

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

February 2020

## A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

Welcome to 2020 and all the excitement that awaits. This year promises to be filled with hope for KirkWood Presbyterian Church. Over the next few months, you will be hearing a lot from the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have received an overabundance of Information Forms from prospective pastors, and they are diligently pouring through them and interviewing those who look promising as KirkWood's next called pastor.

So, what might that mean for you? One thing it means is that we all need to be preparing for the change. Change is rarely easy, and it always brings a fair amount of anxiety. It also brings a lot of anticipation. It's a little like waiting to open that specially wrapped present at Christmas. Jesus has the future in His hands, and He will lead your PNC to select exactly the right person. How exciting is that?!

As you prepare for that change, the most important thing you can continue to do is pray. None of us should ever underestimate the power of prayer. God desires that His people pray. So, I encourage you to remain in prayer.

Pray for KirkWood's ongoing mission and ministry. Great things are happening here! Ask God to continue to pour out blessings upon this part of Christ's Body. Pray for KirkWood's leadership and staff as they continue to discern God's will and move the vision forward. Pray for the PNC as they continue to seek Christ's will for the Church. Pray for your new pastor. You



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**Worship:** 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (nursery available)

**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m. (adult), 9:30 a.m. (adult), 11:00 a.m. (preschool - adult), 3:00 p.m. (adults of all ages)

don't know who that is yet, but he or she will soon be recognized by those you have chosen to search. Pray that God will open eyes even wider to the wonder of being part of the kingdom of heaven.

Pray! It works every time!

In Christ,  
Charles

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## WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES

February 2 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 & Micah 6:1-8  
Sermon Title: WHAT GOD REQUIRES

February 9 - Isaiah 58:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Sermon Title: GOD'S WISDOM

February 16 - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 & Exodus 30:15-20  
Sermon Title: GROWING IN CHRIST

February 23 - Exodus 24:12-18 & 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Sermon Title: IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## SPECIAL DATES

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 17 - Presidents Day (Church Office Closed)

February 23 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

February 29 - Leap Day

### KirkWood Now Accepts Gifts of Stock

God loves a cheerful giver, and now KirkWood is able to easily accept gifts of appreciated stock. This is a win-win proposition for both the donor and KirkWood. Tina Dowe can e-mail the details necessary to transfer shares of stock held electronically if the shares are held in a brokerage account. Stock certificates, shares of mutual funds, and shares held by Computer-share require a little more coordination, but the office is able to guide you through the process. Please let Tina or Cindy Williamson know if you have any questions.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Caroling

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, members and friends of KirkWood took the Good News of Christmas out into the community. 37 people piled into our church van and into a caravan of cars as we traveled to two retirement communities and a fire station in Poquoson. We returned to the church for a beautiful reception hosted by our Congregational Care committee.





# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship

The KirkWood Cantata Choir's presentation of the Christmas cantata, "The Silence and the Sound," was a heartfelt gift to our congregation. This was the embodiment of the phrase "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Sam and Norah did a poignant reading of the Christmas Story (Luke 2.) The Children's choir joined us for "Angels Sing."



Please consider joining us for 2020's Christmas Cantata on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will begin with our Boot Camp on Sept. 26,2020.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship



## Bell Choir

Our bell choir has a new member! We are happy to announce that Lisa Nickerson has joined our group. On Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will play an arrangement of the well-known contemporary song, "God, You're so Good."

## Children's Choir

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2

We have finally settled on an appropriate name for our children's choir: "Joyful Noise." The Joyful Noise is thrilled to welcome our two newest members, Abigail and James, who came all the way from New Zealand to join our group!

The choir has begun work on our spring musical, "Oh, Jonah!" which we will present on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for some more kids to join us ages 4 up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are especially in need of sailors and angels! We meet on Sundays at 12:15 p.m.





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# BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

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## **Blood Drive**

The next KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20** from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It will be dedicated to Megan Nickerson, who is in remission from Leukemia and received multiple units of blood during her treatment. Food will be provided for all donors.

Donors can schedule appointments by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: KirkWoodPC. Someone will be in the fellowship hall on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> between worship services to make appointments as well. If you would like to save time on drive day, you can access the RAPIDPASS which allows you to do the prescreening process straight from any computer. The Red Cross will send you a link the day of the drive, and it will only take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Anyone wishing to help with food prior to the drive, contact Gloria Griffin at (757) 223-4104 or see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins at [hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com) or (757) 869-2645. KirkWood sponsored blood drives will also be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar.

## **About Megan Cate Nickerson:**

In January of 2013, Megan was just beginning the last semester of her senior year of college. She had the elevator speech memorized, she was working as a marketing intern, and was ready to start working in the real world in just a few short months. But on January 21, 2013, her path was forever changed. Megan was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). When she received her diagnosis, she led the charge, tackled her treatments with tenacity and positivity, never wavered, only telling her team of physicians, LET'S GO! During her six months of treatment, she received six one-week cycles of chemo, 18 units of platelets, and 26 units of lifesaving A negative blood! Since that day she has triumphed and THRIVED! Thank you to all who have donated in the past and for donating in Megan's honor. These lifesaving donations are appreciated and valued deep within our family's heart!

# KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

## KirkWood Silver

In February, KirkWood Silver will be “at home” to enjoy soup, salad, and breadsticks from Olive Garden. The date is February 27<sup>th</sup>, one week later than normal because of the Blood Drive on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The official time is 11:30 a.m. but if you come a bit early, ten to fifteen minutes, you may enjoy some belated Valentine fun and trivia before we dine! Following lunch, a representative from Virginia Health Services will tell us about the many ‘senior care’ services they provide. Wanda has spoken with Julie Wysong by phone and found her to be friendly and delightful! Sign up for this event beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be approximately \$6 to be paid the day of the luncheon. We would appreciate several offerings of desserts, cookies, and brownies.



March 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Lenten Luncheon which will be a salad meal featuring chicken salad, egg salad, as well as fruit and vegetable salads. The program has not been confirmed at this time but will be announced in the bulletin and in the March Kronicle.

Looking way ahead, your KWS Planning Team thought it would be fun to attend a local community theater performance and has chosen The Williamsburg Players’ performance of “Sister Act.” Because tickets are already selling quickly, we have purchased 20 tickets for the 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We were able to get a group rate of \$15 per ticket. If you would like to go, please sign up promptly in the narthex beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and pay Gloria or Steve Griffin for your ticket(s). If more than 20 people are interested, we will do our best to get additional tickets. We will plan to take the van on this theater excursion. Also, the plan includes having dinner together at Old City BBQ following the play!

# MISSION UPDATES

## Mission

### People Offering Resources Together (PORT)

Another season has concluded for KirkWood as a partner church with PORT. We assisted in three events with host churches at Hilton Presbyterian Church in December 2019, First Baptist Church of Newport News in January 2020, and All Generations Church in February 2020. A HUGE “thank you” to the many volunteers from KirkWood this year who rose to the call and participated. Both our seasoned PORT veterans and first timers came together, and we are so grateful.

### Christmas Offering

The annual Christmas Offering at KirkWood for 2019 was split between York County/ Poquoson Social Services (YCPSS) and the Pastor’s Fund. Nearly \$3,000 was collected which provided a donation of \$1,500 for the many programs and citizens of York County and Poquoson. Thank You KirkWood!



Join us on a Quest for the King’s Armor at  
KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE  
VBS July 27 – 31, 2020



### **Talent Show (or no talent)**

Saturday, February 8th at 6 pm

Desserts in the fellowship hall afterwards.

Save the date to perform or just come to  
the KirkWood Sanctuary to enjoy!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christian Education

## Children's Ministry

Look at the sign up genius and see the open needs in the KirkWood Children's Ministry programs?

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49AAA62AA5F49-childrens1>



The 11:00 a.m. preschool class has two teachers, but with some new kids, they need an extra adult to help focus the children's attention on the lesson. There are multiple learning opportunities each week to refresh the simplicity of a familiar Bible story.

The 11:00 a.m. elementary age needs a helper to work with Jeannine in the 1st grade class as a safety precaution. We have a lot of fun with a hands-on learning approach. Having a monthly theme allows us to examine the story from different angles.

Between the Easter Egg Hunt, Glory time, and children's choir – there is something at a time that works for you. Other opportunities are added weekly. Sometimes it is as easy as a snack or cutting shapes for an event. Don't wait! Sign up today! You could be needed as soon as this Sunday!

## Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date and spread the word!

It is not all about candy and fluffy tailed bunnies! Our hunt takes the children on an adventure through time to connect the sweet gift of Jesus' grace with the traditions we hold today.



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Come and join the fun with the whole family!  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 4  
10 AM – NOON**

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For more information, visit us at  
1209 Hampton Hwy. Yorktown  
KIRKWOODPCUSA.ORG

# KIRKWOOD YOUTH GROUP (KYG)

Christian Education

## **KYG Progressive Christmas Dinner**

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, a team of the amazing KirkWood congregants gave their time and attention to our ravenous youth. After a quick \$5 gift exchange in the youth room, nine youth and four leaders walked into the fellowship hall to music and delicious appetizers provided by several of the Congregational Care committee members. The next stop was Bruce Buchanan’s lovely home for the entrée portion of our travel night and a kitten! The kitten was for playing of course, not consumption. The stop was a hit, and now, much fuller, we loaded the bus for our final leg of the trip to the Reno’s for a dessert waffle bar. The kids (and chaperones) were beside themselves with the sugary goodness of the waffle and hot chocolate bar.

Needless to say, our Christmas party was a huge success thanks to the sheer number of willing participants and their excellent cooking and party decorating skills. Thank you to all who made this evening so special!

## **Free Bake Sale**

The high school students in KYG will be holding a “Jesus Loved you First” FREE bake sale on February 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be passing out free goodies to the community in a public setting (along with a few cranes) as a platform to tell people about Jesus, our church, and to love on those who find the approaching Valentine’s Day holiday stressful or sad.

If you would like to contribute any baked goods that the kids can package for “sale,” please contact Ashley at (804) 413-2113 or [KYGyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:KYGyouthleader@gmail.com).





# AD HOC TEAM

Property & Facilities

## **Church Remodel and Redecoration Project**

The church will be entering a new and exciting phase of its life. A team was tasked to generate ideas for updating the church and its areas to make it more inviting, comfortable, and useful for members and visitors. The team narrowed the focus to just the sanctuary and narthex with the intent to make those areas a true Welcome Center for the church that would be bright, new, and inviting to everyone.

The team has been very busy the last few months and they recommend the following improvements/steps to achieve that goal.

**The sanctuary:** The ceiling will be painted, and the walls will receive a new paint scheme that will lighten the space including an accent wall on the front wall. The accordion walls and temporary walls will be removed and permanent walls will be installed.



**The narthex:** The ceiling will be painted, and the walls will receive the new paint scheme to match the sanctuary including painted and wood accent walls. The current library will be moved to room 5 which will become a new resource room. This will make room for a new comfortable seating area. The carpet will be replaced with luxury vinyl flooring and the bi-fold doors to the closet will be replaced with sliding barn doors. The welcome and sign-up desks will be relocated within the area.





The cost will be around \$14,000 and the work will begin in February with completion this spring. In order to save costs, we will be doing some of the work ourselves. We will need help during certain stages of the remodel and will be putting together a work schedule soon. All degrees of experience will be needed and appreciated. The team would appreciate your patience during the construction phase. If you have any questions or are willing to provide assistance please contact Kirk Reno.

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# UNITE

## Congregational Care

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Unite is a group for the parents of KirkWood's youth! We will meet the third Sunday of each month in room 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The nursery will be available and children ages 4 and up will have children's choir rehearsal. We will continue our study of "I Said This, You Heard That."

Our next meetings are February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for a Super Bowl party at the Harmon's home on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. We will be doing a potluck style "heavy hors d'oeuvres." There will be a movie on for the kids in the playroom and the "pool" (hot tub) will be open for the kids.



If you have children at KirkWood and do not receive our Unite emails, please let Katelyn Press know (forekm@vcu.edu) and she can add you to the email list.