

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

JULY/AUG 2018



A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

Summer is here! School is out. Vacationers abound. And our summer schedule is well underway. It's been a great month participating in such fun activities. The church picnic was a wonderful opportunity to be together and have fun with one another. Going to see "Always, Patsy Cline" with KirkWood Silver was awesome. I know that we all have different preferences, but having the entire KirkWood family worshipping together has been a real joy for me.

As we all enjoy our summer plans, I do want to remind you about the Summer Seminar Series that is going on in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. We've been having a great time talking about where the Bible came from and what's in it. We are going to spend July and August talking about the Church and where the Presbyterian Church came from and some special things about it. You don't have to come every time, but I hope that you will consider checking it out. We're having a lot of fun, and some people have even told me they have learned something they didn't know.

Over the next several months, you're going to hear more about the transition process that is taking place at KirkWood. The long-term goal is, of course, to identify the person God is calling to be the next installed pastor at KirkWood. The next big step in that process is to conduct

a mission study that reflects on where KirkWood has been, discerns what God is calling KirkWood to be in the future, and identifies the gifts of leadership that will be necessary to help KirkWood become what God is calling us to be.



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

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





That process will take a lot of time, effort, energy, and commitment on the part of the entire congregation. Right now, as we enjoy our summer together, I ask that you begin to prayerfully consider what role God is calling you to play in this process. KirkWood will need leaders with specific skills and talents, but we will also need the participation and input of everyone who is part of the KirkWood family. KirkWood has so much to offer, and God has great things in mind for us. We are all vital to the process as we join together in what God is doing among us.

In Christ,
Charles

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WEEKLY READINGS

- July 1 - Psalm 130 & 1 Peter 1:1-9
- July 8 - 2 Samuel 5:1-5 & Philippians 4:4-7
- July 15 - 2 Samuel 6:1-11 & James 5:7-12
- July 22 - Pastor Tucker on Vacation
- July 29 - 2 Samuel 7:1-14 & Luke 10:25-37

- August 5 - Exodus 34:4-7 & Ephesians 4:11-16
- August 12 - Psalm 34:1-8 & Luke 16:10-13
- August 19 - Psalm 111 & Matthew 11:25-30
- August 26 - Psalm 84 & 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

SPECIAL DATES

- July 4 - Independence Day (Church Office Closed)
- July 23-27 - Vacation Bible School

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

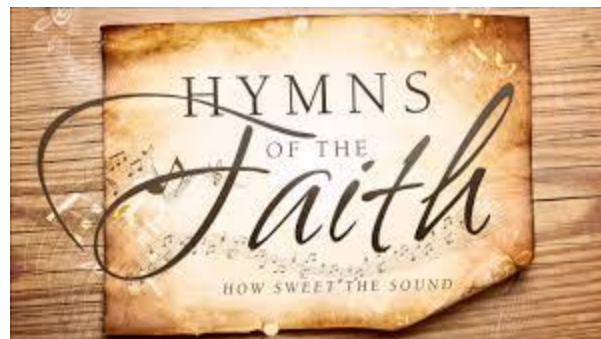
Hymnspiration

What do you know about the musical heritage of the church? Do you know which hymn was sung at Princess Diana's funeral? Did you know that one of these hymns first appeared as a poem in a novel? What hymn was so popular that Bishops in the Church of England were weary of singing it and discouraged its use at confirmations?

Each Sunday morning this summer Ann Brown will provide some fun facts about the final hymn, be it a biography of the poet, the history of the tune, or particular circumstances surrounding the hymn.

Here is a list of upcoming hymns to be discussed:

- 7/1 #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"
- 7/8 #537 "Shalom Chaverim"
- 7/15 #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
- 7/22 #442 "The Church's One Foundation"
- 7/29 #304 "Jesus Loves Me"
- 8/5 #513 "Let us Break Bread Together"
- 8/12 #388 "O Jesus I Have Promised"
- 8/19 #555 "Now Thank We all Our God"
- 8/26 #354 "Guide my Feet"
- 9/2 #260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Bell Choir

Would you consider joining the KirkWood Bell Choir? We have a couple of vacancies we need to fill for the fall. No bell ringing experience needed. We will provide on-the-job training to get you up to speed.

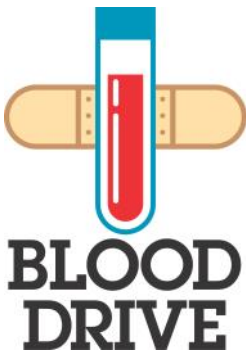


We won't have regular weekly rehearsals but instead will schedule rehearsals at convenient meeting times several weeks before we plan to ring at a Sunday worship service.

If you'd like to give it a try for a few weeks (no commitment) that is fine as well. If you are the slightest bit interested (or need some convincing) please contact Ann Brown or the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care



The power is in the blood! There is an urgent need for all blood types at this time of the year! The next KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, August 23rd** from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Once again the fabulous cooks from KirkWood will be providing a meal. You can schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org, **Sponsor Code "KirkwoodPC,"** or at church on August 12th and 19th in the Fellowship Hall! Walk-ins are still welcome. Come out and give the gift of life! Make your appointments early. If you have any questions, call or email Cathy Hudgins, (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com. For planning purposes, our final blood drive of the year will be on Thursday, November 15th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!



KIRKWOOD SILVER & TIDES BASEBALL

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver will be on vacation for the remainder of the summer, having had a delightful day trip to see “Always, Patsy Cline” in Fredericksburg on June 20th. We will resume monthly events on Thursday, September 20th when we will have a luncheon program featuring Janet Knight, who will present a slideshow with commentary on her trip to Antarctica! Save the date!

Anyone who would like to help plan events for KirkWood Silver is welcome to join the planning team at their next meeting on Thursday, August 2nd at 1:30 p.m. at the church. You can make it a one-time-only deal or become part of our ongoing planning process. Come with a new idea to share or come help us enhance plans already “brewing!”

Tides Baseball Game

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 15th. 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!



UNITE

Congregational Care

Unite for Parents of KirkWood Kids

Unite is a group of parents who experience life together as Christ followers, growing through study with the support of others.

A patriotic social event is in the works for July and meetings will continue on August 12th at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4. Please contact Jeannine for more information.



CHILD CARE WORKER POSITION



We are currently seeking someone to fill the position of Child Care Worker. This is an awesome opportunity for someone interested in working a few hours every Sunday morning. This position works together with another Child Care Worker to care for infants and children.

Qualified candidates must have previous child care experience, be at least 21 years old, have a clear testimony of faith, excellent interpersonal skills, and a High School diploma or GED. A background check will be completed by the church if hired for the position.

Candidates must be able to stand, walk, sit, reach with arms and hands to lift, hold and carry children up to 30 pounds, stoop, kneel, crouch, and crawl. Candidates must also be able to walk up and down stairs, and talk with and hear children and adults.

If you know someone who may be interested or you would like to learn more about this awesome paid position, please contact Regina Harris at (757) 329-5746. The start date is August 19th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. -Isaiah 43:2

Rolling River Rampage includes you on the river, where everyone discovers that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise. Rafters can trust God to be with them through anything.

Please share the adventure! Child registration is open at http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood_pcusa.



The poster is divided into three main sections. The top left features a colorful illustration of a person in a yellow raft navigating turbulent blue water, with the text 'Cokesbury's ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE' and 'Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!'. The top right section has a teal background with the text 'Rolling River Rampage VBS July 23—27th 5:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.' and two bullet points: '*Includes free dinner each night for participants' and '*Special mission based program for middle school'. The bottom section has a purple background with registration information: 'Register Early before all the spots roll away!', 'Ages 4 years through rising 8th grade', and the website 'https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood_pcusa'. The bottom right corner has an orange background with the church's name and address: 'KirkWood Presbyterian Church, 1209 Hampton Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693, (757) 766-0343, www.kirkwoodpcusa.org'.

VBS is S'more Fun with YOU!



Thank you for your participation!

July 1st - sign up to shop and help keep meal costs down

July 22nd - stay after worship to help decorate the church

July 29th - meet and greet VBS families with music, slideshow, snacks, and games

THE PRAY-GROUND IS OPENING

Christian Education



On July 29th and continuing on the last Sunday of each month, KirkWood will have a pray-ground open to give families another way to include their children in the sanctuary.

Carolyn Brown says, “As we seek to include children in the congregation’s worship it reminds us that the goal is not that they behave or even that they know enough of the songs and prayers to participate. **The goal is that they acquire and practice skills for living in relationship with God every day.**”

Inter-generational worship allows children to see that this relationship invites everyone. The KirkWood pray-ground will be in the front of the sanctuary to truly immerse children in the worship at a level that they can see. Foam flooring allows for additional seating options and a delineated area to wiggle.

When the pray-ground is open, there will be no Glory time. Quiet worship activities will be provided after the children’s message which are geared toward ages 4-6, but children of any age are invited to sit in this space with their families. Nursery will remain available as an option for those under 4 years old.



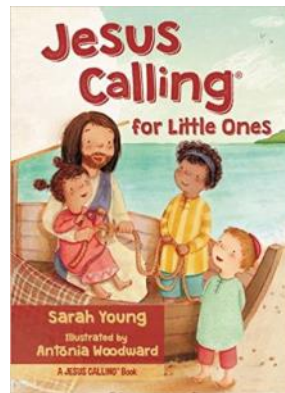
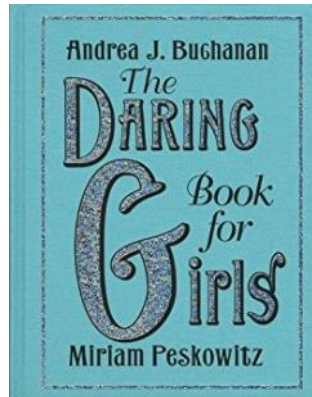
KirkWood Youth depart for a week in Danville, VA working mission sites with Passport Camps.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Christian Education

Children's Library

Stop by the church's Children's Library, found in Room 2, to pick some books to add to your child's summer reading list. Here are some recent additions:



The Daring Book for Girls - A manual for everything that girls need to know. Something included for every personality: from female heroes and science projects to the perfect cartwheel. Start your adventure to learning today.

Jesus Calling for Little Ones - Remind "your toddler and preschooler of Jesus' never-ending love... Devotions show that Jesus knows us from our head to our toes and is always taking care of us."



UPCOMING MISSION STUDY

Pastor Transition Update

As we have previously communicated, the next step in the pastor transition process is to create a team to conduct a Mission Study for KirkWood.

Goal of team - Conduct a comprehensive Mission Study for KirkWood Presbyterian Church to help determine the vision for its' future and goals for pastoral leadership

- **Session will create an ad hoc Mission Study team of 5-7 members with close association with our interim pastor to develop this Mission Study.**
- **The Mission Study team will develop a report on the findings for Session approval.**
- **It is imperative that the Mission study team gets extensive input and engagement from as many KirkWood members as possible** (young to our most senior members; 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. service participants; include input from all the different ministries within KirkWood; new members to our most tenured members.) **This is to be done through a series of town hall meetings, one on one meetings, info sessions, and extensive surveys.**
- **5 areas that the Mission Study team will explore:**
 1. **A comprehensive study into KirkWood's past and present** - What has worked? What has changed? What is no longer working?
 2. **What is the mission of KirkWood?**- Have we been following our current Mission Statement? Does that Mission Statement still mirror where we see God's role for KirkWood as we move to the future?
 3. **Connections of the church** - All the different KirkWood activities and groups, Scouts, PEVA, demographics of the surrounding community, etc.
 4. **Focus on future leadership needs** - Do we have the correct staffing for now and the future? Is Session configured to maximize its effectiveness for the future?
 5. **Develop a Vision Statement** - A summary of where we see God leading KirkWood in the future.



The skill set needs and requirements for members of the Mission Study team:

- **5-7 members (No more than 1-2 current Session members)**
 - **Chairperson-** experience leading major initiatives, understands big picture, is well organized, a strong communicator and listener, someone who can keep an open mind, a strong motivator.
 - **A person strong in data mining and analytics** (can understand demographics and trends)
 - **Someone who can think outside of the box**
 - **A person with strong writing skills**
 - **A person who knows how to develop strong surveys and lead town hall and info sessions**
 - **Someone who is highly skilled at setting up the logistics for these numerous events involving the congregation**
 - **Someone with superior communication skills and publicity skills**

Potential time line for the Mission Study team:

1. **Sept. 2018-** team members are identified by Session
2. **Sept. - Dec. 2018-** Mission study team organizes their strategies and does extensive research and background work as well as preparation for info sessions, one on one meetings, surveys, and town hall meetings.
3. **Jan. - Mar. 2019-** Mission study team engages as much of the congregation as possible in a series of info sessions, town hall meetings to get input and opinions, one on one meetings, and surveys.
4. **Apr. - June 2019-** Mission team completes study and develops conclusions and writes final Mission Study report to be submitted to Session for approval.
5. **June 2019-** target month for completion of the Mission Study report and submission to the Session