

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

March 2020

## A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

I enjoy this time of year. Nature is beginning to wake up from its winter nap. Trees are starting to bud. Flowers are blooming, and the temperature is moderating (somewhat.) The new life of springtime is a reminder of the new life given in Jesus Christ. As you get ready for the Celebration of Jesus' resurrection in April, there are many ways to prepare yourself for Easter during this season we call Lent.

Over the next few days and weeks you can take advantage of any number of activities here at KirkWood. You may notice some remodeling going on in and around the sanctuary. There are lots of different ways you can help with that project. You can sign up to help mow the grass. You can volunteer to help with Sunday School. There will be a huge need for lots of help with the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. You can provide a meal for homeless veterans or help build a wheelchair ramp. You can join a small group and pray with and for brothers and sisters in Christ. There are many ways to prepare for the Easter Celebration and share Jesus' love with the world.

It is a very exciting time here at KirkWood. As you move forward working together, you will continue to experience the Spirit of the Lord Jesus at work among you.

In Christ,  
Charles



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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)



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## WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES

March 1 - Genesis 2:15-3:7 & Romans 5:12-19  
Sermon Title: THE FREE GIFT OF GRACE

March 8 - Genesis 12:1-4 & John 3:1-7  
Sermon Title: THE WIND (SPIRIT) BLOWS

March 15 - Exodus 17:1-7 & John 4:9-14  
Sermon Title: WATER FOR LIFE

March 22 - Ephesians 5:8-14 & John 9:1-7  
Sermon Title: NOW I SEE

March 29 - Ezekiel 37:1-14 & John 11:17-26  
Sermon Title: RESURRECTION AND LIFE

## SPECIAL DATES

March 6 - World Day of Prayer

March 8 - Daylight-Saving Time begins

March 19 - First day of spring



Don't forget to spring your clocks forward one hour on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



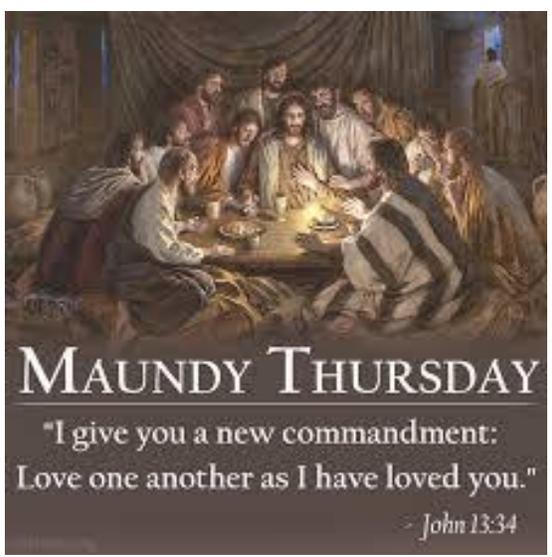
# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Bell Choir - New Member

We heartily welcome Catherine Gough to our group. Catherine and her husband Kerry are new guests at KirkWood and both have jumped into service. Kerry is a welcome addition to our Worship Band. Catherine jumped in with both hands as the bell choir presented the beautiful "God, You're so Good" on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

For the first time in four years we have enough bell ringers! Mary Goodman, Lisa Nickerson, and Barb Ball have also recently joined. Thank you all for your service.



## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

On Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a Maundy Thursday Communion service commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples.

The Worship Choir will present "It is Finished," a candlelight Tenebrae Service by Mary McDonald. The piece combines narration, choral anthems, and congregational hymns as it takes us on a Holy Week journey through Jesus' crucifixion.

## New Acolyte - Norah

We'd like to thank Norah for becoming an acolyte at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.



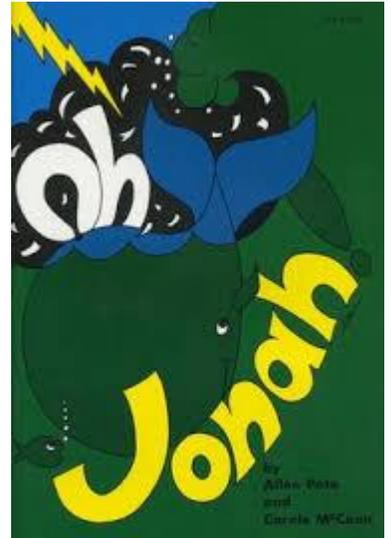
# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Children's Choir - A Joyful Noise

“Oh the tale of a whale is a whale of a tale...”

You may have heard some children singing the opening song of our upcoming musical about Jonah and the whale. We are furiously learning the songs, working on costumes, sets and props, etc. It is an exciting time! In order to put on this musical, we need help! Please do consider volunteering for set-building, costumes, and our favorite, “child-wrangling” (helping us backstage.) Watch for announcements in the coming weeks.



Be sure to join us on May 31<sup>st</sup> when A Joyful Noise presents the musical, “Oh, Jonah!” at both worship services.

**KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 27-31, 2020 5:30—8PM**

**Register Knights ages 4 years through 8th grade**

**\*special mission-based program for middle school**

[https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood\\_pcusa](https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood_pcusa)



**\*Includes a free dinner each night for participants**



*Join the Quest for the Knight's Armor!*  
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Look at the sign up genius link to see the open needs for KirkWood Children's Ministry programs .

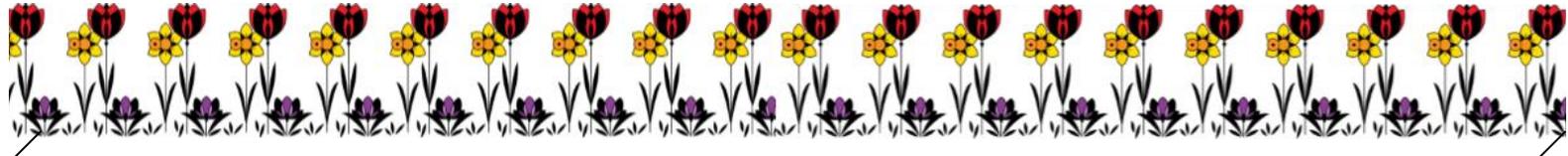


Between the egg hunt, Glory time, Sunday school, and kids choir, there is always something at a time that works for you. Other opportunities are added weekly. Sometimes it is as easy as a snack or cutting shapes for an event.

Don't wait! Sign up today! You could be needed as soon as this Sunday!

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





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christian Education

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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.

- Please bring donations of candy, stickers, or small toys. We already have plenty of plastic eggs.
- Help "stuff" the 1200 eggs on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sign up in the narthex or on the Children's Ministry sign up genius to volunteer your time to provide this experience for the community.





# BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

## Blood Drive

The first Red Cross Blood Drive of 2020 was held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This was the day of the “big snowfall.” We had to cut the drive short by an hour so the workers could get home safely. In spite of the weather, it was a successful drive. We only had a couple no shows and several walk-ins. Our modified goal was 30 pints of blood, and we were able to collect 31. We had 37 donors signed-in, seven deferrals, one could not complete, and two Power Red (double unit.) A huge thank you goes to all those who came out to honor Megan Nickerson and donate to this wonderful cause. Thank you also to all of the Kirkwood volunteers.



**KirkWood sponsored blood drives will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** You can now go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), Sponsor Code: “KirkwoodPC” to schedule your appointment for the May drive. Cards are also available in the narthex with these dates. Walk-ins are always welcome, but appointments are preferred.

**HELP WANTED:** If you are willing to help serve food or in the registration process DURING the drive, please contact Elizabeth Nelson or Cathy Hudgins. We are looking for a few more volunteers who can be called to work.





# KIRKWOOD SILVER & PEACE, PIECE, & PIZZA

Congregational Care

## KirkWood Silver

KirkWood Silver will become a bit more pensive on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, when we gather for a Lenten Luncheon which will include a meditative talk by Pastor Charles Tucker. His topic will be “A New Plan for Lent.” The lunch menu will feature chicken salad, egg salad, and bread for sandwich-making (these three will be provided), as well as some vegetable and fruit salads from several volunteers. Cookies and desserts are always welcome too! We will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up for this special event beginning Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the last opportunity to have Charles with KWS! You won’t want to miss this one! Contact Wanda or Jim Birch if you have questions at (757) 868-8651 or [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net).

The plan for April is to visit Lee Hall Mansion on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and have lunch at a nearby restaurant. Watch for future announcements about this in the bulletin and Kronicle.

## Filtering Can Be A GOOD THING...

KirkWood continues it’s **Peace, Piece, and Pizza** Seminar on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with speaker Jay Baysden from Baysden Computers, 3526 George Washington Memorial Hwy. Jay will speak about filtering electronic media devices from content not appropriate for kids, time limits, and more. Pizza, drinks, and childcare will be provided.





# MISSION UPDATES

## Mission

### One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”  
Matthew 25:40



During this season, we pray for each other and our world, and the impact we can make in it, giving the glory to God. The kick-off for our annual OGHS program begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mission Team members will visit Sunday School classes for more information and to distribute the “Fish Boxes.” A table will be in the narthex each week during the Lenten season with materials and announcements. The OGHS offerings will be collected through Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in both services.

# UNITE

## Congregational Care

Unite parents, we’re trying something new. We’re scrapping our current study and taking the time to get to know one another better. We will begin meeting each week that the Children’s Choir, A Joyful Noise, has rehearsal. We will meet in room 4 from 12:15-1:00 p.m. with a goal to fellowship and be supportive of one another on our parenting journeys. The nursery will be available. We will occasionally sprinkle in some “lessons” on parenting, a Bible study, or targeted discussion questions, but for now, as we switch things up, we’ll take the time to offer advice, counsel, and friendship as we navigate life with small children. This will be a “come when you are able” meeting time with snacks provided.

Our next few meetings will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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



# KIRKWOOD YOUTH GROUP (KYG)

Christian Education



Kirkwood Youth Group crane-dropped the Poquoson Fire Department this month, bringing snacks and cranes to them on Superbowl Sunday. They were kind, answered questions, and let us take pictures with them and their rescue boat!

High schoolers are volunteering in various church/community service opportunities to earn funds for their upcoming retreat in April. So far we have had Stephen and Andrew serve the homeless at PORT. Other high schoolers will be

organizing and serving a Free Bake Sale to the community in March. If you'd like to make a treat for us to pass out at our bake sale, please contact Ashley Wenner by phone (804) 413-2113 or email [kygyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:kygyouthleader@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off snacks and juice boxes in the past! Our reserves are low, and anyone willing to drop off a bag of chips or other snack items are encouraged to leave them in the youth room on our tables, we will find it, and we thank you! **No peanut or tree nut items for allergy concerns.**





# PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

## Spring Clean-Up

Mark your calendars for the Spring Clean-Up to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. If you are able come out to help, we will be cleaning out flower beds, placing mulch in the flower beds, cleaning up the entire campus, and doing general grounds maintenance. The Boy and Girl Scouts will **not** be able to come out in force this year because a large portion of them will be attending school on Saturday, so we will need a lot of church members to help spread the 25 yards of mulch. 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.

## Lawn-mowing Teams

It's time to start getting your team together for the 2020 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. You can also sign up as a substitute to fill-in if someone else cannot make it. Please contact Scott Shoun 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 or Scott Shoun.

The church statistical report is one of three reports that the Clerk of Session is asked to submit each year. The request comes from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. It is filled out online and submitted to them by the second week of February and approved by the session to be published to the congregation. The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) also gets the results. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Riden, Clerk of Session, by email or by cell phone (see our directory).

If you look to see what they want to know, you will understand why we ask for attendance data for worship, Sunday school classes, and small groups. Please turn that info into Albertina at the end of each class cycle. ➔

## 2019 Church Statistical Report

Church	Kirkwood	PIN	10967
Presbytery	Eastern Virginia		
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Web Site	<a href="http://kirkwoodpcusa.org">kirkwoodpcusa.org</a>		



### Membership

Prior Active Members	317	Adjusted membership	317
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### Gains

Certificate	9	Certificate	1
Youth Professions	4	Deaths	3
Professions & Reaffirmations	12	Deleted for any Other Reason	60
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>64</b>

**Total Ending Active Members 278**

### Baptisms

Presented by Others	3	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	177
At Confirmation	0	Female Members	158
All Other	1	Friends of the Congregation	78
		Ruling Elders on Session	15
		Do you have Deacons?	No

### Age Distribution of Active Members

25 & Under	37
26 - 40	49
41 - 55	36
56 - 70	89
Over 70	67
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>278</b>

### People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment	9
Sight impairment	3
Mobility impairment	6
Other impairment	4

### Christian Education

Birth - 3	9	Grade 7	2
Age 4	4	Grade 8	2
Kindergarten	1	Grade 9	2
Grade 1	5	Grade 10	2
Grade 2	0	Grade 11	1
Grade 3	2	Grade 12	3
Grade 4	2	Young Adults	4
Grade 5	3	Over 25	70
Grade 6	2	Teachers/Officers	23
		<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>137</b>

### Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	3	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	7	White	258
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	4
Hispanic/Latino-a	6		
		<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>278</b>

### Financial Data

Annual Income	532,793	Mission Expenses	107,887
Annual Expenses	511,562	Personnel Expenses	239,448
		Facilities Expenses	49,703



# AD HOC TEAM

Property & Facilities

## Church Remodel and Redecoration Project

The church has entered a new and exciting phase of its life. We will be updating the sanctuary and narthex to make it more inviting, comfortable, and useful for members and visitors.

In order to save costs, we will be doing some of the work ourselves. All degrees of experience will be needed and appreciated. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex if you would like to help with the remodeling. The work has begun and will continue throughout March and into April. We are trying to complete a large portion of the project prior to Holy Week. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers for the following dates.

Week of 3/2: Remove the according walls, old speaker holes, and install permanent walls in the sanctuary. We have evening and day work times available to allow more people to help.

Week of 3/8: Remove the bookcases in the narthex and patch the wall. This work will be self directed and can be completed anytime during the week.

Week of 3/16: We will be working on the narthex on two evenings.

Week of 3/23: The sanctuary and narthex will be painted by a professional company during the week.

The Ad Hoc Team would appreciate your patience during the construction phase. If you have any questions or are willing to provide assistance, contact Kirk Reno.

