

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

*A Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to
make Him known to all.*

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A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

I hope the past couple of months have been as exciting for you as they have been for me. The Spirit of the Lord Jesus is alive and vibrant here, and I am looking forward to the wonderful things God is going to do at KirkWood.

I would like to let you know about a special opportunity coming this summer. I am sure you are aware that starting June 10th we will begin our one blended service at 10:00 a.m. This summer schedule will give us all the opportunity to worship together. At the same time, it will offer some flexibility to enjoy vacation opportunities that God gives us.

During our summer schedule, I will be offering a Summer Seminar Series that I hope you will consider participating in. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday during the summer. The series is divided into three big parts. Part I is called Hello Bible! We'll spend three sessions looking at an overall picture of the Bible. Part II is called Presbyterian, for sure! We'll look at how the Bible has influenced and continues to influence our part of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Part III is called What's the Church for anyway? We'll explore reasons why there is such a thing as the Presbyterian Church.

I hope you will consider joining all or part of the Summer Series. As we move along together during this time of transition, there will be many opportunities to learn, grow, and be a part



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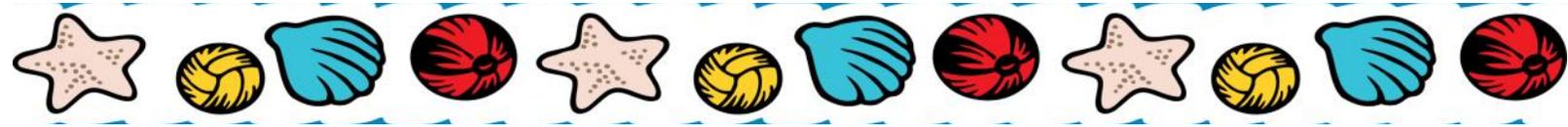
Website: <http://www.kirkwoodpcusa.org/>

Worship: 10:00 a.m. beginning June 10 (nursery available)

Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (Adults)

of what God is doing here at KirkWood. It is my prayer that we can all experience the wonders of seeing the Holy Spirit at work here.

In Christ,
Charles



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SPECIAL DATES

- June 10 - 10:00 a.m. Summer Blended Service Begins
Senior Recognition Sunday & Church Picnic
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 17 - Father's Day
- June 21 - First day of summer

WEEKLY READINGS

- June 3 - I Samuel 3:1-10 & Matthew 9:9-19
- June 10 - I Samuel 8:4-11 & Luke 6:43-45
- June 17 - I Samuel 16:4-13 & Galatians 5:22-26
- June 24 - I Samuel 18:1-4 & I John 4:7-10 and
Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip



Pentecost Birthday Party during Children's Sunday School hour on May 20th



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is taking a break for the summer. Here's a photo of our group singing "Come one, Come all, Come Follow the Call" at the Pentecost service.



That is just what these amazing kids have done this year. They have served God and the community through their joyous and enthusiastic participation in the Children's Choir.

We have special recognition for their unique gifts. Awards go to:

"Echo specialist" – Thaddaeus Schloicka

"Best at learning Latin words" – Nathan Harman

"Best spaghetti legato" – Tshiek Wellons

"Quickest to learn the words" – Gabby Lee

"Best choreographer-to-be" – Bailey Blanton

"Basketball pro"- Sam Snell

"Best actor award for a role in a musical" – Morgan George

"Best cameo appearance" – Andrew George

"Most touching vocal solo" – Julia Scott

"Best actress award for a role in a musical"- Caedance Keller

"Yoo-hoo specialist" – Leah Snell

"Queen of the Night highest voice award"- Norah Lee

"Best ever choir wrangler" – Jeannine Scott

We look forward to next year when we begin preparing the musical "100% Chance of Rain" about Noah and the Ark.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Worship Choir

The Worship Choir was full of the spirit on Pentecost. A special thank you to soloist Rich Egyud and also to Richard Flowers for the percussion accompaniment.



As we are coming to the end of our two service schedule, we'd like to thank all who have participated in the KirkWood Music program, whether in the Worship Choir and/or the 9:30 a.m. Worship Band. Your selfless service has enriched us individually and as a worshipping congregation.

A special thank you goes to Nancy Ridsen, for her diligent care of the music library. Thank you to Tina Dowe, the rock of our music program, and to our Worship Leaders Rich Egyud and Ben Scott.

Upcoming

June 10: 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service Begins

Summer "Hymnformation 2018"

Each week Ann Brown will highlight one of the service hymns and will share some interesting background information about the writers, composers, and the circumstances in which these great hymns were created.



KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver



14 KirkWood Silver folk trekked to Norfolk's Botanical Gardens on May 17th and had a wonderful time learning about the history and features of the garden on a guided tram tour and strolling through inside exhibits and outside gardens. Many of us had a pleasant "umbrella tour" of the spectacular rose gardens. Some of our group were fascinated by the bonsai exhibit in the Japanese garden, while others were impressed by the variety and beauty of orchids and other plants in the greenhouse. Everyone was awed by the huge,

fantastic images of animals, flowers, and structures of the "Lantern Asia" exhibit throughout the gardens. This exhibit has been extended through June 8th for anyone who would like to go and marvel!

21 KWS folk are anticipating the daytrip to Fredericksburg for the "Always, Patsy Cline" luncheon matinee on June 20th. Three more KirkWoodians can be added to our group as late as June 8th, by getting a check for \$54 to Jim Birch by that date.

Following the Patsy Cline day trip, KirkWood Silver will be on vacation through the remainder of the summer. KWS will rally on September 20th for a very interesting "visit" to Antarctica with Janet Knight as our tour guide! **SAVE THE DATE!**



BLOOD DRIVE & WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP

Congregational Care

Blood Drive

A blood drive was held on Thursday, May 24th and again was a great success. We collected 23 lifesaving pints of blood! We had three deferrals (people who came to give but for whatever reason could not.)

Thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to

come out and donate. Also, a big shout out to all the volunteers who worked in registration, feeding the donors, and all those who helped cook or bake. We would not be successful without our fantastic volunteers.



We have two more drives scheduled in 2018: **August 23rd and November 15th**. You can go online to www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: "KirkwoodPC" to make your appointment when the time comes. Appointments are encouraged and will be honored but are not necessary. If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at these upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins, (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com.

Widows/Widowers Support Group Anyone?

We have several dozen widows and widowers in our KirkWood fellowship, and a request has been made that KirkWood sponsor a support group for widows. If you are interested in such a fellowship group that would meet at KirkWood, please let Bill Gilbert know via email or you may call him at (757) 871-1086. The participants would decide on their focus for meetings, such as fellowship, prayer, study, and/or group social activities.



TIDES BASEBALL GAME

Congregational Care

Come one, come all to see the Norfolk Tides AAA baseball team play the Toledo Mud Hens on Saturday, July 28th, at 7:05 p.m. It's a night especially for families as Harbor Park celebrates **"Wands and Wizards Night."** Come dressed as your favorite character from the Harry Potter book and film saga as the Tides pay tribute to all things wizardly. Or wear your normal clothes and we'll assume you're a muggle. Plus, the first 2,000 kids ages 17 and under entering Harbor Park will receive a light-up wand.

Stay after the game for a fireworks extravaganza.

Tickets are expected to run between \$10 and \$12 per person, based on the number of people attending. If you'd like to attend, please fill in the information on the sign up sheet in the Narthex no later than Sunday, July 14th. Payment will be due on or before that date.

If you have further questions, please contact Lew Goodman (757) 375-7520. This is a great opportunity for family fun and fellowship with your KirkWood friends!

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Christian Education

Summer Reading

Programs at Barnes & Noble, Fazoli's, and the local library have incentives for Summer Reading. Stop by the church library to pick some books to add to your list. Here are some recent additions:

You are my I LOVE YOU by Maryann Cusimano Love

Friends with God Devotions for Kids by Mikal Keefer

Friends with God Story Bible by Jeff White

Simon and The Big, Bad, Angry Beasts by Ian De Haes



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

Catch the current and travel with us during VBS. “Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and they can trust God to be with them through anything.” Child registration is open at https://www.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood_pcusa.

Time and tide wait for no man. Volunteer spots are still available. Sign up in the Narthex to help in the planning and preparation as well as during our exciting VBS week.

Cokesbury's
ROLLING RIVER
RAMPAGE
Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Rolling River Rampage
VBS
July 23—27th
5:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

***Includes free dinner each night for participants**
***Special mission based program for middle school**

Register Early before all the spots roll away!
Ages 4 years through rising 8th grade
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SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

Christian Education

Let 2018 be your Reset Summer

Every now and then we all benefit from an intentional “reset” in our spiritual walk with God. Make this summer a refreshing “reset” time for your life – in the way you live, in the way you look in wonder at God’s wind blowing through your life, and in the way you look for growth. Take the time to really breathe God’s life in and out.

Explore the resources (treasures) of Grace that God has prepositioned for you. One opportunity is an exciting series of classes that Pastor Tucker will be leading on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. beginning June 10 through August 26.

•Hello Bible!

- Where did it come from? How do I find my way around it? Where’s the really good stuff?

•Presbyterian, for sure!

- Who are we? What do we care most about? Why do we like words so much?

•What’s the Church for anyway?

- Lest we get caught up in either fads or traditions, just what are the Great Ends of the Church? Am I missing a golden purpose?

Join us on peaceful summer Sunday mornings before worship as we look for treasures right at hand. Childcare will be available through June and as needed in July and August.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

Christian Education

Help Reset the Christian Education Program

To follow up on the idea of resetting, the Christian Education Committee will be asking you to participate in a survey this month. You will receive an email from 'Survey Monkey' titled KirkWood Christian Education Needs Survey.

Throughout the last ten years, Sunday school attendance has fallen from 50% of members to 26%. During the April CE Committee meeting, Rev. Tucker asked us to consider alternatives to traditional Sunday school. These alternatives would not displace existing opportunities but augment them. In order to determine possible alternatives, the CE committee wrote a congregational survey to help determine what would encourage members to attend Christian Education—e.g., different days or times, different topics, different target audience, etc.

We hope to have a majority of KirkWood members participate in this 10-question, 5-minute survey which will work on any computer or mobile device. If you do not have access to a computer, Bruce Buchanan will print a small number of paper copies, which he will place in the Narthex.

All surveys are anonymous, and results will be aggregated. Only the CE committee will have access to the individual surveys.

2018 High School Graduates

Name	High School	Future Plans
Hunter Alexander	Poquoson High	To attend the Culinary Institute of Virginia school
Emily Fisher	Tabb High	VCU - majoring in Criminal Psychology, minoring in Dance
Sara Haupt	Poquoson High	To move to Arkansas
Anna Linehan	Grafton High	UVA - majoring in Chemistry and participating in Air Force ROTC with hopes to go into healthcare



YOUNG ADULT LESSONS

Christian Education

God is Supernatural

Young Adult Lessons on the Word of God

Led by Ashley Wenner, this class will be discussing the supernatural nature of God, His Kingdom, His works, and the encounters in scripture that go beyond what can be explained in natural or scientific means. Classes will be at varying dates and times to accommodate our college and working attendees.

This series of lessons are geared towards those who are of legal driving age and up! There is no age cap, and we encourage those who are young at heart (if not young in age) who are also interested to reach out about attending as well. The more the merrier.

Prepare to be surprised as God reaches out to show you just how unlimited He really is, and just how much He loves you. Skeptics welcome!

For more information or to be notified of upcoming class dates and times, please email or text your name and contact information to Ashley Wenner at musicpsyc@gmail.com or (804) 413-2113.

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Puerto Rico Ministry

Rey Ortega reports the roof repairs at the Iglesia Presbyteriana Rosa Gonzalez Memorial Church have been completed. The repairs to the house belonging to the church are still in progress. Some of the roof beams of the house were very old and needed replacing. This has slowed progress. FEMA has finished its work and has been replaced by a joint program of the U.S. Gov't and the Territory of Puerto Rico. Iglesia Presbyteriana is working with its local community to register for the "Your Home Reborn" program. Rey will continue to monitor the situation for future support opportunities. Continue to pray for this ministry and the work of the Iglesia Presbyteriana Church.



LINUS GROUP

Missions

Pictured is the Linus Group at KirkWood. It meets every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This year the group is donating 36 lovingly handmade blankets to Project Linus. At Project Linus, a non-profit organization, homemade blankets are provided to sick and/or traumatized children from birth to teen years through hospitals, shelters, and other organizations.



Everyone is welcome to join! If you cannot join but would like to be a part of this effort, consider donating yarn or fabric. The church office will be happy to put you in touch with a group member.

2018 College and Graduate School Graduates

Name	School	
Anna Organski	Virginia Tech - B.S. Human Nutrition, Dietetics	Tom & Tammie Organski's son, Lee and his wife, Anna, will be heading to Purdue University where Lee will enter a PhD program to study Aerospace Propulsion. Anna will begin working on her Master's in Human Clinical Nutrition with the intent of pursuing a PhD.
Lee Organski	Virginia Tech - B.S. Aerospace Engineering	
Kelly Organski	William & Mary - M.Ed. Higher Education Administration	Kelly is an Assistant Director of Regional Advancement for William & Mary.
William Shoun	CNU - Bachelor's in Accounting	Leaving for the University of South Carolina in August to seek a Master's of Accountancy



MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Missions

The KirkWood Mission Committee continues its service and Christian outreach to our neighbors both local and around the world. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with your time, talents, and resources.

Local Projects – In the last few months, KirkWood teams built a wheelchair ramp for a family in Newport News, delivered furniture to several families, and cleaned up a yard in York County for an elderly resident. There are tasks for all skill levels. Let Kirk Reno or Arba Williamson know if you're willing to help.

St. Paul's Ministry – There are a number of ways to join this ministry:

- Almost every other month, KirkWood teams provide a hot lunch to 45-70 visitors, many homeless, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newport News on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The next two opportunities are June 9th and August 11th.
- Wendy Barrick also collects clothing (blue jeans, underwear, socks, etc.,) laundry detergent, and other supplies for the St. Paul pantry and supply closet. Look for bulletin announcements or contact Wendy.

CPK Mikando support - The Congo churches continue to struggle. Although the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) has been able to resume some wire transfers of money, the lack of funds during the interim resulted in many needs going unfilled. Pastor Bulabula sends his greetings and blessings for KirkWood's Transition Pastor Tucker. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Congo.

Book Bag Missions Trip to Africa - Here is another opportunity to put some action into your faith journey. Elisabeth Kelly is making plans for another Book Bag Missions trip to Africa sponsored by Liberty Baptist Church. Elisabeth will be doing some fundraising to pay for the trip as well as the book bags and contents for the children. If you would like to donate to this ministry, contact Elisabeth at elisabethk4@ymail.com.



MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Missions

2018 Adult Mission Trip - April 15-21

The Mission trip to Fayetteville, North Carolina was a wonderful and meaningful experience for the KirkWood team. We were able to work on six different houses during the week in the areas flooded during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. It was still hard to fathom the extent of the flooding even after hearing the stories from the residents. The KirkWood team was able to replace and repair roofs of two houses, repair and paint water damaged ceilings in two houses, fix a leaking skylight, replace a damaged bathroom door, and complete almost all of the finishing work at our final house. We were thwarted by a piece of countertop that was cut wrong. The best part of the trip, as always, was getting to know the residents of the area as well as meeting other Christians from around the country working with us. We were most fortunate to have Kathy Boone join our team. Kathy is from Arkansas and has a great deal of experience in rehab work. In addition to teaching us construction skills, Kathy also impressed us with her spirit and drive to help others in need. Another highlight was Pastor Charles Tucker joined us for a day! He got sunburned and tired, but I think enjoyed the experience. If you would like to hear more stories about the work and the fellowship, ask one of the team:

Bruce Knight Jan Knight Bill Gilbert Alisa Cloutier Kirk Reno Lew Goodman
Mary Goodman Rich Egyud Barb Ball Rob Ball Arba Williamson Charles Tucker
Cindy Heldreth Kathy Boone Murray Ritter

The Mission Committee is considering another trip possibly in November or April 2019, so get ready to join the fun of serving.





GOING ON VACATION?

Stewardship

What do you do for the bills that are due before you get back? Do you pay them early? Do you set them up for online payment so they are paid on time? How do you take care of your weekly or monthly payment or donation to KirkWood? KirkWood still has to pay bills while you are gone. Have you ever considered planning ahead? You could write a check to cover the weeks or month that you will be gone, drop it off, or send it in the mail.

Another solution is to sign up with your bank to send a check to the church every week or month. It only takes a few minutes online to set it up. If you decide to do this, use your envelope number as your account number. The other information such as the address and phone number are on the front of the bulletins or Kronicles.

Either of these two options keep your pledge or donation to KirkWood current with no worries about making up your pledge while your credit card bills are arriving in the mail from your trip.

If you still wish to use your weekly envelopes and would like to check if your pledge is up to date before September, send an email or call Kathy Fore. She is the only one who knows what you pledged and your status.

Also please remember:

- To write your envelope number on the memo line of each and every check you write to KirkWood.
- Your envelope number? A) Write it down somewhere in your wallet so you can look it up. B) But Kathy Fore also knows your envelope number. Call her. C) There is also a list of envelope numbers for the counters that is in the office when they are not counting.
- Please indicate on the memo line of your check any special uses for the payment.





P&F NEWS

Property & Facilities

Most likely you have seen the hole in the sanctuary wall in May, but we have completed the replacement of the first of four air handler units in the original building. The replacement of the other three units will take some time to help spread out the cost. The P&F Committee will continue to monitor the other three to make sure they continue to run as best as they can. Hopefully they will last a while longer so we can schedule their replacement in lieu of emergency replacement.

A special thank you goes out to Tom Briggs and Murray Ritter for obtaining and installing the new cabinets in the Fellowship Hall and to Jim Birch for staining the cabinets. Hopefully these cabinets will provide a better location for drinks on Sundays and for fellowship dinners. Also, another thank you goes out to Tom Briggs for replacing the toilet in the nursery restroom and for the new toilet tank in the men's room.

If you find anything needing repairs; faucets or toilets leaking, lights out, or areas needing spruced up, please notify the office so it can be passed on to the P&F Committee, and we can correct it.

Also, if you are interested in joining the P&F Committee to help keep the church in good working order, please contact Kirk Reno or Murray Ritter. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen.

PASTOR TRANSITION UPDATE

Below is the transcript used in the presentations given to the worship services on May 13th by Murray Ritter to update the congregations on the pastor transition process at KirkWood.

Pastor Transition Congregation Update May 13, 2018

- Session plans to present monthly updates to KirkWood congregation on the pastor transition process. This is your May update.



- In the past several weeks, Session has reviewed the planning milestones that will lead up to your voting on the Pastor Nominating Committee candidate that will become our new pastor. You are reminded that Pastor Tucker is our **interim pastor** who will guide us in this transition between called pastors.
- The transition milestones cover a 24-month time frame. In broad terms the transition process includes the following steps
 - Conduct of a Mission Study that will enable KirkWood to present a picture of how we see ourselves fulfilling our mission of “knowing, loving, and serving Christ, to make Him known to all”. It is a combination of what we are now and where we want to move toward in the future. The Mission Study Committee will be led by a group of 5-7 members of the congregation selected by the Session. The planning milestones have the committee forming over the Summer and completing the Mission Study in early 2019.
 - The next step is for the congregation to select a Pastor Nominating Committee that will search for, and in time select a candidate to be presented for the congregation’s approval.
- While selection of an **interim pastor** was a Session responsibility, calling a pastor is the responsibility of the congregation with guidance from the **interim pastor**, the Session and the Presbytery.
- Now your homework assignment (I was a teacher, so I give homework). Your homework is to start thinking and talking about the things we like now, things we want to think about doing differently, the resources needed for what we want in the future.
- Also, think about your skills and interests and how you might contribute to this effort. This is serious stuff that we need to get right and we all need to play a part. That is my challenge to the congregation. What will be your role and what will be your contribution to our pastor transition?