

## This Week's 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, Newcomers Gathering
- 5:00 p.m. Cantata Kick-off Potluck

### **Monday, September 15** *No Scheduled Church Activities*

### **Tuesday, September 16**

- 1:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Rock Painting
- 6:15 p.m. Session Dinner & Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 17**

- 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

### **Thursday, September 18**

- 11:30 a.m. KirkWood Silver
- 6:30 p.m. Stepping Stones

### **Friday, September 19**

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

### **Saturday, September 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Cantata Boot Camp
- 1:00 p.m. Set Up Lights for Pumpkin Patch

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Ordination Service for Mary Brown

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

## WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church  
Sunday September 14, 2025



## ***KirkWood Presbyterian Church***

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

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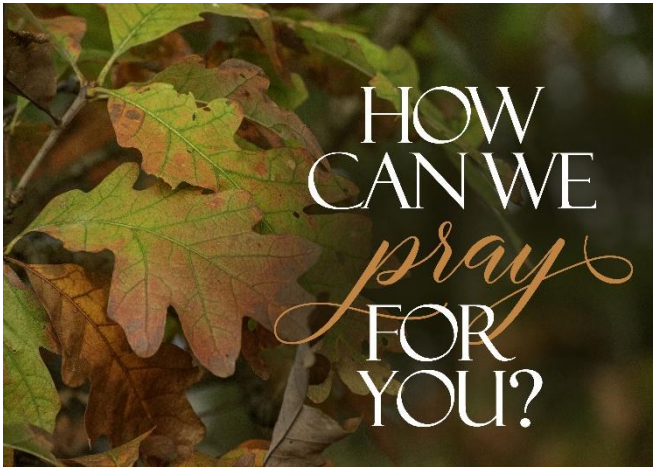
# Order of Worship



Welcoming Each Other	Pastor Chris Shearer	
Announcements		
Hymn #436	“We Are Your People”	
Responsive Reading		
Opening Prayer		
Songs	“Greatly to Be Praised” “I Know a Name”	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Mary Brown	
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
	Kids Dismissed to PlayPraise	
Sermon	Aspire (Week 2) Community	Pastor Chris Shearer
Solo	“Let Me Walk You Home” Heather Sorenson	Heather Shearer
Benediction	Pastor Chris Shearer	
Song	“All People Said Amen”	

# This Week's Prayer Requests

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



## 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.

# 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. Want to learn more? Contact Bruce and Jan Knight - [bdknight03@hotmail.com](mailto:bdknight03@hotmail.com).



**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.

Have you remembered KirkWood in your estate plan?

**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.

## Announcements



**Semi-annual Sale of Spiritwear** starts this week! Order your Kirkwood T-shirts, both short and long sleeve, and sweatshirts in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sep. 14, 21, and 28. Many beautiful colors are available. If you have any questions, talk to June Ritter (contact info in the church directory).

**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 TODAY, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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

"Welcome to KirkWood" newcomers gathering TODAY, 9/14, at 11am in Pastor Chris' office. If we've not yet had the chance to hear your story, answer your questions about the church. and get to know you a little better, we'd love for you to join us!

### Monthly Mission Collections

Today (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.





# Senior Seminar

**Join us for a facilitated dialogue about strategies to combat loneliness.**

**Thursday, 9/25**  
**12:30 - 1:30 pm**  
**KirkWood Fellowship Hall**

**VICTORY FAMILY YMCA EVENT**



## Today's Christian Education Opportunities

- Adult Class at 8:30 - Simon Peter: An Ordinary Fisherman with an Extraordinary Call (Library/Room 5)
- Children's Sunday School and Choir at 11 am
- Youth Sunday School at 11 am
- Adult Classes at 11 am:
  - Simon Peter: An Ordinary Fisherman with an Extraordinary Call (Room 3)
  - Caregivers Support Group (Sanctuary Wing Area)
  - UNITE Parents Group (Library)
  - Bible Study – Isaiah (Room 4)

Simon Peter--an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. Simon Peter was poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Are you like Simon Peter? During the six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton we will look closer at Peter. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

## Listening Assist Technology

KirkWood has added technology for the sanctuary to help us to be more accessible. We have installed a listening assist system so that those who have difficulty hearing can have their own amplified sound, particularly focused on the spoken word and vocals. Just stop by the AV desk between 9:10 and 9:25 or after the service on a Sunday Morning - we have instructions and will help you get set-up.

## 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  
 In Celebration of  
 Cindy W. and Nancy R.'s Birthdays

## Sign Up to help at the Pumpkin Patch

It's that time of year at KirkWood! The annual Pumpkin Patch will kickoff on September 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**PPCC**  
Peninsula Pastoral  
Counseling Center

### Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center Banquet

KirkWood has supported Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) since its inception in 1973. The organization provides professional counseling in a faith context to individuals, couples and families. The annual fundraising banquet is being held on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Holiday Inn, City Center, 980 Omni Blvd, Newport News. There are twelve seats reserved for KirkWood members and friends. Please call or email Cindy Williamson and/or Bill Gilbert to secure a seat at no cost to join us for a fun evening learning about and supporting PPCC. Please respond by September 29.

## Pastor Mary's Ordination

**Sunday, September 21st**  
**4pm**  
**KirkWood Sanctuary**





## **Pumpkin Patch 2025 (the Pumpkins are coming!!)**



The pumpkins will be here soon! The Mission Committee has multiple opportunities to help before the pumpkins arrive on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- We need help painting rocks to be hidden in the patch for our youngsters to find. Join us on September 16th at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Can't paint? It doesn't matter! We will have a few simple patterns to follow. All supplies will be provided. Please let Connie B. know if you can help (757-876-4791). If you can't make it and would like to paint rocks at home, stop by the "Kirkwood Konnection" table and pick some up.
- We need candy donations through October 19th 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!

Opportunities to help set up for the arrival of the pumpkins and unloading:

- First, we will set up lights, canopies, and fencing on September 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. at 8:00am. Lots of helping hands will be needed.

