

# KirkWood Kronicle

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

April 2023



KirkWood Family,

Many of us really enjoyed Trevor Hudson, both his book and the videos that Sunday School used this Lenten season. So this month, maybe it would be good for me to give us another opportunity to learn from and be moved by his ministry. Below is an article he wrote on [renovare.org](http://renovare.org), one of a series of excerpts from his Lenten devotional book, Pause for Lent.

“When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebub, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against him-self and is divided, he can-not stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.’ —Mark 3:21 – 27

Overcoming evil is an essential ingredient in the life of Jesus. Not only does he conquer evil in the midst of personal temptation, but he also constantly wrenches



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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.

**Sunday School:** Sundays 8:30 AM (adult) and 11 AM (all ages). Nursery care is available. Please visit our website for information on additional resources for individual, family, and group nurturing.



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men and women free from malignant evil whenever it manifests itself in human suffering and pain. Jesus, according to the New Testament writers, is the Divine Agent sent into this world to liberate human beings from the bonds of evil in its many different forms.

Not surprisingly, as we see in this reading, his opponents don't like this. They accuse him of being in league with the demon Beelzebub. Even at this very early stage in Jesus' ministry, naysayers are already looking for a reason to do away with him. Gospel writer Mark wants to show that the shadow of the cross is beginning to fall across Jesus' life long before the events of Golgotha.

But Jesus responds differently to his opponents' tactics. He refuses to respond to evil with the weapons of evil. He simply points out that their accusations are not logical. If Satan is driving out Satan, then the Evil One is fighting against itself. Instead, Jesus overcomes evil and brings God's kingdom of freedom to all who are held captive by its dark powers.

How do we share in this victory today? We can face the darkness within our lives honestly and name it for what it is. We can confess our complicity in the societal evils around us. We can call out for the crucified and risen One to deliver us. We can take action against the injustice around us. Most of all, we can keep on demonstrating the power that is stronger than evil: the power of self-giving and crucified love.

Warmly,  
Pastor Chris



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# April

## Special Dates and Upcoming Events

**April 2** - Palm/Passion Sunday, Food Pantry Collection

**April 6** - Maundy Thursday (Seder at 6 PM, Service at 7:30 PM)

**April 7** - Good Friday (Church Office Closed)

**April 8** - KirkWood Walking Group at 11 AM (Oozlefinch)

**April 9** - Easter Sunday, HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Collection

**April 10** - Easter Monday (Church Office Closed)

**April 15** - Board Game Gathering at 1 PM

**April 26** - Administrative Professionals Day

**April 29** - KirkWood Craft Fair 10 AM - 3 PM



# Congregational Care Round-up

## Congregational Care

**Holy Week Events:** Pastor Chris and Cindy Williamson will be hosting an abbreviated Seder meal at 6 PM on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. Sign up in the Narthex or on-line. Following the Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 9th, the Williamsons will be preparing everyone's favorite, a pancake and bacon breakfast. Get there early!

**KirkWood Dining Partners:** In April, the Dining Partners will be meeting for dinner at the Pho Diner at 8135 George Washington in Yorktown at 6PM on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our next event will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at a time and location to be announced. Look for details in upcoming bulletins. POC is Cindy Williamson.

**KirkWood Craft Fair:** The Outreach and Congregational Care committees will be hosting a craft fair on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 3 PM on the KirkWood lawn. If you are a crafts person and would like the opportunity to sell your wares, there is still time to sign up (application on the KirkWood website). Otherwise, just come out and enjoy the spring weather and support our craft vendors and food trucks. Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who might enjoy crafts or spending time together.

**Upcoming Events This Summer:** CC is planning some great events for enjoyment and fellowship during the summer months including a Peninsula Pilots baseball game on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Brunch at the Fort" on Saturday, August 5th. If there is an event or activity you'd like to us to take on, please let us know!





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## Congregational Care

**Meals Support and Visitation:** As always, if you or a loved one needs temporary help with meals for any reason or would like someone from the church to visit you or a family member, please let the church office know. The CC committee is here to assist you.

Unless otherwise noted, the point of contact for these items/events is Lew Goodman.

**KirkWood Silver** will be "playing around" again in April! A round of miniature golf, that is, at Play-A-Round, on Route 17 in Grafton! The date is Thursday April 20, and the time is 11:00 AM. Prizes will be given for the first "hole in one" and for the lowest score for 18 holes! There is a nice Snack Bar there offering pizza, some sandwiches, beverages, and ice cream. There are some tables inside and benches outside. Feel free to bring your own lunch if Snack Bar fare doesn't suit your taste! Sign up in the Narthex beginning April 2nd.

### Looking ahead:

May 18th - Lunch at York River Oyster Company and Grill in Gloucester Point - 11:30 AM.

ACT NOW IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND The Williamsburg Players' production of the musical, "The Spitfire Grill" on JUNE 17th at 2:00 p.m. "This inspirational musical triumph celebrates fresh starts and the power of what one person can do." We have purchased a block of 20 tickets. The tickets cost \$15 each and may be purchased from Gloria Griffin, 757-719-0995, or [gloriagriffin@cox.net](mailto:gloriagriffin@cox.net). Sign up now. The van will be going!



# Blood Drive Update, Volunteers Needed

## Mission

Our second 2023 Kirkwood Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2-7 in the fellowship hall.** Donors can schedule their appointments by going on line to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org); sponsor code KirkwoodPC. All donors are encouraged to complete the RAPIDPASS on or before the day of the drive. RAPIDPASS lets you do the prescreen process from your laptop, desktop computer or cell phone 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. If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins, 757-869-2645 or [hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com). **She is looking for a couple of volunteers to help with registration and in the canteen during the drive.** If you need assistance making your appointment, contact Cathy. There is an urgent need for all types of blood now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need.

**Donna Craig will be coordinating the food for our drives. If you would like to donate food or monetary donations, to help defray the cost, contact Donna ([donnacraig029@gmail.com](mailto:donnacraig029@gmail.com))**

**The remaining 2023 Dates: August 17 and November 16. All from 2:00-7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. Cards with these dates can be found in the**

## Remembering our Neighbors' Needs

**Monthly Food Drive:** We collect non-perishable foods and monies to support St. Luke's pantry the first Sunday of every month.

**Monthly Offering—"Helping Other People Eat":** We collect the H.O.P.E. offering the second Sunday of every month. Funds are divided between Youth Challenge, Mid-Atlantic Faith Recovery, Menchville House, and our sister church, CPK Mikondo, for their Feeding Program in Congo.





# Stewardship and Neighborliness with KirkWood Trees

## Stewardship

From its founding as the Kirk in the woods, KirkWood has recognized and celebrated the wonder and gift that is our natural environment. April is a convenient time to refresh our appreciation of and responsibility for this garden of a planet we find ourselves living on. April 22 of each year has been celebrated as Earth Day since 1970. Many economic pressures have pushed people to unknowingly “foul the nest we live in” on this planet. We are gradually learning that greater care is needed if we are to be responsible stewards of God’s creation.

The ecology of nature is fascinatingly diverse and complex. Choices that we make today create a lasting legacy – for good or ill. KirkWood is blessed with land that yet retains many native species. The woods are home to many plants and animals with shrinking habitat. How many of our natural neighbors do you recognize or have taken time to meet? We have the opportunity to treasure these neighbors, learn about their communities, and share their enjoyment and dependencies with our human neighbors.

The KirkWood Family Gardens effort is starting to enhance the Wee KirkWood and Prayer Path area with additional native plants. The plan is to create a nurturing environment for local ecology and also for our human community. Look for opportunities to share in this development work. This spring and summer we will also be developing a tree inventory and guide useful to the public, with support from the York/Poquoson Cooperative Extension volunteer Tree Stewards. Although perhaps unpretentious, trees play critical roles in the web of life locally and internationally. Look forward to the day soon when you may either join or lead an educational tree tour at KirkWood.





### **Palm Sunday, 4/2**

9:30 AM - A special reader's theater presentation; invite your friends!

### **Maundy Thursday, 4/6**

6:00 PM - Abbreviated Seder Dinner - Attendance is limited to 64, so sign up in the Narthex or online ASAP: [Kirkwood Seder Dinner](#)

7:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

### **Good Friday, 4/7**

The church office is closed.

### **Easter Sunday, 4/9**

6:45 AM - Outdoor Sunrise Worship Service in Wee KirkWood

7:30 - 9:00 AM - Pancakes, Bacon, and Fruit... Oh my! It will be a delicious brunch whether you get up early for the sunrise service or just come early for a meal with friends.



8:00 - 9:15 AM and 10:30 - 11:00 AM - The Great Easter Eggs-ploration is more than an egg hunt. It is a chance for those from 0-99+ years old to explore what you believe this Easter. The fellowship hall will have three stations open before and after the 9:30 worship service. If you want to explore even more, go outside and find a dozen eggs hidden in God's great creation.

9:30 AM - Easter Worship Service (in the sanctuary)

### **Easter Monday, 4/10**

The church office is closed.





# Christian Education

## Congregational Care

### New Topic for Christian Education

The PC(USA) Store gives this description of our lessons that will start on April 16<sup>th</sup> and continue for a 4 week session:

Prayer is both a central spiritual practice for followers of Jesus, and, for many, one of the most difficult to grasp. It seems like prayer should be simple, just talking to God. But we worry about how we are praying, if we are saying the right words or doing the right things, and we wonder if anyone is really listening.

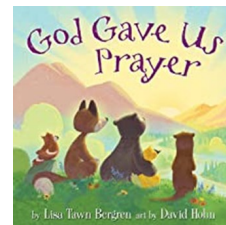


**Pray** shows us how when we believe that prayer is important enough to worry about messing up, that someone is listening, and that the listener is concerned, we are engaging in supreme acts of trust. Prayer relies on our belief that God cares for us and hears us. This belief shapes us. In this unit, we share our pain, we hear other people's pain, and are invited to pray for and with them. As we give thanks, we realize how much we truly must be thankful for, and grace is revealed.

### "Check Out" What's New in the Children's Library



*When I Pray for You* is a new release by Matthew Paul Turner. It reveals the tender emotions connected with watching a beloved child grow up and experience the world. It celebrates the dreams, hopes, and longings parents pray over their children.



*God Gave Us Prayer* by Lisa Tawn Bergen shows Little Pup asking his Mama about prayer. He told all his friends and they came over to ask Little Pup's Mama questions too. This book has many sample prayers to share with your children.

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