., to get a ‘feel’ for the heritage of KirkWood, but we request additional input from the congregation on the ‘Heritage Tree’ that has been put up on wall in the Narthex.

In the next few weeks, look for an online survey to solicit congregational input on the other key areas of study. The Mission Study Team members will then meet with members via ‘town-hall’ meetings, with individual small groups/Bible study groups, and with other organizations in the church to fill out or expand upon what we learned in the survey.



Upon completion of the mission study, the team will compile its findings into a report to submit to the Session. This report will eventually be used by the Pastor Nominating Committee to compile our *Ministry Information Form* – the document that will tell any prospective pastoral candidate who we are. We obviously want this document to be as accurate and comprehensive as possible.

Thank you for your anticipated enthusiastic participation in this very important process!

Save the date and spread the word!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 13th

10:00 a.m. - noon

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.

KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

A fun and exciting Easter holiday celebration



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Join us anytime between 10 A.M. and noon for an experience that is so much more than your normal egg hunt! Enjoy crafts, food, games, and prizes.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian Education

S.A.L.T. Groups

The Sunday 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sharing and Learning Together (SALT) groups have begun the series, *Engaging Culture in an Ever-Changing World*. All are welcome, from well-seasoned believers to those looking to put a little SALT into a new walk with Christ.

The February lessons take on substance abuse, marriage, materialism, and false religion. In March, we'll begin exploring *Finding Meaning: Wisdom from Ecclesiastes*. Please come to share and learn with us as we apply God's word to our lives. We invite you to come as frequently or infrequently as you are able.

Children's Library

Look for these new additions just in time for Valentine's Day. Take home for a week or two. The stickers on the side make it easy to reshelv.

