

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

Nov. 2019

## A Letter From Our Pastor



Hello KirkWood!

Can you believe it's November? KirkWood's Pumpkin Patch and Enchanted Forest were such great ways of reaching out to the surrounding community. They are behind us now, and 2020 is just around the corner. 2019 still has so much in store.

November 10<sup>th</sup> is Pledge Sunday. That is the day we make financial commitments to Jesus and his Church for the coming year. There are a lot of important ministries going on at KirkWood, and the reality is that they all take money to operate. I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider what kind of financial commitment God is calling you to make to these ministries.

Please also remember that a commitment to Jesus and to his Church is far more than financial. Time, talent, and treasure are words that traditionally get associated with stewardship. They are helpful words, but there is another word that gets at the heart of what stewardship is all about. That word is love. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave..."

God gave us a beautiful world in which to live. God gave us one another for support, strength, and encouragement. God gave us Jesus, his only Son, so that we can know God and love God forever. As you think about and meditate on all the love God has given you, reflect on the many ways you can show God how much you love Him back.



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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

November 3 - Leviticus 19:15-16 & Matthew 22:34-40  
Sermon Title: LAW & PROPHETS

November 10 - Psalm 122 & Matthew 23:37-39  
Sermon Title: JERUSALEM

November 17 - Isaiah 2:1-4 & Matthew 28:16-20  
Sermon Title: GO AND MAKE

November 24 - Zechariah 9:11-14 & Matthew 21:1-11  
Sermon Title: BEHOLD YOUR KING

## SPECIAL DATES

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 3 - Daylight-Savings Time ends

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 24 - Christ the King Sunday

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed 11/28-11/29)

## Hanging of the Greens

Come join us for the second annual Saturday evening Hanging of the Greens event! We will be gathering at the church on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and decorating fun. Like last year, wear your favorite Christmas sweater (tacky, obnoxious, or otherwise), but the contest will be for the "best" Christmas hat! Let's see what hidden treasures are lurking in your closet or attic. We will provide the food and drinks; just bring yourself and your family for a great time.





# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship



Our Congo celebration on October 23<sup>rd</sup> was an inspiring evening. We sang music of all types including a song from the Congo! Thank you to our musicians who led the service: worship choir, worship band, Ben Scott, and Albertina Dowe. Special thanks to our soloist, Kathy Fore, our youth singers Katy and Julia, and to Tshiek who led us with his voice and on the drum!

## Church-wide Christmas Caroling



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We need YOU to come caroling on December 21st from 4:30-6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome including children. We will meet at the church and then go out with the church van (and extra cars, hopefully) to bring some Christmas joy to area nursing and retirement facilities. We will go back to the church for some hot cocoa and cookies.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship

## Children's Choir Update

The children are still hard at work each week, preparing for the Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve.



On November 10<sup>th</sup> they will present the anthem “Thankful” which is appropriate anytime, but especially this time of year. One of our choristers, Leah, will be our soloist.

Thank you to our choir helpers Jon Schloicka and Lacie Harmon who did a great job as child-wrangers during our rehearsals. We need more people to step up to help during rehearsals (see sign-up on board outside choir room).

# NOVEMBER IS PLEDGE TIME

Stewardship

**Pledge Sunday is November 10<sup>th</sup>**, and now is a good time to ask yourself why and how you give to the church.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Psalm 24:1. We, as Christians, are the stewards or managers of the gifts of money, time, and ‘talents’ that God has given us. We are responsible to Him for how we use them.

In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Paul says believers should set aside a portion of their income to support the church and says that giving should be “in keeping with income” not what is left over after all other living expenses have been paid.

Please pray diligently and seek God’s will concerning your financial giving for 2020. The amount you give should be done with pure motives and an attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)



Also remember, your financial pledge is between only you and God. God knows your financial situation, and He expects you to give according to how He has blessed you. Only one person knows what you have pledged.

Stewardship is not just financial. God gave you time and every ‘talent’ you have. How else can you give to the church? Can you usher every 4<sup>th</sup> week? Can you sing or play handbells? Can you come to a committee meeting once a month to learn how you can help? Do you have any ideas for Christian Education? Can you be an aide in Glory Time or WoW classes? Please consider how you can help KirkWood be a vital church and make Christ known to all.

By the time you receive this Kronicle, you should also have received your pledge card. Please prayerfully decide what you will pledge to the general fund and fill out your pledge card. Bring it to church on November 10<sup>th</sup>. By pledging you will help Session develop the budget for 2020 and figure what programs KirkWood can support next year.

**Note:** Check one of the boxes at the top of the pledge card regarding envelopes.

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## SEASONS OF KIRKWOOD

Planning and Leadership Development (PLD)

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Are you new to KirkWood (KW)? Are you looking for new opportunities within KW? Or have you been here awhile but are curious as to how the big KW picture flows throughout the year? PLD has put together a visual planning tool called the “Seasons of KirkWood” planner. It can be found online on the KW website posted under the **News and Events** tab and under the **Ministries** tab in the PLD section. The planner is updated periodically and covers various ministry areas of the church. It also provides a list of common KW definitions and acronyms. It is provided to new KW members during new member training but is also intended for all KirkWoodians. So check it out!



# KIRKWOOD SILVER

Congregational Care

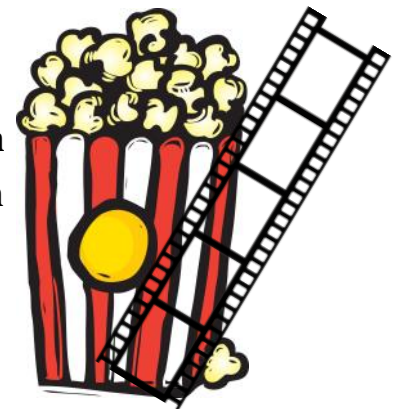


KirkWood Silver will go for some local art culture on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, when we visit the Charles Taylor Visual Arts Center on Victoria Blvd. in Hampton. Exhibits of art by local and regional artists change every

couple of months. You may carpool from the church at 9:30 a.m. or meet at the gallery at 10:00 a.m. Lunch with hearty fellowship will follow at Ventura Kitchen in downtown Hampton. Please sign up in the narthex November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Wanda or Jim Birch at (757) 868-8651 or at [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net)

KirkWood Silver folks have the opportunity to hear some wonderful Christmas music performed by the various music ensembles from the Christopher Newport University's Music Department. This annual Holiday Happening concert will be held at the Ferguson Center on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets need to be purchased well in advance and will cost \$5. Please decide promptly if you would like to attend, and sign up for this event in the narthex as soon as possible (by November 10<sup>th</sup>) so we can order the tickets and get good seating as a group. There will be carpooling from the church by van and cars. Questions? Contact Jim or Wanda Birch.

We will celebrate Christmas on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, when our fellowship hall will be transformed into a movie theater! The featured film will be the heart-warming Christmas classic "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," starring Loretta Switt. There will be a snack bar offering a variety of flavors of popcorn, candies, and Christmas goodies! Admission is free, but you may wish to make a donation to the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank. Previews (i.e., devotions, announcements, carols, snack bar) will begin at 2:00 p.m. The running time for the movie is about one hour. Look for sign-up info in the bulletin and Kronicle in late November.





# UNITE & BLOOD DRIVE

Congregational Care



## UNITE

UNITE will meet November 10<sup>th</sup> in room 4 from 12:15-1:00 p.m. to continue the study "I Said This, You Heard That."

## Blood Drive

The final 2019 Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, November 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 as of this date, but the food is always great. 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 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 be someone in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> between the worship services to make appointments in person. If you would like to help with the preparation of the food prior to the drive, 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 [hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com) or (757) 869-2645. There is an urgent need for all types of blood now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need. The **2020 dates are as follows: February 20<sup>th</sup>** (this drive will be dedicated to Megan Nickerson, who is in remission from Leukemia and received multiple units of blood during her treatment), **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.



# MISSION UPDATES

## Mission

### **Meals for Vets**

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry. Your meals help the residents of the two houses continue their path to independence and a home of their own. Our meals show them that KirkWood cares. 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 recently built a wheelchair ramp in upper York County. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the project. KirkWood will continue to partner with York County to assist our neighbors to maintain their homes. 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 a furniture move in October assisting a family and continued lawn care assistance to a family in Poquoson. 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.

### **Capital Campaign to Pay the Van Loan**

The Capital Campaign to pay off the van loan is going very well. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. As of October 24<sup>th</sup>, KirkWood has contributed over \$11,417 toward our goal of \$20,000. The Capital Campaign will continue until November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort.





# MISSION UPDATES CONTINUED

## Mission

### **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. Check the information table in the narthex to find out how you can support this wonderful ministry. Christmas boxes must be collected and readied for shipment by November 25<sup>th</sup> to reach children in over 100 countries by Christmas. The final collection date and dedication of the Christmas boxes at KirkWood will be Nov 24<sup>th</sup> (before Thanksgiving!) Contact Linda Briggs ([lcbriggs@cox.net](mailto:lcbriggs@cox.net)), Wendy Barrick ([wcbarrick@cox.net](mailto:wcbarrick@cox.net)) or Jen Carter ([emandme96@gmail.com](mailto:emandme96@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

### **People Offering Resources Together (PORT)**

KirkWood will actively support the PORT program in Newport News this winter. We have increased our support from two to three nights. KirkWood will partner with Hilton Presbyterian Church on December 21<sup>st</sup>, First Baptist Church, Newport News the week of January 1-8, and AllGenerations Church the week of Feb 5-12 to provide shelter for those without homes. There are plenty of opportunities to help with this ministry. KirkWood will cook dinner, check-in guests, and cook breakfast for the guests. About 15 volunteers are needed each night for part of the time. Look for more information in the coming months.

### **Progressive Dinner Hosts Needed**

Our youth group is in search of two homes willing to open their doors and their kitchen tables to the youth for a Progressive Christmas Party Dinner on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The youth will begin at the church and take the van to a few different homes, each offering one course of a meal. If you have an interest in hosting us for an entrée, a dessert, or an appetizer, please contact Ashley Wenner (804) 413-2113 or [kygyouthleader@gmail.com](mailto:kygyouthleader@gmail.com) for details! This is an extraordinary opportunity for our KYG to make lasting connections with KirkWood's members!





# MISSION UPDATES

## Mission

### Congo Update

KirkWood had a wonderful treat on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with the visit of Pastor Isaac Kalonji from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pasto Kalonji is the President of the Congregation of Presbyterians in Kinshasa (CPK). Mikondo, our sister church in the Congo, is part of the CPK. Pastor Kalonji brought good news that our monetary gifts for Mikondo arrived. He also gave us a sobering picture of the hurdles CPK is working to overcome and the difficulties they face to make Christ known to all. The KirkWood Mission Team is going to look for additional ways we might assist the CPK with their ministries.



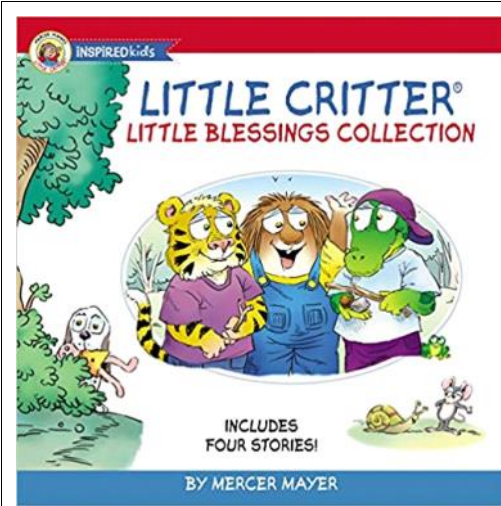


# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

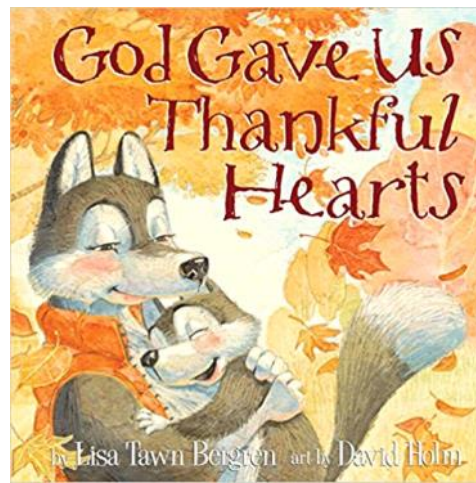
Christian Education

## Children's Library

Borrow these new books from the children's library in room 2 to help discuss your blessings and thankfulness all month long.



Little Critters help kids learn important truths about being thankful and getting along with others.



Even though Lil Pup is sad that hibernation will keep him from playing with his friends, Mama reminds him of all the fun fall holds.

Our Glory time children visualized the vineyard from recent scripture of the Parable of the Tenants and stamped grapes growing. They work very hard every week (sometimes for up to four hours of church time) preparing their harvest for the Lord.





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education



In this season of thanksgiving, the Christian Education committee would like to recognize all the amazing teachers and mentors!

Thank you for all you do to prepare, lead, discuss, teach, supervise, and assist! We appreciate your service to the Lord and to KirkWood.

The CE meetings are always open to those who feel a calling to support the education ministry. Please join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in room 7.



The season of advent is often filled with varying emotions and busy schedules. Take some time this year to focus your heart on Jesus. Share that joy with others.

By the end of November, devotions will be available. Please take two! This will allow you to enjoy one and give another to someone searching for the hope, peace, joy, and love of the season.

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope.”*

**– Romans 15:13**