



# 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,

Although I am not a big fan of award shows, it is always interesting to see who won a Grammy for a particular album or who won an Oscar for best picture or best director. As a culture we love to see who are the winners and losers. I prefer to see it as who has earned recognition for outstanding achievement in a particular category of the arts. I get so tired of the winner/loser rhetoric. How do you “judge” who made the better performance among 5 or 6 dramatic film releases or who rates the best pop performance?

While Grammys and Oscars may be fun for pop culture observers, we in the church do not give out awards for ‘husband spending the most time refurbishing trailers in Jesus’ name’ or ‘wife taking care of toddlers in a Christian Sunday School classroom.’ We don’t attend worship or sing in the choir or teach Sunday School or spend the night observing sleeping homeless people in order to rack up points for judges to score our performance, but rather we do these things in order to serve and love our Risen Lord.

Stop now and do a quick self-inventory; is your faith in Christ maturing? Have you committed to doing deeds for Jesus? Is your life steeped in prayer, Bible study, fellowship with other believers and service projects for others?

You won’t win a Grammy or an Oscar but you will be acknowledging with gratitude the majesty of our Lord God.

Who could ask for anything more?

Fondly,

*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)



KirkWood's March 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 March?

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



March 3	Luke 13:1-9
March 10	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 17	John 12:1-8
March 24	Luke 23:1-49
March 31	Luke 24:1-12

### **Mauddy Thursday Cantata**

**7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**

### **EASTER SERVICES - March 31st**

**6:45 am - Sunrise Service -**

**Wee KirkWood**

**9:30 am - Contemporary Service**

**11:00 am - Traditional Service**



### **EASTER LILIES:**

Now is the time to order your Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase a potted lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, or just to glorify our Risen Christ, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, indicating how many and to whom you would like each dedicated. The cost is \$9.00 for a 6 ½ inch pot. Please make your check payable to KirkWood with Easter Lily on the memo line and place it in the offering plate. The last day to order a lily will be March 10th. Questions? [kirkwood@kirkwood.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:kirkwood@kirkwood.hrcoxmail.com) or call the church at 766-0343.



**Easter Lilies**



## ~March Library News~

*We have a few more new books added to our library.*

### **Muslims, Christians, and Jesus: Gaining Understanding and Building Relationships**

**by:** Medearis, Carl

If you missed Sunday School lessons on this subject, you can now catch up. In the book, you will see that Carl Medearis provides insight and understanding into the Muslim culture and discusses culturally sensitive ways for Christians to know these individuals on a personal level.

Not new, but equally interesting: **Theives**, by T.A. Norton.

A riveting saga filled with excitement and vitality of life in the Middle East during the time of Christ. Meet Barabbas the thief; Pricilla who was born of aristocratic Roman parentage; and others whose goal was insurrection of the Temple city, but whose lives crossed paths with Christ. It is a story that has no ending...

*Please be sure to sign out your books - it's easy, just remove the card in back of the book, sign it, and leave it in the card holder and remember to add an approximate 2 week return date. And please return your book.*

***Thanks and Happy Reading.***

# Worship News

Easter arrives early this year, March 31st. On Maundy Thursday, March 28th, the Cantata Choir will perform the "Stations of the Cross" at 7:30pm. Sunrise service is set for 6:45 am. All are welcome to attend this beautiful service outside in Wee KirkWood. Easter Services will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary. No matter which service you attend, please remember to bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross in the Narthex.

The Worship Committee was asked to define the flower policy for recognition of new babies and grandbabies of church members. It was decided that one flower placed on the altar would represent our thankfulness and joy for new babies and grandbabies of church members. The worship committee has also been honoring any church member who had passed on during the year with a Poinsettia at Christmas time.

The Worship Committee also wants to thank all of the congregation for their friendliness in recognizing and greeting visitors to our church services. A recent visitor complimented on the sincerity and warm welcome of our congregation. You have heard the expression "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, indeed it takes the whole congregation to grow a church. Thanks KirkWood members for all your support .

## Children's Christian Education

### WoW Sunday School

*Travel through the gospels with the elementary age students as we head through Jerusalem during our lessons on Palm Sunday. Jesus entered into Jerusalem in a way that fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies, and the people understood that He was the Messiah. We enter the computer lab, video room, kitchen, and game rotation in an original, hands-on way for optimal learning.*

Students may memorize and meditate (M&M) on the following scripture verse for a lasting reward beyond just the sweet treat they take home. "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" Matthew 21:5

### Opportunities still available:

\*Preschool Substitutes needed – Sign up with Jeannine to be on call for emergency need. The students use toys and play time to help incorporate the story and hands on activity for the 2-5 year old class.

\*Elementary Teachers for the following rotations

March 17 and 24 – Computer rotation gives story and quiz for the Life of Jesus during Holy Week.

April 7 and 14<sup>th</sup> – Art as Therapy helps us relate to the forgiving servant

May 5 and 12<sup>th</sup> – Veggie Tale movie

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Rock –n – Roll Event

Come at 10 A.M. to hear the story about how the rock rolled away from the tomb. An egg hunt, games and a snack will follow for ages 0 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Donations of individually wrapped candy and small toys can be dropped off in the Glory Time room (Rm 2). They will be used to fill the plastic eggs and to give out as prizes.



### The Everywhere Fun Fair

*Vacation Bible School* is coming to a church near you!

Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm – 8 pm



## Christian Education

### CE needs you!

The Christian Education committee is looking for volunteers to join us in discussing the education of all ages in our church. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please come out and be apart of a vital part of our church.

### Sunday School Offerings for Adults

- New Study! Starting April 7 going through May 12, Dan Grimes and Steve Hudgins will teach a class at the 11:00 Sunday School time. The book is titled *Being Reformed: A Brief Statement of Faith*. It is a Trinitarian structure and how it relates to beliefs in the ecumenical church and our Reformed theological tradition. We have purchased this book through PEVA. This should be an exciting class, so please come out for it.
- Starting April 14 going through May 19, Steve Yakshe will be presenting a class at the 8:30 Sunday School. It will be on Environmental Stewardship. It is the Christian's role in environmental preservation. Come out and see stewardship in an environmental preservation standpoint.
- *The Story* will continue to be taught at 9:30 (thank you Arba Williamson) and at 11:00 am (thank you Dick Knowles & Roger Crone).
- Jim Birch is continuing his study on *I Samuel*, during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. Please join this group as they progress through this interesting book of the Old Testament.
- Want to pray more? Come out to the 8:30 am Sunday School, lead by April Mershon, to have a time of prayer and conversation with God.

**APRIL 7, 2013, 11:00 AM**

### **NEW EXCITING ADULT CLASS BEGINS**

New Presbyterian series "Being Reformed: Faith seeking understanding" will begin with the 'LORDS PRAYER'.

This six-week study requires reading and group discussion.

Do you know what you are really are professing when we recite this prayer in cooperate worship? Our perceptions of prayer change over time.

We invite you to join this journey of faith seeking understanding. Celebrate the blessing of our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition of faith. Be stimulated and challenged by fresh insights that will deepen your understandings. Find a stronger commitment to the God who has loved us in Jesus Christ.

ICE SKATING



**K.I.C.K. Youth Group**  
 Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Meet at the Hampton Roads IcePlex  
 1 pm – 2:30 pm  
 Please mark your calendar for an  
 upcoming activity on April 14<sup>th</sup>



## Congregational Care

Congregational Care started 2013 with a very successful fellowship dinner that we call the Chili Cook-off! Attendance at the dinner was outstanding (if you were not there, you missed some great fellowship and excellent chili). And the entries for judging were many and a good variety: we had 17 chilies and 6 side dishes entered for judging. Our thanks to our judges: Troy Landers, Lynn Pierce, Bob Pregler, and Marsha Coverdale. Chili winners were: Ann Keller for Hottest, Rich Egyud for Most Unusual, Faye Shaw for Most Flavorful, and Cheri Kammermann for Best Overall. Best Side Dish was awarded to Barbara Ball. And thanks to Bonnie Condrey for the creative prizes for the winners: cooks hats!



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 Fellowship Hall 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.



### Line Dancing

Again this year Miriam Mason will be conducting spring line dance classes. The schedules are as follows: Classes will start on Monday, March 18, and run through Friday, May 24. Monday classes will be from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm; Friday classes will be from 11 am to noon. All classes will be at Kirk-Wood.

## Congregational Care

Congregational Care has approved two new ministries . The first is being proposed and coordinated by Barb Drejza as follows:

- Attention KirkWoodians! I know (from experience!) how everyone loves to eat! I also know (from experience!) that all of us like to celebrate others' birthdays, anniversaries, babies, graduations, weddings and any other excuse to have a good time. So, I thought, why not plan a regular time to highlight such events by having a Celebration Sunday once a month? On the third Sunday of every month those who have an event to celebrate are "invited" to bring a goodie to share during our usual Fellowship time. For example, say that Michael has decided to enter the next American Idol contest and actually WINS? Or, Arba announces that he is going to bike around the world in 80 days and does it? The more celebrations the better! Those who wish to share such a celebration simply let me know which month you would like to contribute something in honor of a celebration, and, if that month is still available, I will publish your name and the reason for the celebration in the bulletin. We would like to start the Celebration Sunday in April. So, start thinking about what's happening in April and let me know! If you have any questions, please call or email Barb at 757-884-8155, [drejas3@earthlink.net](mailto:drejas3@earthlink.net).
- The second new ministry is the formation of a prayer chain at KirkWood being proposed by Jane Stockdale and Kathy Angove. The objective is to increase the focus on prayer concerns during the week, adding a more personal touch; this work will not replace the current methods we use for highlighting our prayer concerns. If you desire to share a concern on the prayer chain, simply contact Jane or Kathy and they will include it in the prayer chain they are building among KirkWood members and friends. The concerns considered will only be shared by phone, not by email.



- One of our committee's important ministries is to send get-well and sympathy cards to our members and friends each week. Thanks to Miriam Mason for volunteering for this ministry for March and April; and thanks to Carolyn Gilbert who is currently covering January and February. We now need a volunteer for the months of May and June. 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.
- We also still need a volunteer to coordinate calls to provide meals for members/friends who are sick or have experienced death in the immediate family. We have a list of people who have volunteered to prepare these meals; they simply need to be called to arrange for delivery of meals. This is another important ministry but does not require a large amount of time to do.
- 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 folks who prepare vases of flowers, visit our shut-ins and those who are ill or in the hospital, provide meals when needed, 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



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 2013**

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

#### **Lesson 9, February 22**

The Attitude of Faith: The Nec-  
essary 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



Sarah Circle would like to thank our KirkWood Family and friends for your kind donations to the Church World Service Blankets+ mission in February. The “plus” in Blankets+ means people world-wide will receive vital help and supplies that are needed to survive disasters and greatly improve their living conditions.

## Kirkwood Silver

**ALL OF KIRKWOOD IS INVITED TO A LENTEN LUNCHEON:** KirkWood Silver invites all KirkWood folk and friends to a Lenten Luncheon on Thursday, March 21st, at 11:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall

The menu will include a variety of hearty and light salads, breads, and desserts. An inspirational program will enlighten and encourage us as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Watch the Bulletin for further details. Sign up in the Narthex beginning March 3rd. For more information, call Wanda Birch at 868-8651.



## 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!

KirkWood Spring Clean up will be March 16th, 8am until noon, with a back-up of March 23rd. Come on out and join the team as we make the church grounds shine before Easter arrives in a few short weeks! During this time we will distribute 22 yards of mulch to our garden beds, clean out drainage ditches, 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 on March 16th 2013.



Summer Lawn Mowing: P&F is setting up the summer lawn mowing teams for 2013. Each summer KW folks team up to take turns mowing and keeping the landscape looking wonderful. Last year we had 9 teams and that made the mowing schedule very reasonable. The lawn mowing schedule will start on April 27th and run through October 27th. Helping maintain the lawn and landscape is a simple and easy way to contribute to your church, meet new folks and feel good about helping your church look good. There are plenty of vacancies. A training overview of the lawn mowing process will be conducted, so don't let "uncertainty" slow you down from volunteering for something new at KirkWood! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. If interested, please sign up as an individual, family, Small Group or self-made team. Each team should have at least 3 members. The task involves driving the lawn tractor, using the push mower, and edging/leaf blowing. The more folks we have pitching in, the better we can share in keeping up KirkWood's grounds! Contact Nate Nickerson at 868-9393 for more information.

A special "Thanks" to the following people:

- Tom Briggs for repairing toilet plumbing components.
- Jerry Deaton for following through with continued vacuum repair and eventual replacement
- Tom Briggs and Kirk Reno for replacing the external lighting timers so the lights are on/off when they should be!
- Dan Drejza and Dan Grimes for reviewing mobile shelving/storage options in support of Mission.



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 March 12th and April 9th 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.

# Mission News

March is shaping up to be a very busy month for Missions. We look forward to sharing our Christian love, serving those in need, and enjoying an opportunity to fellowship with others in our community. If you have never participated in KirkWood Mission events (or perhaps not for a while), you are encouraged to join us. Serving others is always a good way to bring joy to your heart.

A big thank you goes out to KirkWood volunteers for hosting **PORT** (People Offering Resources Together) on Thursday, Feb. 28, at Orcutt Baptist Church, in Newport News. KirkWood has many mission events this time of year. We could not serve our community without the support and generous donation of your time and energy.

Our last **PORT** date is Monday, March 25 at the Mosaic Center on Harpersville Rd. Please be watching for the signup sheets.

**St. Paul's** weekend ministry is following very closely on the heels of Port. The date for this next event is Sat. Mar. 30. At **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, in Newport News, a hot lunch is served and a sack lunch is provided for the homeless. Future 2013 dates for St. Paul's are 5/11; 7/13; 9/14; 11/9.

*These events will be challenging as their dates are very close together. Won't you please prayerfully consider helping us with one or both of these dates? You will find the signup sheets on the Volunteer Central table or on the mission bulletin board, located in the hallway.*

## **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering**

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. KirkWood's generous gifts donated to OGHS stays within the Presbyterian denomination. The Presbyterian Church (USA) designates where the funds will be used; however, it is divided between **Presbyterian Disaster Relief, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.** One person alone may feel like what he or she is able to donate may seem like very little. Each of us can begin by offering a prayer for those who are desperately in need of basic necessities for sustaining life. Then, any monetary donation, when combined with all of KirkWood **OGHS** offerings, as well as all churches donating to OGHS in an ecumenical effort, can make a huge difference for those in need. Won't you prayerfully make a donation this season? More information and fish boxes can be picked up in the Narthex.

Looking ahead, we have Zuni Homes, "A Day in the Country" on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information in the April 'Kronicle' or contact Wanda Birch (757-868-865; wanda-jbirch@verizon.net).

*"Serve the Lord with gladness ..." and KirkWood, you do. The Mission Committee appreciates the generous time and energy you give in serving your community.*

# Mission News

## **Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9 pm, the PPCC celebrates its 40<sup>TH</sup> anniversary at the annual fund-raising banquet at the Point Plaza Suites and Conference Center. Funds raised by this banquet are used for the Client Assistance Fund to help many clients who have limited financial resources. Since 1973, the PPCC has offered professional counseling and consultation in a faith context for all who can benefit regardless of ethnicity, race, or religion, guiding people toward wholeness and health and serving many who have limited financial resources. This Client Assistance Fund has helped people in our community in a variety of crisis situations: (names are changed to protect clients)

**The Unemployed:** Jake lost his job a year ago. His depression and anxiety prevent him from getting out and finding a new job. It is a vicious cycle. His self-esteem is low and he worries about being a burden to his family.

**Teens:** Maureen is a senior in high school. Her parents are divorced and she lives with her mother who does not have health insurance. Maureen wants to go to college and become independent.

**Single Parents:** Kyle is raising his 11 year-old daughter himself. His wife of 9 years abandoned the family and does not have contact with Kyle or their daughter. Kyle recently moved to Virginia where he began a new job. His health insurance does not cover mental health services. He is overwhelmed with the challenges of being a single parent, losing his wife, and beginning a new job.

**Children:** Gary is 7 years old and was taken away from his stepmother after she physically abused him. He is now living with his aunt and uncle who are both retired. Their retirement income is limited, but they want Gary to have help in working through the trauma of abuse.

Therapy is a resource intensive service that should be affordable to everyone. The PPCC believes that mental health, and the ability to receive mental health services, is as important as receiving help for any other medical issue. But the Center is dependent on donations for the Client Assistance Fund to be able to assist many clients who most need the counseling. **Your attendance at the May 17 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and support of the Center provides the funds to make a difference in the lives of children, teens, adults, and families for years to come.**

Bill Gilbert, a member of the Board of Directors for the PPCC, encourages you to contact him to form a group from KirkWood to attend the Banquet. Phones: 757-868-8953 or cell 757-871-1086; email: poqbill@verizon.net.

## Being on the “Frontline”...

The Frontline Committee has been busy coordinating volunteer opportunities and prayerfully encouraging the community to join KPC in various service projects. Most recently, the following quotes and stories reflect God's message through the hard service work of volunteers:

### Blood Drive

The blood drive showed the community that KW is involved, gave them the opportunity to be involved with us, and continues to show that our love for Christ drives us to service outside the walls of the church building. – Steve Hudgins

### Mission Project

“We were given a secondhand/used stove for the one family. The lady is on oxygen and they had a gas stove. The fire department said they should not use gas stove and oxygen, so they have not had a stove for a long time. The goal was to swap the gas stove for a secondhand stove that was provided to us. Here is where the willingness to do whatever is asked part comes in...Arba was tasked to install a new electrical outlet in the kitchen (going under the trailer with the wire, installing the new outlet, etc.)...a new job skill for him. I was asked to rewire/attach a new plug on the stove... a new task for me. We both jumped in and did the job, but there was a brief moment of hesitation (panic for me) when we looked at each other as we were getting ready to hook the 2 together...would it work or would it explode? It worked! The woman in the house was so pleased. She said it was the nicest stove she ever had and called all her friends to come look at it. She was excited about being able to cook again.” - Jamie Reno

### Retirement Home Project – The Devonshire

“The retirement home project was terrific this past week. KirkWoodians helped prepare for and helped run 2 different Valentine's Day parties at the Devonshire and the experience was terrific for all.” – Bruce Knight

### DONATIONS WANTED:

Spring cleaning or just finished with that home repair project? Not sure what to do with all those extra pieces? The Frontline Committee would love to have all those extra home repair items. We often coordinate volunteers for projects and need, or wish we had, an extra outlet, switch plate cover, or plumbing fitting. So, if you have any leftover repair items or even tools (in good condition) and would like to donate them to KWPC for our mission projects, please drop them off at the church. We will be placing a collection bin in the church, labeled "Frontline." We will take full or half full boxes of nails/screws - of the same type, electrical and plumbing fittings, hand and/or power tools, extension cords, etc. If you have any questions, please see one of the Frontline members. Thank you for your faithful support.

If you have Frontline activities you would like to tell us about, please contact - Barb Nicholas, [banich4@gmail.com](mailto:banich4@gmail.com), [757-375-0548](tel:757-375-0548)

## Special dates in March

March 1	World Day of Prayer
March 3	Third Sunday in Lent
March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent - Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Maundy Thursday - 7:30 PM Cantata
March 29	Good Friday - Church Office Closed
March 31	Easter Sunday