



This Week

Sunday, Aug. 2 *Food Pantry Collection*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. “Keeping Up with Our Growth” Presentation

11:30 a.m. Rock Painting for Pumpkin Patch

Monday, Aug. 3

7:00 p.m. Monday Rendezvous

Tuesday, Aug. 4

6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

7:00 p.m. Fellowship, Property & Facilities Meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 5

9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga

10:30 a.m. Linus Group

7:00 p.m. Men’s Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 6

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers

Friday, Aug. 7

7:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday, Aug. 8

11:00 a.m. Brunch at the Fort – Goodmans’ House

Sunday, Aug. 9 *H.O.P.E. Offering*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. “Keeping Up with Our Growth” Presentation

Please see the full
[calendar on the church website.](#)



WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2, 2026



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A Christian Community Growing Together, Knowing, Loving, and
Serving Christ, to Make Him Known to All

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Order of Worship



Song	“Sing to the King”	
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Chris Shearer
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18	Ben Scott
Opening Prayer		
Song	“Great Are You Lord”	
Trio	“Down to the River to Pray” arr. Mary McDonald	Ann Brown Heather Caughorn Elaine Covington
	Kids Dismissed to Play Praise	
Congregational Prayer		
Affirmation of Faith	The Declaration of Faith (1977), Chapter 6.3	
Sermon	It's Up to You 2026 - Who decided what books made it into the Bible, and what was the criteria for those choices?	Pastor Mary Brown
Song	“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”	
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table		
Hymn #276	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	
Benediction	“Aaron’s Blessing” Fernando Ortego	



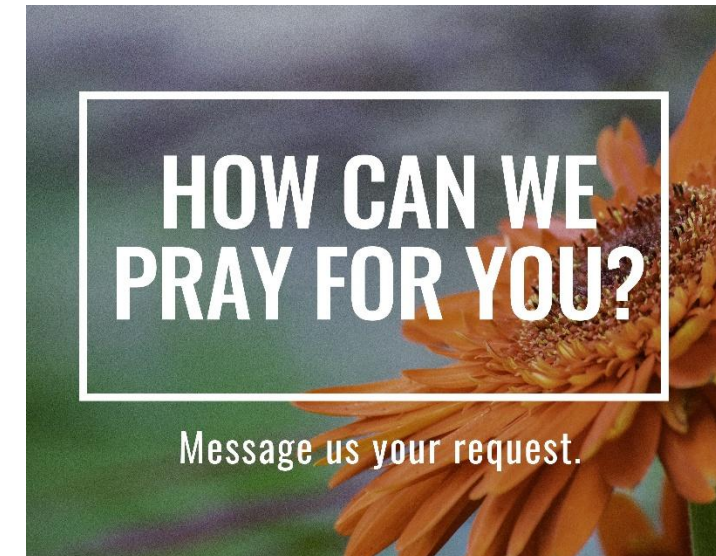
This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.
Jen C.
David D.
Aleta G.
Jeane H.
Marge K.

Tami M.
April M.
Don N.
Jim R.
Faye S.
Dyer V.

Tim C.'s mom
Barbara D.'s mom
Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
Betty D.'s sister, Madeline
Aleta G.'s granddaughter
Regina H.'s parents
Olivia H.'s grandfather, Baker
Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Lisa N.'s dad, Paul
El S.'s brother, Mark
Lisa W.'s mother, Lois

Sympathy to the family of Elton Birch (Jim Birch's brother)



Prayer Requests and Special Needs

Fill out one of the blue prayer cards in the pews and place it in the Offerings & Prayer Requests box, call/email the church office, or type your prayer request when you Check In online and the request will be published in the Monday Memo email.



Brunch at the Fort

Your Fellowship Committee is hosting our sixth 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 AM on Saturday, August 8th. Please bring your favorite breakfast or lunch item to share. Drinks and placewear will be provided.

Sign up in the foyer or go on-line at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAFA62FA13-64760162-brunch>. The point of contact is Lew Goodman.

It's Up to You 2026

Every summer, we devote a couple of months on Sunday morning to answering real questions asked by our congregation...sometimes they're biblical questions, sometimes personal questions, sometimes hard questions, and nothing is off limits. Here's the series schedule this year - invite a friend to come to a Sunday that might interest them!

- 8/9 If we're supposed to love everyone as Christians, doesn't that make us pushovers? Do we get to have boundaries? Do we ever get to retaliate?
- 8/16 What are we supposed to make of all the male language for God in the Bible? Is God male?
- 8/23 How should Christians view other religions? (Part 1)
- 8/30 How should Christians view other religions? (Part 2)
- 9/6 Who - or what - on earth is the "Antichrist" in the Bible?



Volunteer Opportunities

Monthly Mission Collections – Today is our food collection of non-perishable foods and monetary donations and is dedicated specifically to the food closet at St Luke's United Methodist Church. Next Sunday (and the second Sunday of every month) is our collection for HOPE (Helping Other People Eat). Donations are divided between Menchville House, Faith Recovery, Natasha House, and the Congo Feeding Program.

Pumpkin Patch Rock Painting with Connie Barlow

Families are invited to join us TODAY, August 2, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a fun morning of decorating rocks that we'll "hide" throughout our pumpkin patch this fall! This simple, mission-focused project is a wonderful way for children of all ages to create alongside their parents and help share joy with everyone who visits our pumpkin patch. We hope you'll join us!

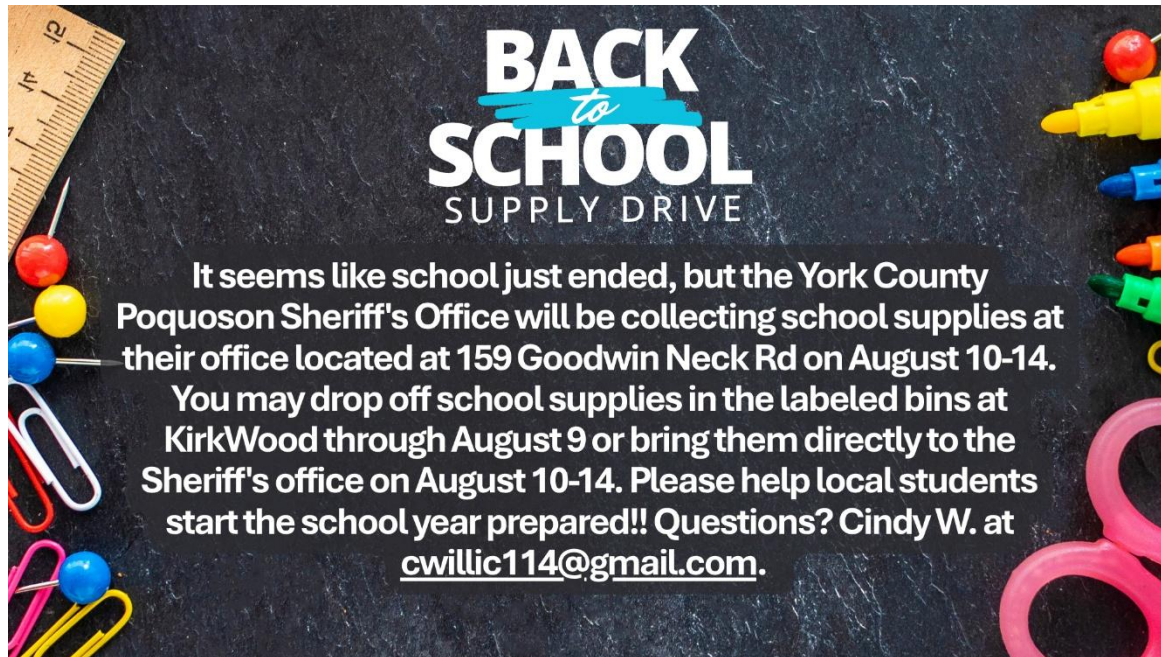


Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th from 1-6 in the fellowship hall. Schedule your appointment on www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor Code: KirkwoodPC. If you would like help making your appointment or how to help, please contact Cathy Hudgins at hudgepudge@aol.com. We also need volunteers to help from 1-3:30 in canteen (1) and 2 volunteers for registration from 3:30-6.

Help Wanted: The Property and Facilities committee needs some help completing small jobs around the church. There are a variety of tasks such as touch-up painting, fixing doors and hanging bulletin boards and TVs. All supplies will be provided and you can complete the tasks in your own time. Your help will save money for the church by preventing us from having to hire outside contractors. All skill levels accepted. If interested, please contact Jamie Reno 757-880-3242 or h2orenos@gmail.com.



Help Us Refresh Our Nursery & Preschool Classroom! We're looking for gently used plastic and wooden toys for our nursery and Sunday School preschool room. Items such as blocks, puzzles, toy vehicles, play food, and animals, are greatly appreciated! If your family has clean toys that have been outgrown, we'd love to give them a new purpose in our children's ministry. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming space where our youngest children can play, learn, and discover God's love.



First time guest? Stop by our Welcome desk in the foyer.

Want to learn more about KirkWood?

Want to join our texting list?

Text "Connect" to 757-772-0209 and follow the prompts.



Announcements

Voices of Faith in Action invites you to *Life Inside*, an information session about prison life in Virginia, on Friday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at KirkWood. We will view the film *Injustice: Hidden Crisis in Virginia's Prisons* produced by the ACLU and then discuss it with our speakers. All are welcome, bring a friend!! Questions? Contact Cindy W. or Jamie R.



Keeping Up with Our Growth - Join us either today, 8/2, or next Sunday, 8/9 at 11am in the sanctuary for a presentation from KirkWood's Session entitled "Keeping Up with our Growth." This will lay out how we're currently maxing out of our facilities and what options are being explored by Session to adapt so that we can meet our ministry needs and continue to reach new people. (These presentations will be recorded so that we can share them on our YouTube channel after 8/9; we may also do a Zoom meeting for anyone who cannot attend an in-person presentation.)

A Season of Prayer - As we gear up for the new school year as well as weigh how to keep up with our growth as a church family, our Session is calling the congregation into a season of prayer this August. First up, today you will be able to sign up for time slots during the week of 8/2 - 8/9 when you will commit to praying for KirkWood, its people, its ministries, and its future. During other coming weeks in August, we'll continue to pray for KirkWood but in different ways. Please plan on joining us in prayer this August!



Today's sanctuary flowers were donated by Ted Lovdahl
In Memory of Norene

