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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,

One of my continuing joys of being in the pastoral ministry is our time together in corporate worship. Music, prayers, the Biblical texts, fellowship, offerings, the Sacraments—all work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to enable us to praise and celebrate the reign of our Living Lord. Oh, did I mean to leave out the sermon?

Beginning June 9th at 10:00 A.M. we will be together in one worship service which will be structured to speak to a variety of needs and styles! Whether your preference is contemporary, traditional, or a little of both, I invite you to try a new kind of worship style which will incorporate elements of both styles seeking to integrate them without coming across as merely functional and not really meaningful. Your staff and worship committee have given this service much prayer, reflection, and discussion.

It is my prayer each of us will approach corporate worship not concentrating so much on “my particular style of preference” but rather on our need to glorify the good Lord through thought, word, and deed in the setting of worship.

So beginning June 9th, I invite you to approach a brand new day in the worship life of KirkWood. I pray you will find joy and meaning as we come together in one setting.

See ya in church.

Fondly,

mcondrey@cox.net



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 May 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 May?

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



May 5	John 14:23-29
May 12	John 17:20-26
May 19	John 14:8-17
May 26	John 16:12-15

Planning Ahead: June 9th we will switch to one worship service at 10:00 A.M.



2013 Graduates

The office needs your help. If you are a senior in high school or college and will be graduating this spring or you have a child who meets this criteria, please contact the office by **May 19th** so that they may be featured **in the June/July Kronicle**. We would also like to recognize the high school graduates in church on June 24th. So please contact Rae Lyn by email at kirkwood@kirkwood.hrcoxmail.com or at 766-0343 with the name of the student, the school from which they will be graduating, the course of study (major/minor), if applicable/known, and future plans. Thank you so much.

Vacation Bible School

Monday July 22nd through
Friday July 26th
5:30 pm – 8 pm

Registration forms available in the narthex.

Please take some business card reminders to share with your neighbors and friends.

First planning meeting will be held in Room 1A-B on
April 28th.



Thank you for your support, time,
and donations to make the Commu-
nity Easter Egg Hunt a success!

65 children from the church and
community were able to fully experi-
ence the gospel message that

JESUS IS ALIVE!

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is Alive!**

Christian Education

WoW Sunday School

Make a joyful noise that knocks down the wall, watch a movie, rock the souvenir, and play Joshua's Jeopardy. This rotation will focus on the life of Joshua, how he was chosen to lead the people into the Promised Land after Moses died and how he conquered the city of Jericho under God's direction. The lessons will provide some of the historical background and explanations of religious rituals and traditions that will augment their understanding of Joshua's unique relationship with God and how God used him to further His plans for His people.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Important Dates:

May 12th – WoW will stay and sing the anthem together during the 11 o'clock service in dedication to all mothers.

May 19th – Pentecost Celebration, bring your friends to this party!

June 2nd – Last day of WoW Sunday School. Pick up your attendance awards and journals to take home. **See Jeannine Scott about Summer Sunday School opportunities**

Pentecost Celebration

Join us on May 19th

The Preschool and WoW Sunday School Classes celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Room 14 starting at 9:30 am.

Through hands-on activities we will experience the importance of the church and how inseparable it is from Christ.

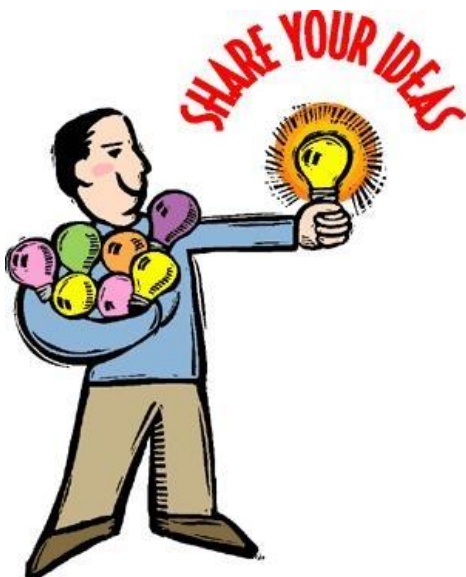


Christian Education

Adult Sunday School Class Offerings

- 8:30 - Environmental Stewardship, taught by Steve Yakshe. Christians have the responsibility to our environment as well as the other areas of stewardship that we typically think of, monetary and time. Come and explore how you can improve your environmental stewardship to the Lord.
- 8:30 - Conversations with God, lead by April Mershon. Come and pray for our church, our community, and those in our lives.
- 9:30 - The Story, taught by Arba Williamson. A retelling of the Bible in a story format.
- 9:30 - I Samuel / Acts, taught by Jim Birch. This class is finishing up a study of I Samuel and moving to the book of Acts. It is an in depth study of God's word.
- 11:00 - The Story, taught by Roger Crone & Dick Knowles. A retelling of the Bible in a story format.
- 11:00 - The Lord's Prayer, taught by Dan Grimes and Steve Hudgins. A look at the Lord's Prayer through the eyes of the Presbyterian theology.

If you have an idea for an adult Sunday School Class for the upcoming year, please give your ideas or thoughts to April Mershon or Ted Lovdahl.



We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for all ages. If you have a desire to teach a class, or help teach a class please contact Jeannine Scott, April Mershon or Ted Lovdahl. We need people to teach for as little as 2 weeks, and as much as 8 weeks. Please pray and let us know you are interested. Thank you.

Property & Facilities Committee

Property and Facilities (P&F) committee chairs are Nate Nickerson and John Nicholas. Our group is involved in keeping our church, property and landscape in top shape to best reflect God's blessings to all who pass-by or visit. 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.

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

- Tom Briggs for coordinating the annual KW city water/sewer outflow valve certification effort
- Roger Crone for his repair efforts on Wee KirkWood seating
- Dan Grimes for continuing to research mobile storage options
- Jim Birch for filling, sanding and re-painting various areas inside the church
- Jerry Deaton for prepping the tractor for the lawn mowing season and doing some pre-season mowing

Upcoming P&F activities:

- **Painting:** Efforts continue. P&F intends to paint the front doors and the restrooms . We plan to touch up spots in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship hall.
- **Landscape:** P&F intends to add more permanent bushes/plants to the sign garden bed this Spring. Also will plant summer annual flowers by mid-May. Moles/voles have had a significant detrimental impact on previous plantings and tulip bulbs.

Summer Lawn Mowing: The summer lawn mowing teams are up and running. Thanks to those folks who volunteered their time to keep KirkWood's grounds looking good this summer.

Help! Please use care when parking/departing KirkWood's parking spots and try to stay on the pavement. Our parking lot grass has been tire-rutted in some spots by errant parking efforts.

The next P&F meeting is 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!



Congregational Care

Fellowship Supper honoring our Veterans/Active Duty

Please plan to attend our fellowship supper being held on Sunday, May 19, at 6pm. Bring a dish or dessert to share and drinks will be provided. Our program will be to salute/honor our veterans and active duty military in several ways. First, we want to send cards to active duty members/friends signed by KW members and friends. To accomplish this we need for KW members to send the names and addresses of active duty folks to the office by May 12 so we can have enough cards at the dinner; we encourage all attending – adults, teenagers, and children- to sign cards. Second, we also want to support the Hampton VA Medical Center by having supper attendees bring any of the following items: magazines, new or gently-used clothing, telephone cards, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash (non-alcoholic), shampoo, conditioner, or combs. Congregational Care will take these items to the medical center. Finally, a member from the Hampton VA Medical Center Voluntary Service Office may also attend and make a presentation.



Church Picnic



On June 9, at 11 AM, we will have our spring picnic on the KW front lawn with plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks. Members and friends are asked to bring a picnic dish or dessert to share and please invite friends to come and share with us. Donations to defray picnic expenses will be accepted. On Saturday, June 8, at 10 AM, please come out to help us set up tables, chairs, canopies, and the bounce house for the picnic. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex for those volunteering to set up and take down, those who plan to attend, and those willing to bring a grill and/or cook.

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. The Friday morning classes have been cancelled due to a lack of attendance.** All classes are at Kirkwood and will be held until May 24th.

Volunteers Needed

One of our committee's important ministries is to send get-well and sympathy cards to our members and friends each week. Miriam Mason is doing this for March and April and Sheila Farrah will be doing this ministry for May and June. We now need a volunteer for July and August. This is a great, short-duration ministry opportunity at KirkWood. Please contact Bill Gilbert (757-868-8953) or Regina Harris (757-594-0013) to volunteer for this role.

Congregational Care currently fills a number of additional roles in caring for our members and friends:

- contacting members/friends who have been absent for many weeks,
- preparing vases of flowers to take when we visit our shut-ins and those who are ill or in the hospital,
- providing meals when needed by members/friends of KirkWood,
- planning and supporting fellowship events such as fellowship suppers, the KirkWood Silver events, etc.



We encourage you to join this ministry at KW; it is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Please contact Bill Gilbert (757-868-8953) or Regina Harris (757-594-0013). Our committee meets at 7pm the first Tuesday of each month. Your service will help to strengthen and enrich our fellowship as we serve Christ in the KirkWood fellowship.

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

We certainly have had a great series of luncheons and programs the past few months! In February thirty-six of us "joined" Arba on his bike trek across our beautiful country. In March twenty-five "silver" folk "journeyed" to Jerusalem to kneel, reflect, and pray at the Cross through poems, scripture, and music. The April event found us in Alabama and New York on mission trips with Roger Crone as our slide show tour guide. Wow! What a lot of traveling we've done, all of it within the walls of the KW Fellowship Hall, and the food for each luncheon was outstanding!

The May KirkWood Silver Get-together will be lunch out at the newly opened Ginny's Restaurant on Route 17 in Grafton (where Madison's was) on Thursday, May 16th. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM, for lively fellowship and delicious southern style food. Anyone who wants to carpool may meet at the church at 11:10 AM. Sign up in the Narthex May 5th, and 12th.

Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you have questions.



Sarah Circle: May 14th will be our last meeting until September. We will be turning in our Project Linus quilts and afghans. This is not a strict deadline because projects can be finished and turned in a little later. You do not have to be a member of Sarah Circle to donate handmade quilts or afghans. Thank you everyone in advance for your generous contributions.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST 2013**

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

Lesson 12, May 31

The Attitude of Ownership:
“The Importance of Ownership”

John 10:7-18

Food: Nate Nickerson

Lesson 13, June 28

The Attitude of Hope: “Rowing
Against the Wind”

Matthew 14:22-33

Food: Steve Hudgins

Lesson 1, July 19

“When Life Breaks Your Heart”

2 Corinthians 4:7-9. Job 13:15a

Food: TBA

Lesson 2, August 30

“When the Ligaments of Love
are Strained”

Colossians 3:14

Food: TBA

Congregational Care

Celebration Sunday, 19 May



Attention KirkWoodians! I know that there must be a LOT of celebrations in May! I have heard about several college students who are graduating. So now all you have to do is let me know who is celebrating what and I will publish the information in the May 19th bulletin and then we can go to the Fellowship Hall and congratulate each other!

If you have any questions, please call or email Barbara at 757-884-8155; drejas3@earthlink.net

P.O.T.S.

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. We haven't set a date yet for our May meeting, but stay tuned.

Call or email Barbara Drejza for more information.
884-8155; drejas3@earthlink.net

Mission News



The Mission Committee wishes to thank all of you who have faithfully supported KirkWood Mission efforts by generously serving the needs of others.

KirkWood's mission work at **PORT** is finished for this season. Warm weather means less severe conditions faced by all those we serve at the homeless shelter, but we should still remember these folks in our prayers.

Thank you to all who have served in the past at **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Weekend Ministry**, in Newport News. We may have a break from PORT, but there is still an opportunity to feed the hungry and homeless. Our next St. Paul's date to serve a hot lunch and provide a bag lunch for the homeless is scheduled for May 11. Watch for sign-up sheets located at the Volunteer Central desk or posted on the Mission Bulletin Board. We hope to see you at this next luncheon. Future 2013 dates at St. Paul's are 7/13, 9/14, and 11/9.



The month of May means spring is here; and pumpkin seeds are being planted. It is time for the Mission Committee to begin thinking about **KirkWood's Pumpkin Patch**. The preliminary planning stages have begun.



Habitat for Humanity has reported that they have received the funds needed for building the 2013 Habitat House in Hampton and construction should begin this summer; however, to date we have not received a construction schedule. Jim Birch is KirkWood's coordinator. Be watching for further information or call Jim Birch with questions: 868-8651

"Serve the Lord with gladness ..." and KirkWood, you do.



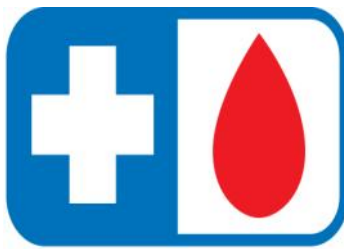
Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center Banquet

The Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary at its fund-raising banquet this year. KirkWood supports this ministry through our mission program and through our members volunteer efforts at the Center. We want to also be strong supporters of the annual banquet which will be held at the Point Plaza Suites and Conference Center (located on Route 17 near I-64) on Friday, May 17th, from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets for the event are \$50 and all of the proceeds will go toward the Client Assistance fund at the Center (this fund assists clients who have no insurance or ability to pay for the services). The program at the banquet this year will describe the work of the Center over its history and the wonderful impact being made today. Bill Gilbert is hoping to fill several tables at the banquet this year with 8 persons per table. Please plan to support this worthy event and contact Bill Gilbert by phone at 757-871-1086 or 757-868-8953 or by email at poqbill@verizon.net. You may also contact the Center directly at 757-873-2273 and request tickets. Thanks for your support.

Mission News

THANKS FOR A DAY IN THE COUNTRY:

Huge thanks to all who so willingly volunteered baked goods, guessing jars, and/or your time to make Zuni Homes' "A Day in the Country" a huge success! Special thanks go to Rae Lyn and the Praise Band for volunteering their awesome musical talents. All of these offerings bring smiles to the faces and hearts of the residents and staff of Zuni Presbyterian Homes. Well done, each of you!



BLOOD DRIVE-The next Kirkwood Blood Drive is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2013** from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Once again the fabulous cooks from Kirkwood will be providing a meal. There will also be a drawing for a \$100 gift card available to all donors and those attempting to donate. You can schedule your appointment on line at redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code

"KirkwoodPC". There will be assistance to make appointments on line after the Worship Services on May 5, 2013 and May 12, 2013. Walk-ins are still welcome.

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD Questions: call Steve Hudgins, 880-1862

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From the Frontline Team:

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES!!!

For the past 3 months KirkWood members have been sharing a small part of their own faith journeys on the short videos that have been shown during worship. These have not only been heartwarming and inspiring to the congregation, but they have also been a tremendous experience for those doing the recordings. The comments that we get most often are that everyone has their own unique story and that everyone has had someone come into their lives that have helped them along their faith journey. The purpose of these videos is to not only inspire, but to help all of us feel more comfortable in our own skins with our personal faith journey.

We would love to hear your story too. Bob Maloney will be recording more videos on Sunday May 3rd and Sunday May 19th in Michael's office at about 12:15 following the late worship service. Most videos are just 2-3 minutes and we want to hear a small part of your own faith journey. Here are some possible subjects to choose from.

- How I got to this point in my faith journey
- Story of someone who helped you in your faith journey
- Someone who has "walked across the room" for you
- How mission work has affected my faith
- A point where your faith changed

If you can join us, sign up in the narthex at the Volunteer Central desk. In the end, we would like to have 100-150 of you sharing your own story.

For questions contact Bruce Knight 303-4252

Special dates in May

- National Day of Prayer - May 2
- Christian Family Week - May 6-12
- Ascension of the Lord - May 9
- Mother's Day - May 12
- Armed Forces Day - May 18
- Pentecost - May 19
- Trinity Sunday - May 26
- Memorial Day Observed - May 27 - Church Office Closed