

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

April 2020

## A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

I began working as a flight instructor at the Williamsburg Airport back in August of 2001. On the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> that year, I was with a student on his first cross country flight. That's a big step along the way of getting a pilot's license. We were headed to Elizabeth City, N.C. As we entered the traffic pattern, it became obvious that something was wrong.

I won't review all the events that unfolded the morning of 9/11. It was a traumatic experience. It affected so many of us in so many ways. As a new flight instructor, it brought grave doubts as to whether I would be able to continue to teach flying lessons. Because of the location of the airport, flight operations were effectively shut down for three months. It was difficult enough for the flight school I worked for to stay afloat in the best of times.

I see some similarities between what we had to deal with back then and the current Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic. Many things all around us have shut down. People are extremely anxious if not downright panicked. We have no idea how this is going to turn out. As of this writing, we are not even able to congregate together as a community of faithful followers of Jesus.

Before I start sounding morbid, I do want you to know that back in 2001 our flight school did make it through. It wasn't easy, but we survived. We went on to help hundreds of people

learn to fly. It was an awesome experience. →



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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)



In Romans chapter 8, the apostle Paul writes, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” No matter what may or may not happen in the next few weeks and months, we can take great comfort and strength in knowing that Paul is talking about everyone who has faith in Jesus. Even us!

In Christ,  
Charles

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## **WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES**

April 5 - Isaiah 50:4-9 & Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon Title: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

April 12 - Jeremiah 31:1-6 & John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: WHY ARE YOU WEEPING?

April 19 - Isaiah 53:10-12 & Acts 2:22-32

Sermon Title: HE IS ALIVE!

April 26 - Jeremiah 23:5-8 & Luke 24:21-27

Sermon Title: ON THE ROAD

## **SPECIAL DATES**

April 5-12 - Holy Week

April 5 - Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9 - Maundy Thursday

April 10 - Good Friday

April 12 - Easter Sunday

April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day



# BLOOD DRIVE & KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

## **Blood Drive**

The next KirkWood blood drive is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00-7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. The fabulous cooks and bakers of our congregation will be out to feed all donors. Thank you to the dedicated KirkWood cooks who feed us at these drives. Donors can schedule their appointments by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org); sponsor code "KirkwoodPC". If you would like to save yourself some time on drive day, you can access the RAPIDPASS. RAPIDPASS lets you do the prescreen process from your mobile device or computer and can save you as much as 15-20 minutes when you get to the drive. The Red Cross will send a link to your email the day of the drive. There will be someone in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> between the worship services to make appointments. If you would like to help with the preparation of the food prior to the drive, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex two weeks prior to the drive or contact Gloria Griffin at (757) 223-4104. 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](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com). There is an **urgent** need for all types of blood right now! Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need. There will be Red Cross blood drives at KirkWood on August 20<sup>th</sup> and November 19, 2020.

## **KirkWood Silver**

KirkWood Silver's outing for April to Endview Plantation has been canceled.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christian Education

**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)



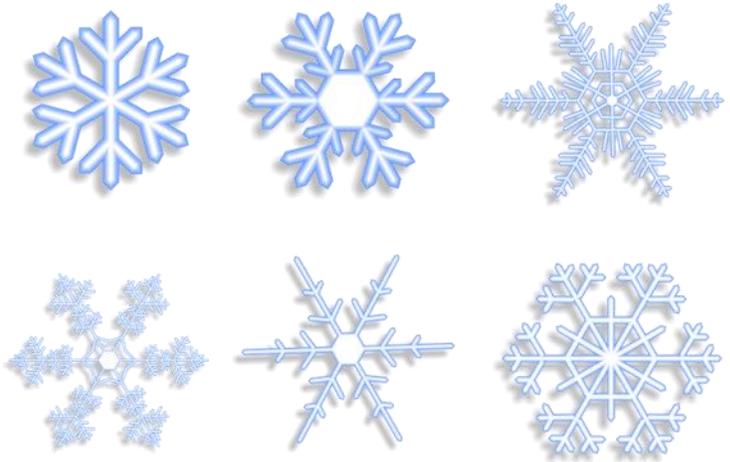
**\*Includes a free  
dinner each  
night for  
participants**



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It is never too early to think about VBS! This is a snowy castle theme. If you are home and feeling crafty, come up with your best snowflakes. Snowflakes can be made from any material: coffee filters, construction paper, recycled paper, fabric, etc. and in any color. We will use them to decorate!



Before we return to worship, please take a look at the sign up genius and see the open needs for KirkWood's Children's Ministry programs.

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





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Christian Education

Everywhere I look, companies and communities of faith are looking at ways to help grow your kids' Christian education during this time of online worship. If you are interested in adding religion to your child's homeschooling teachings, please consider some of these options.

Illustrated Ministry will email you a weekly faith formation resource. Sign up at <https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve?fbclid=IwAR16uQBYFg0qMB0yX-TysdpPrNgfvH2YeEIQvjXYRO6VVzlkK4cqYDIAM2mw>

Laurie Juarez has compiled at home lessons for free download. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/5-Bible-activities-for-prek-and-elem-to-do-at-home-OT-5332229>

Faith Finder Fun Youtube channel will have a collection of pastors offering faith videos, subscribe to see Backyard Monday, Treasure Tuesday, Crafters Wednesday, Magic Thursday, and Science Friday. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXlPslx\\_Ov1u8Z-QOOCQDrw?fbclid=IwAR0r6qMPCTOMD08R9EJbqguj18usAI84d43u4b0HPLGwR6sMLbqzBtmfD4A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXlPslx_Ov1u8Z-QOOCQDrw?fbclid=IwAR0r6qMPCTOMD08R9EJbqguj18usAI84d43u4b0HPLGwR6sMLbqzBtmfD4A)

Orange Kids is offering free digital experiences to include worship videos, teaching, conversations, and so much more. [https://orangekidmin.com/coronavirus/?utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=84997213&hsenc=p2ANqtz-PaG2AkEGbIfLohKU1TekyNFSvskU\\_5qxjomiJYsSZ0IWmE678Mj3mIv35mGimbieMgovegvLc24T7R3fQv67-IGliw&hsmi=84997213](https://orangekidmin.com/coronavirus/?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=84997213&hsenc=p2ANqtz-PaG2AkEGbIfLohKU1TekyNFSvskU_5qxjomiJYsSZ0IWmE678Mj3mIv35mGimbieMgovegvLc24T7R3fQv67-IGliw&hsmi=84997213)

## **Scout Troop 54 Thrive Peninsula Food Drive** (extended until May 18<sup>th</sup>)

KirkWood is joining Scout Troop #54 in their partnership with Thrive Peninsula for a Food Drive between March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> (this date has been extended until May 18<sup>th</sup>). See the flyer on the Mission bulletin board and the red donation bin for high-need food items. Please, no perishable foods. Your help with this important cause is greatly appreciated! For more information contact Jen Carter.



# MISSION UPDATES

Mission

## One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Matthew 25:40 “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”.

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 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.

**UPDATE:** The dedication of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) fish boxes this year was scheduled for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Since we will not have corporate worship on this date, please try to have all donations into the church office by that date. Thank you.

## Meals for Vets

KirkWood has been graciously providing meals for VETS who are in transition from homelessness. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to sustain this ministry, and we are asking your help to continue. The men are very appreciative. We provide meals for two houses with five men each on Monday and Thursday. The meals can be brought to the church the day before or by 3:30 p.m. the day of delivery. You may also call Gloria Griffin at (757) 719-0995 or (757) 223-4104 for Monday delivery or Zora Parker at (757) 833-6406 or (757) 869-3784 for Thursday delivery, and they will arrange for pickup. We are asking anyone who can help with this ministry to sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849a5a62ea0f58-meals>.



# WORSHIP

## Worship

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Corporate Worship is near and dear to most of the members of KirkWood. We pour a lot of resources into making 2-1/2 hours of every Sunday a truly wonderful and glorious time to praise God. And rightfully so, as He is most worthy of all worship, praise, and honor that we can give Him. We worship Him through our singing, with our gifts, with our presence, with our prayers, and with our encouragement of each other. We worship Him with our service and with our playing of bells, stringed instruments, and cymbals.

This is why we can get so discouraged with the temporary loss of the ability to participate in corporate worship together in one place. We had such wonderful things planned for Easter week, and we were so looking forward to sharing it all with you.

We will continue to post the sermons and bulletins on KirkWood's home page each Sunday, and I encourage you to not only listen and read it, but share it with your friends and family either by forwarding the e-mail or sharing it on social media. We actually had over 300 views of our sermon page on March 22<sup>nd</sup>! God's Word is definitely still getting out with probably an even bigger reach than before.

But, in being unable to meet together for worship, I encourage you to consider what it means to worship. Worship is not just singing. Worship is not just reading scriptures. Worship is not just prayer. Worship is not just reciting creeds. Take some time each week to think about what it really means to worship God.

As I wrote this, I couldn't help thinking that this can be an opportunity to get to the core of worship, the Heart of Worship. Please take a moment and look up the lyrics to Matt Redman's song "The Heart of Worship" written over 20 years ago. In this time when we cannot meet together, I encourage you to discover what it means to truly worship our Lord. And I very much look forward to being able to worship with each of you, face-to-face, once again.

- Jim Mershon