



# KirkWood Kronicle

## A Monthly Newsletter of KirkWood Presbyterian Church

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

September 2009



### Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

I am so proud of the Session for working so many months to produce a brand new vision statement for KirkWood:

***A Christian Community knowing, loving, and serving Christ to make Him known to all.***

You will be hearing a lot about what we can do in order to proclaim the good news of the gospel and how our vision statement helps us focus on what is really important. WE have been called by the good Lord to know, love and serve Christ and to make him known to all people—those nearby and those far away like in the Congo. I will be preaching a series of sermons in September and October related to our Vision Statement and I hope you will join us in corporate worship each week to catch the excitement of being called servants to our Lord. This is a very challenging time in which we live and living out one's faith in Christ is a never-ending joy as well as opportunity to grow both personally and in concert with others.

So plan on hearing how Sunday School, discipleship groups, youth ministry and all the other ministries we are called to do help in giving one vision statement some real visibility in the larger community.

And on a personal note, thanks for all your prayers regarding my possible torn rotator cuff; the fact is my orthopedic surgeon does not think it's torn but there is some muscle atrophy and possible nerve damage. I need to undergo more tests in the near future so keep the prayers coming.

See you in church,

*Michael*

**Rally Sunday**

**Picnic**

**Sept. 13th following  
the 11:00 service**

**KirkWood's Picnic Area**



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## Bible Readings for the Month

Sept. 6	Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 13	Youth Mission Trip Report
Sept. 20	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Sept. 27	Deuteronomy 6:4



### Our Sympathies extend to:

- *Linda Earnhardt, KirkWood's bookkeeper, for the death of her brother, Bill*
- *Tom & Ann Watson for the death of their friend Tom Woodard*
- *Wayne Weaver for the death of his uncle, David*
- *Judy Dunn for the death of her mom, Betty Ann*
- Jackie Whitaker
- Dick LaBarre's friends, Dick and Bill
- Linda Mabrey's brother, Bob
- Mike Fore's business associate's son, Jamey
- John Lee's boss' husband, Pat
- Catherine Nierescher's niece, Gwendolyn

## Permanent Prayer List for September

- *The Jessica Sickles Family*
- *The Mary Weiner Family*
- *Kirk Reno for the death of his uncle, John*
- *Rich Egyud's friends, The Henstock Family*
- *The Tom Warden Family*
- Katie Blanton's co-worker, Steve's son
- Alex Rouin's uncle
- Jon O'Hara's friend, Eric
- Tom Watson's friend, Jack
- Pat Kingsmore's friend, Karen
- Ken Kingmore's sister-in-law, Kim

***Please add the following people to your permanent prayer list and continue to pray for those previously on the permanent list;***

- John Lee's cousin, Leslie
- Laurie Anderson's father-in-law
- Graeme Stockdale's co-worker, Sharon
- Cathy Harvey's friend, Ryan
- Ada Ward's grandson, David
- Jennifer Rouin's friend, Paul
- Jim Mershon's aunt's mom, Betty
- Nancy Brambani's neighbor, Kathy's nephew
- Zuma Glass's mom

# Outreach Committee

### Attention KirkWood Visitors:

Have you been thinking about making KirkWood your church home? We will be starting New Member Classes on September 27th with an orientation class that day. If you are interested in becoming an active member, an affiliate member of the KirkWood congregation, or if you just have questions as to what being a member of the KirkWood Presbyterian Church is all about, please contact Dr. Condrey or the church office soon. You may also mark the Friendship Pad indicating that you wish to join our next class. The classes will be held for 4 weeks, immediately following the 11:00 AM service. Lunch will be provided. Nursery service will be available, if needed.



**Happy Birthday to the following during the month of September:**

Carol Mitchell	9/1
Denise Baker	9/2
Roger Crone	
Lori Forrest	
Ada Ward	9/3
Melanie Kelly	9/4
Tom Watson	
Sara Forrest	9/5
David Gaul	
Lynn Gaul	
Bill Euker	9/7
Josh Keithley	
Ben Kurtz	9/8

Pat Ruddle	
Donna Craig	9/9
Sara Goodman	9/10
Grace Hudgins	
Amorette Warren	
Kyle Angove	9/11
Dan Winkowski	9/12
Cindy Williamson	9/13
Chad Barlow	9/14
Jamie Edwards	
Nancy Ridsen	
Mandy Stockdale	
Chris Lyttle	9/15
Amy Trumpoldt	9/16
Alexis Allen	9/18
Elizabeth Pittman	
Reed Ritter	
Corin Edwards	9/19
Lane Maloney	
Tom Briggs	9/20
Charlotte Cunningham	

Brooke King	
Cory Williford	
Marc Workman	
Shannon Babb	9/21
Faye Shaw	
Julia Scott	
Randolph Mallory	9/23
Lisa Nickerson	
Sandy Westbrook	
Rob Cook	9/24
Gloria Crone	
Jimmy Harvey	9/26
Jim Pressick	9/27
Jeff Mast	9/28
Gina Williams	
Bill Grace	9/29
Doreen Knowles	
Steve Yakshe	
Jill Hollowell	9/30
Nick Schenkelberg	



**Happy Anniversary to the following couples during the month of September:**

	9/03
Arba and Cindy Williamson	
	9/04
Tom and Ann Watson	
	9/07
Dick and Gerry LaBarre	
Jack and Carol Anne Schelz	
	9/10
Alan and Rae Lyn Dobson	
	9/16
Don and Elizabeth Nelson	
	9/17
Joey and Shannon Auché	
	9/18
Tom and Nancy Catlett	
	9/20
Steve and Cindy Cook	
	9/22
Steve and Cathy Hudgins	
	9/23
Randy and Jill Hollowell	
	9/24
Tom and Elaine Davenport	
Brian and Gina Williams	
	9/27
Jay and Gina Roberts	
	9/30
Jesse and Lauren Dunlap	



Taylor Margaret Desch, daughter of Philip and Rachel Desch, was baptized on August 16, 2009 during the 11:00 AM worship service. Taylor is the granddaughter of Bill



Youth Mission Trip '09 Photos



Hosanna Industries, Rochester, Pennsylvania



# September 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Youth Committee 7:30 PM - Mission Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	6:30 PM - Adventure Crew	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors	7:30 AM - Bike Ride
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Food Pantry	Church Office Closed Labor Day	10:00 AM - Sarah Circle Bible Study 7:00 PM - Christian Education Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 10:00 AM - Clergy Growth Seminar	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM - Iron Men - Maloney	7:30 AM - Bike Ride
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
H.O.P.E. Offering Rally Sunday 12:00 PM - KirkWood Rally Day Picnic 7:00 PM - Raphael & Gabriel Bells	7:00 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S.- Nelson	7:30 PM - Session Meeting	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess- Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 6:45 PM - Selah Group - Deaton 7:00PM - Martha Circle Stepping Stones - Knowles 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams	7:00 AM - Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM - Friday Night Lights - Mershon	7:30 AM - Bike Ride
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Kronicle Deadline 9:40 AM - Melody Singers 4:00 PM - KYG/Fisher Kids - Video Hit Squad 5:30 PM - Member Care Committee 5:30 PM - King's Kids 6:45 PM - Raphael Bells 7:30 PM - Gabriel Bells	7:00 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S.- Nelson	5:30 PM - Congregational Care Comm. 7:00 PM - Property and Facility Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess- Hudgins 7:30 PM - Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 6:45 PM - Selah Group - Deaton 7:00 PM - GPS - Egvud Stepping Stones - Knowles 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams	7:00 AM - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM - Kronicle Folding 7:15 PM - Friday Night Lights - Mershon	7:30 AM - Bike Ride 10:00 AM - Weekend Ministry - St. Paul's Episcopal 6:30 PM - Eating Out Group - Happy Belly, Poquoson
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
12:00 PM - New Member Class 2:00 PM - KYG/Fisher Kids - Pumpkin Patch Set-up 6:00 PM - Youth Choir 6:45 PM - Raphael Bells 7:30 PM - Gabriel Bells	7:00 PM - God's S.T.A.R.S.- Nelson	7:30 PM - Planning & Leadership Dev. Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess- Hudgins 7:30 PM - Cantata Choir 8:30 PM - Adult Choir			



## Choir Rehearsals Resume

### THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Choirs begin this month. Remember that any choir would count as your Worship Plus 2. If you would like to be part of the fun please come out to one of our rehearsals. See Rae Lyn Dobson, Director of Music, if you have any questions.

#### **The following opportunities are available:**

**Praise Team** - Rehearsal Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM (open to high school students who participate in Youth Choir - Adult)

**Youth Choir** - Rehearsal Sundays 6:00 - 6:40 PM (6th - 12th grade)

**Adult Choir** - Rehearsal Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM

**Melody Singers** - ages 3-5 - Rehearsal 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:40 - 9:55 AM

**King's Kids** grades 1-5 - Rehearsal 1st & 3rd Sundays 5:30-6:00 PM

**Gabriel Handbell Choir** - Advanced Level - Rehearsal Sundays 7:30 - 8:30 PM

**Raphael Handbell Choir** - Beginning Level - Rehearsal Sundays 6:45 - 7:30 PM

**Christmas Cantata Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30 - 8:30 PM starting Sept. 30 - Dec. 20

**Easter Cantata Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:15 - 8:30 PM, February - Easter

**Men's Choir** - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM, April - May

**Women's Choirs** - Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM, May - June

**Special Music** - Rehearsal as needed

#### **Changes to this year's Music Program:**

**Youth Choir** (grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday evenings 6:00 - 6:40 PM.

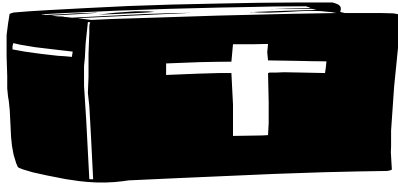
**Raphael Bell Choir** will be open to anyone Middle School and older interested in learning how to play handbells through those with 1-2 years of experience. This choir will play level 1 & 2 music, challenging, but not overwhelming. They will meet at 6:45 - 7:30 PM

**Gabriel Bell Choir** will be for those who have played in a handbell choir and are proficient in reading music. They will meet at 7:30 - 8:30 PM.

**Please see where you can fit into the music program this year.**

**Christmas Cantata Choir will be open to High School students that participate in Youth Choir along with all adults. We will begin rehearsals on September 30th at 7:30 P.M.**

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## Christian Education Opportunities for Everyone!

**2's and 3's** ~ "Jesus Loves Me" ~ Prayerfully Seeking Teacher!

**Pre-School and Kindergarten** ~ "Making Choices: Stories from Genesis" Jeannine Scott, Melanie Kelly, and Ben Scott

**WOW (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** ~ "Adventures with the Israelites/Amazing Power" Faye Shaw, Coordinator

**Middle School** ~ "The Great Bible Race" ~ Arba Williamson, Ted Lovdahl, and Dick Knowles

**High School** ~ "Veracity Vignettes: Short Films to Engage Youth to Look Deeper Into Scriptures to Find Truth" ~ Christine Pregler and Phil Rouin

## New Adult Classes - September 13 – October 25

### Bible GPS: Finding Our Way to God

**Led by Steve Shaw**

This class offers a serious but practical introduction to finding **your own way** through the Bible. Those who actually seek, actually find real treasure for life provided by God.

The class will begin with a brief review of the history of the Bible and the types of literature it contains. We will take one book of the Bible as an example and walk through that using a variety of resources available to everyone. The main objective is to enable you to be better in using your GPS unit for yourself.

No prior Bible experience required; hunger for finding God is required.

### Philippians


**Led by Jim Birch**

This class begins a verse-by-verse systematic study of Paul's letter to the Christians who lived in the city of Philippi during the first century. With themes like joy as the fruit of life in Christ, single-minded focus on Christ, and spiritual maturity as a community effort, this short book has much with which to challenge and guide us today. Come join this thoughtful examination of the scriptures and expect to find God's life for you there.

### Getting Real with Jesus—Up to the Challenge?

**Led by Michael Condrey**

Is Jesus a distant historical figure or someone more intimate with you than anyone else? What is it like to walk with Jesus as your teacher today, in the midst of the real stuff of your life? This class aims to help us see Jesus, to interact with his Spirit, to learn from him, to be deeply affected by Him. We will examine the scriptures and



# Youth Group News

## Fisher Kids

Welcome Fisher Kids to a new year of youth fellowship!! We are looking forward to lots of fun this year! This year, The Landers and The Shouns will be leading the group again and cannot wait to get started. Please remember to pick up a parental release form in the narthex and fill it out so you don't miss any of the fun we have planned!

We will kick off the year with the Video Hit Squad!!! This is a scavenger hunt like no other!! We will be meeting with the KYG at KirkWood on Sunday, September 20 from 4 – 7 pm. A sign up sheet will be in the hallway by the narthex for anyone who can be a driver or has a video

camera!

The Pumpkin Patch!! For those of you who don't know, this is our biggest fundraiser for the mission trip! We will meet on Sunday, September 27 from 2- 4 to set up. Please wear work clothes and bring gloves if you have them! Pumpkins arrive on Friday October 2 and 16 at 4pm. We will need lots of help unloading so mark your calendars! You may also want to sign up in the narthex with your family to work a shift or two in the patch – it is all the volunteers that make the patch so successful!

We will be sending details of all upcoming events through email again this year, so please let us know your email address. News

will also be posted on the bulletin board outside the office. We look forward to a great year full of fun and fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,

Joy and Troy Landers

thelanders@cox.net

Scott and Paige Shoun

sshoun1@cox.net

### Upcoming Events:

September 20 - Video Hit Squad

September 27 - Pumpkin Patch Set Up

October 2 - Unload Pumpkins

October 16 - Unload Pumpkins

October 25 - Bonfire



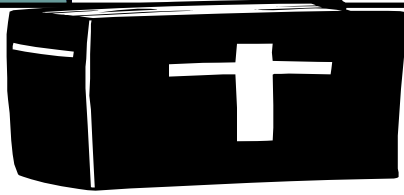
### Vacation Bible School

Summer '09  
July 20 - 24



### “Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari”

Director:  
Leanne Clifford



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Youth Group News

# KYG

**KYG Friends:** We hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer. School will be starting soon, but the good news is that KYG will be starting soon too! First up is our Youth Sunday on September 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope all of you who joined us on the mission trip have your “part” for the service planned. We will be getting with you soon. The congregation is looking forward to hearing about our trip. Next up is the “official kick off” with the ever popular Video Hit Squad on Sunday 9/20. Start time is 4:00 pm. We will need video cameras, drivers, cell phones, and \$5.00 each for pizza. Yes, there will be a “mystery Godfather” again this year.

Next is Pumpkin Patch season. This is our BIG fundraiser for our mission trip and we need everyone to help. Please plan on

these dates as well as working a few shifts in-between. Remember, these help cut down on your trip costs:

09/27 2-4 pm patch set-up

10/02 4 pm delivery (full)

10/16 4 pm delivery (1/2)

10/25 6 pm bonfire night

11/7 8 am patch clean up.

We have set up 4 St. Paul’s soup kitchen dates for this year: 10/3, 01/09, 03/06, and 05/01. We meet at KWPC at 9:30 am and return at 1:00 pm. We hope that you can make it to some, if not all of these. It is a great time and a great way to serve. Listed below are other up-coming events that we have planned.

Please let us know if there is something that you would like to do and we will try to schedule it. We are currently updating our email file, so if you have a specific address that you want your reminders sent to, please email them to Mrs. Clifford at

[robinclifford@hotmail.com](mailto:robinclifford@hotmail.com) and we will add it to our list. We are looking forward to another great year and hope to see a lot of all of you. Please remember that we always love to see your friends too. Don’t forget to sign a youth permission slip form!

**Peace to All,**

Robin Clifford

Kirk and Jamie Reno

**Additional Dates:**

Nov. 8 - Soup Luncheon Fundraiser

Nov. 15- Lunch and Shoebox Ministry shopping

Dec. TBD – Christmas Party

Jan. 10 – Soup Luncheon Fundraiser

Jan. 24 – Murder Mystery Dinner Party

Feb. 16- Fat Tuesday

**Permission forms:** All youth and parents please remember that permission forms need to be filled out prior to participation in any activity that happens off-site, away from church. Forms are in the narthex or can be downloaded from the church website and turned into the church office.



**Pumpkin Patch:** **ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!** The Great Pumpkin (with many brothers and sisters) is arriving at KirkWood on **OCTOBER 2ND!!!** We will need lots of people throughout the month to help find good homes for all the pumpkins. The Pumpkin Patch will again benefit the KirkWood Youth Program and our annual Youth Mission Trip. We are looking for all the parents and youth to sign-up early and often to cover the patch. However, even if you don't have youth you are welcome to work in the patch. Within the next week or two you will see a sign-up sheet for working in the Pumpkin Patch. We will have a truckload of pumpkins to unload on Friday, October 2nd, at 4:00 PM. The patch will then be open and we will need people to man the patch from 10:00 - 7:00 PM Monday - Thursday, 10:00 - 8:00 on Friday and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 - 7:00 PM. There will be a second shipment arriving on October 16th, at 4:00 PM.

## NEW VISION FOR KIRKWOOD

Your Session has prayerfully worked over the past year at 4 Saturday morning retreats to craft a new vision for KirkWood. The new vision statement is **"A Christian Community, knowing, loving, and serving Christ, to make Him known to all."** This vision paints a picture of what the Session believes God wants KirkWood Presbyterian Church to be. KirkWood Church is already a wonderful place but we can always be more Christ-like.

Now is the time for all of us to take action to make the "Vision" a reality. The Session is excited to begin this process and we have a great opportunity on September 13<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day, to rededicate and reenergize ourselves and others to God's call. The Session has adopted the theme "Worship plus 2" as a first step to help you get involved. Consequently, we're asking everyone to prayerfully consider where your talents would be best utilized in the work of the Church or maybe energize yourself by trying something new for the coming year.

On Rally Day, please dedicate yourself to attending worship regularly and becoming involved in two (2) additional areas of the KirkWood community. Perhaps you need to increase "knowing Christ" and will begin to regularly attend Sunday School classes. Or maybe you need to learn to "love Christ" more and will join a discipleship group, other small group, or the choir. If you want to "serve Christ", you possibly will volunteer to visit the homebound or feed the hungry.

There are needs in all aspects of the KirkWood Christian community and Christ needs you **NOW**. If each of us commits to "Worship Plus 2", our impact on the community will be felt immediately. More importantly, our fellowship in Christ will grow, allowing each of us and KirkWood to make an even greater impact in lives everywhere. When we gather to serve our Father, showing His love to the world, we benefit from the closeness and brotherhood of Christ!

Come to the KirkWood picnic on Rally Day and stop by the Session committee tables to find out more about "Worship plus 2" opportunities.

Your Session

# Congregational Care

We have had a summer full of *great* activities here at KirkWood! Our picnic in June was delicious, the Tides game was a homerun and the Sundae Sunday Social was an evening full of fellowship, ice cream and great music from the KirkWood Boys. Thank you to all those who came out for these fun events and helped to make them special for everyone. We are so blessed here at KirkWood to have a congregation that not only worships together, but plays, laughs and of course, *eats* together!!

As we start the fall season of activities here at KirkWood, we encourage you to join the Congregational Care Committee and/or sign up to help with one of the many opportunities for fellowship and service. We will be at a signup table on Rally Day- please stop by and find out how you can help!! Or, you can always call Bill Gilbert (868-8953) or Susie Egyud (766-3055) for more information.

Finally, a look ahead for October and November:

October - Fellowship dinner and Bonfire. Brush up on those pumpkin decorating skills for the contest!


November - Fellowship dinner followed by songs from The Yorktown Chorale.

**\*\*Just because the summer is over doesn't mean the fun stops! September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Kickoff picnic held at KirkWood right after the 11:00 service. Wear your picnic clothes to church, bring a side dish or dessert to share along with table service and enjoy some hotdogs and hamburgers hot off the grill! There will be tables set up inside, but for those of you who want to eat outdoors, bring your chairs. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending so we can get an idea of how much food to prepare. \*\***



KIRKWOOD SILVER, a friendly and caring senior fellowship group at KirkWood, meets monthly on the third Thursday. On **September 17<sup>th</sup>** the group will meet at the church at **9:30 am**, and car pool to **Jamestown Settlement** to explore the English beginnings of our country. After an orientation film, we'll tour the galleries. KirkWood's Gloria Crone, who does tours for Jamestown, has offered to be our guide free of charge if she's available that day. We'll break for a picnic lunch, brought from home or purchased at the cafe there. After lunch we'll see the outdoor exhibits and learn what life was like in those early years at Jamestown. The entrance fee to **Jamestown Settlement** is \$13.00 (no fee for York County and Williamsburg residents). If Gloria isn't available, we will have to pay an additional \$2.75 each for another Jamestown guide. Those who would like to also visit Jamestown Island will have time to add a short visit to the day's activities. Golden Age Passport holders (\$10.00) get into Jamestown Island free of charge. **IF YOU PLAN TO GO TO JAMESTOWN, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX ON AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. OR 13<sup>TH</sup>.** Questions: Wanda or Jim Birch, 868-8651.

# Congregational Care



**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**  
2009-2010  
If You Are  
Going the Wrong Way...  
**TURN AROUND**

August 28

Lesson 11

Sin and Redemption

Food: Dick Knowles

September 25

Lesson 12

Sin...Grace

Food: Arba Williamson

See Dick LaBarre for your new books for this coming year's study, "Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet".



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AT KIRKWOOD

### Martha Circle

Ladies, do you work all day and then get home and wonder when you will ever have time to get everything done? Do you seek personal spiritual revival amidst the busyness and uncertainties of life? But again don't know how you will ever fit it into your schedule? Then there is that Bible Study that you don't ever seem to have time to really get off the ground as well as PLD Committee asking everyone to commit to worship plus 2. Well Martha Circle is just the group for you. We meet twice a month, 1st & 3rd Thursdays at the church. No pressure just fellowship, Bible Study, and a little refreshment with others in the same predicament as you. We will even pray together for all those things/people we worry about so often. Join the Martha Circle as we begin a new Bible Study this fall called "Discovering God's Will for Your Life". We will meet on September 17th in Room 4 at 7:00 P.M. (across from the Fellowship Hall). **Please contact Linda Briggs (867-6932)** if you have questions.



### Sarah Circle

SARAH CIRCLE, a Bible Study Fellowship, welcomes ALL ladies who are available on the second Tuesday morning of each month. Our new year begins on September 8th., at 10:00 am. Following a brief time of light refreshments and chatting, we'll launch into our Bible Study for 2009-2010, "Joshua: A Journey of Faith"; a study which will help us reaffirm our belief that "the Bible contains God's word for all of us through the ages" (Preface to the study) and will help us "listen for how the issues addressed in *Joshua* "touch our lives individually and corporately" (Introduction). COME and share biblical truths, friendships, prayer concerns, mission projects (we've already started making blankets for the Linus Project), and extended fellowship over lunch together at a local restaurant (optional). If you have questions, please call Wanda Birch at 868-8651. See you on September 8th.!



The Eating Out Group will begin the fall season going to the Happy Belly Family Restaurant located at 480 Wythe Creek Road, in Poquoson. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday September 26, 2009 for fellowship, fun and food. Please RSVP by September 23 to Faye Shaw 868-4290 or e-mail [afshaw921@aol.com](mailto:afshaw921@aol.com).

Saturday, October 24, 2009 the Eating Out Group will be going to the River's Inn restaurant located at 8109 Yacht Haven Drive, Gloucester Point at 6:00PM. If you would like to attend please RSVP by October 21 to Faye Shaw 868-4290 or e-mail [afshaw921@aol.com](mailto:afshaw921@aol.com).

# Congregational Care

## Discipleship Groups

training). Together, we're taking a course designed to thoroughly prepare a small group facilitator for leadership. This training course feels more like a small group than a class. We have time to share life stories in a cozy home, ponder scripture and learn lessons on leadership, undergirded in prayer. We've been meeting in our homes, having the training information delivered to us by various trainees and it has been very enjoyable. Last week's scripture lesson touched me enough to share it. We read the well-known passage (Romans 12:9-15):

*<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

And we were asked: "Can you think of a time when another person's affection, honor, zeal, patience, prayers, generosity, and / or hospitality made a difference in your life?"

If you're sitting (trapped) in a lazy boy recliner or some other cozy chair, you may want to take advantage of that position and spend time with that question and the scripture from which it was formed. Sleep won't overcome you if your thoughts go to one particular person who has made a difference in your life, someone who possesses those qualities of sincere love. I immediately thought of my aunt who has been a compassionate, affectionate and trustworthy friend all my life, always ready to give godly advice (only when asked) and has shown great hospitality and generosity through the years. And, yes, I let her know she was my *Romans 12:9-15*.

Who, in your life, has those qualities and has made a difference in your life? Perhaps your thoughts go to your small group facilitator or one particular group member. Did your entire group come to mind?

As a facilitator, I hope that I can be *Romans 12:9-15* for my group members, but more importantly, I hope my group joins together and demonstrates the love of this passage to each group member. We're all growing in the area of brotherly *love*. You probably know the saying, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Well, I think it takes an entire small group to raise a disciple. As we grow in Christ, we become more affectionate, honorable, zealous, patient, prayerful, generous, and hospitable. As I sat with my aunt, I told her through tears, that I hope I can do "that" for someone else (what she has done for me) and she said, so wisely, it's not a matter of doing, but being ... and I understood completely. **Our actions will reflect who we are (in Christ).** Not many individuals have all the qualities mentioned above, but together a discipleship group can help each other to be all "that" for each other.

Blessings,

Gina Williams

KirkWood's Discipleship Groups are listed on page 13. The groups start meeting this month. An asterisk beside the group indicates a full group, or one that has more than 12 members. They'll lovingly take more, but please seek the smaller groups that we offer; they have lots to offer and a bit more room. In order to let you see which group is closest to your home, I've indicated the city/zipcode of the group location. Feel free to call any facilitator for more information.

# Congregational Care

## Discipleship Groups - continued

**Seasoned Discipleship Group Members:** Here's an opportunity to be Romans 12:9-15 for others. I need to find co-facilitators for a few facilitators (newly trained and beginning to be trained.) Call me if you are interested in joining the Fall Facilitator Training Class that will start on October 4th at 6:00p.m.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
God's S.T.A.R.S.*	Don & Elizabeth Nelson, Chris Wood	Monday 7:00 PM	Newport News 23605	826-5077
Beautiful Mess*	Steve & Cathy Hudgins	Wednesday 7:00 PM	Poquoson 23662	868-0444
2 or More	Barbara Ball	Thursday 9:30 AM	Yorktown 23692	968-5433
5 Smooth Stones	Brian & Gina Williams, Tracy Louk	Thursday 7:15 PM	Newport News 23602	249-9327 509-2309
Stepping Stones	Dick & Doreen Knowles, Scott Coverdale	Thursday 7:00 PM	Newport News 23606 Yorktown 23693	930-1592 867-7748
Selah	Steve and Faye Shaw	Thursday 6:45 PM	Poquoson 23662	868-4290
GPS – God's Pic Sticks	Rich and Susie Egyud	Thursday 7:00 PM (2nd & 4th)	Yorktown 23693	766-3055
Friday Night Lights	Jim and April Mershon	Friday 7:15 PM	Hampton 23666	896-1907



On Saturday July 11th the small groups celebrated their 2nd birthday social in the church fellowship hall. We had a very good time and plenty of fun, food and friendship. We played a few games and had some good hearty laughs, but the most important of the games was the one to see who got the coveted angel to keep for 1 year on their mantel. Happy to say the winners were the 5 Smooth Stones. So congratulations to you all. Hope to be celebrating again

# Mission News

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**HOPE-** Helping Other People Eat –The Mission Committee is so thankful for KirkWood's support to the HOPE offering each month. In the last six months we have been able to give to Menchville House, Youth Challenge (women & men), Teen Challenge and Feed the Children in the Congo. This is a very important mission that we do as the body of Christ in our



**St. Paul's Weekend Ministry:** Thank you to the 16 volunteers who came to St. Paul's on July 25th to prepare and serve lunch to our 37 guests. Our weekend ministry always welcomes new volunteers. Dates and sign up sheets are posted on the Mission bulletin board. Our next weekend will be September 26th.

**Menchville House:** is a shelter for women and children and operates on donations from the community. On October 17th at 7:00 p.m., KirkWood will be hosting a benefit concert for Menchville House. There will be lots of great music, followed by refreshments and fellowship. This concert is for the community, so spread the word, bring a friend or two and come enjoy the



**Relay for Life:** It is with much regret that we must dissolve our KirkWood Crusaders Relay team. We have had many successful and blessed years of fundraising for this very worthy cause, and thank all the many volunteers/teammates who have made it a success. We hold onto the hope that perhaps a few years down the road we can again be involved in fighting for a cure. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters affected by cancer.



**Raise the Roof--**Our sister church, Mikondo, has been feeding 160 children a day in a building with no roof, windows or doors. As our Mission of the Month in September and October, the Mission Committee is asking for monetary donations to help finish the feeding center and continue this important mission. Please place your donation in the offering plate, pick a "roof tile" and attach it to the poster in the hallway. Please write "Mikondo Roof" on the memo line of your check. Any questions, call Sue Worthington,

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The Mission Committee would like to give a huge "Thank You" to Wanda and Jim Birch and Faye Shaw. They went above and beyond in showing our Congo guest, Sister Charlotte, KirkWood hospitality during her visit.



**P.O.R.T (People Offering Resources Together):** This ministry operates from November through March each year. It is a group of partner churches who take turns being host and/or volunteering to man the overnight shelters for the homeless. For the 2009-10 season, KirkWood will be volunteering for one night the week of December 9-16 and one night the week of March 3-10, 2010. Exact dates will be posted as we get them. This ministry requires 20-25 volunteers for 3 shifts per night. Please think about joining us in giving back to our community. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Wood 722-3475.

## UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Food Pantry-September 6

HOPE-September 13

Weekend Ministry-  
September 26



# Session News

## **Presbyterian Church United States of America (PCUSA) Form of Government**

The KirkWood Session recently received a report from a General Assembly Task Force that examined our current Form of Government, the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order. The Task Force recommends a host of changes to:

add flexibility for governing bodies at all levels (Session, Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly)

establish authoritative language and guidelines while permitting governing bodies to develop structures to carry out their specific missions based on regional factors, population makeup, and the community served by the church.

The KirkWood Session has grave concerns about these recommendations. Our analysis indicates this proposal opens the door to restating confessional beliefs long held as significant to the Presbyterian Church. The proposal erodes some long held absolutes of the Book of Order and is the latest effort of what seems like constant change. The Presbyterian Church seems to be continually asking: "Do we take God as He is or God as we want Him to be?"

After prayer and discussion, the KirkWood Session chose to send the following letter to the Office of the General Assembly to voice strong opposition to the recommendations of the Form of Government Task

July 30, 2009

Ms. Joan Greene  
Office of the General Assembly (OGA)  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
100 Witherspoon Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

Ms. Greene,

This letter is to inform the OGA that the Session of the KirkWood Presbyterian Church in Yorktown, Virginia strongly supports retaining the current form of government as it appears in the Book of Order and Book of Confessions. We have studied the proposed changes of the Form of Government (FOG) Task Force and we are not convinced of the necessity of any changes to the present format of the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions. What we conclude is the proposed changes would open the door to allow governing bodies to develop structures to carry out missions which could be contrary to Scripture.

These advocated changes by the FOG Task Force deviate from the traditions and historical underpinnings of the Presbyterian Church, the links to the Bible, our confessions, and our beliefs. Fragile mankind and corresponding governing bodies seek absolutes as their bedrocks to guide knowing, loving, and serving God. This proposed change opens the door for governing bodies to violate these absolutes. As a Session, we intend to ensure that our Christian education curriculum, youth programs, worship services, and discipleship groups remain grounded in the authority of Scripture.

The proposed revised FOG structure would weaken our denomination and possibly exacerbate the recent exodus of members and churches. Therefore, we respectfully disagree with changes recommended by the FOG Task Force. We request the Office of the General Assembly to speak out in opposition as well.

DAVID M. FORE

Clerk of Session



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**Worship:** 8:30 AM (Contemporary)  
11:00 AM (Traditional)  
**Sunday School:** 9:40 AM (infant - adult)

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3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits is just one evening a week.
7. Oh yes, just one more reason to join the choir: You are a leader in the worship experience.

### **Special dates in September**

- September 7, 2009 - Labor Day
- September 11, 2009 - Patriot Day (remembrance of Sept. 11)
- September 13, 2009 - Rally Day - National Grandparents Day
- September 15 - October 15, 2009 - National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 22, 2009 - First Day of Autumn

See our calendar on Page 4 for Special dates at KirkWood.