



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

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**October**  
**2012**

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

**Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,**

On September 4-7, Rae Lyn Dobson, Rich Egyud, Ben Scott, and I attended the Experience Conference in Orlando; it was a worship conference for worship leaders by worship leaders. I enjoyed every single minute of it. The music was exceptionally strong with the likes of Lincoln Brewster, All Sons and Daughters, Kristian Stanfill, Christy Nockels, Julie Elias, Gungor, Big Daddy Weave, Stomptown Revival, Brandon Heath, One Sonic Society, Jared Anderson, Rhett Walker Band, Bellarive, and members of Casting Crowns. Jesus Christ was continually exalted with each band or group singing and playing during the conference. I'm sure the Contemporary Resort at Disney World was rocked with Christian praise like it never has before!

Yes, I realize loud rock n' roll praise music is not everyone's cup of preference but it sure was cool for an old man like me to see so many young people celebrating the Lord's reign in so many differing and varied expressions.

As the American church moves past the worship style wars, I pray you will make corporate worship each Sunday a time in which you fully surrender yourself to the Risen Lord. Considering all that the Lord does for you and me on a daily basis, how can we keep from singing?

See ya in church on Sunday,

*Michael*



**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 October 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 October?**

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



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| October 7  | Mark 10:2-16  |
| October 14 | Mark 10:17-31 |
| October 21 | Mark 10:35-45 |
| October 28 | Mark 10:46-52 |



The Administration Committee is looking for KirkWood members to serve as **SUBSTITUTE** offering counters. Your commitment would be to help count the Sunday offering immediately following the Traditional Worship Service about once a month. Experience using Microsoft Excel is desired, but not required. If you can volunteer, please contact Pepper Westbrook at 868-8609.

## The Music Department:

### October - December Notes

Have you ever thought about worshiping the Lord through music? What about helping to lead worship through music? If so, there are opportunities for you.

If you are a traditional style of worship person we have the Worship Choir at the 11:00 service. They will be meeting Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15 PM through the end of the year.

If you are a contemporary style of worship person there will be open auditions, to determine where everyone fits, coming in the near future. If you are interested, and rehearsals Wednesday at 5:30 PM work into your schedule, contact Rae Lyn or watch the bulletin for when open auditions will be taking place.

Don't forget the Christmas Cantata Choir - short-term commitment (try it out). We meet on Wednesday evening at 7:15 - 8:15/8:30 PM until Christmas.



C H R I S T M A S  
C A N T A T A  
R E H E A R S A L

## Christmas Cantata Choir

The Christmas Cantata Choir has started rehearsals. If you are **still** interested in joining this Music Ministry, please contact Rae Lyn or just show up for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM. **The Christmas Cantata is open to middle and high school students and all adults.** This year's cantata will be "Let the Whole World Sing" by Joel Raney. This cantata will have something for everyone no matter what your worship or music style preference.

**What:** Festival of Church Music

**Purpose:** Fundraiser for United Campus Ministries of Christopher Newport University

**Day/Date:** Sunday, November 4, 2012

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, 414 Hiden Blvd., Newport News

Light refreshments served immediately following

Contact email: [Susan.Cothran@cnu.edu](mailto:Susan.Cothran@cnu.edu)

More information concerning this event will be sent out at a later date.



**Kings Kids** - This is our choir for elementary school students. Practice will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:15 upstairs in Room 11. WoW students are already signed up, but we also welcome late sleepers that want to attend for practice. They will be singing the introit at the 11 AM service on October 21st. Practice for the Christmas Pageant begins this month!

## Children's Christian Education

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

### WoW Sunday School

Our adventure continues in the month of October with the theme of Paul's conversion. This extreme man of God will be studied using the Acts of the Apostles (drama), WKPC-TV (video), The Game of Life in Christ and Transformation Station (kitchen) rotations. Opportunities for transformation available for both teachers and students.

Meditate and memorize Acts 26:17-18 for your M&M reward.

Our mission focus will be decided this month. Please attend Sunday school for options and voting.

## THE STORY

The Story is the Bible written like an easy to read story. Condensed into thirty-one accessible chapters, it sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation -- allowing the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.

**Join us every Sunday at either 9:30 or 11:00 in the fellowship hall.**

Thank you!

The Christian Education and Mission committees have sent 33 pounds of crayons to be recycled. The Crazy Crayon company will repurpose them to make different shaped crayons and fire starters. Crazy Crayon employs people with developmental disabilities, and works on a positive impact through community service, environmental education, and art.





We appreciate those who have volunteered so far, but have room for more. Do not delay in signing up to help Trunk or Treat this year! Space is still available for volunteers to decorate cars, bring in candy, help advertise, and/or staff a game. Also, please donate appliance boxes that we will use for one of our indoor activities!

There has been amazing creativity in the last two years. But if you need a starting place, look no further than the KirkWood attic. Items for inspiration include a fireplace, large Ark of the Covenant, plastic flamingos, plenty of puppets, and past VBS decorations (fish theme, western theme, superhero theme, space theme).



# NEW Member Class

## Attention KirkWood Visitors:

Have you been thinking about making KirkWood your church home? We will have a New Member Class on October 14th. If you are interested in becoming an active member, an affiliate member of the KirkWood congregation, or if you just have questions as to what being a member of the KirkWood Presbyterian Church is all about, please contact Dr. Con-drey or the church office soon. You may also mark the Friendship Pad indicating that you wish to join our next class. The class will be held starting at 4:00 P.M. Dinner will be provided. Nursery service will be available, if needed.

## Congregational Care

### From the Congregational Care Committee

As the fall season begins and the leaves change color, fun and fellowship continues at KirkWood. On October 31, “Trunk or Treat” will again be held at KW. Congregational Care will be teaming up with Christian Education, Outreach, and P&F for a fun-fest evening of games, food, candy, costumes, music, prizes, and a bonfire. Everyone should start planning their costumes and vehicle decorations—you won’t want to miss this event. Don’t forget to invite family, friends, and neighbors. Read more about “Trunk or Treat” elsewhere in the *Kronicle*.

In November, Congregational Care will be working with the Worship Committee by providing lunch for everyone who stays after church to help with the “Hanging of the Greens” This will be a great way to start the holiday season. Don’t forget to save the date of November 25.

The Chili Cook-Off will return January 27 at 6:00PM. Get out your recipes, cooking pots and your “secret ingredient” for a night of good eating and fellowship following the Annual Congregational Meeting. Look for more information in next month’s *Kronicle*.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who signed-up to provide meals for KW members. Without all of you this KW service would not be possible.

CC would like to also thank Linda Young who during the past two months has been sending cards each week to KW members on the prayer list. CC is also happy that Elizabeth Nelson will continue this important ministry October through December to our KW members.

CC also would like to thank April Mershon for her leadership as Development of Discipleship Ministry Coordinator (Small Groups). April has decided to resign from this position and CC appreciates very much all her work in fostering and supporting small groups and facilitators. Anyone who is interested in becoming a coordinator please let Scott or Bill know.

As a reminder to everyone, please consider helping Congregational Care by serving on the committee (we meet at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month) help with fellowship dinners, visit shut-ins or people in the hospital, or prepare meals for KW members. Contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Bill Gilbert (868-8953) for information on any area in where you would like to serve.



## Congregational Care

### **Kirkwood Eating Out Group and Kirkwood Dining Partners**

The Eating Out Group, a varying number of Kirkwoodians who enjoy going out to area restaurants once a month, is going to shift gears for this year to reach out to more members and get to know each other better.

Our plan is to have the usual Eating Out Group events in October and November, and in December kick off a new concept with a pot luck dinner at the Shaw's.

The new concept is Dining Partners – a series of 4 dinners (scheduled for January, February, March and April) at a host's home or at Kirkwood. The host provides the entrée and the other participants supply the salad, vegetables and dessert. Groups will consist of between 6 and 8 people and will change monthly, maximizing interaction with a wider range of our Kirkwood family. In May the group will meet together again, concluding the season with a covered dish picnic at Searles'.

We'll review the plan for the January – April dinners at our kickoff event in December.

Please consider joining us this year by signing up in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Faye Shaw ([afshaw@cox.net](mailto:afshaw@cox.net)) or Cindy Williamson ([cwillic114@gmail.com](mailto:cwillic114@gmail.com)). We will provide a grid with the rotation for each gathering, table topics (a la Chinese fortune cookies) to get to know each other better.

You provide the fellowship and food to make new friends and get to know our Kirkwood family better.

Not sure you can make all the dates? We can have a list of substitutes to fill in occasionally and it's always fun to have more people!! We know people travel and have other activities.

Not sure you want to invite folks to your house? You can use the fellowship hall for a pizza party or go out to a restaurant if the 'dining partners' agree on it.

Not sure... not sure ---- give it a try! You know our Kirkwood family likes food, fun and fellowship as well as prayer and spiritual renewal. Please consider stepping out for something new.

### **Dates for Eating Out Group and KirkWood Dining Partners**

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| October 20, 2012  | Das Waldcafe, Newport News     | 6:00P.M. |
| November 17, 2012 | Abuelos, Peninsula Town Center | 6:00P.M. |

### **KirkWood Dining Partners**

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| December 1, 2012  | Pot-luck dinner at Shaw's       | 6:00P.M. |
| January 19, 2013  | Dining Partners                 | 6:00P.M. |
| February 16, 2013 | Dining Partners                 | 6:00P.M. |
| March 16, 2013    | Dining Partners                 | 6:00P.M. |
| April 20, 2013    | Dining Partners                 | 6:00P.M. |
| May 18, 2013      | Covered dish picnic at Searles' | 6:00P.M. |



## Congregational Care



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**  
MEN'S FELLO-  
SHIP  
BREAKFAST  
2012

"Attitude Is Your Paint-  
brush - It Colors Every  
Situation"

**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  
Hissing at What is New

2 Corinthians 5:17

Food: Scott Coverdale

**Lesson 8, December 21**

The Attitude of Joy

Them that has DOES!

Philippians 4:4-7

Food: TBA

**SARAH CIRCLE:** If you like good Bible study discussions, you'll fit right into Sarah Circle! In our study this year *The General Epistles* will offer a personal experience for each of us around the topic: "Dispatches to God's Household." At our next meeting one of the questions we will discuss is: "How do you respond to the image of God as father?" Come and join Sarah Circle on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions about Sarah Circle, please feel free to call Wilma Mitchell at 865-6020. Looking forward to seeing you!

## KirkWood Silver

**KIRKWOOD SILVER** invites all those who are fifty-, sixty-, seventy-, eighty-something to join them on a local historical visit to the **Matthew Jones House** on Fort Eustis, WEDNESDAY, October 17th. (Please note the change of the day this month only!) Because of the time involved in security checks to get onto the base, it is **strongly recommended that everyone meet at the church at 9:15 AM, for carpooling.** There is no fee for the house tour, which will provide interesting information about this colonial home built in 1727, for a planter named Matthew Jones, and information on the architectural transition from post-medieval to Georgian style this unusual building illustrates. In addition to the history of the house, the tour will include the history of Mulberry Island, Warwick County, and Ft. Eustis. Artifacts unearthed on the surrounding property are on exhibit. Following the tour, the KWS group will rally for lunch at Pop's Drive-In (great food!) on the corner of Route 17 and Denbigh Blvd., in Grafton. Sign up in the Narthex beginning September 30th. Call Faye Shaw at 868-4290 for further information.

Mark your calendars now for the November 15th, KirkWood Silver Harvest Luncheon. We will have a guest speaker from The Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula and a "harvest" of food donations for this critical ministry of sharing our abundance with those who don't have the means to feed their families. More details will appear in the next Kronicle and in the bulletin.

# Mission News

**PUMPKIN PATCH:** Just a reminder that our first load of pumpkins (and it's a big one) will be on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Please plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. This is an effort where the entire congregation can help. Young, old or in-between, there's a job for you so come on out and lend a hand! We need people to loan wheelbarrows so if you have a wheelbarrow that you are willing to let us use for the day or a few weeks, please bring it or let someone on Mission or Property and Facilities know and if you need help getting it up to the church.

**IMPORTANT DATES: SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 (PUMPKINS ARRIVE AND PATCH OPENS); OCTOBER 13 (PUMPKINS ARRIVE AND PUMPKIN PALOOZA); October 20 (PUMPKINS ARRIVE AND PALOOZA).** We also need volunteers to man the patch each day. Please see the sign up board outside the church office to sign up for a shift or 2 or 3! This is a wonderful way to show our community who we are and what we are all about. **A huge thanks in advance for all of your dedication and work on this endeavor.** The funds raised by the Pumpkin Patch go to support various Mission Ministries, both youth and adult, in our church and outside of our church.

On August 26, 2012, we collected a special offering for the Menchville House's campaign, "From Hurt to Hope". Thank you to everyone who donated.

**Food Pantry Reminder:** On the first Sunday of each month, we collect nonperishable items that are donated to the local food pantry at St. Luke's in Yorktown. Please place these items in the basket next to the Narthex table.

**St. Paul's Food Ministry:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the St. Paul's ministry that was on September 22, 2012 in downtown Newport News.

**WINTER:** It's going to be winter and cold before we know it. Kirkwood will again be partnering up with other church's in the area to provide support, meals and a safe, warm and dry place to sleep in the cold winter months. Please watch the Mission Board and the Kronicle for more information and dates.

Jesus said "*What you do for the least of these, You do for me*".



# Mission News

## DO YOU H.O.P.E?

We all have hope, but what is H.O.P.E and where does it go??? KirkWood's H.O.P.E is "Helping Other People Eat". On the second Sunday of each month, you will see someone in the Narthex after each service holding a basket & collecting donations. Each quarter, these donations are divided and sent to Youth Challenge, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge, Menchville House, and Feed the Children Program in the Congo (our sister church). They are used to purchase food cards and/or food to help provide much needed food for those in need.

This is a ministry very much on our hearts at KirkWood. The economy has suffered over the last several years and this need has grown. Pastor Michael experiences a continual flow of people asking for help. Unfortunately, our funds have diminished. Please prayerfully consider giving and helping other people eat.



**KirkWood Silver Luncheon**

# Property & Facilities Committee

As you fill up your plans for the busy autumn season please keep in mind the KW events too, such as the Pumpkin Patch (set up, unloading pumpkins, Patch duty), Trunk or Treat (set up, participating with a vehicle, donating candy) and the KW Fall Clean up day.

## Upcoming P&F activities-

**Fall Clean up** is Nov 3rd from 8am-noon (back up date is Nov 10th). A reminder 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, clear out weeds and branches etc. Show up any time after 8am and stay for a half an hour or stay to the end, whatever best fits your schedule. We have tasks that fit any skill set or age! A good opportunity for community service for youth, a simple way to contribute to the upkeep of your church and don't forget- free donuts!



**Summer Lawn Mowing wraps up:** KW summer lawn mowing teams went through 220 gallons of gas, 28 spark plugs, 8 mower blades, 200 yards of trimmer line, 4 tractor tires and 8 gallons of bug spray...just kidding, but the 32 KW volunteers did give their sweat and time to ensure KW grounds looked awesome from Spring thru Summer. Much thanks to these volunteers!

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

- Jerry Deaton for applying more weed-killer to the tenacious weeds in the parking lot.
- Kirk Reno for light bulb replacement.
- Jason Angove for deep cleaning the Sanctuary carpets
- Janet Deaton for coordinating the superb tile floor stripping and waxing effort.

***The next P&F meeting is Tuesday, October 9th 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.





## Special dates in October

- October Pumpkin Patch Outreach Ministry
- October 7 World Communion Sunday
- October 8 Columbus Day Observance
- October 28 Reformation Sunday
- October 31 Trunk or Treat