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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,

By now most of you have heard all about Volunteer Central and the critical role each of you plays in increasing the size of KirkWood's footprint in our community. Through regular blood drives, adoption of a nursing home and local residential rehabs, KirkWood will add to our already lengthy list of externally focused ministries. I want to emphasize how crucial it is for each of us to step up to the plate and step out to share Christ's love with others, particularly those who are so fragile and vulnerable.

The Session and the Frontline Committee have been praying for months to discern God's will and now the good Lord has wonderfully revealed it in a joyful and gentle way. But the plan needs your participation in order to bring the good news of the gospel to folks outside the church.

So pray long and hard on how you can help one or more of these ministries and then step right in.

Here's how we show the world what the church can do when the Spirit flows through us.

See ya in church,

mcondrey@cox.net



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

**Sunday School:** 8:30 AM (Adults)  
9:30 AM (infant - 5th grade & Adult)  
11:00 AM (middle school - Adult)

**We're on the Web!**

[http://  
kirkwoodpcusa.org/](http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/)



Bible  
Readings *for the Month*

February 3	2 Samuel 11 & 12
February 10	1 Kings 8:22-61
February 17	Luke 4:1-13
February 24	Luke 13:31-35

**CE Notes**

You are made in God's image, and we like seeing you too. The CE committee enjoys seeing you and your family as much as we can. Yet, how often do we get to see you? Are you in the service regularly? When was the last time you were in Sunday School? We would love to see you come to one of the classes that are offered each week.

8:30 - Conversing with God, lead by April Mershon  
 8:30 - "Time of Your Life" by Andy Stanley, lead by Nate Nickerson  
 9:30 - "The Story", lead by Arba Williamson  
 9:30 - I Samuel, lead by Jim Birch  
 11:00 - "The Story", lead by Roger Crone & Dick Knowles  
 11:00 - Psalms of Ascent, lead by Joyce Armstrong

**Attention****KirkWood Visitors:**

Have you been thinking about making KirkWood your church home? We will have a New Member Class on **February 10th**. 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. Condrey 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.

***February Library News~***

*More new Karen Kingsbury books are being added to our Fiction section. The cold and wet of February is great time to slow the hectic pace and pick up a good book, curl up by the fire, and read. Check out your church library shelves for a good read.*

Another new book added to the library is: **The Simple Life** by Thom Rainer & Art Rainer  
 When you think your life is not going the right way, and you wonder if you are out of control, feeling empty, look to Jesus as a standard for living and a means to a less harried and more spiritual existence.

*Please be sure to sign out your books. It is easy: just remove the card in back (or front) of the book, sign it, and leave it in the card holder. Please be sure to add an approximate date of return (about 2 weeks). Several books have not been returned for a very long time. Please check your books at home and return them as soon as possible.*

**Thanks and Happy Reading.**

A very grateful Worship Committee wishes to thank all of you who assisted in putting up and taking down the GREENS this season. The old sayings, "The More the Merrier" and "Two Heads are Better than One" were certainly proven true with all of our combined efforts. It sure made things easier, and we may have set a new record for speed, efficiency and the most enthusiastic volunteers of 2013! So, THANKS AGAIN to all of you for your help in making our church look beautiful for the Christmas Season.



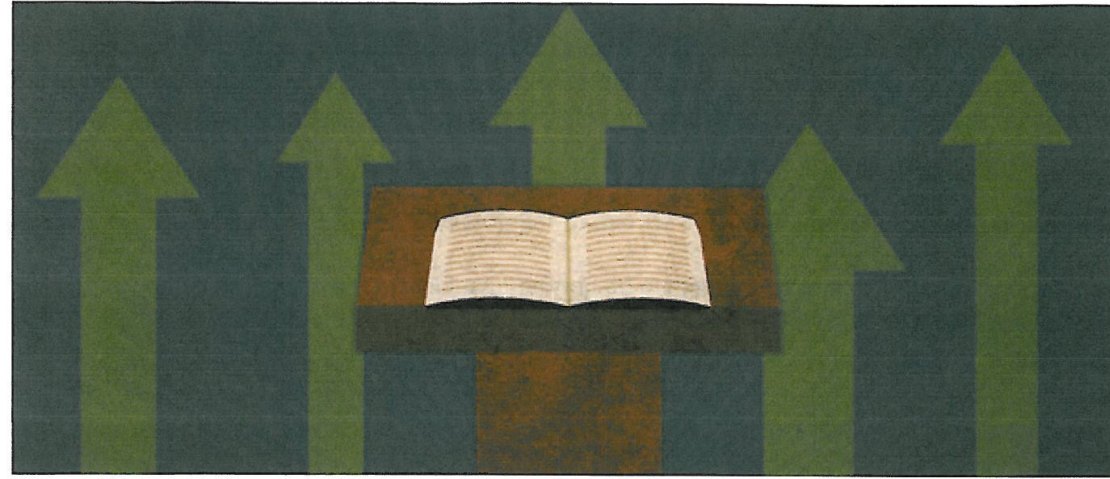
## *Easter Cantata*

**CALLING ALL  
SINGERS, YOUNG AND OLD  
(IN BETWEEN TOO)**

Easter Cantata Season is starting on January 30th at 7:15 P.M. We will be singing Lani Smith's arrangement of "Stations of the Cross" on Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2013. Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings from 7:15 – 8:00 P.M. Hope to see you there. Questions? See Rae Lyn.

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## '5 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor in 2013' from Ligonier Ministries



Just the other day I received a letter in the mail from a medical doctor whom I have never met before. Having told me how he had benefited from some of my sermons and articles, he went on to tell me, "I pray for you. I will be able to do so on a very regular basis now and trust that you will be helped and strengthened in your ministry and family." This was an enormous comfort and encouragement to me. Contrary to what some might suppose, ministers of the gospel desperately need the prayers of the saints. One of my seminary professors used to tell the student body, "Pastors have a bull's eye on their back and footprints up their chest." This is quite an appropriate description of the hardships that God's servants are called to endure for the sake of the gospel. The flaming arrows of the evil one are persistently being shot at pastors. In addition, the world is eager to run them over at any opportunity. This is, sadly, also a reality with regard to some in the church.

With so much opposition and difficulty within and without, pastors constantly need the people of God to be praying for them. The shepherd needs the prayers of the sheep as much as they need his prayers. He also is one of Christ's sheep, and is susceptible to the same weaknesses. While there are many things one could pray for pastors, here are five straightforward Scriptural categories:

### **1. Pray for their spiritual protection from the world, the flesh and the Devil.**

Whether it was Moses' sinful anger leading to his striking of the rock ([Num. 20:7-12](#)), David's adultery and murder (2 Sam. 11), or Simon Peter's denial of the Lord ([Matt. 26:69-75](#)) and practical denial of justification by faith alone ([Gal. 2:11-21](#)), ministers are faced with the reality of the weakness of the flesh, the assaults of the world and the rage of the devil (see this article). There have been a plethora of ministers who have fallen into sinful practices in the history of the church and so brought disgrace to the name of Christ. Since Satan has ministers of the gospel (and their families) locked in his sight—and since God's honor is at stake in a heightened sense with any public ministry of the word, members of the church should pray that their pastor and their pastor's family would not fall prey to the world, the flesh, or the Devil.

### **2. Pray for their deliverance from the physical attacks of the world and the Devil.**

While under prison guard in Rome, the apostle Paul encouraged the believers in Philippi to pray for his release when he wrote, "I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" ([Phil. 1:19](#)). (See also [2 Cor. 1:9-11](#)).



When Herod imprisoned Simon Peter we learn that “constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church” ([Acts 12:5](#)). After an exodus-like deliverance from prison, Luke tells us that Peter showed up at the home where the disciples were continuing to pray for his deliverance. This is yet another example of the minister being delivered from harm due, in part, to the prayers of the saints.

### **3. Pray for doors to be opened to them for the spread of the gospel.**

In his letter to the Colossians Paul asked the church to be praying “that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains” ([Col. 4:3](#)). The success of the spread of the gospel is dependant in part on the prayers of the people of God. In this way, the church shares in the gospel ministry with the pastor. Though he is not the only one in the body who is called to spread the word, he has a unique calling to “do the work of an evangelist.” The saints help him fulfill this work by praying that the Lord would open doors “for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ.”

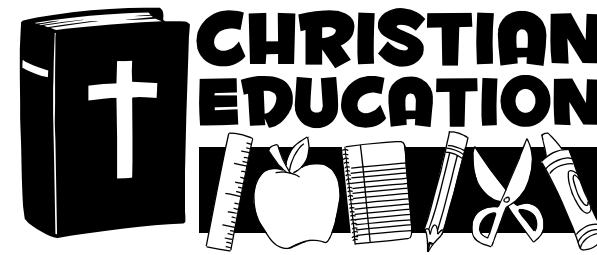
### **4. Pray that they might have boldness and power to preach the gospel.**

In addition to praying for open doors for the ministry of the word, the people of God should pray that ministers would have Spirit-wrought boldness. When writing to the church in Ephesus, the apostle Paul asked them to pray for him “that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel” ([Eph. 6:19](#)). There is a well-known story of several college students going to visit the Metropolitan Tabernacle in order to hear Charles Spurgeon preach. As the story goes, Spurgeon met them at the door and offered to show them around. At one point he asked if they wanted to see the church’s heater plant (boiler room). He took them downstairs where they saw hundreds of people praying for God’s blessings on the service and on Spurgeon’s preaching. The gathering of the people of God to pray for the ministry of the word is what he called “the heating plant!” Believers can help ministers by praying that they would be given boldness and power in preaching the gospel.

### **5. Pray that they might have a spirit of wisdom and understanding.**

One of the most pressing needs for a minister of the gospel is that he would be given the necessary wisdom to counsel, to know when to confront, to mediate and to discern the particular pastoral needs of a congregation. This is an all-encompassing and a recurring need. The minister is daily faced with particular challenges for which he desperately needs the wisdom of Christ. It is said of Jesus that “the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, and of counsel and might” was upon Him ([Is. 11:2](#)). The servants of Christ need that same Spirit. Much harm is done to the church as a whole if the minister does not proceed with the wisdom commensurate to the challenges with which he is faced. Those who benefit from this wisdom can help the minister by calling down this divine blessing from heaven upon him.

News from Jeannine  
Children's Ministry  
Coordinator



### WoW Sunday School

The focus of this month's rotation will be Jesus' reply to the Pharisees when they asked him "Which is the greatest commandment?" Lessons from parables as well as hands on mission with One Great Hour of Sharing will reinforce the significance of this lesson.

Students may memorize and meditate (M&M) on the following scripture verse for a lasting reward beyond just the sweet treat they take home. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matt.22:37-39, abridged)

### Remember Me! Family Devotional Time

#### Parenting Fear Factor

Not only do children have fears, sadness, and worries but parents and grandparents are no strangers to the struggles as well. Are our children sleeping enough? Do they eat healthy food? Who is this new friend? Are they ready for the new technology?



We trust God and work with His example of unconditional love. We try to find a balance of teaching them safe behaviors and values while watching their choices take form. But we don't have all the answers.

*Family Devotions*

Visit The Heartfelt Newsletter every month this year for family activities, book suggestions, prayers, and articles relating to Worries and Concerns. <http://www.thelogosministry.org/heartfelt.html>

You are also invited to the Unite Small Group for parents to study what God wants for your family. We meet at the church on the first Friday of every month at 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Babysitting is provided

Then you will say to the LORD, "You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you." Psalm 91:2 CEV



**Helpful Hands for a Warm Heart:**

What an amazing response from you all! Thank you for filling every branch of our tree with scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats. Almost 150 items of warm winter wear was donated to Langley Elementary School and York County / Poquoson Social Services.



K.I.C.K. Youth Group

Youth in grades 3 -5 can join us for Bowling Fun on February 3. Meet at Yorktown AMC Bowling 4:00 – 5:30 pm

**One additional adult needed.**  
Please mark your calendar for additional activities on March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Planning Ahead**

Community Easter Egg Hunt will need donations of small toys and candy to fill the plastic eggs we already have. Additional information will be in the bulletin next month.



Easter Egg Hunt

## Property & Facilities Committee

Are you looking to get more involved at KirkWood? Perhaps looking to follow up on a New Year's resolution that you might be able to keep? Well, 2013 is off and running and so is the KirkWood Property and Facilities committee!

For your advanced planning in 2013, our Spring Clean up will be March 16th, 8am until noon, with a back up of March 23rd. During that event we distribute yards of mulch to our garden beds and rake up after the passage of Old Man winter. Come for one hour or stay for three; come whatever time best suits your schedule. Bring gloves and a rake. Hope to see you in March 2013.



We will also be manning lawn mowing teams to help keep the KW grounds looking resplendent when spring and summer re-appear. More about lawn mowing next month.



### A special "Thanks" to the following folks:

- Tom Briggs for replacing the KirkWood mailbox and post and troubleshooting and fixing the ladies room door knob
- Bonnie Condrey for procuring fellowship hall tables
- Jerry Deaton for fixing the parking lot door by replacing all the hinges and for bringing the vacuum in for repair
- Janet Deaton for removing dried wax from the pew upholstery
- Fallen Foliage Removal Experts: Bob Maloney, Jake Lee, Gerald Young, Arba Williamson, Steve and Cathy Hudgins, Bruce and Janet Knight, Jerry Deaton, Tom Briggs, Dan and Mike Drezja all pitched in for a couple hours on a Saturday morning in late-November to clear the last leaves and debris and button down KW's grounds for the winter. Many thanks!



P&F committee chairs are Nate Nickerson 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 next P&F meetings are February 12th and March 12th at 7pm in room 8 on the second floor. P&F tends to work a lot "behind the scenes". Come and see what is going on, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Nate Nickerson at 868-9393.

## Congregational Care

As the Congregational Care Committee starts the new year of 2013 we welcome Regina Harris as our new co-chair working with Bill Gilbert; and we thank Scott Coverdale for his outstanding leadership over the past several years. We welcome members and friends of KirkWood to join our team as we work to nurture and care for our fellowship.

We finished 2012 with a very successful fellowship event featuring our children in the Christmas pageant and we thank all who attended and brought the wonderful desserts to share. Our children provided a charming performance with their play. Congratulations to all who helped with the play.

The Chili Cook-Off will be held 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 is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who would like to enter chili, side dish, judge, or help set up and take down tables. Please bring your chili entry for judging by 5pm and then attend the annual congregational meeting before we gather for dinner at 6pm in the fellowship hall.



On February 24 please plan to attend the Talent/No-Talent Program and bring a dessert to share at our fellowship time after the program (desserts may be dropped off in the kitchen before the show). This program is always entertaining and certain to reveal both great talent and provide some good laughs too: a time for fun and fellowship.

### Get Well and



One of our committee's important ministries is to send get-well and sympathy cards to our members and friends each week. We need a volunteer to perform this ministry for two months starting in March. This is a great, short-duration service opportunity. Please contact Bill Gilbert (757-868-8953) or Regina Harris (757-594-0013) to volunteer for this role.

### Sympathy Cards

Congregational Care strives to look after our members and their family members at church, at home, in the hospital, or anywhere life would take them. We currently have a great group of ladies 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 joining us by participating in any of these activities, please contact Bill Gilbert or Regina Harris. Your service will help to strengthen and enrich our fellowship as we serve Christ.

**Congregational Care**



Sarah Circle would again this year like to encourage you to consider donating to the Church World Services Mission, Blankets Plus. An offering will be collected the last Sunday in February. Bulletin inserts in February will offer more information about this opportunity to be a part of world missions. Also, consider being a part of Sarah Circle. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month...our next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Kirkwood Silver**

**KIRKWOOD SILVER:** Have we ever got a treat in store for our February gathering!!!

On Thursday, February 21st, Arba Williamson will present a slide show with commentary on his 2012 bike ride from the Atlantic to the Pacific! Come to the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM, to share a loaded baked potato and salad luncheon and to see and hear about Arba's amazing adventure. (Hey! That looks like AAA!!!) Sign up in the Narthex February 3, 10, or 17, to save your place. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you need more info.



**Talent-No Talent Show-** It is time to shine the tap shoes, polish up the piccolo, and dust off those old jokes! The Talent-No Talent show is back this year. We are having this popular and entertaining event on Sunday, February 24 at 5:00 pm. We will have the show in the sanctuary and then go to the fellowship hall for desserts. Please bring a dessert to share. Acts of all ages and types are invited to perform. We are issuing a small group challenge this year, so all those in a small group, get an act together that showcases the talent, or no-talent in your group. Everyone wishing to perform please sign up on the sheet posted on the youth bulletin board (across the hall from the main office) by noon February 24<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss this great event.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST 2013**

**"Attitude Is Your Paintbrush - It Colors Every Situation"**

**Lesson 8, January 25**

The Attitude of Joy: "Them that has DOES!"

Philippians 4:4-7

Food: Arba Williamson

**Lesson 9, February 22**

The Attitude of Faith: The Necessary Ingredients

Mark 1:14-20

Food: TBA

**Lesson 10, March 29**

The Attitude of Trust: "Let Him Play His Song"

Act 19:1-7

Food: TBA

**Lesson 11, April 26**

The Attitude of Commitment: "Be Strong"

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Food: TBA



## Environmental Stewardship

### Why conserve water?

Less than 1% of the water on earth is freshwater and drinkable. Of that, 0.6% is underneath the ground or groundwater and only 0.015% is readily accessible in lakes, streams and rivers. Groundwater is drinkable, of course, because the earth has filtered the water as it worked its way through. What a great system the good Lord created! However, some of that groundwater took as much as a century to filter through the soil yet we are pulling it out faster than it can be replaced. This is especially true in areas such as Florida and the southwest. One can surely understand the need to conserve our freshwater supplies.

The first evidence of running water can be traced as far back as 1500 BC on the island of Crete where it was used in one of the earliest “flushing toilets.” But running water has widely been credited to the ancient Romans whose vast network of aqueducts brought water from as far away as 50 miles. Obviously, humanity has come a long way in providing running water to many households making for much improved sanitary conditions. However, the problem with running water is that we let it run. It’s bad enough that we have to let it run to warm up but we also let it run while we shower, shave, brush our teeth, wash dishes, and do the many other tasks for which we use water. Understanding that, there are many ways to conserve water by not letting it run. Take a bath, fill up the sink to shave, and rinse the dishes all at once are some of the ways to use less water. The bottom line is to run the water only when we are actually using it. It is astounding how much less water a community uses just by following a few of these simple ideas.



**Kirkwood Silver Christmas Luncheon., December 2012**

**FRONTLINE AND VOLUNTEER CENTRAL**

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, KirkWood launched "Volunteer Central" with an inspirational message from Bruce Knight, KirkWood's Evangelism Coordinator, and some initial recruiting efforts to strengthen and increase our outreach to the community outside our walls. If you missed services on January 13<sup>th</sup> or are still praying how you can become involved, read below to get all the information about "Volunteer Central" and learn why you need to sign up today to join the team!

**Why and how was Volunteer Central created?**

- Last year, Session agreed to the formation of a "Frontline" team whose sole purpose was to identify ways to increase our outreach to the community. 18 people spent several months exploring multiple options.
- We are blessed here at KirkWood with an active congregation supporting the needs of our own KirkWood family and programs and events that benefit our surrounding community. However, the committee believed that we've only tapped a small portion of our potential for service on the "frontlines" outside KirkWood's walls. Strong and vibrant congregations are inwardly strong and outwardly focused.
- KirkWood's Vision Statement (A Christian Community, Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to make Him known to all) in part, reflects the Great Commission that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, provided to us and we have made some strides in recent years in increasing the outward focus of our church. But we believe that we can do better and we need the involvement of all KirkWoodians to achieve these goals. The end result of the committee's efforts is something we call "Volunteer Central".

**What is the goal of Volunteer Central and how does it work?**

- The GOAL of Volunteer Central is to link EVERY member of KirkWood to the right opportunity where he or she can put their faith to work making Christ known to others.
- The concept of Volunteer Central is simple. It is the Nerve Center of volunteer opportunities aimed at reaching those outside of KirkWood's walls. New events, approved by the appropriate committee and session, can be planned from one central location. Volunteer Central will provide help to coordinate and publicize the event, and most importantly, help identify and obtain whatever resources (people, places, funding, etc.) that will make the project a success.
- Though the concept is straightforward, we need people to make it work. The good news is that we have filled many of the core positions already: Arba Williamson is the Volunteer Central facilitator; Lew Goodman is our operations manager; Chris Wood and Mary Goodman are our volunteer coordinators; Barb Nicholas will be our publicity coordinator.
- This is where the rest of us come in. We need individuals who are willing to join the "Volunteer Central" team to call others to serve (volunteer seekers), help with publicity, or interact with Session committees to identify new opportunities. When called upon, we hope the rest of you will provide your talents in making our projects a success. If all of us work together and give with joyful hearts, we can make a huge impact on the community.

**What events will Volunteer Central support?**

In addition to the recurring community events and programs we already host or support (Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, PORT, St Paul's), we are excited that we have already identified 3 new projects you can help:

- **Local Mission projects** such as home repair, small construction projects, and yard clean up for the poor, the sick, and the needy.
- **Adopt a nursing home/retirement center-** We can bring some joy to residents by sending in a variety of teams every few weeks. Members of all ages are needed. The potential is exciting.
- **Hosting Red Cross blood drives-** We will host blood drives and provide dinner/late lunch for those who donate. Our first date is Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Future Events-** The Outreach Committee is planning on hosting "Friday Night Movies on the Lawn" on 4 consecutive Fridays in August as our gift to the community. There are countless other opportunities.

**Are you READY to get involved?**

- If you need some more time to think about these opportunities, take this sheet home with you as a reminder. When you are ready to serve, please contact any of these individuals (Bruce Knight, Arba Williamson, Lew or Mary Goodman, Chris Wood or Barb Nicholas) and let them know how you would like to support the program.
- You may get a call from a "volunteer seeker" as needs for projects arise. If we all give a little bit, we can make a huge impact on this community. Give of your time and talents with a joyful heart.
- If you have a new project or idea you'd like to see KirkWood undertake, call Lew or Arba, and they will provide you with materials to get started.

# Mission News

The Mission Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who so willingly volunteered their time, talents and monies to all of the various programs, projects and offerings that Mission sponsored in 2012. 2013 looks to be another busy and rewarding year in the life of Kirkwood.

PORT: Thank you to all that volunteered in December at Warwick Memorial Church. We have 2 more opportunities this winter to work with LINK and the PORT program. As of the newsletter, we do not have the exact dates, but please mark your calendars for the weeks of **February 27-March 5** and **March 20-26**. Watch the Mission Board in the hallway and the church bulletin for exact dates and how to sign up and help. *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” Matthew 25:40*



St. Paul's: Our first St. Paul's ministry opportunity of 2013 was January 19<sup>th</sup>. The following are the 2013 dates: March 30, May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9. Please mark your calendars.

Christmas Offering: We collected \$2452 in December to be divided between York County Social Services and the Pastor's Fund. Each received \$1226. I have included a copy of the letter from York County explaining where this year's monies will be used.

(Please see the next page for the text.)



Christmas Offering

There are so many opportunities to help at Kirkwood. If you have any questions about any of the programs that Mission sponsors please see or call Cathy Hudgins (868-8778) or Linda Briggs (867-6932).



# Mission News

December 12, 2012

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Dear Kirkwood members,

On behalf of our staff, I'd like to thank you for your support for a new Transportation Services Initiative which will serve the residents of York County. Lack of transportation in our community affects our residents, particularly those with limited financial resources and family support.

The lack of a public transportation system has taken a toll on the participants in our VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare) program. Without reliable, consistent transportation, parents have difficulty in securing and maintaining employment and attending training necessary to their self-sufficiency. Transportation services would enable parents to search and obtain employment, attend school to receive a high school diploma or training program that prepares them for employment in today's job market. The families we serve face significant financial challenges. Income from work is the only permanent solution to their ongoing financial need.

Without reliable sources of transportation, our elderly and disabled residents do not have access to needed medical care. This issue of accessibility is due primarily to a lack of transportation because of their inability to drive due to age, disability or medical condition, absence of family support and transport services available. This barrier places these individuals at risk of receiving needed medical care for serious and life-threatening conditions which often leads to greater health problems, complications and decline.

While we are still in the planning stages of this effort, we are currently seeking vendors to provide these needed transportation services. These services will assist in stabilizing families in need so they remain intact and experience an increased quality of life and become contributing members of our community. It will also enable our elderly and disabled residents to remain healthy and independent for as long as possible.

In order to meet this growing need, we know that we will need the support of our community partners to help us address this significant challenge in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Ferreira, MSW  
Social Worker 11

## Mission News

KirkWood is a sponsor of the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center and has supported this important ministry through our Mission funding and through the work of members volunteering and attending the annual fund-raising banquet. Bill Gilbert is a member of the Board of Directors. This year the Center is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the Peninsula ( and now Williamsburg in the last year). Celebration of this important anniversary will be the theme of this year's banquet to be held on Friday, May 17, from 6 to 9pm. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the banquet to support this important ministry.



### Benefit Banquet

Red Cross Blood Donation Drive  
February 26 at Kirkwood  
2pm – 7 pm

SPECIAL GOAL: 40 PINTS

This popular event is returning to Kirkwood! The Red Cross will be on-site at Kirkwood to accept much needed blood donations. A schedule will be available for interested donors to schedule appointments in advance. A meal will be served by Kirkwood volunteers to all who attempt to donate. Additional information can be directed to Steve Hudgins by email at [sahudginspc@aol.com](mailto:sahudginspc@aol.com) or phone (757) 880-1862.

**HEAPS OF THANKS** to all who helped provide Christmas gifts for Zuni residents: Discipleship groups: Selah, A Beautiful Mess, and God's S.T.A.R.S. , along with the Brambanis and Birches. The residents of Bain House were so excited about their gifts and appreciative of the kind and generous people from KirkWood who gave them.



**Zuni Homes Annual Visitors' Day, "A Day in the Country," will be held on**

**Saturday, April 27th, from 10AM until 3 PM.**

**Watch for more information about this exceptional event and how YOU might enjoy it or even help!**

### **KW receives NAM grant for St. Paul's Weekend Ministry**

This past August, Kirkwood applied for a Nickel-A-Meal grant from the Hunger Committee of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) in the hopes that we could obtain additional funding to support our weekend mission at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Newport News. Kirkwood and its youth group participate in this mission one Saturday each month to feed lunch to the downtown's needy. The Nickel-A-Meal (NAM) program relies on congregations putting spare change in a cup for every meal. This can obviously add up over time and then be donated to the church. Half of the money collected stays with the church while the other half is given to PEVA towards grants for hunger related programs that provide direct relief in Hampton Roads. This helps fill the gap that the Food Bank is not able to meet. Unfortunately, NAM contributions have dropped 60% in the last few years. None-the-less, in January, Kirkwood received a grant for \$800, which constitutes 75% of Kirkwood's annual expenditure for St. Paul's Weekend Ministry. This is obviously good news for Kirkwood in this climate of belt-tightening. And for those who have not participated in the weekend ministry, please consider doing so and experience just how rewarding that service is.



### **Special dates in February**

- Transfiguration Sunday - February 10
- Boy Scout Sunday - February 10
- Pancake Supper/Shrove Tuesday - February 12
- Ash Wednesday - February 13
- Valentine's Day - February 14
- First Sunday of Lent - February 17
- President's Day - February 18