

This Week's Activities

Sunday, September 7 *Food Pantry Collection*

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Church Picnic/BBQ

Monday, September 8

- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, September 9 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. LINUS Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Band/Handbell Choir Rehearsals
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal, Beautiful Mess

Thursday, September 11

- 6:30 p.m. Gen C, Stepping Stones

Friday, September 12

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, September 13 *No Scheduled Church Activities*

Sunday, September 14 *H.O.P.E. Offering*

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, UNITE Meeting
Caregivers Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Cantata Kick-off Potluck



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

WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

Sunday September 7, 2025



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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

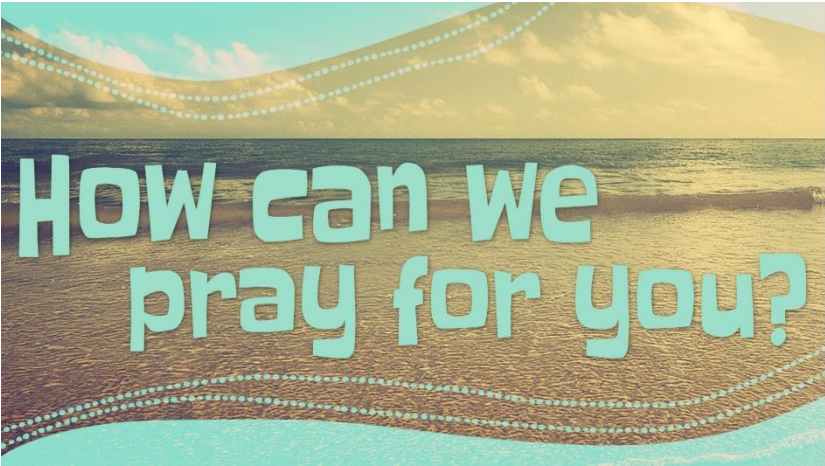


Song	“House of the Lord”	
Welcoming Each Other and Announcements		Pastor Chris Shearer
Scripture Reading	Psalm 95:1-7	
Opening Prayer		
Anthem	“Ubi Caritas” Victor C. Johnson	Worship Choir
Hymn #403	“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”	
Congregational Prayer		Pastor Mary Brown
Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-2	
	Kids Dismissed to PlayPraise	
Sermon	Aspire (Week 1) Prayer and Worship	Pastor Chris Shearer
Bell Tree Solo	“Contemplation” Brockers/Scheel	Ann Brown
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table		
Song	“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”	
Benediction		Pastor Chris Shearer

This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.	Bruce B.’s brother, Andrew
Dominique C.	Jerry & Janet D.’s daughter, Jill
Toni F.	Betty D.’s sister, Madelyn
Mike F.	Aleta G.’s daughter
Cathy H.	Regina H.’s parents
Don M.	Jeane H.’s husband, Stan
April M.	Lisa N.’s dad, Paul
Don N.	Kim R.’s mother, Marilyn
Christine P.	Lisa W.’s mother, Lois
Jim R.	

Sympathy to the family of Kevin Westbrook



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

Pastor Mary's Ordination

Sunday, September 21st
4pm
KirkWood Sanctuary



Flower Ministry

Dates for 2026 are now available online. If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers, you can sign up in the foyer, call/email the office, or go to the online signup at:

<https://rebrand.ly/kwflowers>. You can dedicate flowers for a special occasion or in memory/honor of someone. Flowers are \$35.00 per week. You can pay online at:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z213/home> or send a check with "Flowers" on the memo line. Each week, volunteers take the sanctuary flowers and make several small arrangements to be taken to the sick and shut in. If you would like to volunteer to make flower arrangements after service on Sunday you can sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849A4AB2A1-kirkwood#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849A4AB2A1-kirkwood#/)



Sanctuary flowers were given by
Virginia Long
In Honor of Randy, Jean & Joan & their families

CHURCH PICNIC/BBQ

Our fall picnic will be after worship TODAY, September 7th at the Bethel Recreation Area, Pavilion 4, in Hampton. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, and drinks will be provided. We will have a bounce house, corn hole, and volleyball in our picnic area and there is a playground nearby. If you are visiting us today, please be our guest and join us at the picnic.



Children's Ministry Update – Could you help with the new children's "PlayPraise" that takes place during the 2nd half of our worship service? "PlayPraise" is movement and activity focused, and easy to lead. Our goal is to create 6-8 two person teams so that no one team or person bears too much responsibility. Want to learn more? Contact Bruce and Jan Knight - bdknight03@hotmail.com.

Have you remembered KirkWood in your estate plan?

Monthly Mission Collections

Today (and the first Sunday of each month) is our food collection of non-perishable foods and monetary donations, is dedicated specifically to the food closet at St Luke's United Methodist Church. This ministry supports residents in need throughout York County and Poquoson. Also, next 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.

Are you providing care for a loved one? I am excited to announce the launch of an ongoing support group for caregivers here at Kirkwood. Our meetings will be a place you will find understanding, fellowship, and new ideas. We will have an organizational meeting at 11:00 on Sept. 14th. At that meeting we will decide on meeting times and frequency as well as discuss what your needs are. Please come if you are interested in receiving support for your caregiving!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Mary

First time guest?
Want to learn more about KirkWood?
Want to join our texting list?
Text "Connect" to 757-772-0209
and follow the prompts.



Anyone?

That will be the fun part of the KirkWood Silver Kick-off Luncheon on Thursday, September 18th. We'll first enjoy 6" sub sandwiches from Jimmy da Greeks, beginning at 11:30, and then we'll tackle the Bingo cards and see who will take home zany, fun prizes! If you'd like to attend, just sign up in the Narthex by September 11th, and choose one of four sandwiches highlighted on the attached menu. Luncheon cost will be \$10, payable at the luncheon. If you're a new "senior" at KW and have never heard of KirkWood Silver, it's just the most vibrant group of senior people you'll ever want to have lunch with! If you have questions, contact Wanda Birch at 757-868-8651, or wandjbirch@verizon.net.

Snacks for Coffee Fellowship time -As you know, for quite some time, there have been some very dedicated folks who set up the coffee and snacks for Fellowship time after the Sunday Worship service. Several folks have recently indicated that they would be willing to occasionally bring the snacks (cookies and pastries) but would be unable to do the coffee portion.

If you would like to assist with Fellowship time by providing snacks on an occasional basis, please contact Bruce Knight and he will pair you with a team that makes the coffee on your chosen dates. The more help, the merrier.

THESE DAYS Daily Devotionals – Would you like a subscription for 2026? Sign up in the Narthex. Devotionals are \$7.00 for the year. You can place a check (with "These Days" and your envelope # on the memo line) in the offering box.

Volunteer opportunities

KirkWood is launching some NEW ways to make volunteering easier, accessible to more members of our KW community, and provide real time information about opportunities to serve our larger community and here at KirkWood. Three things you need to know:

- KW has coordinated with York County (our largest community partner) to schedule mission events on Saturdays making volunteering more accessible.
- Mission and Property & Facilities committees will separate mission events and property care into bite-sized pieces that can be done at volunteer-convenient times like evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons.
- KW will expand our "volunteer ready" lists! By adding YOUR name to the list, you will receive frequent and real time information about volunteer opportunities.

Committee members will be standing by in the Fellowship Hall after services to assist you to get on the list. Together we can make a difference in our support to our neighbors and surrounding communities as well as making KW a beautiful place.

Pumpkin Patch 2025 (the Pumpkins are coming!!)



The pumpkins will be here soon! The Mission Committee has three (3) opportunities to help us set up for the pumpkin arrival and unload the pumpkins on September 27th.

- First, we will set up lights, canopies, and fencing on September 20th from 1pm-3pm. 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 23rd at 6:00pm 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 September 27th. 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 Sept 27th.

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. The Pumpkin Patch SignUpGenius is live for all to sign up to work in the Patch!

Questions? Stop by the “KirkWood Konnections” table in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 or contact Lisa Nickerson, Toni Fisher, Jamie Reno, or Arba Williamson.

Also: Save the date! We will take down the Pumpkin Patch and clean up outside KirkWood on Saturday, November 1st. at 8:00am. Lots of helping hands will be needed.

Sign Up to help at the Pumpkin Patch

It's that time of year at KirkWood! The annual Pumpkin Patch will kickoff on September 27th with our first delivery. Mark your calendars to come and help unload at 10:00am.

The Pumpkin Patch will operate from September 27 – October 31.

Hours are:

Monday-Thursday 2pm – 7pm

Friday 2pm – 8pm

Saturday 10am – 8pm

Sunday 12pm – 6pm



The SignUpGenius site is up and live for you to volunteer for one or more 2-hour shifts. The website is: <https://rebrand.ly/2025Patch> and there is a QR code above. We need LOTS of volunteers and you won't be alone. There are always 2-3 folks on each 2-hour period.

If you are interested in being a counter at the end of a Pumpkin Patch shift, you can sign up online for a shift labeled “Counter.” If you have not been a counter before and are interested in doing it this year, contact Albertina at 757-766-0343 or office@kirkwoodpcusa.org.

This is KirkWood's mission for the month of October. We sell pumpkins to support the Navajo Nation growers as well as raise funds to support local, national, and international missions. Most important, the Pumpkin Patch is a great opportunity to engage with our community friends and neighbors, a family-friendly and welcoming place, and a time for us to show God's love and our joy. Join the fun.

Candy Donations - It's that time of year and Pumpkin Patch planning is well underway. What we need now through October 19th is candy donations to pass out each day at the pumpkin patch and palooza. Individually wrapped bags of candy of any size would be greatly appreciated, but please no chocolate. There will be a bin in the Narthex. Thank you all in advance!