



This Week

Sunday, Sep. 6 *Food Pantry Collection*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, Sep. 7 *Labor Day – Church Office Closed*

7:00 p.m. Monday Rendezvous

Tuesday, Sep. 8 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Wednesday, Sep. 9

9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga

10:30 a.m. Linus Group

1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg

6:00 p.m. Worship Band/Bell Choir Rehearsals

7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep. 10

10:00 a.m. “Rock”ing for the Pumpkin Patch

2:00 p.m. Stepping Stones

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers

7:00 p.m. Women’s Small Group

Friday, Sep. 11

7:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday, Sep. 12

10:00 a.m. Walking Group – Noland Trail

Konnnect & Krew Youth Event: Scarecrow Making

4:00 p.m. Cantata Kick-Off

Sunday, Sep. 13 *H.O.P.E. Offering*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

11:00 a.m. Coffee Picnic

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



WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 6, 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



Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Chris Shearer
Duet	"This Little Light of Mine" arr. Joel Raney	Mary Brown, Flute Ann Brown, Piano
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
Hymn #464	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	
Song	"O Come to the Altar"	
Congregational Prayer		Pastor Mary Brown
	Kids Dismissed to Play Praise	
Sermon	It's Up to You 2026 – Who - or what - on earth is the "Antichrist" in the Bible?	Pastor Chris Shearer
Song	"Behold the Lamb"	
The Sacrament of the Lord's Table		
Song	"The Lord's Prayer" Ruth Elaine Schram	
Song	"Holy Forever"	
Benediction		Pastor Mary Brown

Today's sanctuary flowers were donated by
Bruce & Jan Knight in Memory of Bruce's Dad, Guy

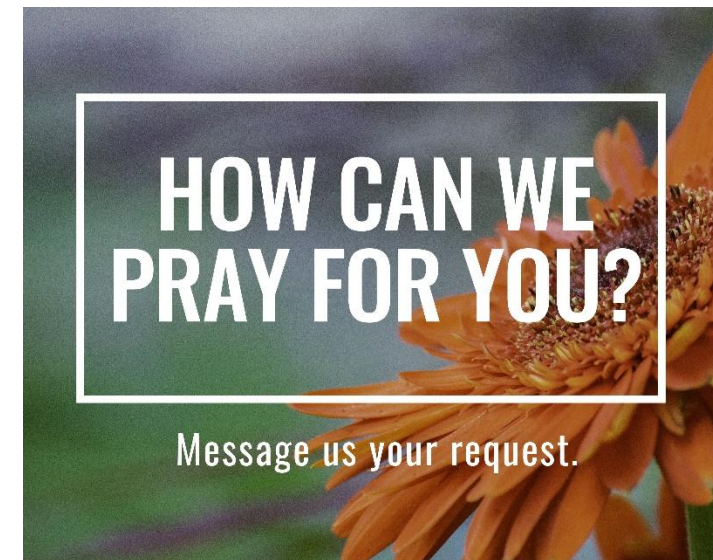


This Week's Prayer Requests

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

Tami M.
April M.
Rey O.
Kim R.
Jim R.
Dyer V.
Pepper W.

Tim C.'s mom
Barbara D.'s mom
Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
Betty D.'s sister, Madeline
Cathy H.'s mom, Joyce
Olivia H.'s grandfather, Baker
Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Ted L.'s dad, Ted
Lisa N.'s dad, Paul
El S.'s brother, Mark



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.



Announcements

The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 7th for Labor Day.

Adult classes – You asked for it

Coming soon, a new menu of Sunday morning options for adults at 11:00

- **Reflections** – discussion of each week's sermon topic
- **Deep Roots** – in-depth Bible study
- **Explorations** – one-week topical classes, challenge and insights
- **The Grove** – no-agenda extended get-acquainted conversations

Something for everyone. Where do you want to grow?

Calling all ROCK painters, come one, come all! These rocks will go into the pumpkin patch in October for children of all ages to find. No experience needed. All supplies will be provided. Join us on September 10th at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. Can't make it and want to paint some rocks on your own? Contact Connie B. at 757-876-4791.

Are you relatively new to KirkWood? Do you like ice cream?

Our Advent Cantata choir needs you!

Each December, KirkWood presents a Christmas cantata. This is a chance for people who enjoy singing Christmas music (and aren't yet ready for a long-term commitment) to join our Advent Cantata Choir. Our kickoff "listen to the score and then go to Bean's for ice cream" event is Sept. 12th at 4 pm. Contact Ann Brown (orybeebrown@gmail.com) or just show up!

PlayPraise Update - Beginning TODAY, September 6, PlayPraise will be available for children Pre-K–2nd grade. This change will help us create a more age-appropriate worship experience for our youngest worshippers. Older elementary children, tweens, and teens are invited to use the Worship Hub before worship, where they can choose from Worship Bags with fidgets and activities, picture books and Story Bibles, Kid and Teen Bibles, sermon note catchers, and clipboards with more advanced coloring and puzzles. The Worship Hub offers resources for all ages to help children and youth engage in worship in ways that work best for them.

Rise Against Hunger - Help Yorkminster Presbyterian Church package 20,000 meals in two hours during their Rise Against Hunger event on Sunday, September 27th. Their goal is to pack at least 20,088 meals consisting of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a vitamin/mineral packet. Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

A light lunch will be served at noon prior to the 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. event.

Sign up at <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e832380> (sign up link also seeks volunteers for set up and clean up).

KirkWood Silver will gather in the fellowship hall at 11:30am on Thursday, September 17th for a lunch to celebrate everyone's birthday. Bring your birthday stories to share as we enjoy subs. Pastor Chris plans to join us at the luncheon to hear our birthday stories. Subs are \$10 each Sign up in the Narthex so we can know what sub you like and how many will attend.

Fall Picnic - Our annual fall picnic will be held after the worship service on Sunday, September 13th, at the Bethel Recreation Area, Pavilion 3, in Hampton. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, and drinks will be provided. There is a large, covered area with picnic tables, but we ask that you bring lawn chairs to ensure that everyone has a place to sit. There will be outdoor games, a playground nearby, and a fun "train" to ride! Join us and bring a dish to share. Members of the local community are also welcome, so feel free to invite a friend. You can sign up in the Narthex, or online at <https://rebrand.ly/KWpicnic27>. Please sign up so we can get an idea of how much food to prepare. Oh, and don't forget to wear your picnic clothes to church that day! Questions? See Susie Egyud.

KirkWood Dining Partners: Let's get together for some good food, fun and fellowship. We are going to Grey Goose located at 10 Mallory Street in the Phoebus section of Hampton on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 5:25 p.m. to ride the van or carpool to the restaurant. Sign up in the foyer or email Cindy W. at cwillic114@gmail.com

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.



Children's Choir Returns September 20! There will be two age-specific choirs and dedicated rehearsal times:

- Joyful Noise (Grades 3–5): Rehearses during worship, at the same time as Play Praise.
- Joyful Hearts (PK–2nd): Rehearses immediately following Sunday School.

Last year, we began separating the choirs by age; this year, we're building on that structure with separate names and rehearsal times outside of Sunday School to create a better experience for each group.

Registration is required for both choirs. More information and registration details will be available soon!

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

monthly  collections

KirkWood Walking Group returns to the Noland Trail

The KirkWood Walking Group is returning for another season. Next month, we'll return to the beautiful Noland Trail at Mariners Museum Park in Newport News, VA on Saturday September 12th at 10:00 am. What better way to start the new year than a brisk walk in the woods with some friends.

There are walking options for beginners all the way up to seasoned hikers. There will be a gentle 1 to 2-mile option, a 3.5-mile loop option for moderate hikers, and a challenging 5-mile trail option winding through the beautiful park. Nobody walks alone. We will meet in the first parking lot on the right just before you reach the actual Mariner's Museum.

Come join the fun and fellowship as we take in God's beauty and fun while getting some exercise while talking to friends. If you have any questions, contact Janet Knight or Bruce Knight.



**(the Pumpkins
are coming!!)**



The pumpkins will be here soon! The Mission Committee has three (3) opportunities to help set up the Pumpkin Patch and the unloading of the pumpkins on October 3rd.

- First, we will set up lights, canopies, and fencing on September 25th from 9am – 11am. Several volunteers are needed to move equipment from the attic and assist Kirk and Jamie Reno with extension cords and lights.
- Second, we will move the wooden pallets from the storage area behind KirkWood to the Pumpkin Patch area on September 29th at 6:30pm with free pizza to follow. Scout Troop 54 has volunteered to assist, but more volunteers are welcome and needed.
- Third, the first semi-trailer of pumpkins will arrive on October 3rd. We will need a lot of volunteers of all ages to unload the truck! Kids are a great help unloading the small pumpkins and gourds. Mark your calendars for 10:00am on October 3rd.

All these events require some physical effort, but there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch for everyone (kids too) during the month of October. You can sign up online at <https://rebrand.ly/KWpatch26> to work in the Patch!

Also, there will be pumpkin patch terminal training at 9:00 a.m. on September 27th and October 4th in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call or email Lisa Nickerson, Toni Fisher, Jamie Reno, or Arba Williamson.

Save the Dates

- There will be a second pumpkin delivery on October 17th.
- Pumpkin Palooza will be on October 24th from 11am-4pm.
- We will take down the Pumpkin Patch and clean up the outside of KirkWood on Saturday, November 7th at 8:00am.

Lots of helping hands will be needed.