

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

MARCH 2019

A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

It's almost time change, and daylight is noticeably longer. Spring is just around the corner! Easter, with all its joy and surprise, will be here before you know it. Before we get to Easter though, we observe the season of "Lent." It's traditionally been a time to reflect on who God is, who we are, and how far away we are from what God created us to be.

Here at KirkWood, we certainly have a lot to reflect on. The past couple of years have seen some pretty big changes. The next couple of years will bring even bigger changes. Your long time pastor, Michael Condrey, retired at the end of 2017. I began work as your interim pastor last March. (Has it been that long?) We've gotten to know each other and have seen the Lord doing some incredible things here. Last October, we formed a Mission Study Team who has been looking at many aspects of KirkWood's life and heritage.

An online survey from the Mission Study Team went live in mid-February. I hope you've had a chance to respond. If not, please take a moment to do so. It takes less than 10 minutes. That will help the Mission Study Team with the next step in this process. We use information from the survey to put together town hall meetings so you can ask questions and give input that will help formulate a report on where KirkWood has been, where it is now, and where we believe God is calling us to go in the future.

Later this year, we will form a Pastor Nominating Committee who will use all this infor-

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mation to search for and select KirkWood's next called pastor. It's an exciting time here in this part of Christ's Body, and I pray that you will be a part of everything God is doing here.

Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (nursery available)
Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (Adults), 9:30 a.m. (Adults), 11:00 a.m. (Children, Youth, & Adults)

In Christ,
Charles

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WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES

March 3 - Exodus 24:12-18 & Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Title: THE MOUNTAIN TOP

March 10 - Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 26:6-16

Sermon Title: WHY THE WASTE?

March 17 - Zechariah 13:7-9 & Matthew 26:17-25

Sermon Title: NOT ME

March 24 - Psalm 31:9-16 & Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon Title: IN THE GARDEN

March 31 - Daniel 7:9-14 & Matthew 26:57-68

Sermon Title: GET OFF MY CLOUD

SPECIAL DATES

March 1 - World Day of Prayer

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

March 10 - Daylight-Savings Time begins

March 20 - First day of spring

March 23 - Peace, Piece, and Pizza Night



Explore where God's Power can take You!

Vacation Bible School July 22-26,2019

MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Bell Choir

The KirkWood Bell Choir is moving! We will be experimenting with different locations in the sanctuary so everyone can hear and enjoy the beautiful dulcet tones.



We will be incorporating the bells during Holy Week as they accompany the Cantata Choir on Palm Sunday and Easter! Also, the bell choir welcomes Barbara Ball to our ranks! Barbara answered our call for more ringers. If there is anyone else who would like to give it a try, please contact Ann Brown.

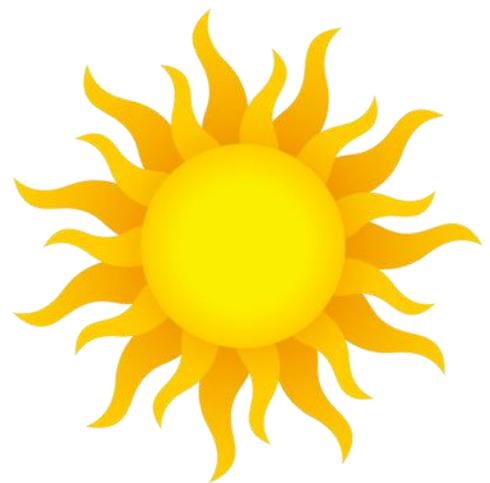
KirkWood's Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is preparing the song, "Every Morning's Sun." This anthem teaches us that, just as day always follows night and spring follows winter, we can rely on God's steady, permanent presence. The children will present this anthem on March 10th at both worship services.

Every morning's sun follows every evening's night,
And every day I know that it will come.
Every day of the year I know it will appear,
Even though the clouds may hide it some.

Every springtime's bloom follows every winter's cold,
And every year I know that it will come.
All the trees and flowers need sunshine and showers,
And every year they get rain and sun.

Everywhere I look I see the work of God,
And everywhere all nature calls His name!
Everywhere I go in sunshine, wind, or snow,
I know that it will always be the same.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir Boot Camp = a Success

On February 16th, the Cantata Choir met for our 4th Boot Camp. We began with a devotional led by Pastor Charles Tucker which focused on all the biblical references to singing!

One of the pieces we will present on Easter Sunday is taken from Isaiah 55:12-13 “For you shall go out with joy, be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees shall clap their hands.”

After a morning of learning and singing, the group went to lunch at BJ’s Brewhouse for a well-deserved chance to relax.



The Cantata Choir is open to anyone who likes to sing. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care

Peace, Piece, and PIZZA!



The Congregational Care committee invites you to join us on Saturday, March 23rd at 5:30 p.m. for some “peace” through fellowship and fun, a “piece” of important information (wills, powers of attorney, and advance medical directives,) and FREE PIZZA and other stuff. Please sign up in the narthex so we have plenty of food! If you have questions, contact Mary Goodman.

KirkWood Silver

Everyone is invited (not just the Silver ones) to a Lenten Luncheon and devotional program on Thursday, March 21st at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. It will be spring by then! The menu offers homemade pot pie, fruit salad, and desserts. Pastor Charles Tucker will lead an inspirational time following our meal. Come for inspiration, delicious food, and great fellowship! Invite someone who has never come before! Reserve your place at the table by signing up in the narthex beginning March 3rd. Contact Jim or Wanda Birch at (757) 868-8651 or at wandjbirch@verizon.net.

Lenten Lunch



On April 18th, join KirkWood Silver for lunch at Smoke BBQ in the Hilton area of Newport News at 11:30 a.m. Look for more details to come.

BLOOD DRIVE INFORMATION & NAME TAGS

Congregational Care

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive held on Thursday, February 21st was a huge success! Many thanks go out to all who volunteered. We collected 40 lifesaving pints! We only had one deferral (could not give because of iron levels or another medical condition,) which I think is a record for us. Way to go Kirkwood! Thank you to all the cooks who made the delicious soups (it was a wet and cold day) and desserts, as well as those who checked the donors in, fed the donors, and helped in any way. What a fantastic outreach to our community. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming drives on **May 23, August 22, and November 21, 2019!** Scheduling for the May drive is online if you would like to make your appointments early. Sponsor Code: "KirkwoodPC". If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins at (757) 869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com.



Name Tags

The Name Tag Board will be updated shortly. If you would like a name tag or if you want to change from a lanyard to a clip type, please sign up on the name tag list in the narthex. Nancy's goal is to complete this project by the end of March. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Riden.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission

2019 Mission Trips

There are two great opportunities to put some action in your discipleship this year!

- The first is a mission/service trip to New Bern, North Carolina scheduled for May 5-11, 2019. We will be hosted and housed by a Presbyterian Church in New Bern and do some work to help residents recover from Hurricane Florence. Sign up in the narthex. Ask Arba Williamson at (757) 344-5588 for more details.
- The second is a combined youth/adult mission/service trip to Harrisonburg, Virginia scheduled for August 11-17, 2019. We will stay at Massanetta Springs Presbyterian Camp. Activities will include rehab projects, fellowship, fun, and opportunities to show God's love to those in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). KirkWood will



kick off our annual OGHS program on March 2nd. Mission Team members will visit Sunday School classes and distribute "Fish Boxes" and information about OGHS. There will be announcements and information in the narthex during the Lenten season. The OGHS offerings will be collected and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 14th, during both worship services. Pray that God will touch our hearts to respond to this wonderful expression of Christian love for the world.

S.A.L.T. GROUPS & PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Christian Education & P&F

The Sunday 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Sharing and Learning Together (SALT) groups will begin exploring *Finding Meaning: Wisdom from Ecclesiastes* on Sunday, March 3rd. Please come to share and learn with us as we apply God's word to our lives. We invite you to come as frequently or infrequently as you are able.

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities



The P&F team would like you to mark your calendars for the Spring Clean-Up to be held on April 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. If you are able, we will be cleaning out flower beds, placing mulch in the flower beds, cleaning up the entire campus, and general grounds maintenance. We would love to have you for whatever time you can afford, either the entire time or even one hour. Bring a rake, gloves, wheelbarrow, etc. The rain date is April 13th.

It's time to start getting your team together for the 2019 spring/summer grass mowing season! We will start mowing late April/early May. We are looking for a few more volunteers to fill additional teams. Depending on how many teams we get, you would only have to mow three to four times this summer, or you could sign up as a substitute to fill-in if someone else cannot make it. Please contact Murray Ritter if you are interested.

If you are interested in joining the P&F committee to help keep the church in good working order, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen. We can use all levels of talent; if interested please contact Kirk Reno & Murray Ritter.

The Mission Study Team (MST) invites you to participate in its work by completing a survey. The team is seeking maximum participation from the congregation so it can accurately determine KirkWood's heritage, values, goals, and vision for the future. Your participation is vital to the team's work, and information gathered will help the MST guide small group and congregational face-to-face town hall meetings planned for the near future.

You may scan the QR code here or type "<https://tinyurl.com/kirkwoodMSTsurvey>" (without quotes) into your browser to take the survey online.

[If you prefer to take the survey manually, paper copies are in the narthex. Please note that all questions must be answered. If any questions are left unanswered, the software program the MST is using for data analysis will not accept your survey.]

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, and surveys must be submitted no later than midnight on March 10, 2019.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 13th

10:00 a.m. - noon

Why do we dye eggs at Easter? Why does a bunny hide them? Why do we fill eggs with treats?

Volunteer or visit the 2019 Egg Hunt to learn more. Sign up or contact Jeannine Scott.

Donations of individually wrapped candy, small toys, or stickers are appreciated. We already have plenty of plastic eggs.

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is teal with a pink scalloped border at the top and bottom. The text is in white and pink. It reads: "KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH", "EASTER EGG HUNT", "A fun and exciting Easter holiday celebration", "SATURDAY, APRIL 13", "Join us anytime between 10 A.M. and noon for an experience that is so much more than your normal egg hunt! Enjoy crafts, food, games, and prizes.", "RAIN OR SHINE", and "KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1209 HAMPTON HWY. YORKTOWN 23693 WWW.KIRKWOODPCUSA.ORG". In the center is a white basket with a pink ribbon, containing three pink and white eggs.

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OUTREACH & REPORTS BY CLERK OF SESSION

Outreach & Clerk of Session

Outreach Committee

Are you interested in publicizing our church and reaching out to our community? If so, we need you! The Outreach Committee is looking for more members with fresh ideas for reaching out to our community, publicizing our church, and getting our name out there. Please contact Toni Fisher if you're interesting or if you have questions regarding the Committee and what we do.

We have newly designed KirkWood t-Shirts for sale. Thank you to Katie Blanton for the new design. Wearing a KirkWood t-Shirt at events we sponsor or just for fun is a great way to get our name out there to everyone. They are available in youth small to adult 3XL. Samples are in the narthex. We will be taking pre-orders after each worship service. You can also contact Toni Fisher if you have questions or to order.

Reports by Clerk of Session

Every year the Clerk of Session has three reports to turn in to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and/or to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

- The first report is due before the end of January and is a list of all the elders and staff for the 2019 year.
- The second report is the Statistical Report of KirkWood Presbyterian Church for the 2018 year. This report is due about the first week of February and is a little more detailed than our Annual Report. The report is to be published for the congregation. This report is included in this issue of the Kronicle. Nancy Ridsen will be happy to answer any questions you may have on this report. You may contact her by email at ndrisden@gmail.com or on her cell phone at (757) 879-8670.
- The third report will be the 2019 Annual Questionnaire due around the middle of November. The 2018 report included questions about topics such as curriculum because they want to know how to better serve congregations such as ours. Other questions were included on topics such as mental health and diversity.

2018 Church Statistical Report

Church	Kirkwood	PIN	10967
Presbytery	Eastern Virginia		
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Membership

Prior Active Members	310	Adjusted membership	310
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	5	Certificate	2
Youth Professions	7	Deaths	3
Professions & Reaffirmations	0	Deleted for any Other Reason	0
Total Gains	12	Total Losses	5
Total Ending Active Members	317		

Baptisms

Presented by Others	1	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	160
At Confirmation	0	Female Members	178
All Other	0	Friends of the Congregation	49
		Ruling Elders on Session	15
		Do you have Deacons?	No

Age Distribution of Active Members

25 & Under	44	People with Disabilities	
26 - 40	66	Hearing impairment	9
41 - 55	58	Sight impairment	3
56 - 70	87	Mobility impairment	7
Over 70	62	Other impairment	2
Total Age Distribution	317		

Christian Education

Birth - 3	2	Grade 7	2
Age 4	2	Grade 8	2
Kindergarten	4	Grade 9	3
Grade 1	0	Grade 10	2
Grade 2	1	Grade 11	4
Grade 3	2	Grade 12	2
Grade 4	2	Young Adults	9
Grade 5	3	Over 25	100
Grade 6	1	Teachers/Officers	27
		Total Christian Education	168

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	3	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	1
Black/African American/African	5	White	299
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	3
Hispanic/Latino-a	6		
		Total Racial Ethnic	317

Financial Data

Annual Income	552,004	Mission Expenses	118,347
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		Facilities Expenses	91,555