



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,

First, thank all of you for your many kind expressions of concern following the death of my step-father, Nelson Eanes. He and my mom almost made it to their second anniversary. His death was completely unexpected.

Second, the last few weeks have been incredibly difficult and challenging for your Session as well as for many of you. Whenever we discuss worship service times and how they impact Sunday School, you are inviting a firestorm of criticism and praise. You can believe Session members have been praying to the good Lord for His will to be revealed and I am convinced each elder will be led by the Holy Spirit when the time comes for the vote. As I write these words that Sessional decision has not yet taken place.

For you who are reading these words, I ask you to be willing to go along with the Session's decision whether you find it to your liking or not. This matter of worship times and Sunday School is a very complex matter. It impacts folks on a number of levels. But remember to ask yourself why do we worship the Lord and how can my family and I be open to changes if those changes add to God's glory and make our services more appealing to persons and families not even here yet.

May the good Lord grant us all peace, patience and love during these days of decision and transition.

Fondly,

Michael

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Worship: 8:30 AM (Contemporary)
11:00 AM (Traditional)
Sunday School: 9:40 AM (infant - adult)
Summer Hours:
Worship: 10:00 AM (Blended)
Summer Sunday School
Starts July 31st at 9:00 AM

We're on the Web!

<http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/>

KirkWood's August 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 August?

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



August 7	Matthew 14:22-33
August 14	Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28
August 21	Matthew 16:13-20
August 28	Matthew 16:21-28

Welcome Aboard!



Welcome Aboard Pool Party & Picnic

Who: Praise Team & Adult Choir &
Perspective Members of both groups

When: August 27, 2011 - 4:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Where: 39 Dryden Drive, Poquoson

Bring: a dish to share, something to grill,
and a bathing suit

(if you are intentionally going in the pool)



Beginning Bell Workshops

Have you ever thought about learning to play the handbells? Here is your opportunity! Each Sunday evening during the month of August we will have Beginning Handbell Workshops with no pressure; just come out and learn how to ring a bell or two. If you can't make all of the workshops we will work that out too. Just come have a fun time. Sundays during August at 5:00 P.M.



*Handbell
Workshop*



Worship Services are changing!

New Fall Schedule Changes beginning September 11th

9:15-10:15 Contemporary Service

10:15-11:15 Sunday School for all ages

11:30-12:30 Traditional Service

There are some exciting changes coming to KirkWood this fall. As most of you know, an ad hoc committee of 16 KirkWood members studied 9 area growing churches over several months to see if they could identify what they were doing in particular that attracted young families and young singles. The good news is that it also helped us identify the strengths of KirkWood that we can build on. KirkWood's main strengths are that it is an extremely close knit, loving Christian community where a person has multiple ways to deepen their faith through worship, a strong Christian Ed program, and multiple groups and committees.

Our opportunities for change were with our style and time of our contemporary service. All the other churches had their main contemporary service sometime between 9:00 and 10:00. They had identified that 8:30 was too early to attract the families and young folks. Additionally, all of the contemporary services had a simplified liturgy that still included music, prayer, scriptures, and offering and gave more time for an in depth message from the pastor.

Before making changes, we had an open town hall type forum at KirkWood with your input and we heard you loud and clear. We recognized the need for some modifications, but we shouldn't change our very successful Sunday School program. We listened and as a result, the changes that Session voted on are above. These changes begin on Sunday September 11th.

All are welcome for fellowship time in Fellowship hall during the morning. We will keep it supplied with coffee, drinks, and snacks.

This is an exciting time here at KirkWood and as we move forward in the next 5 years, we want to be able to reach as many people as possible. Let's embrace these changes and share the Good News.

Contemporary Service Is Changing

We are making significant changes to our Contemporary Service. In addition to the time change, we are simplifying the liturgy to include music, scripture, prayer, sermon and offering. Come and experience the new format beginning September 11th.

New Bible Study on Prayer

On September 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm we will begin an eight week study using **Dr. Archie Parrish's "A Simple Way to Pray"**. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

This is a ministry of Serve International with Dr. Archie Parish (as described on <http://www.kingdomprayer.org/>).

The great Reformer Martin Luther lived in an atmosphere of answered prayer. His example and advice can inspire, instruct, and transform you. When he was asked by his barber for advice on prayer, Luther took the time to write a detailed letter describing the way he prayed. This letter became a small book that over the centuries has helped thousands of believers.

The purpose of A Simple Way to Pray Group Discussion is to help believers participate more effectively with the Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry of intercession by discussing Martin Luther's example in prayer and advice on prayer so that our prayer becomes more biblical, bold, powerful, and proactive; resulting in blessings for you, your family, your church, and the people in your circles of influence.

Assumptions:

1. Believers are to love Christ supremely.
2. Believers who love Christ supremely will be eager to participate with Him in His present ministry of intercession.
3. Believers who participate with Christ in His present ministry of intercession will be ignited with passion to praying with kingdom focus.
4. Believers who are ignited with passion to praying with kingdom focus will seek to be better equipped to pray with kingdom focus.
5. Believers can be better equipped to pray with kingdom focus by participating in disciplined training (instinctive prayer is automatic).
6. Believers who participate in disciplined training in kingdom-focused prayer will more victoriously wage spiritual warfare, more effectively revitalize their local church, and more joyfully prepare for revival.
7. These believers are kingdom intercessors.

Mission: to help believers participate effectively with the Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry of intercession by igniting their passion for kingdom-focused prayer and equipping them to pray with kingdom focus so they can victoriously:

- Engage in spiritual warfare
- Help to revitalize their local church
- Prepare for revival

Vision: to mobilize an army that intercedes with extraordinary prayer. By God's grace and for His glory, we pray that through Kingdom Intercessors' Training He will produce a supercritical mass of kingdom intercessors (120 kingdom intercessors in 120 churches in 120 cities or regions throughout the world).

Expected costs: Book 'A Simple Way to Pray' by Dr. Archie Parrish - \$10.00

Message from Jeannine

We need you!
Sign up your talents to help children learn about God.

Openings available for all ages during Sunday School time. Time commitment is flexible and can be as little as two weeks. Lessons and materials are provided.

Due to the service time changes, all nursery and children's church scheduling will be revisited. This is a perfect time to join or renew your commitment to the youngest in our church.

Please call Jeannine Scott with your ministry preferences.

Remember Me – Family Devotional Time

Sometimes we all have Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad days like Alexander in Judith Viorst's book. Faith and trust in God's blessings helps us be joyful. This month, share these blessings with your children:

"May God bless you and make you a blessing to others." (Genesis 12:2)

"May God bless you and surround you with his shield of love." (Psalm 5:12)

"May God fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him." (Romans 15:13)

"May the God of peace make you holy and keep you blameless." (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

"May you overflow with grace and peace as you grow to know your Savior." (2 Peter 1:2)

"May God who began a good work in you keep it growing until it's complete." (Philippians 1:6)

"As Christ dwells in your heart by faith, may you be rooted and established in love." (Ephesians 3:17)

"May God show you the way of life and fill your heart with joy in his presence." (Psalm 16:11)

"As you hunger and thirst for righteousness, may God fill your desire." (Matthew 5:6)

"May you know God's love that's bigger than knowledge." (Ephesians 3:19)



The Blessing by Gary Smalley and John Trent can provide more information on this topic.

Christian Education

Fisher Kids

Attention all Middle Schoolers:

Brian and Gina Williams, as new leaders for the Fisher Kids Youth Group, invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (members and friends) to a kick ball kick-off pizza party on Sunday September 25th at 4:30 (until 6:30) at the church. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and let's plan a fun year together! We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Christ,
Brian & Gina Williams

2011 Middle School VBS Rain Garden

I'm sure many of you have seen the digging in front of the church and wondered "what the heck is going on?" In case you're not already aware, our middle school Vacation Bible Study class have built a rain garden there. In addition to building the rain garden, our middle school VBS youths have studied environmental stewardship from a theological perspective using scripture from Genesis, Leviticus, Psalms and the gospel where Jesus used nature in his many parables along with published declarations that our Christian leadership has put forth.

A rain garden is simply a shallow depression that holds runoff water, in this case, from a driveway. This allows the water to filter through the ground and provide nutrients to plants rather than going through the stormwater drain system and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay taking pollutants with it. In addition, the plants provide habitation to wildlife such as birds and butterflies. Once the plants are mature it should be quite lush and multi-colored blooming from early spring through the fall. It should be a nice addition to our pumpkin patch. Although pumpkin patch customers will have to walk around it, there is plenty of room to do so. We certainly hope this rain garden will help alleviate the flooding around that area. In addition, visitors will see the beautiful handiwork our VBS youths created. In the course of creating this rain garden, several folks need to be recognized. A big thank you to Gerald and Justin Young along with Cresson Helm for pre-digging the garden for our youths. Thanks also to Nate Nickerson and Kirk Reno for their consultation in locating the garden, Arba Williamson for showing examples of rain gardens, and Steve Hudgins for assisting in getting several loads of topsoil, compost and mulch. Finally, thank you to Jeannine Scott and Kathy Nelson for their advice on several creative aspects of the garden. As with most everything, it truly requires a team effort.



The Bible says in Psalm 8:6 CEV, "You let us rule everything your hands have made." So, what can we do to take care of it? Starting on July 31st at 9 am in the fellowship hall, Steve Yakshe and Jeannine Scott will present discussion and hands-on activities for all ages using the Green Church Curriculum. Classes will continue through August. Come to one or come to all as your schedule permits.

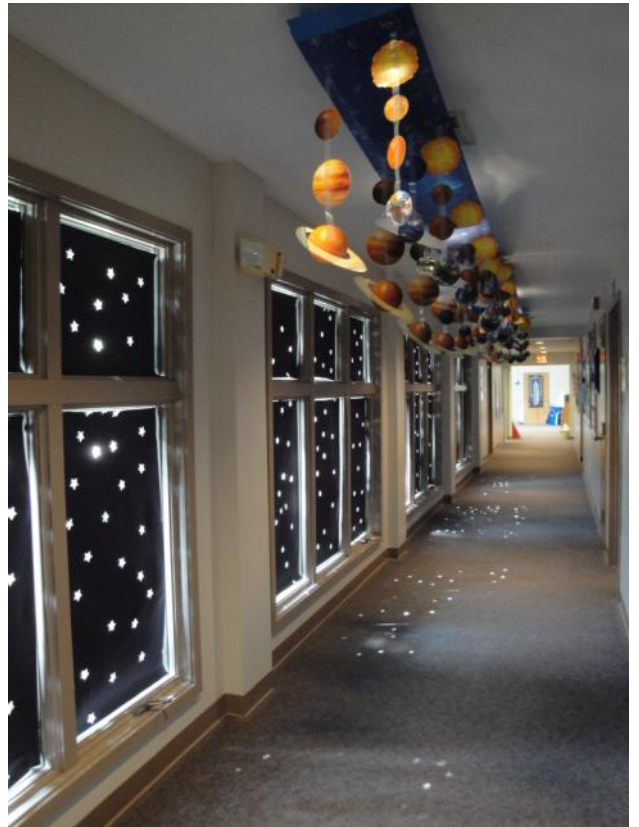


Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, talents, donations and prayers for this year's Vacation Bible School! With each center there was hands-on learning that helped the children gain a new perspective on our planet Earth and a more personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

With over 60 children, each day we praised God (loudly!) and collected for missions that expanded from our local community through regional, national and international areas.

Kathy Nelson and Jeannine Scott would like to recognize the Specialists, Pilots, Assembly Actors, decorators, photographers and the many volunteers without whom VBS could not function. We know the work you put in was a labor of love to make a difference in the life of a child.



Congregational Care

Congregational Care has been busy planning a year full of fun and fellowship activities for KirkWood. We would love for you to bring your ideas and join us in planning fellowship opportunities for KW members, guests, and visitors. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the KW kitchen. We could also use your assistance in caring for our members, visiting members and friends who are homebound, contacting members we have not seen in a while, checking on new members, and helping others in need. For more information please contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Helene Watson (867-9389).

Congregational Care is in the process of updating the list of KW members who provide meals for our KW members who from time to time need assistance. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex starting Sunday, August 7. If you are able to help with this caring ministry, please sign-up even if your name was on the previous list. Thanks in advance for your help.

Everyone is invited to the KW fellowship hall for Sundae Sunday Social and Karaoke. Come and join your cool and talented KirkWood friends and guests for cool treats and great entertainment. There will be plenty of ice cream, toppings, and fellowship. We will also have sugar free ice cream for those with dietary restrictions—we want EVERYONE to have a great time.

Saturday, September 10th will be the date for Rally Day and the famous Kingsmore Bar-B-Q. Activities are planned for the afternoon. Watch for more details in the September Kronicle.

We hope to see everyone at the monthly activities and we encourage everyone to invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

Have you met me?

In July we started something new on the Congregational Care bulletin board. It's a section called "Have you met me?" Every two-three weeks we will feature two families from KirkWood Church. This is an opportunity for you to get to know different members and regular visitors who attend KirkWood. It can also be used as a chance to get to know them a little bit better. Congregational Care member Jamie Mershon will be calling you to answer some questions and to work out how to get a picture of you and your family for the board. You can opt out of this program if you desire, by simply telling Jamie Mershon when he calls. We are excited to learn more about you and your family. Be looking forward to your call so we can get to know you better!

Congregational Care



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

**MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

2011

**“God Was Here & I Was
Out to Lunch”**

August 26

Ch. 7 - Don't Miss the Rest of the
Story

John 21:15-19

Food: Ken Peterson

September 23

Ch. 8 - Don't Miss God's Surprises
Acts 2:1-4

Food: Dick Knowles

October 28

Ch. 9 - Don't Miss the Chance for
a Second Birth

John 3:1-16

Food: Jerry Deaton

November 18

Ch. 10 - Don't Miss the Leap of
Faith

2Kings 5:1-14

Food: TBD

KirkWood Silver

KIRKWOOD SILVER will enjoy a relaxing summer evening at Riverwalk in Yorktown on Thursday, August 11th. [Note that this is the second Thursday this month.] The evening begins with dinner at the Duke of York Hotel Restaurant (on the waterfront) at 5:30 PM, and continues with Shaggin' on the Riverwalk, beach music and dancing beside the river. Arrive at the restaurant at 5:20 PM, or carpool from KirkWood at 4:30 PM. Sign up in the Narthex July 31st or August 7th. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651 with questions.

In September, KirkWood Silver will meet at the church for a Pizza Lunch followed by a program on Senior Awareness with a bit of "Cane Fu," offering lots of helpful information presented with humor and "attitude" by Vickie Gaffney of the Newport News Police Department. She will make this FUN as well as memorable! There will be "door prizes"! The date is September 15th at 11:30 AM.

SARAH CIRCLE will share fellowship over lunch at The First Ladies' Tea Room in Port Warwick on Tuesday, August 9th, at 11:30 AM. We always welcome "new" faces! Please call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, to reserve your place and let her know if you will meet us at the restaurant or if you will carpool from the church at 11:00 AM.

DGM (Discipleship Group Ministry) Moment

Spring has sprung, and summer is blazing down on us! Even though the discipleship groups are not meeting in the summer, it doesn't mean we aren't busy. Several groups are having get-togethers, see your own facilitator for dates and times. I am meeting with the facilitators of each of the groups to discuss each group and celebrate their growth over the past year. Also, we have a summer social planned for all members of the DGM on August 6, at 5:30 pm. If you aren't a member, please contact April Mershon (325-7189) to assist you in joining a group. If you are already a member think of who you can invite to share in this ministry with you. Enjoy your summer!

SAVE THE DATE

Calling all Discipleship Group Ministry attendees, and those who want to be! If you are a God's STARS, Young Single, Beautiful Mess, 2 or More, GPS, Shelah, or Stepping Stone member, you are invited! On Saturday, August 6, 2011, at 5:30 pm, we will be having the annual DGM social. There will be food, fun and games to be enjoyed by all. If your last name starts with A-L please bring an appetizer, if you are a M-Z please bring a dessert to share. Please call April Mershon (325-7189) with any questions.

Property & Facilities Committee

P&F Round up:

- Thanks to Jim Birch for replacing all the batteries in the church's clocks. There were many of them!
- Thanks to Jerry Deaton for troubleshooting and fixing an air conditioner condensate overflow leak.
- Thanks to Kirk Reno for his continuous efforts to repair/replace light bulbs and electrical issues.
- Thanks to those who help in unnoticed ways, like Roger Crone, whether it is to pick up some litter, weed a bed or two, or passing on something that P&F needs to check on.

Summer Lawn Mowing: Thanks to our 8 lawnmowing teams- A group of 24 folks who are actively helping KirkWood's grounds shine! So far all teams have completed one, and most others, two rotations of mowing thru the Dog Days of summer.

Future plans: For those wondering, P&F plans to get together to wash the tall church sanctuary windows (inside and out) by 1 September. We will pick a Saturday in mid-August, from 9-noon. It is certainly a team effort with ladders and so forth. You are welcome to lend a hand. More info will follow in the next couple weeks.

The next P&F meetings are August 9th and September 13th at 7pm in room 11 on the second floor. P&F tends to work a lot "behind the scenes". Come to see what is going on, all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Nate Nickerson at 868-9393.

Mission News

- St. Paul's. -- Our next day to fix lunch at St. Paul's is Saturday, September 17. There will be a sign-up on the Mission bulletin board in late August. Thanks to the 9 volunteers who helped with the July lunch.
- Habitat House -- We have a full team signed up and ready to go, but there has been a glitch with the House. Please watch for dates and times of new workdays to which we will be assigned. You can call Jim Birch 868-8651 with questions.
- St. Luke's Food Closet -- Thanks KirkWood for responding to the need expressed by St. Luke's for additional food during the summer months. We have taken several bags of food to them. It is a very well-run mission and serves those in need in our community.

Mission News

ADULT MISSION TRIP: I am so excited that we have 25 adults going on the Mission Trip to Jonesville, Virginia, on November 3-6th, 2011! It is our first Adult Mission Trip and the committee is so excited at the enthusiasm. The \$95.00 balance is due to the church office by August 20, 2011. Be on the lookout for some more information very soon. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Hudgins, 869-2645, 868-0444



Dear KirkWood,

We are a small non-profit, foreign-exchange student organization based in Garland, Texas, looking for caring host families in your area, and we need your help! **We have 31 students from China, South Korea, Germany and France waiting for their match with a volunteer host family for the 2011-2012 school year.** Finding host families is becoming more challenging every year and we need your support to find placements for our students. I do believe that American families benefit as much from the experience as the foreign students they sponsor. In the past, churches have been very helpful in assisting us in finding host families. We would appreciate it if you could print the following announcement in your church bulletin or newsletter as soon as you are able and for as many Sundays as possible. Most of these students come from Christian homes, and I am sure their parents would appreciate the opportunity for their children to practice their religion while they are in this country.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME
to an exchange student from Germany, France, China or South Korea
for the coming 2011/2012 school year

Caring host families or single parents (with or without children) are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students are 15 to 18 years old, have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life with an American host family. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. Interested host families are encouraged to apply and select a student as soon as possible. For more information on EMF students, please contact Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

I would be happy to email you mini-profiles of available students in pdf format. Thank you very much for your help! These students are eager to learn that a home has been found for them. Your contribution to this cause is most appreciated... Please help us make these student's dream a reality!

Sincerely,

Marie-Claude Dijoud
Program Director
800-467-8363



Special dates in August

- August 21st Sundaes Sunday Social
- September 5 Labor Day
- September 10 Party on the Lawn
- September 11 Rally Day—New Worship Times Begin