

# KirkWood Kronicle

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

May 2022



KirkWood Family,

This month I'd like to share a devotional I read recently, written especially for this time of year— Eastertide or the Easter Season. It asks us to live in light of the resurrection, be a witness to it, and not confine it to one Sunday a year:

## *Be a Witness*

by Marchae Grair | published on April 12, 2020

### *“You are witnesses of these things.” - Luke 24:48*

“After the resurrection, Jesus reveals himself to people who are consumed in grief by his crucifixion. They are startled by him and believe they are seeing a ghost. It's difficult for them to immediately reconcile the miracle of Jesus's presence with the seeming finality and devastation of his death.

“This is one of the first glimpses of the challenge of being a witness to the promise of Easter. The world can be seemingly falling apart, and we're called to believe that salvation is still possible. Our loved ones die from diseases we can't cure. World leaders start wars that never end. The greedy have plenty and many of us struggle to survive.

“And yet we still believe that grace and mercy will keep saving us.



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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.

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



"We're still called to embody the grace and mercy of the One who did save us.

"We find seas of hope in spiritual deserts.

"We witness violence and death all around us and somehow know that Divine love hasn't lost its power.

"The Resurrection gives us permission to challenge the limits of permanence—even the apparent permanence of death.

"And that is the call of being a witness.

"The promises of God won't fail us, and the miracle of Jesus is true. When disappointment surrounds us—even when we disappoint ourselves—we can keep going. When it feels as if we can't go on, everlasting love and everlasting life will embrace and revive us. In a world of finite ends, "It is finished" gave us a holy beginning.

"Prayer—Make my life a living testimony. Renew me and restore me so that I may be a witness to the power of your resurrection, amen."

Live in resurrection hope and power,  
Pastor Chris

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### Special Dates and Upcoming Events

- May 1 – Food Pantry Collection
- May 5 - National Day of Prayer
- May 8 - Mother's Day, H.O.P.E. Offering
- May 14 – Indoor Spring Clean-Up, Dining Partners
- May 19 – Red Cross Blood Drive, KirkWood Silver
- May 21 - Armed Forces Day
- May 22 – Church Picnic
- May 26 - Ascension Day
- May 30 - Memorial Day (Office Closed)



# Session Update

## Session



## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights—April 2022 Meeting:

We kept it short this month, knowing that we've got some longer, planning meetings coming this summer:

- ◆ Mary Brown came and gave us an update on her seminary education and future plans.
- ◆ The Property and Facilities Committee is working on a list of 2022 site improvements that they'd like to make. We hope to finalize that list at our May Session meeting.
- ◆ The Property and Facilities Committee is also planning to schedule an indoor spring clean-up, focusing on the attic. Details TBD.
- ◆ Plans for the current "Love Big" series were finalized, with adult Christian Education intending to do lessons that sync with each Sunday service focus.
- ◆ We received and passed the March and 1st quarter financial report.

# Congregational Care Roundup

## Congregational Care



Thanks to **Arba and Cindy Williamson** for providing a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and fruit in-between our Easter worship services. Many folks, both old and new, enjoyed great food and fellowship!

**KirkWood Dining Partners:** The Dining Partners are planning to go to Fortune Garden in Hampton on Saturday, May 14, at 6 p.m. The restaurant is located in Hampton Woods Plaza (1182 Big Bethel Road). Hope to see you there! The point of contact is Cindy Williamson, cwillic114@gmail.com.





**KirkWood Silver:** KirkWood Silver had a great get-together for lunch at the Vineyards in Kiln Creek on April 21. The next event will be on May 19. Come join the group for a round of miniature golf at Play A Round Family Fun Center in York County at 11:30 a.m. Read more, page 7. The point of contact is Wanda Birch, wandjbirch@verizon.net.

**“Welcome Back from You Know What” Congregational Picnic:** On Sunday, May 22, we’re planning to celebrate our gradual return from COVID by having a picnic on the KirkWood lawn after Sunday worship. As usual, your Congregational Care Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the festivities! Sign-ups, both on-line and in the Narthex, will be available beginning in May.

**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.

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## May Blood Drive...Mark Your Calendars!

### Mission



The next Kirkwood Blood Drive is scheduled for **THURSDAY, May 19, from 2-7 in the Fellowship Hall.** The Red Cross is currently still requiring masks for all donors, regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation.

Donors can schedule their appointments by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code KirkwoodPC. If you would like to have Cathy make your appointment with the Red Cross, feel free to contact her (contact info below). Completing the RapidPass® can save you up to 15 minutes during the drive. RapidPass® lets you do the prescreen process from your mobile device or computer. The Red Cross will send a link to your email the day of the drive.

Questions? Please contact Cathy Hudgins, 757-869-2645 or [hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com). There is an urgent need for all types of blood now and always. Please prayerfully consider coming out and donating this lifesaving need. **For planning purposes, the remaining 2022 dates (all Thursdays) are: August 18 and November 17.**



# 4th Sunday Spotlight — Guided Meditation

## Stewardship

The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions defines “prayer” as “the relating of the self or soul to GOD in trust, penitence, praise, petition, and purpose, either individually or corporately,” and “meditation” is “a form of mental prayer.”

Christian meditation consists of reflecting on GOD’s Word, the Bible, or with a familiar hymn with an awareness of GOD's presence with us. The basis of Christian meditation is reading Scripture or hymn and rehearsing it in our minds and speaking with GOD about it.

Every **month** for the past 18 months you have been reading something in the Kronicle and hearing something about Stewardship on Sunday morning. The Stewardship committee has dedicated themselves to acquaint you with all aspects of stewardship.

Stewardship is about managing all that we are and have in ways that glorify GOD. One way we glorify GOD is when we praise and thank Him for everything He has given us. Of course, we do praise GOD on Sunday morning, but we should also praise Him in our prayers and personal reflections and meditations about GOD throughout the week. The early fathers and mothers of Christianity reflected on passages about praising GOD. One such passage that we all have sung on Sunday mornings is the Doxology.

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During the church service we practiced guided meditation using the Doxology, a familiar song for all of us. After each phrase, we stopped and thought about the meanings of what we just read. An example we used was the simple phrase of “Praise GOD.” Six diverse ways were presented about what it means to praise GOD.

During the next month, practice Christian meditation by reflecting on GOD’s Word, the Bible, or with a familiar hymn with an awareness of GOD’s presence with us. Relax into the love of GOD and enjoy His presence in your prayer time.





## The Doxology

**Praise God,**  
the **GOD** of our universe, the **GOD** of all creation, we lift up our praises to Him and  
acknowledge **GOD** as more than worthy of our faith in Him

**from Whom all blessings flow,**  
all blessings, everything we see, hear, touch and smell are from **GOD**;  
every emotion we have is from **GOD**; every person and family member  
we love comes from **GOD**; every blessing in our lives comes from **GOD**,

**Praise Him,**  
proclaim the glory of **GOD**

all creatures here below;  
all who live on this planet

**Praise Him above,**  
give admiration for and to our **GOD** who can do anything  
ye heavenly host;  
all who reside in heaven—angels, arch angels, seraphim, cherubins

**Praise**  
we honor and worship Him,  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**  
All members of the trinity, three in one

**Amen.**  
Solemn ratification, "it is so."



# Please remember our neighbors in need....

## Mission

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

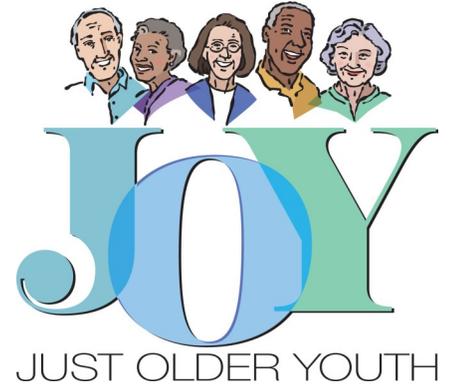
**Monthly Offering—“Helping Other People Eat”:** We collect the **H.O.P.E.** offering the second Sunday of every month. Funds are divided between Youth Challenge, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge, Menchville House, and our sister church, CPK Mikondo, for their Feeding Program in Congo.

# Play a Round with KirkWood Silver!

## Congregational Care

Come and join KirkWood Silver for some serious “playing around” on Thursday, May 19! We have reservations to play miniature golf at Play A Round Family Fun Center in Grafton , located on the southbound side of Route 17 (5021 George Washington Memorial Highway). The manager has graciously offered to open early at 11 a.m., just for our group!

The cost to play a round of mini golf is \$6. There is also an arcade room. Pizza, ice cream, and fountain drinks are available for a snack or lunch. Those who wish may bring a lunch from home. There are several small tables inside. No shade or tables outside.



Please sign up in the Narthex on May 1, 8, or 15, or call/email Anne Effler at 757-872-2255, [anneeffler1@gmail.com](mailto:anneeffler1@gmail.com). **We need a minimum of 15 attendees for the manager to open early for us!**

This will be a great opportunity to have some good old-fashioned fun “playing around!” *There will be prizes!*

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