

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

Sept. 2019



A Letter From Our Pastor

Hello KirkWood!

September is here and fall is just around the corner. Excitement is building, and I hope that you can find a way to plug in to at least one of the many ways Jesus is making His Spirit known among us. Upcoming opportunities include Christian Education programs, small groups, fellowship outings, choir groups, volunteer missions, the Pumpkin Patch, and the Enchanted Forrest. These are just a few ways you can be part of this Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to make Him known to all.

I also want to update you on one of the most exciting things going on here at KirkWood. In June the Session approved the Mission Study Report and forwarded it to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. Presbytery's Commission on Ministry approved the report and gave KirkWood the go ahead to form its Pastor Nominating Committee (often referred to as the PNC.)

KirkWood's Officer Nominating Committee has now begun the process of selecting members to serve on the PNC. As the nominating committee seeks to fill the seven member PNC, I encourage you to be in thoughtful prayer over the entire process. You will elect elders for the class of 2022 on September 15th. A few weeks later, there will be another congregational meeting to elect the PNC. This will begin the process of calling your next installed pastor. Ask God to bless this process and to lead you in understanding what your role will be.



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In Christ,
Charles

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

September 1 - 2 Kings 12:4-8 & Matthew 17:24-27
 Sermon Title: GIVE NO OFFENSE

September 8 - Psalm 103:1-13 & Matthew 18:21-35
 Sermon Title: HOW OFTEN?

September 15 - Deuteronomy 24:1-4 & Matthew 19:1-9
 Sermon Title: FOR WHAT CAUSE

September 22 - Amos 5:10-15 & Matthew 19:16-30
 Sermon Title: FIRST AND LAST

September 29 - Jonah 4:6-11 & Matthew 20:1-16
 Sermon Title: GOD'S GENEROSITY

SPECIAL DATES

September 2 - Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 8 - National Grandparents Day

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 15 - October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

September 23 - First day of autumn

Two Worship Services

We've enjoyed seeing everyone in worship together all summer. On September 8th, KirkWood will return to two worship services.

9:30 a.m. - Contemporary

11:00 a.m. - Traditional





MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Worship Choir

Back to work! The KirkWood Worship Choir resumes Wednesday evening rehearsals on Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m. and will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 8th, when KirkWood moves back to the two service schedule.



We have a wonderful variety of music planned for the fall including three new pieces:

- Heather Sorenson’s new arrangement of “Cornerstone”
- “I Was Glad, So Glad” (based on Psalm 122)
- A new arrangement of “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

We also have many returning favorites, including “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” by Tom Fettke.

In addition to presenting our cantata on Dec. 15th, we will help lead a congregation-wide caroling trip into the community on Dec. 21st.

Bell Choir

Would you like to join a small group at KirkWood? Please consider joining our Bell Choir. We have two positions open, and we need you! Please speak to Ann Brown about joining this fun group of ding-a-lings! No experience necessary. We will train!



Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept 11th from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Cantata Choir

What can you expect from joining KirkWood's Christmas Cantata Choir?

- Joy of participating in a choir
- Satisfaction of learning
- Exhilaration of sharing God's message through music
- Delight in fellowship



Do you have Wednesday evenings free from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.? We are always looking for newcomers! It is a fun way to celebrate Advent and Christmas by giving something back to others while meeting new people and learning a bit about music and singing.

Our Cantata Choir will be gearing up next month with three events:

- **Cantata Kick-off Pot Luck Supper** at the Searles' house at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15th. We will gather for fellowship and a meal, and then listen to a recording of our cantata, "The Silence and the Sound" by Heather Sorenson.
- **Cantata Boot Camp**, Sat. Sept. 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Ann calls it a "Choir retreat," but Christine Pregler says it's more like "Boot Camp!") This special morning includes fellowship, devotional, rehearsal, tips for the care and feeding of your voice, and concludes with a meal.
- **First weekly rehearsal** October 3rd (Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

All you need to do is show up!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

Children's Choir



What would you call a bunch of exuberant children with significant vocal talent who love singing praises to God? The KirkWood Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade) needs a name! Please submit ideas to Ann Brown (orybeebrown@gmail.com).

The contest winner will receive two free tickets to the children's musical dress rehearsal on May 9, 2020!

We have an exciting yet challenging year ahead for the KirkWood Children's Choir. In addition to participating monthly in worship services, we can look forward to:

- Sunday, 9/15/19 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Weekly rehearsals begin
- Saturday, 12/14/19 10:30 a.m. Cantata dress rehearsal
- Sunday, 12/15/19 Cantata (both services)
- Tuesday, 12/24/19 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, 5/10/20 Children's Musical (both services)

BACK TO SCHOOL - YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, September 7th
6:45 p.m. Registration

To Register: <http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/youth-rally>

For more information contact:

Ashley Wenner, Youth Coordinator,
at 1SuperNaturalGod@gmail.com

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting Sept. 8th

Adults: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 3:00 p.m.

K-12th grade: 11:00 a.m.

"Sharpen Your Faith...

Study God's Word"





BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care

KirkWood held a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, August 22nd. We had 35 presenting donors and were able to collect 34 lifesaving pints of blood. The weather was very hot and humid, but the donors, volunteers, and workers pushed through. Even though we did not make our goal of 37 pints, it was successful. Way to go Kirkwood! A huge thanks goes to all those who volunteered their time to work a shift, prepare food, or come out and donate. We could not do this valuable ministry without the help of all of the volunteers. The date for our final 2019 drive is **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**. Walk-ins are always welcome, but appointments are preferred.

HELP WANTED: If you are willing to help out serving food or in the registration process DURING the drive, please let either Elizabeth Nelson or Cathy Hudgins know. We are looking for a few more volunteers to be available to be called to work.

UNITE

Congregational Care



To the parents with young ones:

We understand your need to UNITE with other parents surrounded by the love and acceptance of Christ! This group gives you a chance to share in some conversation, prayer, and study with other adults. You are doing a great job with your kids, and this is a time and place to feel renewed and recharged.

Join us in Room 4 on September 15th at 12:15 p.m. to make this group your own. Childcare and lunch are provided while you discuss the best options for study, location, and time.



DINING PARTNERS

Congregational Care

The early church is described in the Book of Acts 2:42-47 as devoted to the apostles' teachings and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. KirkWood Dining Partners is about spending an evening together talking, laughing, and enjoying a shared experience with your church family. Please consider joining us for any or all of the upcoming Kirkwood Dining Partners activities and reach out to others to join us.

There will be sign-up sheets for the eating out events in the narthex and reminders in the bulletin beginning in late August.

If you have any questions, please contact Arba Williamson (awillia114@aol.com) or Cindy Williamson (cwillic114@gmail.com) or ask anyone who participated last year. We had a lot of fun and meaningful conversations.

Locations below are tentative – please watch the bulletin and your e-mail for final plans. And feel free to drop either Arba or Cindy a note with any suggestions.

Dates for KirkWood Dining Partners

September 21, 2019	Andreas, York County	6:00 p.m.
October 19, 2019	Tucanos Brazilian Grill	6:00 p.m.
November 16, 2019	Smoke, Warwick Blvd	6:00 p.m.
December 8, 2019	Brunch - TBD	12:00 p.m.
January 18, 2020	Crab Shack, Newport News	6:00 p.m.
February 22, 2020	El Rancho, Poquoson	6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2020	Miyaki Grill, Kiln Creek	6:00 p.m.
April 18, 2020	New restaurants at Power Plant	6:00 p.m.
May 16, 2020	Thai Erawan, Yorktown	6:00 p.m.



KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver’s Kick-off Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th, when Three Scottish Lassies will be our special guests! Following a pizza and salad lunch at 11:30 a.m., the Three Lassies will offer colorful glimpses of their homeland in a light-hearted presentation. Come and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship. Bring someone who hasn’t yet discovered how much fun KirkWood Silver folk and events are!

For our meal, KWS planners will purchase take-out pizza and would appreciate several donations of desserts. The cost should be no more than \$5.00. Sign up in the narthex beginning September 1st. The deadline will be September 17th. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Birch at (757) 868-8651 or wandjbirch@verizon.net, or contact Carolyn and Bill Gilbert or Gloria and Steve Griffin.



The KWS planners would like to have more input from more people for the planning of events for our group. Please consider joining the planning team. You could come just for one planning meeting to plan one event you’d like to see become reality. If you like that, you could continue for a longer term. We meet only three times a year. Let one of the planners know if you’re interested.

Future plans: October 17th – Lunch at The Vineyards in Kiln Creek at 11:30 a.m.



Pumpkin Patch

Sept. 28th - Oct. 31st
Visit the Pumpkin Patch,
Take Pictures,
Buy Pumpkins

Monies help support
our Missions and
the Navajo Reservation

THE ENCHANTED FOREST

WHERE: KirkWood Presbyterian Church

WHEN: October 31st, 5:00 to 7:30 PM

WHAT: Candy, games, prizes,
bonfire, and refreshments

WHO: Free to All!

WHY: A new safe way to Trick
or Treat. Wear your favorite
costume!





ENCHANTED FOREST & T-SHIRT SALES

Outreach

The Enchanted Forest is just around the corner, and it's time to start planning. Our Enchanted Forest brought over 700 people through our path and into our church last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community. And speaking of the Enchanted Forest we need CANDY, CANDY, CANDY! We'd love for everyone to start bringing in Halloween candy donations to the narthex starting Sept. 8th -Oct. 31st. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all of the awesome volunteer opportunities available for making the Enchanted Forest a huge success again this year.

The second order of t-shirts are on back-order, but we're hoping to hear something soon about them. We do have some t-shirts from the first order that have not been picked up. See Toni Fisher anytime.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christian Education



Take a more involved role in Children's Ministry and be a part of the vision.

To welcome all children,

guiding them as they grow a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,

teaching how God's love and forgiveness embraces them,

encouraging their growing discipleship,

and mentoring a servant's heart.

Opportunities are available in both teaching and administration efforts. See Jeannine or sign up at church!

Sharing and Learning Together (SALT)—a Sunday School Program

Beginning Sundays Sept 8, 2019 – 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Way of the Word (WoW!) for Children (Jeannine Scott) at 11:00 a.m.

- **We require volunteers for all age groups!** Contact Jeannine to be part of a teaching team.
- Nursery is available until age 4 to allow for flexibility.
- Preschool class in room 2, for ages 2-1/2 years old (as of September) to Kindergarten.
- WoW! Classes upstairs for grades K-1 and 2-5 – contact Jeannine Scott to sign up. We will start the year learning Creation from Genesis and then Beatitudes, Feeding the 5000, and Mary's Obedience.

Youth (grades 6-12) (Ashley Wenner) at 11:00 a.m.

- Grades 6-12 upstairs – contact Ashley Wenner to sign up
- We are studying stories and characters straight from scripture and connecting their struggles to the problems of the current world.

Adults of All Ages

- 8:30 a.m. (Nate Nickerson) – Bible Studies for Life. All are welcome, no matter how frequently you can attend. We start this Fall with *Simplicity, Finding Contentment in a Busy Life*. These studies are designed to engage us in deeper relationships with each other. They leave room for conversation about real-life issues, while never departing from the authority of Scripture.
- 9:30 a.m. (Jim Birch) – in-depth Bible study, currently examining the book of Joshua.
- 9:30 a.m. (Christine Pregler) – contact Christine for details.
- 11:00 a.m. (Joyce Armstrong) – Bible Studies for Life. All are welcome, no matter how frequently you can attend. The 11:00 class uses the same program materials and schedule as 8:30, so people may attend either as their schedule allows.
- 3:00 p.m. (Ashley Wenner) – Discussion and prayer group spanning many generations, all are welcomed, and encouraged to come! Lessons are straight from the Bible and include deeper looks into the supernatural side of our God: miracles, healings, deliverance, prophesy, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please text 81010 with the message “@godiss” to sign up for text message updates on meetings.



MISSION UPDATES

Mission

Meals for Vets

Our ministry to provide meals continues to run smoothly. Thanks to all in the KirkWood community who have volunteered. Please continue to volunteer and 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 continues to partner with York County to assist our neighbors to maintain their homes. KirkWood members rebuilt part of a fence and provided lawn service in July and August. Kirk Reno is finalizing the plans to build a wheelchair ramp sometime in September. The team also has a project to move a metal wheelchair ramp in September. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of KirkWood to serve our local neighbors. Watch for announcements and put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Kirk or Jamie Reno, Arba Williamson, or Jen Carter for more information.

Support to York County Poquoson Social Services (YCPSS)

The KirkWood Mission team continues to partner with YCPSS on furniture moves and other projects. We did three furniture moves in July and one so far in August. These volunteer efforts usually take a couple of hours and provide needed furniture to those who have very little. Contact Arba Williamson to add your name to the email list of volunteers.

Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkins are coming! Our first load of pumpkins will arrive on September 28th! Start thinking about how you can volunteer and support this huge annual event. Set up of the "Patch" will be on Saturday, September 21st. Lots of help is needed to put up the lights and canopy and to move all the pallets. Sales will start on Saturday, September 28th and run through October 31st. We will use Sign Up Genius to schedule volunteers for the two hour shifts. Look for bulletin announcements to know when the website will be live to sign up to work a shift. Contact Arba Williamson or Jen Carter if you have questions.



MISSION UPDATES CONTINUED

Mission

Capital Campaign to Pay Van Loan

In March, KirkWood was able to purchase a Nissan NV3500 12-passenger van to support our Youth, Mission, Congregational Care, church staff, and other programs. We have already gotten great use of the van by the KirkWood Youth Group, KirkWood Silvers, and on an adult mission trip to North Carolina. When we bought the van, KirkWood paid half in cash and took a loan for approximately \$20,000. The plan is to execute a Capital Campaign to pay off the loan in full. By paying off the loan, we will only have to budget incremental funds for fuel, insurance, and maintenance.

The Capital Campaign will begin September 8th and end November 30th, 2019.

Some frequently asked questions might be:

How do I contribute?

- Contribute with a check in the Sunday offering plate with Van Loan on the memo line.
- Drop a check or cash in the collection box by the Van Capital Campaign Poster in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.
- Fill out a Van Capital Campaign Pledge Card pledging a weekly or monthly amount for 2020, which would be in addition to your annual pledge.

How do I determine how much to give?

- The monthly loan payment is \$355.19. You can contribute or pledge one or more monthly payments.
- There are 12 seats in the van, you can buy a seat for \$1,666.00.
- Buy a tire for \$100.00.
- Buy a door for \$200.00.
- Buy a lug nut for \$10.
- Any amount is fine and will contribute to KirkWood's Vision and Mission to "make Christ known to all."