

# KirkWood Kronicle

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

April 2024



KirkWood Family,

Easter is a season, not a day. Did you know that?

We call the days between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost “Eastertide.” I’ve always liked that turn of phrase – “Eastertide” – it sounds like ocean waves crashing into the shore, a force no mere mortal can stop. You can hear the sheer power of resurrection in the title “Eastertide” more than in the more generic “Easter.” There’s a rhythm to it - a boom, then spray, then a pregnant pause, and then the cycle repeats and repeats itself over and over again. God’s work that began with Jesus’ rising is unrelenting.

Here's a great devotional from The United Church of Christ to help us gleefully and gratefully ride the waves of Eastertide this year...To be a Christian is to surf on the crest of God’s renewal of all things:

*“Hallelujah is Forever*

by Rev. Vince Amlin (Apr 18, 2022)

God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. – Psalm 30:5 (NRSV)

The other day, my wife made her famous apple pie. Only it wasn’t. She took the recipe from a different place, thinking it was the usual. When the pie came out, she knew something wasn’t



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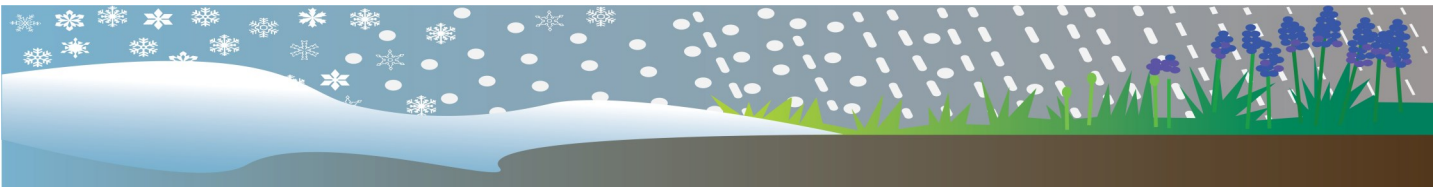
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**Worship:** Sundays, 9:30 AM, in person and broadcast live via KirkWood’s home page and our YouTube channel. On-demand replays are available on YouTube and the church website.

**Sunday School:** 8:30 AM (adults) and 11:00 AM for all ages



right. The apples had overcooked. The crust wasn't flaky. It tasted like nothing.

The next week she tried again and discovered her mistake. The two recipes were nearly identical. The difference was just 1/4 cup of flour and 1/2 cup of shortening. But from our first bites of the second pie, we knew: Yes! That's the way it's supposed to be.

Baking is a delicate balance. So is faith.

Easter, like Lent, is supposed to be a season. Fifty days stretching to Pentecost. Seven weeks of celebration, resurrection, and joy. It's called Eastertide. Don't feel bad if you didn't know. No one does.

Many of us observe 40 days of solemn introspection at Lent. We give things up. We take things on. We remember we are dust. We bury our hallelujahs.

Then, for one glorious morning, it's lilies and trumpets and candy-filled plastic eggs; 40 parts Lent to 1 part Easter.

That's the wrong recipe. The original calls for 50x as much! Fifty times as many rolled away stones! Fifty times as many empty tombs! Fifty times as much death-defeating love!

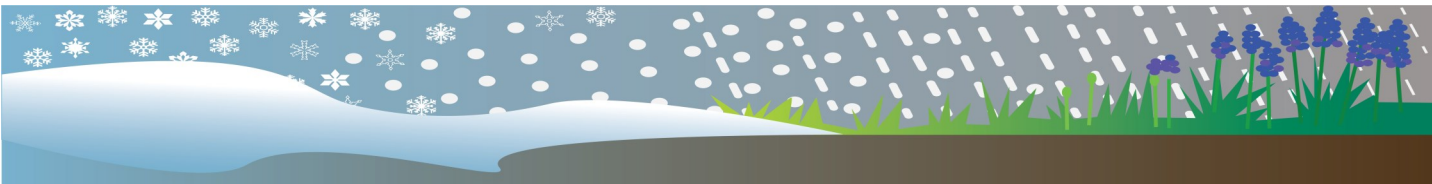
Imagine the difference. In your life. In your church. In our world.

The balance is off. It's time to switch recipes. Welcome to Eastertide.

Prayer - Joyful God, death-defeating Love: Your anger is for a moment, your favor is for a lifetime. Death has had its day, joy has come. Hallelujah! Amen!"

Warmly,  
Pastor Chris





# Welcome Acolytes



## Bailey Blanton and Nathan Harman

Your church family much appreciates your donating time and talent for this important part of our Sunday morning worship service.



April 1-8 – Pastor Chris on Vacation

April 7 - Food Pantry Collection

April 13 – Walking Group to Fort Monroe at 11:00 AM

April 14 – Biscuit Sunday at 10:30 AM

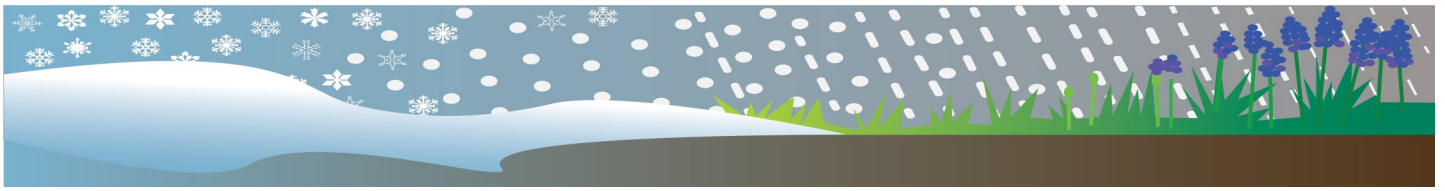
April 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft Fair 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

April 21 – Earth Day Intergenerational Activities at 11:00 AM

April 23 – PEVA Meeting at KirkWood

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# Congregational Care Update

## Congregational Care

**Biscuit Sunday:** Oh, yeah, it's time again to break out your favorite recipe for biscuits or other breakfast treats! We had a lot of variety this past October and we look forward to another great eating event after the worship service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There's nothing like a biscuit slathered with butter and jam or layered with ham or sausage. We love gravy, too!

**KirkWood Dining Partners:** A date and location for April's Dining Partners' event will be announced in upcoming bulletins. Point of Contact is Cindy Williamson (757-344-5577).

**KirkWood Silver:** If you didn't attend the March Box Lunches and Bingo event, you missed a really good time! Playing Bingo was fun, but the gag prizes accompanied by Steve Griffin's jokes/stories were hilarious! Thanks Steve and everyone who made our fellowship time so terrific!

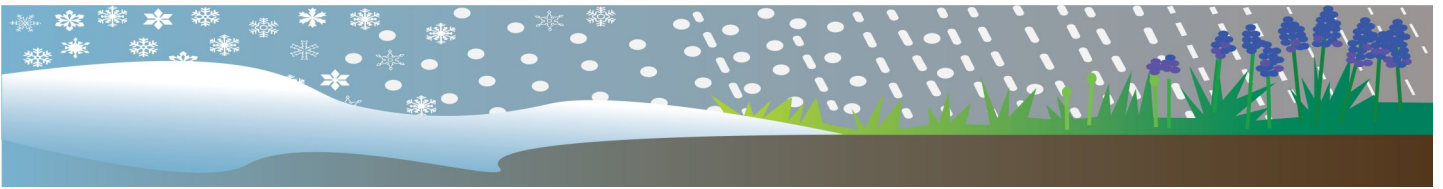
**The plan for April is to enjoy lunch together at The Vineyards in Kiln Creek on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at the restaurant by 11:30 AM.** Sign up in the Narthex Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information, contact Wanda Birch (757-868-8651) or [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net).

Plans for May and June are incomplete at this time.

**Other Upcoming Events:** On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, CC will be hosting an International Foods Night Potluck Supper. Bring your favorite recipe from the four corners of the globe. We like 'em all! Sign up will be available in the Narthex and on-line.

**Meals Support:** If due to illness, hospitalization, or other circumstances you require assistance in providing meals for yourself or family, CC is here to help. We can arrange for volunteers to provide up to three meals to your home during these times. Under exceptional conditions, we will work with you or your family to provide additional support. POC is Wendy Linehan (757-509-8233).

Unless otherwise noted, the point of contact for these items/events is Lew Goodman (757-375-7520).

An illustration of two hands, one pink and one light blue, holding a globe. The globe is decorated with various colorful flowers (yellow, red, blue, white) and green leaves. The background is a light green, textured surface with faint silhouettes of trees.

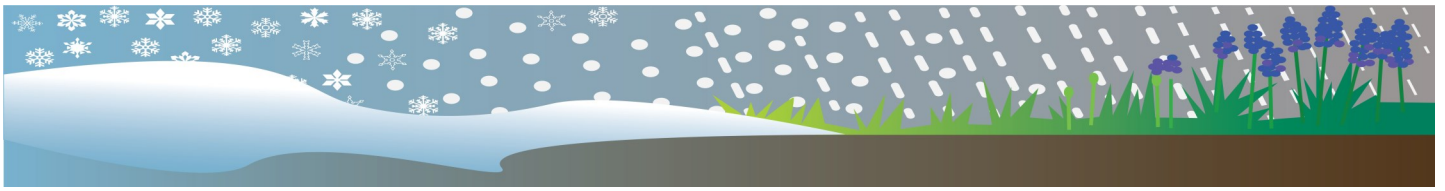
Psalm 67:6

**EARTH DAY**

**APRIL 21**

*ENJOY GOD'S BLESSINGS DURING THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR*

- Bring a fruit or vegetable to share the “harvest”
- Take a guided tree tour of the grounds and prayer path with Charlie Reece
- Share in the joy of creation by spending time outside



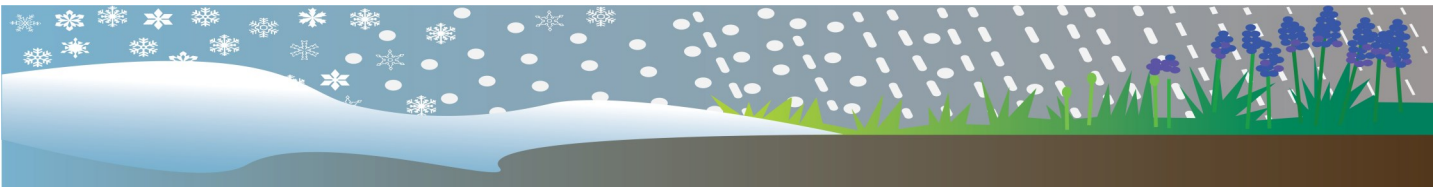
# Keeping Busy; Helping Others

## Missions

Happy Spring from your Mission Committee! Once again, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents to the successful ribbon cutting ceremony for THRIVE on March 19. We are grateful to partner with and support such a tremendous cause. We encourage you to check out their website, [thrivepeninsula.org](http://thrivepeninsula.org), to become familiar with the programs and support they offer to the community around us as well as additional opportunities to volunteer with them. On Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, your Mission Committee will again partner with THRIVE during the 2024 Give Local 757 Initiative, an annual 24-hour giving day, held each year in the Spring. This giving day helps to raise and match funds for the organizations, like THRIVE, that strengthen the Hampton Roads region. Keep your eyes open for more details in our announcements and social media channels as this date approaches.

Your Mission Committee is very active with local and regional food ministries. We support and are involved with several food programs that support our local communities, including St. Luke's Food Closet, the Peninsula Food Bank, THRIVE, our monthly offering collection for H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat), P.O.R.T (People Offering Resources Together), Second and Fifth Thursday Lunches at First Presbyterian, as well as our own **very** busy KirkWood Food Kupboard. We would like to thank you all for your generous support of all these programs. Your Kupboard volunteers monitor and stock the Kupboard daily and find that donations of canned and boxed meals, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, canned meats such as tuna and chicken, as well as all ranges of cereals are most popular. Please reach out to Susie Seay, Catherine Gough, Lisa Nickerson, or Toni Fisher with any questions!

We would love to have you join our committee and hope to see you soon on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in classroom four!



# Please Join a Special Blood Drive

## Mission

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This drive will be held in memory of Steve Hudgins, and in honor of all those that have been in need of blood products during an illness at a point in their lives. We will be highlighting a few of our Kirkwood family members. This will be a high volume drive, so I encourage you to make your appointments early. I am hoping to get some additional workers and some additional appointments.



Steve and Cathy Hudgins

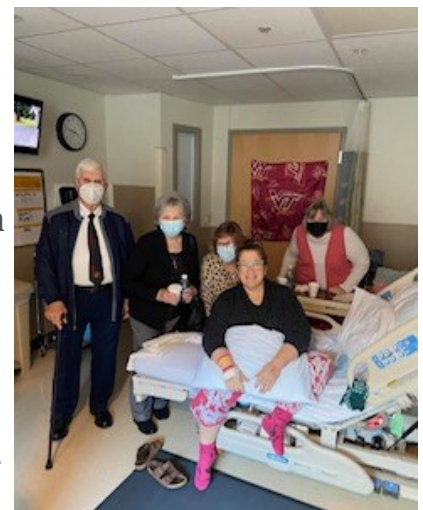
**REMAINING 2024 DATES**  
**August 15**  
**November 21.**

**TIME CHANGE: All drives from the May drive on will be scheduled on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**

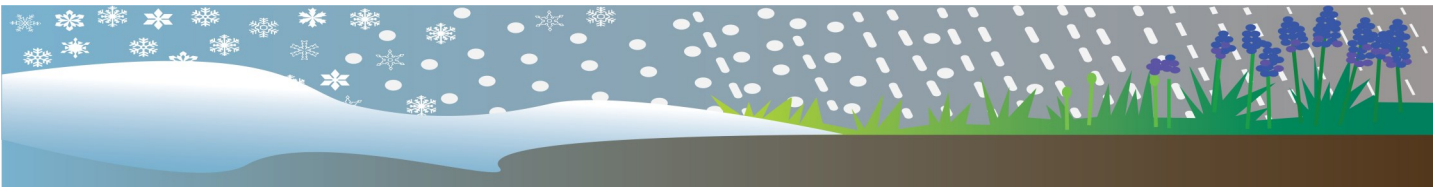
The schedules for the May and August drives are open and you can go online to schedule your appointments or contact Cathy Hudgins ([hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com)) to make your appointment for you. You can go to

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and in the upper right corner you can enter the sponsor code: KirkwoodPC to take you to the Kirkwood page.

If you would like to inquire about helping at the drives or with donating food or funds to defray the cost of the food during the drives, please contact Cathy.



Jill (Deaton) Hollowell and family during cancer treatments



# Sleep in Heavenly Peace is Not Just a Song

## Missions

On a dreary Saturday morning in mid-February, 41 KirkWoodians met at Briarfield School in Hampton to assemble beds for children in need. What a meaningful experience!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a non-profit organization that builds and delivers beds to children who do not have a bed. Their motto is: “No kid *sleeps* on the floor in our town!”

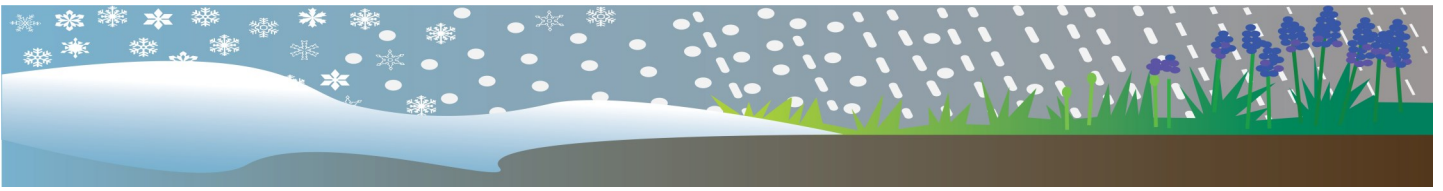
KirkWood participated as a group on this particular Build Day and it was a great experience for all who were able to attend. There was something to do for all skill levels... from the moment we arrived, signed in, and got our safety gear ... until the last SHP logo was branded on the final headboard of the day. Volunteers – under the guidance of SHP Chapter team members – built bunks in an assembly line setup. There were stations for sanding, drilling, assembling, staining, and branding the wood. What started as a pile of raw lumber from the hardware store became ready-to-deliver bunks for kids in need.

**[Volunteering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace \(follow link for more information\)](#)** can provide a number of wonderful benefits while learning how to build bunk beds. As volunteers we had the opportunity to learn how to use woodworking tools such as drills, sanders, and many other pieces of equipment. We measured, leveled, sanded, and stained wood; and even got to see how branding a bed works!

We look forward to our continued partnership with SHP and are eagerly looking forward to our next bed build day! You can find the schedule for future Build Days and additional information on the local chapter’s website **<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/va-hampton/>**.

All agreed this was a great experience and a great way to give back to our communities.





# Foundation for the Future FAQs

## Stewardship

As KirkWood embarks on our effort to raise funds for major building maintenance projects, we thought a quick review of what, when, how and why is important to clarify our reasons for the fundraising initiative.

### **What is Foundation for the Future?**

Foundation for the Future is a fundraising effort to provide additional funds for priority building maintenance projects at KirkWood as recommended by the Property and Facilities Committee and approved by Session.

### **What will the money be used for?**

Currently there are three projects that have been approved by Session:

- 1) replacement of the roof,
- 2) updates to the sound system in the sanctuary, and
- 3) sealing the parking lot and additional parking spaces.

### **How was KirkWood able to pay for the roof in 2023?**

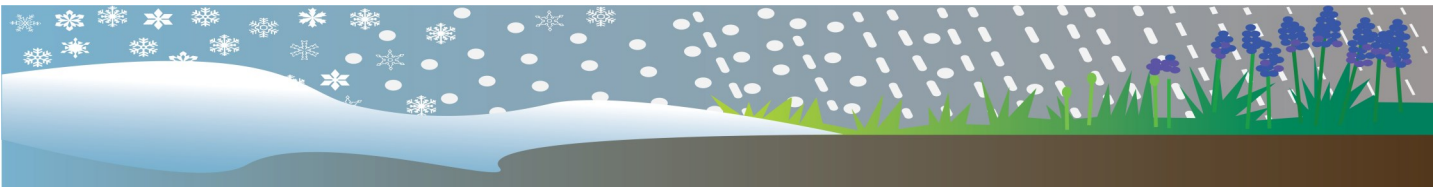
KirkWood has been blessed financially, and we have built a strategic reserve over time, which enabled us to proceed with the roof replacement when a favorable bid was received, and the weather was mild. Now we seek to repay what was ‘borrowed’ for the roof – something like moving savings to checking to pay large bills and paying yourself back over time.

### **Why is it important to support Foundation for the Future fundraising efforts?**

KirkWood opened for worship services in July 1989 and the educational wing (classrooms and fellowship hall) was completed in 1996. To keep the building in good condition, the Property and Facilities Committee recommended completion of the three maintenance projects listed above that have been approved by Session. There may be additional projects in the next few years as we accommodate the changing needs of our church community.

### **What is the goal? And how long will this fundraising effort last?**

This is actually the easiest question to answer. The fundraising goal is \$150,000 with \$101,400 already pledged or received as of February 29, 2024. So, we are more than half way to the goal! And we hope your support will get us to the goal by the end of this year.



# Flock Your Friends for the Future

## Administration

### Foundations of the Future Wants to Flock Your Friends

Flamingos flocking in someone's yard usually shows they are pranked. This fundraising idea involves deploying a flock of pink plastic flamingoes in a friend's yard. Besides just trying to get a laugh out of the homeowners, these statues mean that someone is helping to raise money for KirkWood's capital campaign.

Yes, you could be a part of our fundraiser.

To flock a loved one costs \$40 for two (2) nights. When you purchase the flocking, you can request the days or chose first available. We will not guarantee that the homeowner will be on site for the flocking. On those days a flock of pink flamingos appear in the yard by "The Flamingo Marauders", and those who put them there sit back and enjoy at their prank. Don't worry, two (2) days after your chosen home has been flocked, our "Flamingo Marauders" will cause the flock to disappear from the yard. Also, early pickup of the flock can be purchased for \$30.

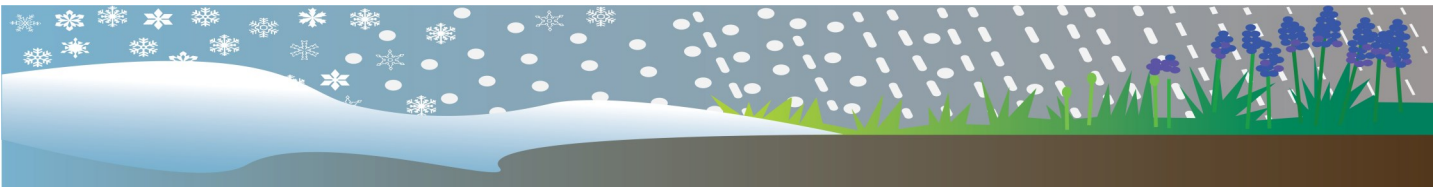
Sharing photos of your, or your loved ones, flocked yard are strongly encouraged!

If you do not want to be flocked, and strongly believe you will be (Pastor Chris), you may purchase Flamingo Insurance. We have several tiers for you to participate in:

- Protection for a 1-time flocking costs \$30
- Protection from flocking for 1 week costs \$45
- Protection from flocking for 1 month costs \$60
- Protection from flocking permanently costs \$100

All proceeds from flocking will go to the Foundations of the Future capital campaign fund. That is 100%.





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