

This Week's Activities

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Pumpkin Patch Training
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, Joyful Noise
- 12:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens

Monday, September 29

- 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens

Tuesday, September 30

- 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 7:00 p.m. Planning & Leadership Development Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. LINUS Group
- 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Band/Handbell Choir Rehearsals
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata Choir Rehearsal, Beautiful Mess
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

- 10:00 a.m. Feeding the Homeless – First Pres. Hampton
- 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers, Stepping Stones, Gen C

Friday, October 3

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens

Saturday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens

Sunday, October 5 *Food Pantry Collection*

- 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, Volunteer Training
- 12:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens

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

WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Sunday September 28, 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



Welcome		Pastor Chris Shearer
Announcements		
An Affirmation of Openness		
Opening Prayer		Ben Scott
Songs	"Great Are You, Lord" "God Is So Good"	
Congregational Prayer		
	Kids Dismissed to PlayPraise	
Special Music	"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" Calvin Hampton	Ben Scott
Sermon	Aspire (Week 4) Openness	Pastor Chris Shearer
Responding in Prayer		
Hymn #324	"Open My Eyes That I May See"	
Responsive Reading		Pastor Mary Brown
Benediction		
Song	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	

This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.	Bruce B.'s brother, Andrew
Jerry D.	Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
Toni F.	Betty D.'s sister, Madelyn
Mike F.	Aleta G.'s daughter
Kerry G.	Regina H.'s parents
Jeane H.	Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Don M.	Lisa N.'s dad, Paul
April M.	Kim R.'s father, Jim
Don N.	Lisa W.'s mother, Lois
Christine P.	
Jim R.	
Kim R.	
Carla R.	
Dyer V.	

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.

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 9th 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 **tomorrow**, September 29.

Habitat for Humanity is having another home blitz repair day for homes in the Buckroe area of Hampton on November 15th. Brandon Knight will be our team leader again and we are looking for volunteers to help.

The Home Repair Blitz is a single-day event in which 8-20 homes in a designated neighborhood receive exterior home repairs for a nominal fee and anywhere from 100-300 volunteers. Habitat for Humanity PGW has been organizing these events with our city partners since 2010, serving nearly 500 residents in our community. We assist veteran, low-income, elderly or disabled homeowners with exterior carpentry (replacing handrails, porches, stairs, ramps, etc.); house and sliding painting; other exterior repairs (steps, gutters, fence); and/or safety related improvements.

The day starts around 8:00 am and goes until ~2:00 pm and they will provide lunch and drinks. The number of volunteers we get will determine what projects and the number of houses we will work on.

Have you remembered KirkWood in your estate plan?

KirkWood Walking Group

There is nothing better than going for a nice walk in the woods with the crisp fall air. The KirkWood walking group will be returning to the Matteson Trail on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9:00am. It is a 3-mile paved trail through the woods around the Hamptons Golf course. As always, there will also be options for a 1 or 2-mile walk as well. Nobody walks alone.

Come join the fun, the company, and the great outdoors. The Matteson trail is located at the corner of Neil Armstrong Parkway and Butler Farm Road. We'll meet in the parking lot of the Police Training Center.

For your future planning, on Nov. 8 at 10:00 am, we will walk the Smithfield trail (Windsor Castle Trail), and on Dec. 6 at 10:00 am, we will walk the streets of Colonial Williamsburg to view the beautiful Christmas decorations.

Volunteer for PlayPraise - 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.

Announcements

We start a new three-week adult class TODAY, 9/28, at 11am during which we'll be taking a deeper dive into the six core values we're talking through in our "Aspire" series. Up first, we're going to be exploring "community" more and what we could do at KirkWood to improve our experience of "community." Come join us in the sanctuary wing this Sunday!

Calling all Pumpkin Patch volunteers - we will have a brief refresher on credit card processing **immediately** after the service today at 10:30 out at the Pumpkin Patch tent.

We are using Square this year, which is slightly different, but hopefully more user friendly. If you are unable to attend, Cindy is available to check with you on your first shift of the season.



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 TODAY, Sep. 28. Many beautiful colors are available. If you have any questions, talk to June Ritter (contact info in the church directory).

KirkWood Dining Partners, that's anyone who likes to eat and fellowship, are headed to Capri Pizza & Italian Restaurant in Hampton on Saturday, October 11 at 6 p.m. The restaurant is located at 227 Fox Hill Road in Willow Oaks Village Square. Please meet at the church by 5:20 pm to carpool or ride the van. You can sign up in the foyer or e-mail Cindy W. at cwillic114@gmail.com

Monthly Mission Collections

Next Sunday (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.

BISCUIT SUNDAY: Breakfast Anyone? It's time again to dig up your favorite recipe for those heavenly delicious delectables or other breakfast treats and bring them to KirkWood on Sunday, Oct 12th. We'll be brimming with anticipation during the worship service for we know what awaits in the fellowship hall. No need to sign up; just show up with your choice of scrumptious splendor. So, cut back on the calories now so you'll be able to enjoy a guilt-free plateful of you-know-what. Pass the butter, please! The point of contact is Lew Goodman.

Pumpkin Patch 2025 (the Pumpkins are here!!)



Sign Up to help at the Pumpkin Patch

The annual Pumpkin Patch will operate through 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.

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!

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.

Sanctuary flowers were given by
Cathy Kibler and Carolyn Gilbert
in memory of their father,
Richard Gibson, Jr., on his birthday

