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# KirkWood Kronicle

## A Monthly Newsletter of KirkWood Presbyterian Church

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

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### Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

Suppose someone walked up to you today and gave you \$5,000 dollars with no strings attached. How would you spend it? Bonnie would gladly take it and pay off several creditors, invest a percentage and give 10% to the church. I would belly ache and want to buy a Stevie Ray Vaughan Fender Stratocaster or a Martin Acoustic like Hank Williams played in the 50's. And yes, of course, Bonnie's response would be the correct application of stewardship principles.

Amazing that the good Lord only wants us to give 10% of what we have to his Kingdom's ministry. That leaves 90% for you and me to spend as we please, or at least we can say spend responsibly.

God is always so incredibly generous with us; He pours out his love and forgiveness upon each on of us as we place our trust in his Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 4th, arrives, may you and I spend much time in prayer discerning how we can be a faithful manager of our financial resources. When you and I consider all of the many ways God continues to so richly bless us, then how can we not be generous in our giving in 2013?

I really don't have a clue. See you in church Sunday.



Michael (1989)

Fondly,



**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 November 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 November

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



November 4      Mark 12:28-34

November 11     Mark 12:38-44

November 18     Mark 13:1-8

November 25     John 18:33-37





# DECORATE the Church

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE ADVENT SEASON!

Join us on

NOVEMBER 25, 2012

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & DECORATIONS

The Congregational Care and Worship Committees have joined together again this year to provide a day of fun, food, fellowship, and decorating for Advent. Come out and join the fun. Bring family and friends to help get the season off to a great start. Sign up with your friends (or meet new ones). We have a job for everyone from fluffing bows to hanging wreaths and garlands as well as decorating trees.

Casual dress for both services:

Those who attend the contemporary service and don't stay for Sunday school may help bring down the decorations and/or help set up for the luncheon and then join us to eat before decorating.

Fellowship Lunch – Subs, Salads, Chips, and Drinks provided for all in the fellowship hall after the 11:00 service.

Hanging of the Advent Greens – Help is needed for the following areas:

Fellowship Hall – tree and garlands and help to set-up and clean-up from lunch

Hallways – Wreaths on doors and garland on windows

Narthex – Chrismon Tree, small trees, and wreaths

Sanctuary – Wreaths, garlands, banners, and crèche

Children's Pageant Rehearsal – see Jeannine Scott

Beginning Nov. 4th, please sign up in the narthex so we will have enough food for all.

## Children's Christian Education

### WoW Sunday School

#### God's Top Ten!

This month in WoW we will focus on Exodus 20:1-17, which states the Ten Commandments as given to Moses from God. Our M&M verse is "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." Exodus 20:2.

**Our Saul/Paul transformation...**



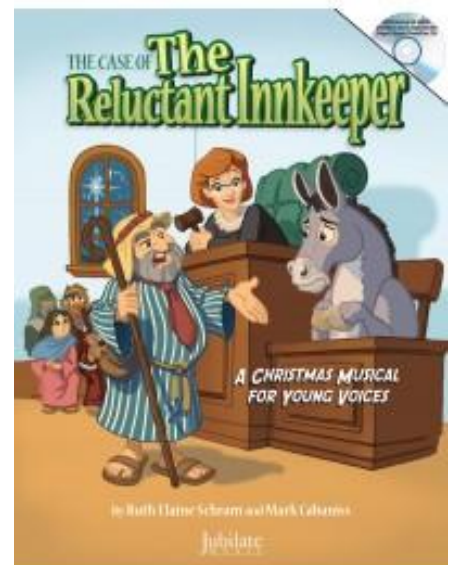
### UNITE

Small Group for Parents will meet on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at KirkWood from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Lessons from Gary Chapman will prepare us to speak the love language of our spouse and children. We will use Gary Chapman's books to assess our primary way of expressing and interpreting love and how to feel and reflect God's love in our relationships. Please consider joining us for this month or every month! Dinner and babysitting provided.

### The Reluctant Innkeeper

Christmas Pageant planning has begun. It is set up as a courtroom case where the choir is the jury. They are presenting the case of the innkeeper to see if he is guilty for turning away Joseph and Mary. We will practice during WoW time with extra rehearsals on **Sunday, Nov 25th** after lunch and a dedicated practice time during Sunday School on **Dec. 2nd**.

The pageant will be held in the evening on **Dec. 9th**. We need your attendance and encouragement. Other specialized needs include volunteers in the following openings: costume counsel, set design commissioner, technology clerk, photographer officer, cast control bailiff.



## Christian Education - Youth Groups



### K.I.C.K.

#### Kids In Christ at KirkWood

KICK is a youth group for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They meet approximately once a month for service, fellowship and fun. They have helped with pumpkin unloading as well as gathered for a fun afternoon of games with their leaders, Janie and Jorge Cortina.

Please consider joining them on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for church clean-up. Look for more information on a December Christmas Party.

## Congregational Care

On November 25, Congregational Care will be working with the Worship Committee in providing lunch for everyone who stays after church to help with the "Hanging of the Greens" Come and join us as this will be a great way to start the holiday season.

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. There will again be a panel of judges who will decide whose chili/side dish will win in the following categories: Hottest, Most Unusual, Best Flavor, Best Overall, and Best Side Dish. There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for folks who would like to enter chili, judge, or help set up and take down tables.

CC is very happy to announce that Barbara Ball has volunteered to become the new Development of Discipleship Ministry Coordinator (Small Groups). We know that she will do a great job in fostering and supporting small groups and their facilitators. Thanks Barbara for volunteering!

CC wishes to thank Miriam Mason, Virginia Wilcox, Joyce Adams, Ada Ward, and Phyllis Smith who each Sunday arrange the flower vases which are taken to our members who are in the hospital, recovering at home, or are unable to join us in church. This service, provided by all of you, brightens the day of those who receive the flowers. Thanks again for your service.

Congregational Care strives to unite KirkWood and look after our loved ones at church, at home, in the hospital, or anywhere life would take them. We currently have a great group of folks who prepare vases of flowers, visit our shut-ins and those who are ill or in the hospital, provide rides for individuals to church or doctor appointments, send cards or work on fellowship dinners. If you are interested in helping KW members, please contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Bill Gilbert (868-8953).

## Congregational Care

### KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver Harvest Luncheon will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be

a variety of soups and sandwiches. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex on Nov 4. Our guest speaker will be Donna Tighe from the Food Bank of Virginia Peninsula. She will discuss the needs that the Food Bank serves within our community. Our "harvest" of food donations for this critical ministry will share our abundance with those who don't have the means to feed their families. Our contributions enable and enrich the Food Banks' feeding programs, such as Food for Kids Backpack and Kids Café, as well as their Food Distribution Programs that assist the elderly, working poor, and currently assist everyday people in the service areas of **Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, James City County, Poquoson, York, Surry, Gloucester and Mathews**. The demand is up again this year: due to the current state of the economy, the need for food is greater than ever. When you attend the luncheon, please bring a non-perishable food item from the list below for the Food Bank.

#### Most Needed Items

**Meats, Fish and Protein** – canned tuna, ham or chicken, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned/dried beans

**Fruits and Vegetables** – 100% fruit juice (individual or family size), canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, applesauce, fruit cups, jelly

**Complete Meals** – pasta and sauce, boxed meals, hearty vegetable soups, canned pasta, meals (i.e. Spaghetti O's) (Pop Top Lids if possible)

**Grains** – cereal, rice, breakfast bars

1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

**Eating Out Group** will be going to Abuelos, located on 2423 McMenamin St in Hampton's Peninsula Town Center on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Abuelos serves authentic Mexican food in an upscale atmosphere. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by November 14, 2012 to Faye Shaw, 868-4290 or e-mail [afshaw@cox.net](mailto:afshaw@cox.net). Everyone come join us for fellowship and great fun, and meet new people. This will be the last event for the Eating Out Group! We have had lots of great experiences over the years, but it is time to try something new. We want to involve more people and bring our fellowship to a more personal basis. See KirkWood Dining Partners for more details.

**KirkWood Dining Partners** will kick off a new fellowship concept this year with a potluck at the Shaws', 21 Westover Drive, Poquoson, December 1, 2012. The Dining Partners is 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. The groups change monthly, maximizing interaction with a wider range of our KirkWood family. In May the entire group will meet together again, at the Searle's house.

Please sign-up in the narthex by November 28, 2012.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail Faye Shaw at 868-4290 or [afshaw@cox.net](mailto:afshaw@cox.net) or Cindy Williamson at [cwillic114@gmail.com](mailto:cwillic114@gmail.com).

Take a chance and step out on a new adventure with the KirkWood Dining Partners.



## Congregational Care



**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST  
2012**

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

**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

### Men's Retreat

Sixteen KW men attended our retreat at Cheatham Annex where we studied Ray VanderLaan's *With All Your Heart*. This series is sponsored by Zondervan as part of Focus on the Family. We had a great time, once we got on the Base! (Ask Bruce or Rich for details!) We watched some baseball and football between sessions steeped in the Holy Land, had a meditative and testimonial session sponsored by Cabin 614, hiked around Cheatham Lake during our off time, and became brothers, sharing our love of Christ with each other. We learned, once again, of the bounteous love Our Father has for us and how He desires us to show and share that love with every human being - no excuses! We learned that Brother Pepper deserves a Chef's hat, that together we are stronger than alone, and that we don't have to travel far to enjoy a quiet, secluded location that showcases the Creator's handiwork!



We're going back next year, so watch the newsletter for details once we set the date. We'd love to have you join us!



**Sarah Circle** wishes our Kirk-Wood family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. As families gather around their Thanksgiving tables, we are reminded that God wants us around His table. This year

Sarah Circle is considering what being a part of God's household can mean to each of us. The General Epistles (1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude) are giving us much information to ponder and discuss. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30. Please consider joining in on the good fellowship and lively discussions.

## Property & Facilities Committee

P&F tends to work a lot "behind the scenes". Some recent efforts include coordinating the replacement of a broken window, coordinating the repair of Sanctuary air conditioning equipment, weeding of various garden beds, planning Spring garden beds, various trips to the dump to discard old, unused items from the far reaches of KirkWood's innards....

### P&F Call-outs, our thanks to:

- Farewell and thanks to Jason Angove for his two years of dedicated and earnest service as KirkWood's custodian.
- Jerry Deaton for repairing the lawn tractor blades and drive belts (Again!)

**KW Fall Clean up:** P&F will spruce up the church grounds prior to winter on November 3rd (rain date: Nov 10th), from 8am to 12pm. It will involve raking, debris pick up, pruning and weeding. Stay for one hour or for four, whatever your schedule allows.



The next P&F meeting is Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm in room 8 on the second floor. 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.



*Thank You!*

**Our Fearless Pump-  
kin Patch Volunteers  
Unloading our first  
"batch" of Pumpkins  
in the rain.**

# Mission News

**PUMPKIN PATCH:** The members of the Mission committee cannot give a big enough thanks to everyone that helped out with the Pumpkin Patch this year! It was another banner year. As of the time of the Kronicle we do not have the final numbers for sales or numbers of trunk or treaters, but the patch was a great success yet again this year. As we have said time and again, the patch would be impossible if not for the hours of work generously donated by the entire congregation. We had over 40 people at each of the truck unloads. It is a challenge to get the patch manned for all of the shifts required, but thanks to Faye Shaw's hard work, and urging, the congregation stepped up and got it done! Thank you to John Combs for showing up regularly and making the rotten pumpkins "disappear". We cannot name each individual who helped, but the Mission committee is very grateful to each and every one of those who helped out in any capacity.

## PUMPKIN



**REMINDERS: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH MISSION COLLECTS NON-PERISHABLE FOODS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE PLACE THESE ITEMS ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO THE TABLE IN THE NARTEX.**



**FOOD DRIVE**

**PORT:** Our first PORT night will be **FRI-DAY, December 14, 2012** at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church located at 38 Hoopes Road in the Denbigh section of Newport News. Please watch the Mission Bulletin Board for details and sign ups. **UP-COMING PORT DATES:** The week of February 27-March 6, 2013 at Orcutt Baptist; Week of March 20-27 at the Mosaic Center on Harpersville Road.

**HOPE (HELPING OTHER PEOPLE EAT)** is collected on the second Sunday of each month. These monies are split between Youth Challenge, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenger, PEVA and feed the Children, and The Menchville House. An on-going thanks goes out to everyone who continues to support HOPE every month.

# Mission News



*Merry Christmas!!!*

*Yes, it is time again for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. For those of you new to KirkWood, Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful way to unite people in prayer. It is a fun family project that benefits children around the world who would otherwise not receive Christmas gifts. In the Narthex is a table with instructions and information on filling a shoebox. Fill as many as you like! Then bring them to the church and on November 11<sup>th</sup> we will have our Shoebox Dedication.*

*Please pray for the child who will receive your gift. Please pray for all these children that heaven's joy will overflow in their lives. Prayer paves the way for the spread of the Gospel and these shoeboxes pack a lot of power. Please join us and have fun!*

## **THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN:**

Founded as a Presbyterian ministry in 1875, Thornwell Home for Children is a joyful Christian community, offering hope and wholeness to children and families. Its goals are to provide loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected children, to offer an opportunity for healing by providing proper healthcare and mental health counselling for every Thornwell child, and to offer Thornwell's children hope for a successful future by providing educational support and teaching self-advocacy. Located in Clinton S.C., it gives hope and security to an otherwise "lost" population. This ministry and home have a special place in the heart of one of our own members, Lyn Galloway. Lyn's sister is on the board of Thornwell. If you would like additional information you can check them out on their website, [www.thornwell.org](http://www.thornwell.org), or contact Lyn at 757-898-1472 and she can put you in contact with someone who may be able to answer your questions.



**LINK:** During the month of November along with donations for Operation Christmas Child, the committee will be collecting Toiletries (travel size please), as well as socks, sweatshirts, coats, jeans, and boots- **All large or extra large.** The collection bin will be in the hallway near the side door.





## God's Earth Ministry

# Environmental Stewardship

You may recall from last May that KirkWood won the inaugural Energy Stewardship Contest with the lowest energy usage per square foot of several area churches. This contest was put on by a fledging interfaith *creation care* group called God's Earth Ministry or simply GEM. Since that time, GEM has partnered with Virginia Interfaith Power and Light in Richmond ([www.VIPL.org](http://www.VIPL.org)) and with GreenFaith ([www.GreenFaith.org](http://www.GreenFaith.org)) out of New Jersey in order to better engage and serve our regional faiths in environmental stewardship. GreenFaith is currently engaged in a Good Steward Campaign within North Carolina and Virginia featuring lectures by an internationally renowned expert in theology-based creation care, Rev. Richard Cizik. In 2008, Rev. Cizik was named one of Time Magazine's top 100 most influential Thinkers and Scientists of our time. Through the efforts of GEM, VIPL, and GreenFaith, KirkWood will be hosting one of these lectures on Sunday, November 4, from 7:00 to 8:30pm in our sanctuary. The lecture will touch on three important areas: what the bible teaches us about creation care, how the poor suffer most from a lack of caring, and what is at stake for our future. Regional churches of all faiths along with local college campus ministries are being invited to this event. The event is paid entirely by a grant from a consortium that includes GreenFaith, so there is absolutely no cost to KirkWood or the attendees. I hope you will consider joining us for this interesting and inspirational event.

Blessings to you all,

Steve Yakshe, Stewardship Chair



# KirkWood's



**TURN  
YOUR**



November 3, 2012

2:00 A.M.

## Special dates in November

- November 1 All Saints' Day
- November 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends/Pledge Sunday
- November 11 OCC Shoebox Dedication Sunday
- November 12 Veterans Day Observed
- November 25 Christ the King Sunday
- November 22 Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed 22-23