



KirkWood Kronicle

A Monthly Newsletter of KirkWood Presbyterian Church

*A Christian Community Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ, to make
Him Known to All.*

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Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

By the time you read this I will be on a week's vacation from church duties doing two things: immersing myself once again in Shelby Foote's Civil War Trilogy and watching Ken Burn's masterpiece. The Civil War on 6 DVDs! I am planning not to be available when Bonnie wants to do some more yard work!

As everyone knows by now, we as a nation are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States. Except "celebrating" cannot possibly be the correct word, right? Even though Foote said you cannot understand American history without first understanding the Civil War, what an incredible price we paid in order to preserve the Union and end chattel slavery. Over 600,000 lives were lost as American murdered American and diseases ran amok in hospitals and field stations. What a terrible price we paid.

Psychologically I cannot tell you why I am so drawn to the Civil War as an object of study as well as a sometimes hobby, reenacting. Somewhere in the mix are virtues like devotion to a cause, loyalty, courage, affections for one's colleagues, a literate public and the importance of able leadership.

For some reason being a product of a south side Richmond upbringing instilled in me an affection for things historical and militaristic.

Today at KirkWood, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we have persons from the North, South, East, and West working together, praying together, studying together and worshipping together in order to become not soldiers for Christ but rather disciples of Christ. I hope you will continue to find KirkWood a place where your faith walk with Christ is deepened, renewal, refreshed and challenged. I appreciate everything you do in order to make our congregation a faithful witness to our Risen Lord and Savior.

Even though our accents may differ, thanks be to the good Lord our hearts can be united in service and praise to Jesus Christ. Have a great vacation wherever you go this summer.

Michael

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May 2011

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

We're on the Web!

<http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/>

KirkWood’s May calendar can be found at the following link:

<http://www.kirkwoodpcusa.org/calendar.html>

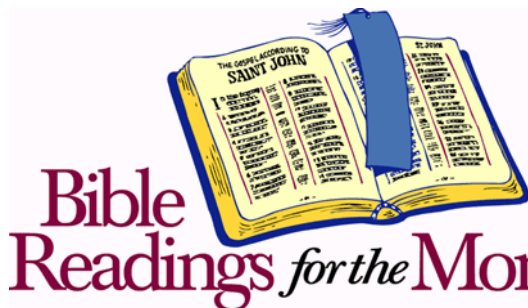
Looking for the Permanent Prayer List,
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Baptisms, and Births for May?

Please pick up a copy of that page on the narthex table.

New Member Class

Attention KirkWood Visitors:

Have you been thinking about making KirkWood your church home? We will be starting New Member Classes on May 1st. 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.



- May 1 John 20:19-31
- May 8 Luke 24:13-35
- May 15 John 10:1-10
- May 22 John 14:1-14
- May 29 John 14:15-21



KirkWood Kronicle Distribution

As you may know, in January 2011 we began putting the monthly KirkWood Kronicle newsletter on KirkWood’s website and stopped mailing it. The purpose of this move was to make the Kronicle more widely available, and to save printing and mailing costs. We thought that if individuals wanted a paper copy of the newsletter, they would simply print a copy at home. We also still had some printed copies of the Kronicle that individuals could pick up in the Narthex, if they did not want to print their own copy at home.

We have had a few growing pains while implementing this procedure. For example, some individuals had difficulty finding the Kronicle on the website, so last month Rae Lyn began emailing the following direct link to the Kronicle <<http://www.kirkwoodpcusa.org/KWnews.html>> when it was published. Also, those of you that printed the Kronicle from the website may have gotten a blank sheet of paper between each printed page. That issue has been fixed and the Kronicle now prints correctly.

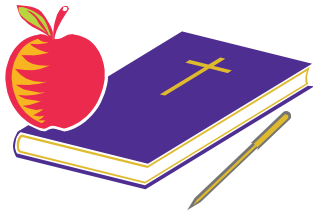
However, several individuals have indicated that they still would like to have the Kronicle mailed to them. If you would like to have the Kronicle printed and mailed to you each month, please send an email to kirkwood@kirkwood.hrcoxmail.com and let Rae Lyn know or sign up on the list in the Narthex. Rae Lyn will remove you from the “Kronicle Notification” email list and will mail you the Kronicle each time it is published.

If you have any questions about obtaining the Kronicle, please contact Mike Fore, 867-6805.

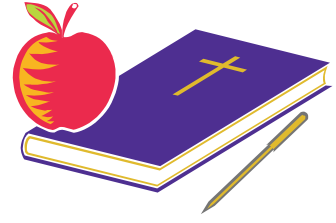


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Christian Education



New Classes

New Classes

Please join us for a new 6-week adult Sunday School class which will begin May 1 in the fellowship hall. Mike Fore and Steve Hudgins will be leading a DVD based study entitled "5 things God uses to GROW your faith." We hope to see you there!

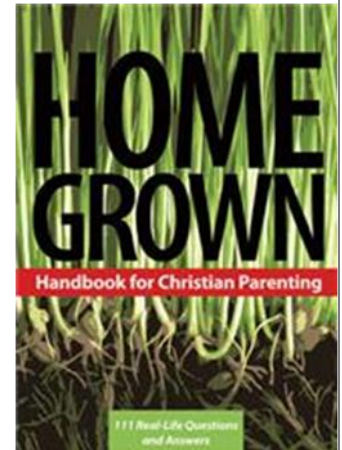
Message from Jeannine

Coming Soon to KirkWood's Library:

Home Grown: Handbook for Christian Parenting

A book that "gives parents practical, real-world advice about how to help their kids know and love God – and how to build a home where you can grow in faith together."

Your kids ask you questions all the time and you have your own questions. This book has 111 questions - asked and answered, with many recommendations.



Try these two ideas this month to see how they work for your family.

Family Mission Statement (page 33) – Schools, businesses and churches have mission statements. Does your family have one? It is meant to clarify goals and produce focus on more than homework, housework, and activities. Start yours with "As a family we will..." Home Grown recommends the following passages for inspiration; 1 Kings 2:1-4, Joshua 24:15b, Micah 6:8

Life Verse (page 35) – Do you ever hear a verse and think that it should be written directly upon your heart and shared as a part of who you are? This is your life verse. It can be put on the bottom of emails, on birthday cards, or as a magnet on your refrigerator. Each person in your family can pick their own verse. Here are some ideas from the book to get you started; Isaiah 40:31, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 43:1, Hebrews 10:33, Joshua 1:9.



Family Devotions

Christian Education

Community Easter Egg Hunt was experienced by over 75 children! Story time, egg hunt, games, snacks and bounce house meant fun for everyone. A heartfelt thank you from Jeannine Scott and Nancy Brambani to the Youth Groups and many volunteers that made this possible!

Sunday School:

Preschool and Kindergarten class did an outstanding job singing the introit in April! A big thank you to our trio of singers, Gloria for her songwriting and guitar talents and the Lewis' for leading and practicing with the kids! For the month of May, the children will be talking about love and kindness. They will work on memorizing the Bible verse from Galatians 6:10 "Do good to all people."

WOW:

"A Love Story"

Our Rotation in May will be the wonderful story of Ruth, from the Old Testament. Ruth's story is a reminder of the blessings that God has for all who believe and obey.

Our four workshops will be:

- **Creation Station** (our art workshop), where students will learn about love, hard work, and obedience, and then they'll make an ornament from grain to remind them of Ruth.
- **Acts of the Apostles** (drama workshop), where students will try their hand at gleaning grain, and then act out Ruth's story.
- **WKPC-TV** (movie room), where students will listen to Ruth's story from a Bible storybook, and then watch an animated version of her story.

The Bread of Life Café (church kitchen), where students will learn about grains, how they were harvested, baked, and eaten in Old Testament times, and then they'll make a whole-grain treat to eat and take home to their families.

Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. Ruth 1:16

Intergenerational Sunday School Class

Join Barbara Ball on June 12th in Sunday school to learn about Pentecost and how the gift of the Holy Spirit works through every one of us! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to help prepare for the hands on activity. The celebration will not be contained to just Sunday School, so please watch the bulletin for details on how you can help.

Blast off with Vacation Bible School!

Registration for cadets starts on May 8th. Please pick up a registration form for you and a friend in the narthex or download it from the website. Traditional VBS is open to those 4 years old through entering 5th grade. New this year is the C.I.A., Christians In Action middle school group. These rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will still be a part of the opening ceremonies and lessons of VBS, but they will be putting them into action by providing a service to the church and its members. VBS will be July 24th - 28th, 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Congregational Care

On May 22, our fellowship dinner theme will be a “Community Meet and Greet” so be sure to invite your neighbors and friends to dinner and experience the friendly and caring people of KirkWood. There will be a prize for the person who brings the most guests to dinner and fellowship. Additionally, we will recognize church members and the family member of a KirkWood family who is currently on active duty, whether serving state side, overseas, or deployed. We will recognize those who are present as well as those unable to attend. We are going to have cards available for everyone to sign which will be forwarded to the service member. So that we have enough cards available and so no one is missed, please sign the sheet in the Narthex with the name and address of a service member you would like to have a card sent to, so they know we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

The annual KirkWood picnic will be June 12, so mark your calendars. The picnic will be held on the front lawn, with plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks to go around. Look for more information in the next Kronicle.

Congregational Care continues to be very busy serving the needs of the congregation. The committee would like to thank the members of KirkWood who have provided delicious meals to members of our church family during times of illness and recovery, Sarah Circle and other church members who have helped with the Memorial Services by preparing and serving food and setting up for the receptions. Also, we want to thank those who provide transportation to our church members who no longer drive and want to attend church, and to those who take time to go visit members of our church who are shut-in. And also, to the ladies who arrange the flowers so they can be delivered to those who are in the hospital or unable to attend church. And a great big thank you to all who set up and take down the tables for our fellowship dinners. Great job everyone!!!!!!!

In addition, Congregational Care is pleased to announce that April Mershon volunteered to serve as the Coordinator of the Small Group Bible Study ministry. Thank you, April.

Congregational Care is a small committee and can always use more helping hands. If you would like to help in any of the areas mentioned above let Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Helene Watson (867-9389) know of your interest in helping members of KirkWood.



Congregational Care

Kirk Wood Silver

KIRKWOOD SILVER will meet at the church at 9:30 AM, on Thursday, May 19th, to carpool to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. We went to the Gardens two years ago and thoroughly enjoyed it! The roses were gorgeous, and the eaglets awesome! The group rate is \$8.00, which includes a tram tour of the gardens. A boat tour on Lake Whitehurst is an option for an additional \$5.00. There is a bistro style cafe with seating on a patio overlooking the gardens. We should be returning to the church by 3:30 to 4:00 PM. If you would like to go on this day trip, please sign up in the Narthex beginning May 1st. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, or Faye Shaw at 868-4290, if you have questions.

The Peaks of Otter trip is still open to any interested seniors (we don't "card" for age qualification!). The weekend trip is scheduled for June 3-5, when the rhododendrons should be beautiful. Rooms at the Peaks of Otter Lodge, nestled at the base of Sharp Top mountain at Milepost 86 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, rent for \$141.90 per night, including tax. Make reservations for June 3rd and 4th by calling 1-800-542-5927, and asking for a room with the Wanda Birch group! Besides the sheer beauty of the area, the Peaks area offers many options for fun and relaxation. Call Wanda or Jim Birch, at 868-8651, or Carolyn or Bill Gilbert at 868-8359 for more information. Sign up in the Narthex now!

SARAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, at 10:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study, fellowship, and mission. Anita Athearn will lead the lesson, the "grand finale" in our inspiring study of *Journeys through Revelation*. Following a brief meeting, we hope everyone will extend the fellowship by going to lunch at Riverwalk Restaurant on the waterfront in Yorktown. *Even though this is our last meeting for this circle year, we welcome any newcomers.* Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651.

Reminder: *Anyone who is making blankets for Project Linus should plan to turn them in on or before the May Circle meeting.*



Martha Circle: The end of our year of studying "Life Lessons with Max Lacado: The Touch of the Master's Hand", is fast approaching. Each friend always brings interesting insight to each of our lessons, as we discuss the importance of having a personal relationship with our Lord. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.



**MEN'S
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**"God Was Here & I
Was Out to Lunch"**

May 27

Ch. 4 - Don't Miss the Gift of
Amazing Grace
John 4:7-29
Food: Ken Peterson

June 24

Ch. 5 - Don't Miss the Power of
the Cross
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Food: Arba Williamson

July 29

Ch. 6 - Don't Miss the Great
Promise of Easter
Matthew 28:16-20
Food: Steve Hudgins

August 26

Ch. 7 - Don't Miss the Rest of
the Story
John 21:15-19
Food: _____

Property & Facilities Committee

P&F Round up:

Thanks to Kirk Reno for finishing up the base of the cross garden bed and to Roger Crone for weeding out the gardens around the driveway circle area and for mowing the lawn before the "official" mowing season started.

Thanks to Jerry Deaton for planning and completing the KirkWood sign garden bed, to Jim Birch for replacing the parking signs on the parking lot perimeter, and to Tom Briggs for replacing most of the bathroom toilet plumbing components.

Thanks to Bonnie Condrey for taking the lead on replacing our nursery cribs with current safety compliant equipment and to Janet Deaton for tackling some of our closet "re-organizing".

KirkWood 2011 Spring Clean Up!

P&F sends out a "Thanks" to everyone who supported the April 9th Spring Clean Up of the church grounds. Over 80 people turned out to put in a very productive 2 hours of mulching (15 yards), raking, weeding, and pruning to spruce up the jewel that is KirkWood Presbyterian Church. We had 28 KirkWoodians composed of P&F members, the Beautiful Mess Small Group (Hudgins), and other church members. The most energetic group were the 30 or so Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies and their parents from the troops that meet at KirkWood. They raked out ditches and carted leaves and twigs from all across the grounds. The heavy haulers of the group were the 25 or so Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their parents who moved wheel barrows of mulch to our various gardens, hauled branches and debris to our brush pile, weeded and cleaned up the playground and spruced up the chapel in the woods. Although scheduled for 4 hours, it only took 2 hours with the great team effort across the board! Thanks again to all!



Summer Lawn Mowing: "Thank you" to the 29 folks who agreed to support the Summer Lawn Mowing effort this year! We were able to form 8 teams plus a team of "designated hitters" to use as substitutes. This will better distribute the work effort, allow folks to meet and interact with other church members on their teams, and contribute to making KirkWood look good all summer.

Mission News

Adult Mission Trip:

IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE ADULT MISSION TRIP, November 3-6, 2011, PLEASE GET YOUR \$50 DEPOSIT INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY HUDGINS (869-2645). IF YOU SIGNED UP AND ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PLEASE, LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

TORNADO VICTIMS: The needs in Gloucester are still not completely known. The immediate needs are for transportation. Many of the victims lost their cars and therefore their only mode of transportation in this rural area. The Salvation Army located on Rt. 17 in Gloucester has put out a request for used vehicles that anyone would like to donate. It would be a tax right off. The other immediate need is for "hands". The donations have been pouring into the facility and as a result they are in urgent need of hands to help sort and distribute the items.

A Special Offering will be taken up on Sunday, May 1, 2011 after the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Checks should be made out to the Salvation Army with Gloucester Tornado on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support.

They will also be collecting school supplies. A more complete list will be available as it is known. If you are able to help or have questions as to how you can please call Cathy Hudgins at 868-8778 or hudgepudge@aol.com.



Sign the Stud: Coming in May, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity in May/June. This is to help raise funds to begin the 2011 house. After services, for a \$25 donation, you will be able to sign an actual stud that will be used in the house. Look for one of our handsome KirkWood "studs" who will have the Habitat studs to sign.

St. Paul's Ministry: Our next assigned date is Saturday, May 28. Look for the sign-up on the Mission bulletin board. Begin the holiday weekend with this fun community service activity.



THANK YOU, KIRKWOOD: Church World Service and Sarah Circle thank each of you who contributed so generously to the Blankets + Offering. The total amount given was \$1455! You are amazing!

Mission News

From the Mission Committee,

The immediate needs from Gloucester are:

Toilet Paper

Household items (Pots, Pans, dishes, and the like)

"Hands" to help sort through all the donations received. Contact people are included in Steve's notes below.

Cathy

I am forwarding something from Steve Yakshe as well

As you can imagine many organizations are getting involved. Cyndi and I are working with Poquoson Kiwanis in assisting Gloucester as well. Here's what we know:

1) Monetary donations for helping the school requirements can be made out to "Educational Foundation" with a memo on the check "S.O.S. PEASLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL" and mailed to 6699 Fox Centre Parkway #609, GLOUCESTER VA 23061.

2) Also, this Saturday, volunteers are welcome go to Reed's Trailer Park on Rt 60 in Grove, just past Busch Gardens on the left as you leave Williamsburg toward Newport News. They need folks to bring trash bags and garbage cans and pick up any garbage and glass which has been tossed around in the trailer park. If possible, they would like us to haul it off and dispose of it ourselves. There will not be a contact person here. Just show up and start cleaning.

3) On Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday, volunteers are needed in Gloucester to go out and deliver food to the families affected by the tornado and to make needs assessments within the communities hit. Volunteers are to report to **Bellamy Methodist Church** at 4870 Chestnut Fork Road **before 10:00am** and ask for Carolyn Kincaid, the Director of the Volunteer Center of the Virginia Peninsula. They will then be told what their duties will be. Carolyn's phone number is 757-232-4819. Another contact person is Jane Wenner with the Gloucester Office of Emergency Management. Her number is 804-693-1390.

Directions to Bellamy Methodist Church:

Go across the Coleman Bridge into Gloucester.

Travel about 8 1/2 miles on Rt. 17N into White Marsh.

Make a U-turn onto Rt. 17S.

Turn Right onto Hickory Fork Rd.

Travel 6.9 miles and turn Right onto Ark Rd (VA 606).

Travel .2 miles and make 1st Right onto Chestnut Fork Rd.

Travel .9 miles to Church.

Talent/No Talent Show



Special dates in May

- Christian Family Week - May 2-8, 2011
- National Day of Prayer - May 5
- Mother's Day - May 8
- Armed Forces Day - May 21
- Memorial Day - May 30 - Church Office Closed