



April 2013

# 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,

For over two years I have been taking Guitar lessons at the Doug Norton studio in Poquoson. For 30 minutes each week, my instructors have shown me scales, chords, riffs, some music theory and even an occasional hammer on or pull off. The lessons last 30 minutes but each day I practice for at least that amount of time. So far it's been a lot of fun. My advice to any guitarist wannabes is to take up the instrument sooner than 58 years of age.

If learning to play a musical instrument requires dedication, commitment and trust in your instructor why should learning discipleship be any less labor intensive? The church helps us understand what it means to follow Jesus through immersion in Scripture, prayer, corporate worship and service to one's community. Discipleship involves a healthy dose of the Holy Spirit enabling and encouraging you and me to stay on track.

So let us re-commit ourselves to be lifelong learners of our Lord; each day is God's gift to see time as God's presents it to us. To be a follower of Christ will require you and me to give the Lord all that we have.

Our entire lives you might say.

So see you in church!

Fondly,

*Michael*

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**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 April 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 April?**

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



Holy Week



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## *Holy Week & Easter Season Schedule*

**March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 PM - Cantata “Stations of the Cross”**

**March 31 – Easter – No Sunday School**

6:45 AM – Sunrise Service – Wee KirkWood

9:30 AM – Contemporary Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Service

All are welcome to the next  
Worship Committee Meeting on  
Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in  
Room 5.



April 7

John 20:19-31

April 14

John 21:1-19

April 21

Steve Yakshe - lay preacher

April 28

Rev. Dr. Dick Knowles - guest preacher

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!**

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 I will publish your name and the reason for the celebration in the bulletin.

**WE WILL BEGIN CELEBRATION SUNDAY ON APRIL 21!**

So, start thinking about what's happening and who's celebrating something in April and let me know!

If you have any questions, please call or email Barbara at 757-884-8155; [drejas3@earthlink.net](mailto:drejas3@earthlink.net).

**PARENTS**

Have you recently seen this in your weekly bulletin and wondered what it was all about? Several months ago a few of us moms talked about getting together to discuss the "alien invasion" (translation-- "teenage boys") that was occurring in our homes. So, what began in November as moms, rapidly expanded to a few brave dads, and now we are calling ourselves **Parents Of Teenage Sons**. We meet on a monthly basis on a Friday evening. We are currently reading a terrific book by Bill Beausay titled Shaping the Man Inside Teenage Boys!

If you are a parent of a teenage boy (and think that he is possibly an alien), please join us at our next meeting.

Call or email Barbara for more information. 757-884-8155; [drejas3@earthlink.net](mailto:drejas3@earthlink.net)

## Fair Trade Market

Poverty is a very real issue for many people in this world. Fair Trade is a way to include more people in the global marketplace so they have opportunities to assert their social, political, and economic rights. Fair Trade is a holistic approach to trade that gives workers the wage they deserve for their work. In conventional trade, the producer generally receives only 1% of the retail price consumers pay, but in Fair Trade practices, the producer generally receives 20 - 45% of the retail price. This living wage enables artisans to cover basic needs like food, shelter, education, and health care for their family and save for the future.

**Did you know** that PC(USA)'s Fair Trade work is coordinated by the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#), thanks in part to support by the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) Offering. **Partners for Just Trade (PJT)** began as an initiative of the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**. It is a non-profit, faith-based organization that builds partnerships between producers living in extreme poverty and consumers in North America. Root causes of poverty are addressed through Fair Trade sales, education, solidarity, and a commitment to trade justice. PC(USA) involvement in Fair Trade began in 2001, when the Presbyterian Coffee Project was launched.

**What can KirkWood Do?** As a congregation, we can take our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering to a new level. The annual contributions to **OGHS** are very important and your generosity is truly appreciated. But with little or no added expense to ourselves, we can continue our help by supporting the Fair Trade Market and making a conscious choice to make a difference with purchases we regularly make. We can also

As individuals and a congregation, pray for Fair Trade farmers and artisans all over the world.

As individuals and a congregation, purchase Fair Market products, thereby spreading the benefits to farmers and artisans. Items can be purchased in your grocery store (look for labels) or through the Presbyterian Coffee Project.

**As a congregation, KirkWood will start serving Fair Trade coffee during fellowship hour.**

**We can help make a difference. Will you consider Fair Trade purchases?**

To learn more: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/fair-trade/what-you-and-your-church-can-do/>  
<http://www.partnersforjusttrade.org/ht/d/sp/i/179/pid/179>  
<http://www.fairtradeusa.org/products-partners>

A few logos to look for:



**MISSION:** Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relations between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through success, the viability of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade.

## Christian Education

### WoW Sunday School

*Forgiveness is more than saying, "I am sorry". We will use the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18:21-35 to discuss letting go of angry feelings and having a clean heart for God. Join us this month to make a commercial, forgive with beauty, watch a movie, and play Wheel of Forgiveness!*

Students may memorize and meditate (M&M) on the following scripture verse for a lasting reward beyond just the sweet treat they take home. *"forgive your brother from your heart" Matthew 18:35b*

### Thank you for your support with the Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our Rock –n – Roll Easter Event was held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Your tremendous support in donations, time, and prayer helped the community's children hear the story about how the rock rolled away from the tomb.



### Vacation Bible School

Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> through  
Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm – 8 pm

*Step right up* and take a chance on leading a child toward God.

Ticket booth open for volunteer spots, contact Jeannine Scott. First planning meeting will be held in Room 1A-B on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Congregational Care

### Spring Line Dance Classes

Spring classes have started and all are welcome to come out for a great time. You don't have to sign up – just show up! Classes are on Monday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm and Friday from 11am to noon. All classes are at Kirkwood and will be held until May 24<sup>th</sup>.



### LINE DANCE



### Volunteers Needed

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 covering March and April. 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 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 and work on fellowship dinners. If you are interested in joining us by participating in any of these activities, please contact Bill Gilbert (757-868-8953) or Regina Harris (757-594-0013). Your service will help to strengthen and enrich our fellowship as we serve Christ.

### SAVE THE DATE.....

We will be having a Fellowship Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Stay tuned for more details.



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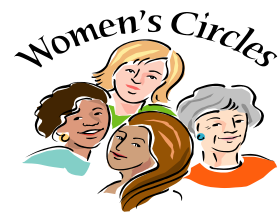
A Discipleship Group for Parents of Young Children

GUEST SPEAKER: presents the topic of Positive Discipline.

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30pm.

\$10 donation to help with the cost of our pizza dinner. Free Childcare available.

RSVP to Jeannine or Ben Scott!



Project Linus is one of Sarah Circle's mission efforts. Project Linus provides handmade blankets of many kinds to children from birth to teen years who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Anyone who loves to knit, quilt, crochet or create blankets in many other ways is invited to contribute a handmade blanket for Project Linus. We will be donating these after our Circle meeting in May. For more information about our mission efforts, feel free to contact Wilma Mitchell at 865-6020. Upcoming Sarah Circle meetings, which begin at 9:30, are on April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

## Congregational Care

# KirkWood Silver

**KIRKWOOD SILVER** extends a warm welcome to any senior adult (50-somethings-plus) to join the fun and fellowship at our next event on April 18th, at 11:30 AM. in the Fellowship Hall. Two of our KirkWood members will graciously give support for an outstanding time: Pepper Westbrook is providing the main dish, his very own Dad's Fried Chicken, and Roger Crone will share a slide show of recent adult mission trips to Birmingham, Alabama for tornado relief and to Jamaica, New York, for Hurricane Sandy relief.

Please sign up in The Narthex beginning on March 31st. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651 for further information.



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**BREAKFAST 2013**

**“Attitude Is Your Paintbrush - It  
Colors Every Situation”**

**Lesson 11, April 26**

The Attitude of Commitment: “Be Strong”  
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Food: Steve Hudgins

**Lesson 12, May 31**

The Attitude of Ownership: “The Importance of Ownership”

John 10:7-18

Food: TBD



## Property & Facilities Committee

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 contact them if you are interested in volunteering to get involved in P&F.

Spring Clean-up Day: Many thanks to all who came by to help out on March 16th. We worked from 8am to 9:15 before the rain hit! We had only 14 KirkWood participants, but thanks to Boy Scout Troop #54 and Cub Scout Pack #54 and their families, we had over 80 people who helped move 22 yards of mulch, weed beds, rake, and clean ditches- all in one hour! It was simply a great group of folks doing a great job helping KirkWood shine. Our "Thanks" to everyone.

### P&F Call-outs:

Thanks to the following P&F folks who are always working behind the scenes:

- Jim Birch for filling, sanding and re-painting various areas inside the church
- Jerry Deaton for prepping the tractor for the lawn mowing season
- Dan Drejza for coordinating excellent Boy Scout participation the KW Spring clean up day
- Kirk Reno for replacing light bulbs, fixing the broken EXIT light and tweaking the light timer
- Roger Crone and Jerry Deaton for weeding the garden beds by the main doors and the sign garden
- Arba Williamson for using his truck to help move mulch on Spring clean up day

Thanks  
Many Thanks in  
Thanks  
Thanks  
Thanks

### Upcoming P&F activities-

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. 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. The more folks we have pitching in, the better we can share in keeping up KirkWood's grounds!

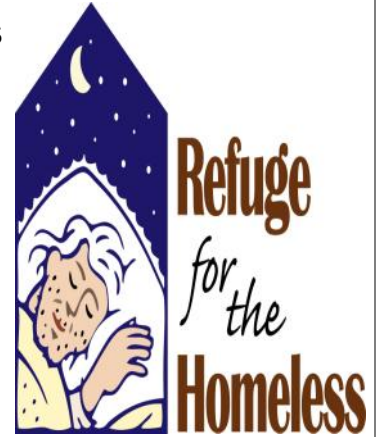
Contact Nate Nickerson at 868-9393 for more information.

The next P&F meetings are April 9th and May 14th 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!



## Mission News

PORT: As of the deadline of the Kronicle, we were still 24 hours away from our last PORT of this winter season. It was held at the Mosaic Center in Newport News on Monday, March 25. I want to thank all of you that volunteered on a Monday (into Tuesday) night to provide shelter to the homeless in our area. ***During this Holiest of Weeks, we are reminded of what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.*** This PORT presented some challenges working around the host facility's schedule, and your flexibility and willingness to "go with the flow" was greatly appreciated.



St. Paul's: Our next St. Paul's ministry opportunity of 2013 is March 30. The following are the 2013 dates: May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9. Please mark your calendars and watch the Mission Bulletin Board for sign ups.



**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering was collected and dedicated on Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to this. This year the Mission committee challenged the adults in the congregation to join the youth in the Fish box Ministry. A big thank you to those who "rose to the challenge". OGHS offering goes to support ministries in our local, national and international communities that receive no other funding so this is an exceptionally important offering in the Presbyterian Church.

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

**SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO PARTICIPATE:** "A Day in The Country" is Zuni Presbyterian Homes' annual Visitors' Day, a delightful small-scale fair, which will be held on Saturday, April 28th, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Events and activities will include stage performances, including KirkWood's Worship Band at 10:30; an elaborate puppet show; a clogging group; a bounce house and other inflatables; kids games and Bingo; bubbles galore; a hay ride; jewelry and craft vendors and more! There will be a Live Auction, at noon, with several **handmade Amish quilts**, a roving Barber Shop Quartet, and lots of good food: grilled pork chop sandwiches, burgers (regular and veggie), hot dogs, and BBQ, beverages including KW's lemonade, and coffee, if it's a cool day, and a bake sale. The residences will be open for visits.



Zuni Homes provides a beautiful campus and loving environment for *intellectually challenged adults*. You can support Zuni's Day in the Country in several ways: send baked goods or send guessing jars with edible or non-edible items (put the count under the lid and seal it-no **chocolate, please**); come and enjoy the fun and/or volunteer to help man one of the games or food concessions.

**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX** if you want to help. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you have questions.



## **BLOOD DRIVE:**

Kirkwood's reentry into hosting blood drives was a great success. Our goal was 40 pints and we collected 48! We had 56 donors, 7 deferrals, and 1 who had a time constraint and had to leave. The afternoon went smoothly and the Red Cross was very pleased with our set up, especially the food and the gift card drawing. By the way, Sean Rush won the gift card. The food set up was great, giving donors from outside the Kirkwood family the opportunity to sit with us and fellowship, eating delicious soups and desserts.

Many thanks to Linda Young who headed up the food prep, Esther Spelich, Hope Purdue, Wanda Birch and Bonnie Condrey, all of whom provided food. Thanks also to Connie Barlow, Elizabeth Nelson, Anne Keller, Mary and Jim Pressick, Bob Maloney, Joyce Armstrong, Bill Grace, Dee Davis, Lynn Pierce, Jamie Mershon, Donna Butler and Cathy Hudgins who all manned various aspects of the drive.

Our next drive is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 2-7. Again we will have food, a gift card drawing, and we will add child care for donors after 4:00 PM. Make your plan to volunteer, give, and bring someone with you.

It is highly suggested that donors go to the Red Cross website, sign up and schedule their donations right off of the website. Appointment times will be honored. Go to [www.Redcross-blood.org](http://www.Redcross-blood.org) , Sponsor Code KirkwoodPC to schedule your appointment. For those who do not use the internet or are not comfortable with this method, there will still be members of Volunteer Central in the Narthex to assist you and set up an appointment for you. Walk-in's are also welcome!



## **Special dates in April**

- April 1- Church Office Closed
- April 24 - Administrative Professionals Day

Please see the church website calendar for additional events and happenings.