

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

July/Aug 2019

A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

Summer is here and with it comes a chance to enjoy a little bit different pace of life. Enjoying vacation time with family and special time with friends is an important part of celebrating this wonderful creation God has given us. I hope and pray that you can have a chance to allow the Holy Spirit to work the power of re-creation amid your recreation and travel.

At a special retreat on June 22nd, the Mission Study Team worked alongside KirkWood's Session to put the final touches on the Mission Study Report. We believe this report reflects KirkWood's current values and visions for what Jesus is calling us to be and do as a part of His body.

The Session approved the report, and once the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia approves it, KirkWood will launch the next phase of our transition process. As we do, it continues to be important that you are informed and that you stay in prayer. The Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected soon and will begin the process of searching for your next called Pastor.

The next couple of months not only give us the chance to enjoy something a little different, they also give us a chance to watch and pray as we boldly move into the great future God has in mind for us.

In Christ,
Charles



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

Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (adult), 11:30 a.m. (adult & youth, childcare provided on a needed basis)



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WEEKLY READINGS & SERMON TITLES

July 7 - Isaiah 6:1-10 & Matthew 13:10-17
Sermon Title: EARS AND EYES

July 14 - Psalm 128 & Matthew 13:44-50
Sermon Title: FIELD & STREAM

July 21 - Isaiah 55:1-5 & Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon Title: WE HAVE NOTHING

July 28 - Genesis 1:1-8 & Matthew 14:22-33
Sermon Title: COME

August 4 - Isaiah 29:11-16 & Matthew 15:1-11
Sermon Title: TRADITION

August 11 - Isaiah 56:1,6-8 & Matthew 15:21-28
Sermon Title: EVEN DOGS

August 18 - Pastor Tucker on Study Leave

August 25 - Jonah 1:11-17 & Matthew 16:1-4
Sermon Title: THE SIGN

SPECIAL DATES

July 4 - Independence Day (Church Office Closed)

New Guests in our Sanctuary

KirkWood's Session has granted the Peninsula Reformed Presbyterian Church permission to use the sanctuary and kitchen on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ as they worship here while they seek a permanent home. They have made arrangements to worship at other locations whenever we are using these facilities on Sunday evening. Please be aware and considerate of their presence.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Summertime is a great time to take a step back and ponder just what KirkWood means to you, what role you play in our church community, and what aspect of the church’s ministry is calling to you.

Please prayerfully consider your participation in some aspect of our music program. We have several groups you can join:

Bell Choir- meets Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Worship Band- meets Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Worship Choir- meets Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. (during Cantata season, we begin an hour later)

Cantata Choir- Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Children’s Choir- Sundays 12:15-1:00 p.m.



PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Property & Facilities

The P&F Committee is looking for new volunteers. There are a few jobs we need help with. There are a number of windows around the church that have old, faded, and cracking caulk so it needs replacing. We will provide all of the supplies and tools, we just need you. We are also looking for help reinstalling the pull down stairs and shelving in the nursery that had to be removed when we replaced the air handling equipment. If you are willing to help with either project, please contact Kirk Reno or Murray Ritter.

The committee would like to thank all the mowing teams for keeping the church grounds looking good! Just a reminder, if you cannot make your scheduled date there is a list of folks who have volunteered to fill in. If you run into any issues with the new equipment, the grounds, or anything that looks out of place, please let the office know and they will pass it along to us.

The P&F Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen for any who are interested in joining to help keep the church in good working order. We can use all levels of talent.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

The next KirkWood Blood Drive is scheduled for **Thursday, August 22nd, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The fabulous cooks and bakers will be out to feed all donors. No menu has been decided as of now, but the food is always great. Donors can schedule their appointments by going online to 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 laptop or desktop 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 also be someone in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 11th and 18th after the worship service to make appointments. If you would like to help with the preparation of the food, there will be a signup 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. There is an urgent need for all types of blood now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need. Our final drive for 2019 is scheduled for November 21st.

KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver’s trip to Tangier Island on June 6th yielded comments such as “very enjoyable trip,” “wonderful,” and “glad we went!” 26 KirkWoodians and friends made the voyage. Some had never been there before. Everyone seemed to have appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed the great fellowship.

KirkWood Silver will take a break for the rest of the summer and will resume our monthly gatherings and shenanigans on Thursday, September 19th with a luncheon at the church followed by a special appearance by The Three Scottish Lassies! Be sure to save the date! Watch for details to unfold in late August or early September. Everyone stay cool and safe wherever you are spending the summer, and enjoy some neat serendipities!



MISSION UPDATES

Mission

Congo Update

Please pray for the Etienne Bote-Tshiek family. Papa Tshiek, Regine, and other family members are traveling to the Democratic Republic of the Congo during July and August. This is a visit home for the Bote-Tshieks but also a time to visit our sister church, CPK Mikondo. Prayers for safe travel.

Meals for Veterans

A BIG thank you to all in the KirkWood community who have volunteered to prepare meals for the two homes in Newport News. Your response to this ministry has been wonderful. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Sign up in the KirkWood Narthex or on Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849A5A62EA0F58-meals>.

Support to York County Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization

The KirkWood Mission team recently met with the York County Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization office. One of the programs of this office is to help York County residents who need assistance maintaining their home. This assistance can be anything from installing a new roof, to remodeling a bathroom, to accommodating a disabled person, to changing light bulbs, to fence repair. Like our partnership with York County - Poquoson Social Services, KirkWood will be on call as needs arise. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of KirkWood to serve our local neighbors. Watch for announcements and signup sheets during the coming months. Contact Kirk and Jamie Reno, Arba Williamson, or Jen Carter for more information.



UPDATE FROM MISSION STUDY TEAM

Planning & Leadership Development

KirkWood Mission Study Report Approved by Session

In October 2018, the KirkWood Mission Study Team (MST) began meeting weekly to develop KirkWood's Mission Study Report. The report is required by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) as a precursor to forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to call a new permanent pastor for KirkWood. The MST included Tony Sweers (Team Lead), Wanda Birch, Bob Craig, Jen Carter, Rich Egyud, Mike Fore, Kate Ritter, and Ashley Wenner. Pastor Charles Tucker guided the team through the report development process and provided much appreciated insight.

The MST delivered the final draft of its report to Session at its June 18th monthly Session Meeting. On Saturday, June 22nd, Session and MST members met at KirkWood for a full-day retreat to review and discuss the report in detail. Throughout the day, the report was updated in real-time with important clarifications and improvements. Following the retreat, a Called Session Meeting was convened, and Session unanimously approved the report and thanked the MST for its dedication and considerable work.

On June 25th, the PEVA Committee on Ministry (COM) approved the report without changes. Now the KirkWood Nominating Committee will begin the process of selecting nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to be approved by the congregation.

TRADOC CONTINENTAL ARMY BAND

Congregational Care

SAVE THE DATE! The KirkWood Congregational Care Committee is sponsoring a trip to Fort Monroe on Thursday, August 15th, to see the TRADOC Continental Army Band perform it's 2019 Homecoming By the Bay Concert, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Details to follow.



VBS & SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Christian Education

VBS is welcoming new visitors!

July 22-26th 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years through 8th grade

Announce your arrival at: https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/kirkwood_pcusa



To Mars and Beyond VBS welcomes voyagers on an adventure to explore where God's power can take them. They will lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them!

There is a way for every single member to be involved in this ministry. Look each week in the bulletin to stay up to date on needs for decorating, kitchen donations, and more. Make a personal invitation to a family to join. Keep us in your prayers as the countdown to blast off approaches.

Reward your learning and check these locations for summer reading programs.

York County Libraries: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/754/Summer-Reading>

Amazon Summer Reading Challenge: https://www.amazon.com/summer-reading-challenge/b/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&node=17707783011&linkCode=sl2&tag=heyitsfree-20&linkId=a0b58dbc240bd2b15e1b56a6a802f966&language=en_US

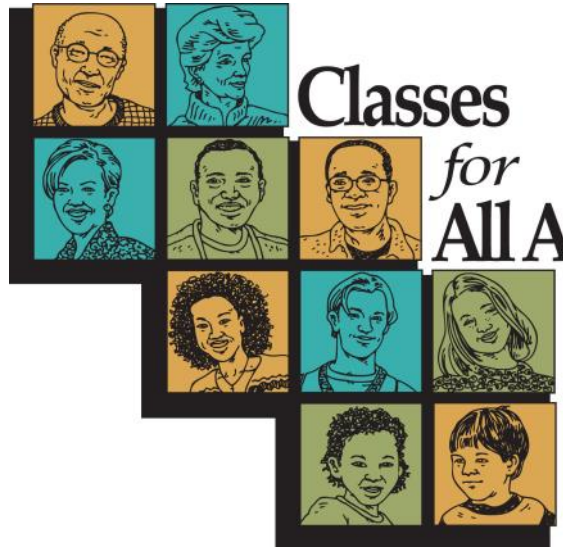
Summer Reading at Barnes & Nobel: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading?st=AFF&SID=Barnes+%26+Noble+Logo+120x60&2sid=Ryan+Eubanks_2745940_NA&sourceId=AFFRyan+Eubanks&cjevent=736608ee92a111e9812601900a240610&dpid=tekz25v83





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE SUMMER

Christian Education



The super summer Sunday seminar series with Pastor Tucker continues at 8:30 a.m. examining the book of Acts.

At 11:30 a.m., Bruce Buchanan leads the *Bible Studies for Life Curriculum*, studying: *Living by Faith, Women who Trusted God* through July 7th; *How to Equip and Encourage Others* on July 14th, and *Living a Godly Life in an Ungodly World* from July 21st through August 25th. Please come as often or as little as you are able; child-care provided!

At 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, Ashley Wenner continues *God is Supernatural*, a practical application and exploration of the Holy Spirit in everyday life. Young adults especially invited; all adults are welcome.

August 25th is Sunday School Rally day! Please take a moment after the service to see what's being offered for the fall for children, youth, and adults.

Jeannine needs volunteers to help with Glory Time this summer and with children's Sunday school in the fall. We need you—all of you, not just parents—to assist with teaching God's word and love. This past year, due to a lack of volunteers, we had to combine younger and older grade school kids in one Sunday school classroom. This resulted in a class that was not optimal to meet the needs of those older kids and interest them in God's word. Please consider helping and contact Jeannine Scott for details.