



**KirkWood Kronicle**  
**A Monthly Newsletter of**  
**KirkWood Presbyterian Church**

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*A Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to make Him Known to All.*

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**Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,**

Nelson Searcy is pastor of the Journey Church in New York City which began meeting in 2002 and now has 1,000 members. He has written a number of books for church leaders on church planting and church growth.

One of Nelson’s insights is that when a first time visitor arrives at your church, in 7 minutes he or she will make a decision whether to come back to the church. That’s right, we have only 7 minutes for first impressions.

So how are we doing? Visitors will want to be warmly greeted, they will need info on nursery arrangements for small children, directions on finding the sanctuary, directions on seating, how individual members speak to them, and on the list goes, all covered in 7 minutes!!

So when you see persons at the church you do not know, please SMILE and speak to them! Think of it like this, “greeted, directed, treated, and seated” needs to become our individual and congregational mantra as we welcome visitors to KirkWood.

Also it’s time for your pastor to go back to class: for one week in September, I will be attending the Experience Worship Conference in Orlando, Florida along with Rae Lyn, Ben Scott, and Rich Egyud. This is a worship conference for worship leaders. Then Bonnie and I will enjoy a week of vacation while motoring up and down 1-95.

Have a great safe Labor Day.

See ya in Church!

*Michael*



**Starting Again on September 16th**

**Worship:** 9:30 AM (Contemporary)  
 11:00 AM (Traditional)

**Sunday School:** 8:30 AM (Adult)  
 9:30 AM (infant - 5th grade & adult)  
 11:00 AM (youth - MS/HS & adult)

**We’re on the Web!**

<http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/>

KirkWood's September calendar can be found at the following link:

<http://www.kirkwoodpcusa.org/calendar.html>

**Looking for the Permanent Prayer List,  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Baptisms, and Births for August?**

Please pick up a copy of that page on the narthex table.



September 2 Matthew 6:24, 7:21-27, Luke 23:39-46

September 9 Psalm 125, John 6:64-67

September 16 Mark 8:27-38

September 23 Mark 9:30-37

September 30 Mark 9:38-50



## THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Choirs begin this month. If you would like to be part of the fun please come out to one of our rehearsals. See Rae Lyn Dobson, Director of Music,

if you have any questions.

**The following opportunities are available:**

**Worship Band** - Rehearsal Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:00 PM (open to Middle & High school students & Adults)

**Worship Choir** - Rehearsal Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM

**King's Kids** grades K-5 - Rehearsal 2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 - 9:45 AM

**Handbell Choir** - Rehearsal Sundays 12:15 - 1:30 PM as scheduled

**Christmas Cantata Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:15 - 8:30 PM starting Sept. 26 - Dec. 12

**Easter Cantata Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:15 - 8:30 PM, February - Easter

**Men's Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:00 - 7:30 PM, April - May

**Women's Choirs** - Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 - 7:30 PM, May - June

**Special Music** - Rehearsal as needed

**Please see where you can fit into the music program this year.**



September 16, 2012 - We will return to 2 services  
 9:30 Contemporary  
 11:00 Traditional



Please see the Christian Education section of this newsletter for information on our new Sunday School Offerings.

Usher needed at 11:00 service for one Sunday each month. Duties include arriving early to hand out bulletins, take up the collection during service, and gather up the friendship pads after the service. Please see Dick LaBarre to sign up!



The worship committee will have their next meeting on October 9th at 7:00 pm to plan for the advent season. All are welcome to join us.

**The Annual Cantata Christmas Party will be held Sunday, September 23th at 7:00 P.M. As always any one wishing to participate in the Christmas Cantata Choir is welcome along with your spouse or significant other. Bring a finger food dish to share and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and music at 309 Meadowlake Rd., Yorktown. The Christmas Cantata Choir will be open to Middle School and High School students along with all adults. Rehearsals will begin on September 26th at 7:15 P.M. This year's cantata will be Let the Whole World Sing.**



**Cantata Choir  
 Christmas Party**

## Children's Christian Education



### Opportunities available

Is Jesus Calling you to serve the children at KirkWood?

**Flexible Schedule:** Choose 9:30 service or 11, as many or few weeks as willing.

**Requirements:** age 16 or older, interest in encouraging and inspiring students' faith journey.

**Education:** little to none at home preparation required. On the job training.

**“Out of this world” benefits package included!**

Ready to pick up and serve? Contact Jeannine Scott for more information on Preschool, WoW Sunday School or Glory time openings.

### Remember Me! Family Devotional Time

Go Deeper with God. Vacation Bible School is over but we are ready to start the same kind of excitement every week with the new Sunday school year. Diving deep is not just limited to Sunday mornings. It doesn't require special clothes or supplies. Even with a busy schedule you can add your own *free* lessons at home. The Children's Ministry Magazine published a few ideas at <http://childrensministry.com/articles/go-deeper-with-god>.

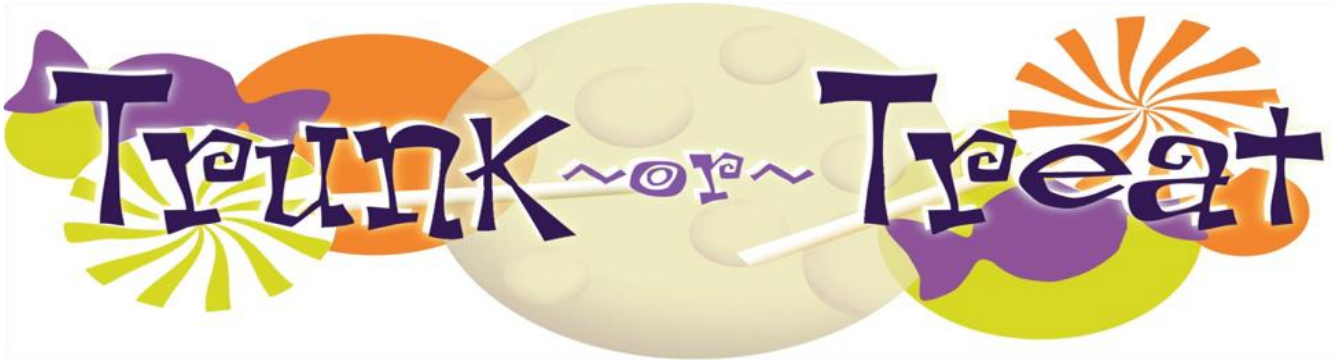
See God everywhere. Experience the wonder and majesty of everyday items.

“Wear” God. A bracelet or necklace will help you see a reminder of what God wants you to wear inside: compassion, kindness and love for others.

Serve others. Open doors, say thank you, practice patience.

Your family's God sightings will be as colorful and diverse as a coral reef. Pick a time of day to share them. Check out family devotional books from KirkWood's library to complete your sharing time.





Costumes, Candy, Cars, and CHURCH!

Before you know it the stores will be selling costumes and candy. Kirk-Wood too is also thinking ahead to our third annual community “Trunk or Treat” on Wednesday, October 31st. **Please commit to decorating a “trunk” by signing up in the Narthex.** We are looking for at least 12 teams or individuals to use this opportunity to test your creativity; providing a safe place for the children of our community on Halloween night. Other volunteers and candy donations will be needed as we reach our commitment goal. Please contact Lew Goodman with any questions.

**K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christ at Kirkwood)** for 3-5th graders. Hope that everyone is having a great summer!

Please put these dates on your calendar:

September 29th- Meet at Kirkwood to help unload pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch

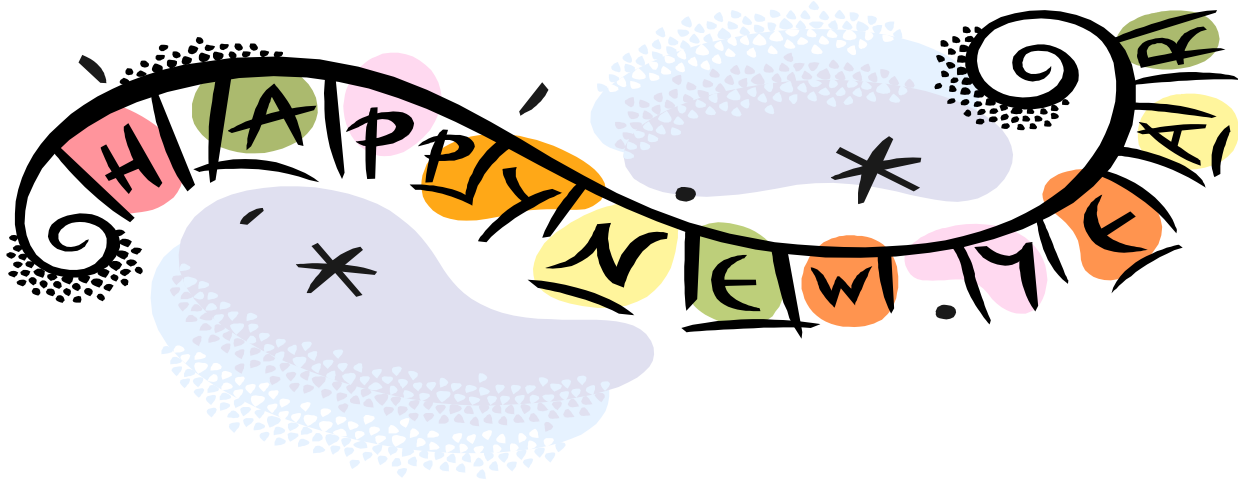
October 14th- Games at Kirkwood 4-5:30pm

November 3rd- Fall Clean Up at Kirkwood, 8am

December 16th- Christmas Party



## Christian Education



Check out this year's beginning offerings!

Nursery – *How to not cry at church*. Leaders: Bonnie Condrey, Gerry LaBarre, Carolyn Gilbert, & Cathy Kibler

Preschool – *Walk with Me*. Leaders: **desperately seeking Divine intervention**

WOW (Elementary) – *Daniel*. Leaders: Jeannine Scott & other teachers

Middle School – *Feasting on the Word*; Leaders: Steve Shaw, Cameron Browne, Daniel & McKinley Rich

High School – *Feasting on the Word*; Leaders: Jim Mershon, Ashley Sindle & Ryan Wenner

Adults –

8:30 am – *Conversing with God*; Leader: April Mershon

8:30 am – *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel; Leader: Bruce Knight

9:30 am – *The Story*; Leader: Arba Williamson

9:30 am – In depth Bible study; Leader: Jim Birch

9:30 am – *Names of God* by Douglas Connelly; Leader: Chris Kammermann

11:00 am – *The Story*; Leader:

11:00 am – *Islam, Judaism, & Israel*; Leader: Joyce Armstrong

For a description of each of these classes, you can see the bulletin board at the side entrance to the church.

*See you there!*

## Congregational Care

### Congregational Care Committee

Line dancing classes will return to the KW Fellowship Hall under the instruction of Miriam Mason on Sunday evenings at 7:00PM from September 9 to October 28 and again on Monday afternoons at 1:30PM from September 10 to October 29. All KW members and friends are invited to attend either or both classes, even if you were not able to sign-up. So you all come on out for fun, fellowship, and dancing.

Congregational Care would like to thank Bill Gilbert, Helene Watson, Mary Pressick, Roger Crone, and Joe Painter who have been visiting our members at their homes, in the hospital, assisted living/rehab centers, or providing transportation to medical appointments. This service to KW members is greatly appreciated.

We are currently in the midst of planning activities with other KW Committees for October, November, and December so be sure to check out future *Kronicle*'s for more details.

As the Fall season begins here at KirkWood, we would be delighted if you joined the Congregational Care Committee and/or signed-up to help with one of the many opportunities for service and fellowship. You can always call Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Bill Gilbert (868-8953) for more information.

### Men's Retreat, Oct 12 - 14, 2012:

KW men, join us at quiet Cheatham Annex this year from Oct 12 to 14, as we enjoy some fellowship and learn about ourselves and God. The drive will be short, but the site we are using is quiet, pleasant, and stimulating. As we overlook the York River, we can contemplate, once again, God's mysterious creation, and our Kingdom roles as fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons. We'll begin around 7PM Friday and study through Sunday at noon. Cost will be \$60, which will cover lodging, some meals, and the curriculum. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can continue planning. We depend on volunteers and have several areas for service: food, lessons, activities, and supplies. If you've attended an earlier retreat, help us explain what is offered by inviting someone new this year! If you have questions, please contact Steve Shaw at 868-4290, [gshaw6768@gmail.com](mailto:gshaw6768@gmail.com). In His Service.



**MEN'S**  
RETREAT

## Congregational Care

### Development of Disciples Ministry DODM GROUPS

#### Happy New Year!

We are so excited about this year's DODM groups. If you aren't in a group, might like to investigate other groups, or want to check out a new group here is some information for you.

- **God's STARS** (every Monday night)  
facilitator: Chris Wood & Don & Elizabeth Nelson  
hosts: Don & Elizabeth Nelson
- **Beautiful Mess** (Every Wednesday night)  
facilitator: Steve & Cathy Hudgins  
hosts: Steve & Cathy Hudgins
- **2 or More** (Every Thursday morning)  
facilitator: Barbara Ball  
hosts: Shelia Farrah or Barbara Ball
- **Stepping Stones** (Every Thursday night)  
facilitator: Scott Coverdale & Dick & Doreen Knowles  
hosts: Dick & Doreen Knowles or Gerald & Linda Young
- **Selah** (Every Thursday night)  
facilitator: Steve & Faye Shaw  
hosts: Jerry & Janet Deaton
- **GPS** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night)  
facilitator: Rich & Susie Egyud  
hosts: Rich & Susie Egyud
- **Life Apps** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night)  
facilitator: Michael Condrey  
hosts: Art & Jodie Patteson
- **Unite** (1<sup>st</sup> Friday night of month)  
facilitator: Ben & Jeannine Scott  
hosts: Ben & Jeannine Scott



For questions see April Mershon (325-7189) or the DODM group facilitator or host you are interested in at this time.



Sarah Circle: September 11<sup>th</sup> will be our first lesson on the General Epistles (1-3 Peter, 1-3 John and Jude). Learn as you have fun. We also go out to lunch after our 9:30 meeting. Come and join us. For more information, please call Wilma Mitchell (865-6020).

## Congregational Care



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

2012

**“Attitude Is Your Paint-  
brush - It Colors Every  
Situation”**

#### Lesson 4, August 31

The Attitude of Determination  
Take Dead Aim

Matthew 6:25-33

Food: Jerry Deaton

#### Lesson 5, September 28

The Attitude of Humility

Not All of This is Me

Acts 2:1-4

Food: Dick Knowles

#### Lesson 6, October 26

The Attitude of Perseverance

Never Give Up

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Food: Steve Hudgins

#### Lesson 7, November 30

The Attitude of Open-Mindedness

Hiding Under the Couch and Hiss-  
ing at What is New

2 Corinthians 5:17

Food: Scott Coverdale

# KirkWood Silver

**KIRKWOOD SILVER AUGUST BONUS:** An evening with the Virginia Symphony at the Ft. Monroe Gazebo on Friday, August 31st. The concert begins at 7:30 PM, BUT we need to be there by 6:30 PM to sit together. As an option, come at 6:00 PM, with a picnic for supper together! Sign up in the Narthex, or call Wanda Birch at 868-8651 if you would like to go or if you would like transportation. Note: The musical program will include Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," with live cannon-fire! AND, even if it's hot that day, it's always cool and comfortable by the Hampton Roads.



## “Old Time Radio Meets the Early Days of TV”

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? That's the title of the program for the **KirkWood Silver** kick-off on Thursday, September 20th. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM, for a build-your-own-sandwich lunch and stay for this entertaining program by our guest, Bill Walker, veteran of fifty-plus years in broadcasting. He has put together a thirty minute video of clips from shows like *Jack Benny*, *Amos and Andy*, *I Love Lucy*, *Milton Berle* and more, as well as a related Trivia Quiz to test our memories. (All in fun!) Sign up in the Narthex beginning August 26th, for this extra special event. There will be a minimal charge for the deli trays we will purchase, and we will need a few volunteers to bring sandwich bread or rolls, chips, and cookies or brownies. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you have questions.

# Mission News

**MENCHVILLE HOUSE:** From Hurt to Hope Offering was collected after the blended service on August 26, 2012. Menchville House's mission is to provide temporary housing and support services for homeless women and their children bringing them from hurt to hope and assisting them in returning to independence and self-sufficiency. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile mission in our community.

**St. Paul's:** July 7, 2012, nine volunteers from Kirkwood fed 15 guests at St. Paul's. Thank you to each and every one who takes the time out of their busy schedules to spend time on the weekend helping out this very important ministry. Our next date is Saturday, September 22, 2012. Please watch the Mission Bulletin Board to sign up to come out and help.



## PUMPKIN PATCH:

**ITS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!** The Pumpkin Patch is the single and most visible thing that we at Kirkwood do for our community. It takes the entire congregation to make this successful. There are so many opportunities to help. Here are just a few: Helping Kirk Reno set up the lights, pallets and tents, unloading the pumpkins from the truck on the 3 days (see below) that we get shipments, sitting in the patch, helping Ryan with the Pumpkin Paloosa, counting the monies each night after the patch closes. Please consider signing up for a shift or 2 or 3 during the month of October. What a wonderful way to show our community our appreciation for them and our love of the Lord and have a great time in the process. If you have questions or would like more information as to how you can volunteer, please contact Cathy Hudgins (869-2645).

Pumpkin delivery dates: September 29 (Patch opens immediately following unload); October 13, October 20.



# Property & Facilities Committee

The dog days of summer are moving behind us and P&F looks forward to a busy autumn!

Upcoming P&F activities-

KW Fall Clean up - Nov 3rd from 8-noon (back up is Nov 10th). A reminder as we enter the last part of summer and look to the busy fall season of church, family, school, sports, music/band and other activities: we want to pass along an early "heads up" to mark your calendars for the Fall Clean up on Nov 3rd. We clean up the grounds after the pumpkin patch and rake up leaves etc. A good opportunity for community service for youth and don't forget- free donuts!

Summer Lawn Mowing continues: The third cycle of lawn mowing has progressed thru the 32 KW folks who volunteered to keep the church lawn mowed and the grounds looking nice during the 2012 lawn mowing season. Much thanks to these volunteers who have dealt with summer heat, humidity and rain!

## **P&F Call-outs/Our thanks to:**

- Jerry and Janet Deaton for overseeing an unplanned emergency window repair
- Steve and Cyndi Yakshe for a thorough weeding of the rain garden bed.
- Ryan Wenner, Steve Yakshe and the VBS middle school youth for installing rain barrels in the back of the church grounds.
- John Nicholas for wedding event caretaker support.
- Janet Knight, Roger Crone and Jerry Deaton for superlative weeding efforts.
- Dave Trumpoldt and Burt DeShayes for their lawn mower fueling efforts.
- Jim Birch for planning and painting the admin office.
- Rae Lyn Dobson for continuing to "herd the cats" for P&F with various contractors, vendors and other outside organizations.

The next P&F meeting is Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm in room 8 on the second floor.

P&F tends to work a lot "behind the scenes". Come see what is going on, all are welcome!

P&F committee chairs are Nate Nickerson (868-9393) and John Nicholas. Please feel free to pass along to them any concerns or observations you may have regarding our church's facilities or if you are interested in volunteering to get involved in P&F.



The Christian Education committee would like to thank Doreen Knowles for leading our continuing education series titled *Financial Peace University* by Dave Ramsey.

*Thank you Doreen!*



## Special dates in September

- September 3 Labor Day
- September 9 Last Blended Service for the Summer, Grandparents Day
- September 11 Patriots Day
- September 16 Rally Day—Regular Worship Times Begin, Congregational Meeting
- September 22 First Day of Autumn