



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,

I have really enjoyed my August “staycation”; it’s been good and relaxing to read, watch DVDs, listen to CDs, practice my guitar and occasionally dine out with Bonnie. I trust all of you got some “down” time during the summer before the supersonic pace of Autumn begins.

The church will be returning to a very fast pace beginning the weekend of September 11; all the events associated with Rally Day, the Saturday BBQ, start up of Sunday School classes, small groups, new worship times, youth ministry activities – it’s going to be a time for all of us to re-dedicate ourselves to being 21st Century disciples of our Lord. As I plead with you each year, try a new ministry out: if you don’t attend Sunday School, start this year; if you have never joined a small group, join one; if your teen has never made Fisher Kids or KYG a priority, start this year. We offer a great many ways for families to deepen their faith, but it will require you to set aside the time to make it effective. “Remember, you show up and the good Lord will do the rest.”

Have a great start up of fall. The church will be a great place to strengthen your Faith.

Fondly,

September 2011

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Worship: 9:15 AM (Contemporary)
11:30 AM (Traditional)
Sunday School: 10:15 AM (infant - adult)

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.



September 4	Genesis 12: 1-4
September 11	Genesis 18: 1-15
September 18	Genesis 22: 1-19
September 24	Genesis 50:15-21

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Choirs begin this month. 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 Middle & High school students & Adults)

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

Melody Singers - ages 3-5 - Rehearsal 1st & 3rd Sundays 10:15 - 10:30 AM

King's Kids grades 1-5 - Rehearsal 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:15 - 10:30 AM

Handbell Choir - Rehearsal Sundays 12:45 - 2:00 PM

Christmas Cantata Choir - Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:15 - 8:30 PM starting Sept. 27 - Dec. 18

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

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

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

Special Music - Rehearsal as needed

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



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



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 at 9:15 A.M.

The Annual Cantata Christmas Party will be held Sunday, September 27th at 7:00 P.M. As always any one wishing to participate in the Christmas Cantata Choir is welcome along with your spouse or significant other. Bring a finger food dish to share and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and music at 309 Meadowlake Rd., Yorktown. The Christmas Cantata Choir will be open to Middle School and High School students along with all adults. Rehearsals will begin on September 28th at 7:15 P.M. This year's cantata will be Sing Gloria! Created by David Hamilton.



**Cantata Choir
Christmas Party**

KirkWood's Fall Kick off Community Celebration

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Fun, Food, and Laughter for the whole family

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors

Three big events in one day

Community Fun Day on the Lawn **3:00pm-5:00pm**

- Bounce House
- Picnic snacks
- Family games and fun competition
- Music

Community BBQ dinner- **5:30pm-7:00pm**

- World famous freshly prepared Kingsmore BBQ dinner
- Fun, fellowship, and good eating
- Fellowship Hall



Christian Comedian/ventriloquist/entertainer **7:00pm**

- Guest star Ron Johnson- *20 years of hilarious clean family entertainment*
- KirkWood's sanctuary- get there early- limited seating



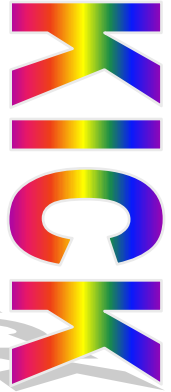
Christian Education - Youth Groups

Kids in Christ at Kirkwood, K.I.C.K., is a youth group geared towards 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. There are lots of fun activities planned this year. Meetings are on Sundays and are usually held in the fellowship hall. Our meetings for the fall are as follows:

- Oct. 9 (4:00-5:30pm) Mystery K.I.C.K. off party
 Nov. 13 (1-3:00pm) Bowling (details to follow)
 Dec. 4 (4-5:30pm) Christmas party

Hope to see everyone there!

If you have any questions, please contact Janie or Jorge Cortina- 373-2496 or newno62@gmail.com.



Fisher Kids

Attention KirkWood Middle Schoolers:

A kickball kick-off pizza party is planned for Sunday September 25th, from 4:00pm - 6:00pm (note slight time change) at the church. For planning purposes, please sign up on the signup sheet on the Fisher Kids' bulletin board. Include any friends you are bringing too.

Part of this time will be spent getting your ideas for activities for this coming year, so be thinking about what you think would be good things for the group to do. Dan and Barb Drejza will also be assisting this year and you'll hear about the many fun activities they have to offer at their house.

We're excited to be leading the *fisher kids* this year! And we're looking forward to getting to know you as we gather twice a month, making time for fun, for learning and for living out our faith together. If you attend regularly, you'll find out **what it is** a middle schooler, like you, needs, and how to achieve those things, in order to have the kind of *awesome, fantastic, fun, full life* **God wants you to have!**

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 AND Dan & Barb Drejza

Come out and kick off the fall season with a bike ride and picnic at Newport News Park on Saturday, September 17th from 10 am to 2 pm! Then, join us on Sunday, September 25th at 7 pm for a **PIZZA PARTY** at the church! We are planning on meeting every other Sunday starting 9/25 and doing a variety of fun things - first week is pizza party at church, then we might do dinners out, bowling, corn hole, putt-putt, laser tag, etc. We want to get a feel from you at the first meeting to see what you're interested in. Each week we also plan to do a 10-15 min devotional before getting started.

About the two of us: we both grew up in Newport News & love sports, especially playing softball (with Coach Arba, of course). Sean graduated from Menchville High School and works in sales at HH Gregg and I graduated from Peninsula Catholic High School and work as a physical therapist at Tidewater PT. We have a sheltie named Scout - the best dog in the world, even if he is afraid of his shadow. And we're getting married Dec 3.

See you the 17th!!! Sean Rash & Leslie Procter



Children's Christian Education

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.



GLORY time: Children's church is being updated! G.L.O.R.Y. stands for the time the children will have to Grow, Love, Offer, Reach, and Yearn in their own worship time with God. The new curriculum will provide children a chance to follow the same liturgy lessons that are expressed in the sanctuary. Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, will worship in the sanctuary with their families for the beginning of the service before being dismissed for GLORY Time. Older children that are ready to stay in the service may contact Gloria Crone about acolyting. Volunteers, 16 years or older, are still needed for each service to follow the provided structure and lesson plans.

Sunday School:

Registration has started. Forms are found in the narthex and need to be filled out for each child ages 0-18. These will be kept in the Sunday school classrooms for reference and safety. New this year is a photo release section so that we may fully advertise the multiple programs that KirkWood provides to glorify God!

Welcome to a new year of W.O.W (the Way Of the Word) – KirkWood's Sunday School program for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade!

For those of you unfamiliar with WOW, it is a unique way to teach today's children the eternal truths of our faith, found in the Bible. Students will study one Biblical "subject" each month, and will go, or "rotate," to a different room each Sunday of that month to study that subject. This gives them four opportunities to learn the material, and we all know that repetition is one of the foundations of learning! However, because children thrive on variety, and each of them learns in different ways, we try to make each Sunday's "workshop" a different kind of experience. The WOW groups will have different teachers in each workshop they go to, providing variety, and capitalizing on the many talents of our congregation. (If you are interested in teaching, helping, or just observing in a WOW class, please contact Jeannine Scott.)

For our first "rotation" of the 2011-12 school year, we will be studying Adam and Eve's "Big Mistake," from Genesis chapters 1 & 2. The Memorization and Meditation (M&M) verse for this month is: *But the Lord God called out to the man. "Where are you?" He asked. Genesis 2:9*





Christian Education

New Sunday School Time! 10:15 to 11:15

Middle School – Class is designed to assist middle school youth as they seek understanding and growth in their Christian walk. Topics: Who is God? How do we “talk” to God? How does He talk to us? Why is baptism important? How do we live as Christians? Why are we Presbyterians? What is being a member of KirkWood all about? For those students who have not yet participated in a Confirmation Class, the class will culminate with extending the opportunity for them to profess their faith and become members of the church. Leaders: Steve Shaw and Ted Lovdahl

High School – “Feasting on the Word” is a lectionary-based curriculum that provides opportunities for youth to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities. Leaders: Jim Mershon and Bruce Knight.

Adult Classes

Bible Study – Always seeking new members! This in-depth study continues with the book of “Colossians” and will then progress to the books of “Philemon” and “Ephesians.” Leader: Jim Birch

“The Unexpected Adventure--Taking Everyday Risks to Talk with People about Jesus” by Mark Mittelberg and Lee Strobel expands our emphasis on evangelism. Chapters of study are: Being Your Own Eccentric Self, Stumbling Into Action, Divine Interruptions, and Representing Jesus. Leader: Chris Kammermann

Ray Vander Laan’s “Faith Lessons” Series -- New lessons from a familiar series, this DVD-based curriculum from sites in Israel provides a better understanding of the Old Testament and New Testament life and times. Leaders: Lew and Mary Goodman

Green Church:

Thank you Steve Yakshe for facilitating discussion on Environmental Stewardship for Summer Sunday School! The state of our natural resources and our responsibility for them provided an underlining theme. Under Jeannine Scott’s supervision, the children and young at heart were able to participate in coordinating hands-on activities such as making plant-able paper, plastic bag jewelry, and caretaker artwork. If your schedule did not allow for you to attend the class or you would like to implement more green aspects into life at KirkWood, please see Steve for more information.

Christian Education



New this Fall...KirkWood Book Club!

Do you love to read, to discuss stories and share your opinions with others? Join the new KirkWood Book Club launching in September. Leah Price will facilitate a conversation about stories that make us think about our faith and the role that faith plays in our lives.

When? The first session begins Monday, September 19; we'll meet every other week through mid-November. (Note: We skip 10/31, pick up the following Monday, and go from there.)

Time? 7 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m.

Where? Kirkwood, Room 1A or A-B (depends on group size)

What? For our first book, we'll be discussing Karen Kingsbury's *One Tuesday Morning*, a story about two men who meet in the south tower of the WTC on September 11th. This is a story that is not only timely (with the upcoming 10th anniversary of the attack), but that both women and men will enjoy.

Description (from the author's web site):

Karen Kingsbury wrote this novel as a way of grieving the events of September 11, 2001. *One Tuesday Morning* is the emotionally gripping story of a devoted firefighter and a driven businessman, strangers from opposite sides of the country with the same face. They meet in the stairwell of the South Tower that fateful Tuesday morning, but only one of them will leave the building alive. Battling amnesia, the survivor must learn how to be the husband and father he never was, by living in the shoes of a man who no longer is. Ultimately he will only find his way home because of the love and faith of one very special woman. (352 pages)

Leah will provide a "schedule" of chapters to be covered at each meeting.

Available in paperback, Kindle and Nook. With so many formats available to readers today, we are asking everyone to purchase/borrow their own copy. [Click here](#) (author's web page) and select "Buy Now" for purchase links. **Cost?** Around \$10 or \$11, depending on format. Borrowing? Check [here](#) for availability at the York County Library.

Questions/concerns? Please call me at 757.768.5516 (mobile). Hope you can join me!
Leah Price



Summer
Sunday
School
2011



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 study is led by Ken Peterson.

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

Congregational Care

Summertime at KirkWood was full of great opportunities for fun and fellowship. Our annual church picnic in June was held under the tents in our own front yard with good food and fun activities. Although the Tides game was a drenching rain out, brave souls who wanted to try again could exchange their tickets for another home game. This year we added karaoke to our Sunday Sundae event. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped as well as attended those events and made them a good time for all.



Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10 for Rally Day weekend and Kingsmore BBQ. KirkWood BBQ "Kingsmore Style" is a mouth watering experience with a taste beyond compare. It takes a lot of people to prepare, cook, chop, sauce, package, serve, and clean up those hundreds of pounds of BBQ, so please sign-up on the lists in the church narthex. There is also a list to order BBQ to take home. The BBQ will be served at 5:30 and we ask each family to bring a dish or two to share since the community is being invited. Prior to dinner, beginning at 3 PM, there will be other activities on the church lawn including games for all ages, music, and snacks, and a fun presentation in the evening. So you won't want to miss this fun-filled event. See other details in the *Kronicle*.

As the Fall season begins here at KirkWood, we would be delighted if you joined the Congregational Care Committee and/or signed-up to help with one of the many opportunities for service and fellowship. You can always call Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Helene Watson (867-9389).

We are currently in the midst of planning activities for October and November so be sure to check out October's *Kronicle* for more details.

Discipleship Groups

DGM Time

My, oh my, did you miss a good time! On August 6, all of the small groups met and had a fun time. You can check out the "Gingerbread Persons" made by each group; they are hanging in the fellowship hall. The Person is a representation of each group and how the attendees see their group. It was a lot of fun to watch & hear the explanations. Thank you to our judges Stephen & Jamie Mershon. They chose The Stepping Stones Person to be the winner of the contest; thus bestowing on this group the Maid-in Chin-a figurine. They will hold this figurine for one year. I can also tell you that each of the small groups were given two assignments. See your facilitator for directions. I would like to give a special thank you to Gina Williams for assisting me with this gathering. Without her guidance, fabric scraps, scissors, and ideas, it would not have been as interesting. Thank you Gina!

As a reminder, small groups will be gathering again in September. If you are not a member, please see April Mershon, or any facilitator, to find a group for you. We have daytime groups, nighttime groups, groups that meet every week, groups that meet every other week, almost something for everyone. AND do NOT be hindered if you have children. Every group is willing to work with your family. Think about it, pray about it, and see what you can do.

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: Great food, fun "memory music", and a wonderful river breeze afforded twelve "silver" folk a truly delightful evening along the Yorktown riverfront on August 11th.

Thursday, September 15th will be the "kick-off" to our *fourth year* as KirkWood Silver! We will have a Pizza Lunch with pizza from a local restaurant, veggie tray, and cookies or brownies. Lunch will begin at 11:30 AM, and will be followed by a program on Safety Awareness by Vickie Gaffney of the Newport News police department. She will offer wisdom on the subject with humor and a bit of "cane fu"! There will be door prizes, too! Sign up in the Narthex on August 28th, September 4th, or 11th, and indicate your first and second choices of pizza toppings. We'll need two people to provide veggies and two people to provide cookies or brownies. Call Wanda Birch at 868-8651, if you have questions.

On **October 20th**, we're off to see some history at nearby **Berkeley Plantation**, about one and a quarter hours away. We'll head out from KirkWood at 10:30AM, and stop for lunch at Culs Courthouse Grille (inexpensive menu limited to appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and a few entrees) just before arriving at Berkeley. If we have as many as ten people going, the cost of the one and a half hour plantation tour will be \$8.50; if fewer are going, the cost will be \$10.00. Watch for more information in September.

Women of KirkWood, please join **Sarah Circle** on Tuesday, September 13th for the first meeting of the 2011-2012 year. We are looking forward to an exciting study of the Beatitudes and how they relate to us and our world today. Sarah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month and meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wilma Mitchell is taking on the leadership of the Circle this year, so please feel free to call her with any questions you may have: 865-6020. Heart-felt gratitude is sent to Wanda Birch for her extraordinary leadership during last year. We are looking forward to a year filled with great discussions, fellowship, and eating out together after meetings. Come and bring a friend!!



Martha Circle will start up on Thursday, September 15th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. We will meet at KirkWood in Room 1A. The Bible Study for this year will be determined at that time. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mission News

Adult Mission Trip

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

In the coming weeks, you will be asked to join in a prayer and spiritual journey with those who have been called to attend the Adult Mission Trip for Kirkwood. From November 3rd through 6th 2011, a group from Kirkwood will travel to Jonesville, VA to support the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). While there are many hands and hearts traveling to volunteer their time, there is also a need for each person remaining in the congregation to pray.

During the month of September, you will hear more about how to connect to a mission group member and specifically partner with them to listen and pray on the spiritual journey up to and through the mission trip. Your intentional prayer is both needed and appreciated. The mission team members are looking forward to connecting with you soon. Please begin now by studying the verse John 15:5 and how that verse speaks to you.



Habitat House: The location of the Habitat House changed unexpectedly, but the new house is well under way.

The new location is 2407 Marshall Ave, 2 blocks east of Jefferson Ave and near Carver Presbyterian. Our first workday is August 27. There is a sign-up on the Mission bulletin board for future workdays. Questions?? See Jim Birch.

St. Paul's: Our next day to prepare lunch is September 17. If you can help, please sign up on the Mission bulletin board.



HOPE Offering: Thank you for supporting the HOPE offering every month. H.O.P.E. stands for Helping Other People Eat. Your donations are sent to four organizations-Youth Challenge, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge and Menchville House, all in Newport News. The fourth organization is the Feed the Children program at our sister church Mikondo. The funds we send are used by them to purchase food for those in their care.

Property & Facilities Committee

P&F Round up:

P&F committee chairs are Nate Nickerson and John Nicholas. Please feel free to pass along to them any concerns or observations you may have regarding our church's facilities. Or, if you are interested in volunteering to get involved in P&F activities contact them.

Summer Lawn Mowing: Thanks to our 8 lawn mowing teams - a group of 24 people who are actively helping KirkWood's grounds shine! They have done a great job ensuring KirkWood's landscape looks nice for Sundays.

Future plans: For those wondering- P&F will wash the tall church sanctuary windows (inside and out) and strip and wax the tile flooring throughout the church before 10 September.

Fall Clean up: P&F will spruce up the church grounds prior to winter on November 5th, from 8am to 12pm. It will involve raking, debris pick up, pruning and weeding. You are cordially invited to help out; we realize those on the Adult Mission Trip that weekend will be busy.

The next P&F meetings are September 13th and October 11th 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.





Special dates in September

- September 5 Labor Day
- September 10 Party on the Lawn
- September 11 Rally Day—New Worship Times Begin, Patriot Day, Grandparent's Day
- September 23 First Day of Autumn