

KirkWood Kronicle

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

August 2022



KirkWood Family,

This is the first of several Kronicle articles in which I'll go into a little more detail about how older congregations can reach and enfold younger adults, a question from our summer "It's Up to You" Sunday series (specifically, from July 10).

In several of the major research projects done in the last few years about this very issue, a single word takes centerstage time and again—intergenerational. If you think about it, we live in a culture in which we're not "intergenerational" very often. Maybe within our own extended family units? But where else? In fact, we very often pursue the exact opposite: We segment ourselves into activity and interest groups of folks in our own age range. Whatever the good of having peers who are at the same life stage, this isolation can become an echo chamber. One has to wonder if this stratification is a key factor behind the deep distrust between the younger and older generations in America right now.

The research shows that older churches who successfully reach younger adults are intentionally intergenerational. And, moreover, that this is multi-faceted, meaning this value shows up all across the life and ministry of the congregation. It's not just one event, nor a one off; it's woven into most of what they do. Granted, the particulars of how one church does this will be different from another, but the purposeful intent and goal is the same.



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Worship: Sundays, 9:30 a.m., in person and broadcast live via KirkWood's home page and our YouTube channel. On-demand replays are available on YouTube. Nursery care is available during worship.

Summer Sunday School: Intergenerational CE Event on Sunday, August 7. See page 8 for more information. Fall Sunday School begins September 18. Watch for more information to come.

Here are a few ways that congregations are “intentionally intergenerational” (there are more):

- ◇ One Sunday of every month is set aside for intergenerational ministry and connection. The normal age-specific Sunday programming is cancelled in favor of something that mixes the ages. This might be a meal, a work day in the community or on the church grounds, small discussion groups, a shared lesson, you name it.
- ◇ Small groups are intentionally mixed by age, and established groups are kept small enough to be able to invite and include new young adults whenever possible.
- ◇ Regular or annual congregational events are always planned to be intergenerational, from mission trips to service projects to community ministry initiatives. These congregations constantly ask themselves, “How do we need to structure or plan this event so that working families and young adults can be included?”
- ◇ Many congregations have some form of intergenerational mentoring. This starts with training for all those interested, and often looks like monthly or biweekly gatherings for good conversation and shared spiritual formation. This can occur one on one, or in threes and fours. The mentoring goes both directions: the older adult will learn from and be influenced by the younger adult as the younger is from the older.
- ◇ A young adults discussion group, from which many of the ministry ideas for how to reach their generation will come. This group functions like an advisory committee or team to the church’s staff and leadership board. In a sense, this group “mentors” the older congregation at large.



You’ll note how relational this intergenerational intent is. Thom Rainer, the leading Southern Baptist researcher, notes, “Older members must expand their social circles to include younger adults, both inside and outside of the church. Relationships are crucial to reaching anyone, those 40 and under are no different.”

Kara Powell, of the Fuller Youth Institute, puts it even more succinctly: “For young adults, warm is the new cool.”



Canadian pastor and researcher Carey Nieuwhof ties all this up by writing, “What do young adults really want? Your time. Your heart. Your grace. Your attention. And a chance to really connect with you.” All human beings yearn for community, and young adults are looking for one that includes and heeds them too.

It is only after this kind of deliberate, sustained intentionality that young adults will begin to trust the older majority in any given congregation. Remember that many in America under the age of 40 have previous church experience, and often with mixed or negative consequences. Their trust must be earned anew, which may need to begin with giving them space to talk about those previous bumps and bruises. It is only as young adults experience our authenticity, openness, and relational investment that they’ll express their own creative ideas and real-world struggles. As one young adult put it to the researchers at the Fuller Youth Institute: “This church is different—they really listen to us, and care about what we have to say.”

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Kara Powell

A beautiful upside discovered by this research about intergenerational ministry is that in the end, the whole church will grow younger. Everyone benefits from the vitality, energy, and inspiration of the young adults. As Kara Powell says it, “In these churches, faith is not merely passed down; it is passed around.”

Pastor Chris

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Special Dates and Upcoming Events

- August 6—Brunch at the Fort
- August 7—Water All Around the World Intergenerational Event - Food Pantry Collection
- August 14—H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat) Offering
- August 18—Red Cross Blood Drive

Session Highlights ~ July 2022

Session

- 1) Approved Al and Candee Gonzalez as new members at KirkWood.
- 2) Approved a church picnic for Sunday, September 11, 2022.
- 3) Approved the required annual 2022 financial audit report.
- 4) Discussed and approved the revised 2022 Manual of Operations for the congregation.
- 5) Per its usual meeting structure for the summer, Session spent its second hour looking ahead to September and how we'll spend it returning to and reinforcing KirkWood's vision and mission. In August, Session will spend this second hour mapping our goals and actions for the 2022-2023 school year, based on its June "What is KW Becoming?" discussion.

Congregational Care Roundup

Congregational Care

Brunch at the Fort: Your Congregational Care (CC) Committee is hosting our second annual "Brunch at the Fort" at the home of Lew and Mary Goodman at

145 Bernard Road inside the old fort on Fort Monroe. The brunch will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 6. Please bring your favorite breakfast or lunch item to share. Drinks and place ware will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa62fa13-2ndannual>.



Fall Picnic: Our fall picnic will be held after the worship service on Sunday, September 11. Members of the local community are also welcome, so please invite a friend. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided, along with a bounce house/slide for the kids! Join us and bring a dish to share.

KirkWood Silver: Our Silver get-togethers will resume September 15 with a sandwich luncheon catered by Italian Delights. See more news, pages 12 and 13.



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, lewandmary1@gmail.com.

Blood Drive Update

Mission



Our next Kirkwood Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, August 18, from 2-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** I am anticipating that the mask mandate may be put back in place with the current rise in COVID numbers, but at this time, there is no mask requirement for vaccinated donors.

There is an urgent need for all types of blood, now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this life-saving need.

Donors can schedule their appointments by going on line to www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code KirkwoodPC. All donors are encouraged to complete the RAPID PASS on the day of the drive. RAPID PASS 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.

Volunteers also needed:

- I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help with registration and in the canteen during the drive.
- We are hoping to bring the meals for donors back soon. I am looking for a volunteer or a couple of volunteers to coordinate the food during the drives.

Our final drive for 2022 will be held on Thursday, November 17. Please mark your calendars.

If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact me at 757-869-2645 or hudgepudge@aol.com.

Cathy Hudgins

The Pumpkins are Coming!



Outreach

It's never too soon to save the dates for unloading the pumpkins. Mark your calendars for October 1 and October 15, time to be determined.

Dining Partners, Year at a Glance

Congregational Care

KirkWood Dining Partners is about spending an evening together talking, laughing, and enjoying a shared experience and meal 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. It's a great way to get to know others and spend time together. And feel free to drop either Arba or Cindy Williamson a note with any suggestions—we are always looking for different places to try, and we welcome your input.

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 (awillia114@aol.com) or Cindy (cwillic114@gmail.com) or ask anyone who participated before—we've had a lot of fun and meaningful conversations.

Locations below are tentative, so please watch the bulletin and weekly church emails for final plans or changes to our schedule. Also, please recognize that all the planning in the world doesn't stop COVID-19 restrictions, which we will abide by.

2022 Dates

September 17, 6 p.m., Smoke (BBQ)
October 15, 6 p.m., Octoberfest theme, TBD
November 12, 6 p.m., Vineyards
December 11, 12 p.m., Brunch, TBD

2023 Dates

January 14, 6 p.m., Thai Papaya
February 11, 6 p.m., Miyaki Grill, Kiln Creek
March 11, 6 p.m., Dock of the Bay, Carrollton
April 15, 6 p.m., Mediterranean Kebab Grill
May 13, 6 p.m., TBD

Summertime Blessings

Stewardship

When it comes to stewardship, our thoughts usually turn to money. Economic management is certainly a part of stewardship. Regardless of how much money we have, it is by the blessing of God that we have any at all. Therefore, we are to use it in ways that glorify Him. But King David recognized that “all things come from [GOD]” (1 Chronicles 29:14)—not just our money, but our health, our gifts and abilities, our families and relationships, and more. So, stewardship is not just about managing money; it is about managing all that we are and have in ways that glorify God.

As we experience the hot summer, we need to consider the one gift from the Lord that everyone has been given. We need to take precaution of how we treat our bodies during this time of the year.

Plenty of liquids, nutritious food, and exercise are needed for a

balanced life. Consider how you can spend your life today so that it brings glory to God.

The apostle Paul explained it like this: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).



Remembering our Neighbors' Needs

Mission

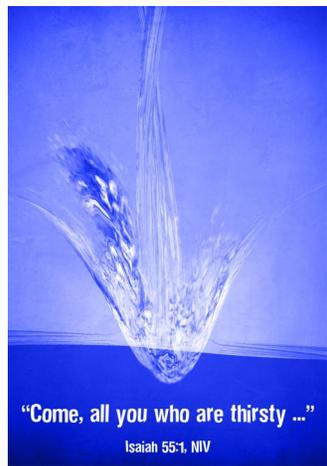
Monthly Food Drive: We collect non-perishable foods and monies to support St. Luke's pantry the first Sunday of every month.

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 Teen Challenge, Menchville House, and our sister church, CPK Mikondo, for their Feeding Program in Congo.

Studying and Reading for all Ages

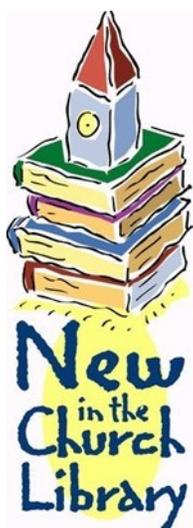
Christian Education

The Christian Education committee has wrapped up their last 8 a.m. Ray Van Der Laan summer session. On August 7 we will introduce “Water All Around the World” with an intergenerational event. Plan on staying after worship to experience why water is necessary to all life, with different stations focused around examples in Honduras.



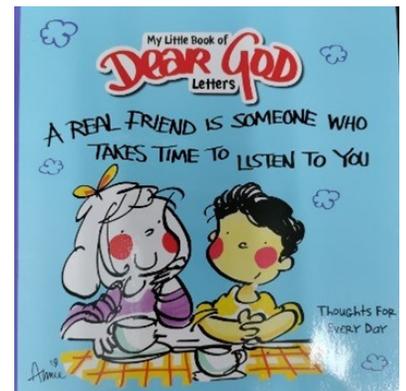
Throughout the rest of the month, other lessons will be available for pick up for you to experience at home. Each week will have a personal story from a child in a different country. They will help us remember that water is a sign of grace, and that Jesus gives us living water.

If you would like a completely digital option, sign up at: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/vbs-at-home>



“My Little Book of Dear God Letters” is a series by Flying Frog Publishing and Annie Fitzgerald. *A Real Friend Is Someone Who Takes Time to Listen To You* was recently found in the Dollar Tree!

It shows drawings of children giving prayerful consideration about topics that kids wonder about. If you have a child wondering about team spirit even when they lose, or why they have to help with family chores, then borrow this book from the children’s library in Room 2.



Welcoming New Members

Outreach

(This is an update to the New Member article that appeared in the June/July Kronicle.)

Carla Ruehl

Carla has five children and 11 grandkids. She came to this area with her daughter and son-in-law who are both in the Air Force. Her 10-year-old granddaughter loves to have sleepovers with her grandmother. In June, Carla took a trip to Maine for her grandson's high school graduation. Carla taught high school language for 40 years and now tutors elementary mathematics. We welcome Carla to KirkWood!



Marge Kleeman

Marge moved to the Tabb area from Connecticut about two years ago to be near family after the death of her husband. She has close ties to her stepson and daughter-in-law who encouraged the move and found her a place to live nearby to their two children and six grandchildren. There's a lot of family time, including lunch together every Sunday.

Marge is active at Kirkwood and in the community, participating in our Linus Group and Dining Out group, volunteering at the York County Bargain Box, and going to classes at the YMCA. She watched us online during the shutdown, but is happy to be finally attending in person, enjoying KirkWood's warm friendliness and our pastor's inspiring sermons.

Kerry and Catherine Gough

Kerry is an Air Force brat who moved to Poquoson when he was 10. He is a NASA engineer, loves to golf, and sings with the Praise Team. Catherine came to the Tidewater area from Kentucky and has taught reading in Newport News for 34 years. Surprisingly, Catherine's main hobby is reading, and she also plays in the Bell Choir. The Goughs are Disney fans and have visited Disney at least 10 times. They have been married 31 years and have two grown children: Jerry and Emily. The Goughs found KirkWood from our website and our contemporary music.

Lloyd Horton

Lloyd is a North Carolina native who attended high school at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Virginia, and UNC Chapel Hill. He worked in institutional development, first at VES, then Florida Presbyterian/Eckerd College, and for 29 years as Executive Vice-President of the Foundation at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

After retirement from the hospital, he and Carolyn were fundraising consultants until moving to the Asheville, North Carolina area. He was active in national and international fundraising organizations, as well as in civic and social organizations in the St. Petersburg and Asheville areas. He has served on Sessions of churches and has been a member of various Presbytery and Synod committees.

Lloyd's interests include art, music, and sports. Lloyd is happy to be a member of the fellowship of KWPC, and appreciates the theological studies and questions which Chris and others have presented. Lloyd will be serving on the Stewardship Committee where he hopes to help develop a strategy for estate planning that will include KWPC.

Carolyn Horton

As a retired foreign language teacher, Stephen Minister instructor, and trainer of pastoral care volunteers in three hospitals, Carolyn Horton looks for a church home that inspires caring relationships. She has found that in KirkWood, and she will be serving on the Congregational Care Committee. She has been a Presbyterian since middle school, has been an elder, and has served on Presbytery and Synod committees, so she appreciates the connectedness KirkWood has with the PCUSA.

Carolyn was raised in a musical household (both her father and mother were professional church musicians), and she has been singing in choirs and ensembles all her life, so she is grateful to sing in KirkWood's choir. Carolyn needs to grapple with issues of faith, spirituality, and social justice; and Kirkwood is giving her some opportunities to do that. She looks forward to more such opportunities. The Hortons' daughter, Ruth-Marie Cason, and her family first drew them to KWPC, and now they feel at home.

Keith and Lisa Woodman

Keith and Lisa are Peninsula natives and have lived in the area all their lives. The Woodmans have two children, both in college. Ethan is doing online studies majoring in accounting, and Jordon is a senior at Old Dominion University in education and plans to be a teacher. Keith and Lisa also have a dog, named Buddy, that the kids say is the favorite child!

Lisa has a degree in education concentrating in child psychology and has been a stay-at-home mom since 2018. Keith has a doctorate degree and works at NASA. He enjoys school so much that he also teaches through an online college in the mornings.

Both absolutely love the beach and actually met at the beach! They also really enjoy biking and hiking and being outdoors. When asked what would be something fun to tell the congregation about the Woodward family, Lisa said that in 2016 they were on “America’s Funniest Videos” and came in third place for their video. She said it was a lot of fun.

Exciting Outreach News

Outreach

Exciting times at KirkWood! In addition to the nine new members that we introduced in this Kronicle edition (an update from our June/July edition), another new family has joined. Al and Candee Gonzalez joined the KirkWood community recently. Candee has already volunteered to help with the video and sound system during Sunday services. Make sure you say hello, and watch for more about Al and Candee in our next Kronicle.

KirkWood continues to have visitors every week. Thanks to all for being such a welcoming congregation. If you see a visitor, make sure to direct them to the Visitor Center to get some KirkWood information.

The Outreach Committee is partnering with Congregational Care to organize the KirkWood Picnic on September 11. There will be a big blowup slide for the kids, bean bag toss, and Bocce Ball for all ages. We are urging all members to ask a neighbor or friend to join us for a good time and great food. Ask them to join us for Sunday service and stay for lunch!



Flower Ministry Volunteers Needed

Congregational Care

An important function of the Congregational Care (CC) Committee is its flower ministry. Upon conclusion of the Sunday worship service, the altar flowers are placed in bud vases and delivered by those on the CC visitation team to members and friends of KirkWood who might be ill, home-bound, or suffering due to the loss of a loved one or other traumatic event. Bill Gilbert leads the visitation team and welcomes delivery requests from congregants.

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with preparing bud the vases. Volunteering is easy, fun, and can be done by individuals or families with kids. Everything needed is in the church kitchen. It takes about 30 minutes and can be done immediately after Sunday Service. If you are interested in signing up you can do so by following this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849a4ab2a1-kirkwood>.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Woodman at lwoodman1@outlook.com or 757-810-0217.



KW Silver Intro & Update!

Congregational Care

For all “senior” newcomers, KirkWood Silver is a fellowship ministry intending to get our older folks together once each month, usually on the third Thursday (intentionally alliterative to help us remember when!). We are a casual, laid-back group that enjoys being together. We’d really enjoy getting to know you! Check out the events we have planned for the next few months.

The 23 KirkWood Silver theater buffs who saw “Aida” in June LOVED it, according to all the reports! Thanks, Gloria, for making the arrangements and, Bill, for driving the church van.

Upcoming events:

The kickoff for KirkWood Silver will be September 15 and will feature a scrumptious sandwich lunch catered by Italian Delights. The luncheon, at 11 a.m., will be followed by an interesting and informative program (topic and presenter will be announced as soon as we get confirmation). Come for light-hearted fun and fellowship. The cost for lunch will be determined by participation and can be paid at the luncheon. Sign up in the Narthex from August 28 through September 11, making sure you indicate your sandwich choice.

October's plan is to head up Route 17 to Yorktown for lunch at Water Street Grill at 11 a.m., hopefully outdoors. Afterward we will visit The American Revolution Museum just up the hill from Riverwalk.

In November we plan to have lunch at Schlesinger's in Port Warwick.

Watch for reminders and additional details in the bulletin and in future Kronicles.

If you have questions, contact Jim or Wanda Birch at 757-868-8651 or wandjbirch@verizon.net.

Linus Group Provides Comfort & Care

Mission

From June 2021 to June 2022, 86 afghans and three quilts were made by members and friends of the KirkWood Linus Group. Once a year we donate these handmade blankets to the Norfolk Chapter of the Project Linus organization.

The Project Linus National headquarters is in Belton, Missouri, with chapters in all 50 states. Blankets are distributed to children from birth to teen years in local hospitals, shelters, social services agencies or anywhere that a child needs a "big hug." The mission of Project Linus is in part to provide "a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through gifts of new handmade blankets and afghans...."



Project Linus was begun in 1995 by Karen Louck, after seeing an article about a 3-year-old girl named Laura who was diagnosed with Leukemia in 1993. Laura carried a “special blanket” that had helped her through two years of intensive chemo therapy. Karen began by providing handmade blankets to Denver’s Mountain Children’s Cancer Center.

Here at KirkWood, Sarah Circle started a project to collect afghans and quilts for Project Linus. That group grew into our Linus Group! We are a dedicated group who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and getting together. Many of us not only contribute to the Project Linus organization but have also done scarves and hats for the homeless as well as infant hats for both Riverside and Sentara Hospitals.

Since the onset of COVID you can find us outside in the church parking lot (depending on the weather) on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Bring your own chair and material and join us! We look forward to seeing you!

School Supplies Drive Underway

Mission

KirkWood is collecting donations of school supplies for The Salvation Army’s Love Beyond project. Please consider donating any of the below-needed supplies for the 2022-2023 school year. **Supplies can be dropped in one of the bins in the Narthex by August 14.**



Black Sharpies	Calculators	Colored Markers
Colored Pencils	Composition Books	Crayons
Dry Erase Markers	Folders with Pockets	Folders with Pockets and Prongs
Glue Sticks and Liquid	Hand Sanitizer (small)	Highlighters
Index Cards (3x5)	Kleenex Tissues (small)	Mechanical Pencils
Notebook Paper	Pencils (#2)	Pencil Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners	Pens (black, blue, red)	3-ring binders (1-inch)
Rulers	Scissors	Scotch Tape
Spiral Notebooks	Supply Boxes	

Also needed: Book Bags (please do **not** fill with supplies). **Cash donations are much appreciated!**

Any questions please call Connie Barlow, 757-876-4791