



# 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,

Welcome to a new church year of worship and Sunday school as well as the start up of small groups, youth ministry, music, and special study opportunities; ministries of all sorts have cranked up and you are cordially invited to invest your precious time and energy in one or more areas. For a church our size, roughly 400 members, we offer a multitude of opportunities to deepen your faith walk with the good Lord. After a very exciting summer with earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding as well as swamp smoke, I am ready to join other brothers and sisters in corporate worship, Sunday school, fellowship events as well as committee tasks. From all of this 'decency and in order' structures, come a great many ways to worship and serve our Risen Lord. This is also a great time for all of us to invite friends to join us here at KirkWood; Bruce Knight reminded us if you invite 4 persons and only 1 responds and comes here, what a tremendous growth rate we would see.

So don't be bashful, check out the bulletin, Kronicle, and get busy loving and serving our Lord Jesus.

What are you waiting for?

Fondly,

*Michael*

### October 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 October 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 October?**

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



October 2	Genesis 50:15-21
October 9	Youth Mission Service
October 16	Exodus 5:1-14
October 23	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
October 30	Joshua 24 - selections



## OFFERING COUNTERS

**OFFERING COUNTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Administration Committee is looking for two KirkWood members to serve as offering counters. Your commitment would be to help count the Sunday offering immediately following the Traditional Worship Service about once a month. Experience using Microsoft Excel is desired, but not required. If you can volunteer for this service, please contact Mike Fore at 867-6805.

## The Music Department:

### October - December Notes

Have you ever thought about worshipping the Lord through music? What about helping to lead worship through music? If so, there are opportunities for you coming in the near future. If you are a traditional style of worship person we have the Worship Choir at the 11:30 service. They will be meeting Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:30 PM through the end of the year. If you are a contemporary style of worship person there will be open auditions, to determine where everyone fits, coming in the near future. We are moving into a completely contemporary style of worship and are changing the Praise Team to a Worship Band with 2 vocal teams, thus leaving room for anyone who thought there wasn't enough room. If you are interested, and rehearsals Wednesday at 5:30 PM work into your schedule, contact Rae Lyn or watch the bulletin for when open auditions will be taking place.



## Christmas Cantata Choir

The Christmas Cantata Choir has started rehearsals, if you are **still** interested in joining this Music Ministry please contact Rae Lyn or just show up for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM. **The Christmas Cantata will be open to middle and high school students and all adults.** This year's cantata will be "Sing Gloria!" created by David Hamilton. This cantata will have something for everyone no matter what your worship or music style preference.

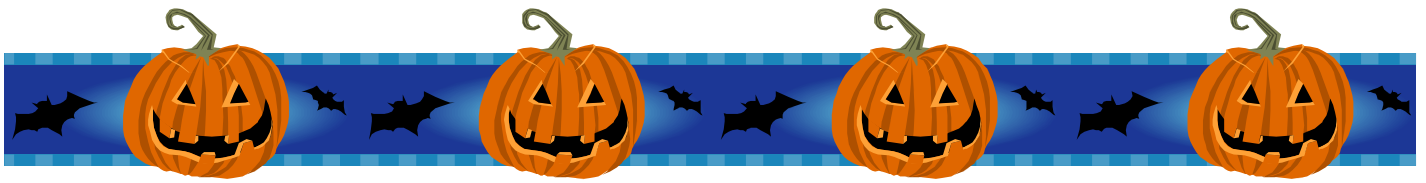
## Worship Committee Meeting

The worship committee will be meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We welcome any KirkWood members to join us. We will be discussing the new worship services, the bulletins, the nursery, and the upcoming advent schedule and decorations as well as a report from the recent worship conference that Rae Lyn Dobson, Jim Mershon, & Ben Scott attended. Please consider joining us to add your input. If you cannot attend, send feedback to [nrisden@cox.net](mailto:nrisden@cox.net).

## Nursery Workers Wanted – 11:30 AM

We are seeking additional adults to help in the nursery during the 11:30 service on Sunday mornings. When children are baptized by Michael, each of us in the congregation agrees to help raise these children in the faith. Please consider helping in the nursery. Bonnie Condrey has agreed to take over the scheduling of workers. Please say yes when Bonnie asks or contact her at [bcondrey1@aol.com](mailto:bcondrey1@aol.com) or 868-7785 to volunteer. A big thank you goes to Jeannine Scott who has been scheduling the workers at the 11:00 service for the past several years.





# Trunk or Treat

It's getting close to that spooky time of the year again and KirkWood will play host to our second annual community "Trunk or Treat" on Monday, October 31st. The Christian Education, Outreach, Congregational Care, and Property and Facility Committees will be hosting this event in which members of our congregation bring their decorated cars and trucks to KirkWood and have their trunks filled with goodies for children (young and old) to enjoy, and compete for "Best in Show". The Pumpkin Palooza (bounce house) will be in full operation and we will have a number of indoor events for kids and families: fishing booth, face painting, bowling, wheel of fortune - you name it. Refreshments too! We will also have our traditional bonfire and worship band sing-a-long. We will be seeking volunteers to bring vehicles, man our indoor and outdoor venues, and will be asking the congregation to donate candy for the event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Lew Goodman if you have any questions.





Kirkwood Silver



Adult Mission Trip Group



Kingsmore BBQ



Ron Johnson Comedy Show



St. Paul's  
Spaghetti Lunch

## Christian Education - Youth Groups

KYG Members:

We will be meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9, and Sunday, Oct. 23, at 7 pm. Activities have yet to be determined and depend on feedback that we get from the September 25th kick-off meeting. Keep an eye on the bulletin board - we will be posting upcoming events there. We're looking forward to a great year!

Sean & Leslie



## Children's Christian Education

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Grow, Love, Offer, Reach

Imagine going to school for just one hour a week. There are no tests, no report cards and you are encouraged to talk with your friends! All ages are invited to join this reality at 10:15am every Sunday. Check the bulletin board for location and class options!

Elementary Age: This month, the WOW (Way of the Word) students will be studying our first story from the New Testament, "*Jesus versus Satan; Satan's weapons and God's protections.*" We will be reading Matthew 4:1-11 to learn what happened as Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days. The students will go to the following "workshops":

- **Creation Station** (art workshop), where students will make a "Piece of Resistance" project to help them remember what Jesus was tempted by and how he resisted.
- **The Acts of the Apostles** (usually our drama room, but this month it will become a bakery!), where students will focus on how Jesus resisted physical temptation, and they'll make Challah bread for use in communion next month.
- **Wow.net** (computer lab), where students will read the versions in Luke and Mark, and then take a quiz using "The Life of Christ" program.
- **WKPC-TV** (movie room), where students will watch part of an animated DVD about the beginnings of Jesus' ministry as they snack on popcorn and juice.
- **The Game of Life in Christ** (our game room), where students will focus on resisting temptation and practice memorizing the Word of God by playing several games. Our M&M (Memorize and Meditation) verse for this month is: "You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

***Students will receive recognition and prizes for learning the memory verse, faithful attendance in WOW, or for bringing a guest to WOW!***



## Grow, Love, Offer, Reach and Yearn

**GLORY Time:** The new children's church curriculum has been implemented. Children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade leave the sanctuary and worship along with the lectionary topics in Room 2. Older children who are absorbing the tradition and routine of ministry-led worship. In lieu of a children's message, all ages are welcome to pick up a take home sheet with a modified message for an additional viewpoint of the Bible readings.

## Congregational Care

A great big thank you to Ken and Pat Kingsmore and everyone else who helped out to make the BBQ and Rally Day activities so successful. The BBQ was excellent and the activities on the lawn were enjoyed by all. The evening ended with an outstanding performance by Ron Johnson. Thanks again to all the KW committees and members who worked so hard to make the day a huge success.

As the weather begins to turn cooler and the leaves change color, things at KirkWood will warm everyone up. On October 31, “Trunk or Treat” will again be held at KW. Congregational Care will be teaming up with Christian Education, Outreach, and P&F for a fun-fest evening of games, food, candy, costumes, music, prizes, and a bonfire. Everyone should start planning their costumes and vehicle decorations—you won’t want to miss this event. Read more about “Trunk or Treat” elsewhere in the *Kronicle*.

In November, Congregational Care will again be working with the Worship Committee to serve lunch after church followed by the “Hanging of the Greens” This will be a great way to start the holiday season. Don’t forget to save the date of November 20.

As a reminder to everyone, please consider helping Congregational Care by serving on the committee (we meet at 7:00PM on second Tuesday of each month in the church kitchen), help with fellowship dinners, visit shut-ins or people in the hospital, or prepare meals for KW members. Contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Helene Watson (867-9389) for information on any area where you would like to serve. A big thank you goes out to the 15 members of KW who have volunteered to prepare meals for KW members.



## Congregational Care



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

**MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST  
2011**

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

### September 23

Ch. 8 - Don't Miss God's Sur-  
prises

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

### December 16

Ch. 11 - Don't Miss the Priorities  
of Life

Joshua 24:14-15

Food: Roger Crone

## KirkWood's Eating Out Group...

...will meet on October 29, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

We will be going to Das Waldcafe restaurant in Newport News located at 12529 Warwick Blvd. The restaurant serves authentic German cuisine. Come join us for fellowship and great fun, and meet new people. Please RSVP by October 26, 2011 to Faye Shaw 868-4290 or e-mail [afshaw@cox.net](mailto:afshaw@cox.net)

The dates for the Eating Group for the 2011-2012 Season

October 29, 2011-Das Waldcafe, Newport News

The Eating Out Group will not meet in November and December so everyone can enjoy family time at this busy time of year.

January 28, 2012- Abuelos, Peninsula Town Center

February 25, 2012- Riverwalk Restaurant, Yorktown

March 24, 2012- open to suggestions

We will not meet in April or May; enjoy KW and family activities.

June 24, 2012- brunch, place to be announced.

Thank you,  
Faye Shaw



## Congregational Care

### KirkWood Silver

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the KirkWood Silver will be visiting the Berkeley Plantation on the banks of the James River near Charles City, VA. We plan to leave from the church about 10 am (hopefully we can carpool) and stop for lunch at Culs Courthouse Grille in Charles City about 11:30; this restaurant has a light, inexpensive lunch menu (appetizers, salads, sandwiches, etc.). We will go on to Berkeley for a tour of the plantation and grounds. Admission will be \$10; but if we have more than 10 people, it will be \$8.50. Please plan to join us for this day in the country and a time of fellowship- it'll be fun and educational! A signup sheet will be located in the narthex beginning in early October.



New Books have been added to our Library – Why not check them out? Have you ever wished for just a glimpse of Heaven? Don Piper got a 90 Minute glimpse after his car was crushed by a tractor trailer truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Ninety minutes later Piper was returned to life on earth. He shares his life-changing story with you in **90 Minutes in Heaven** by Don Piper (153.2 P)

Sometimes our children have problems that God can help them solve. In the children's section look for **Sometimes I Get Scared: Psalm 23 for Children** by Elspeth C. Murphy. In this story, David and the child talk to God about their problems, and God answers...(E223 M)

## Congregational Care



**Sarah Circle** has gotten off to a great start this year in our study of the BeatiTudes. Please join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study on the second Tuesday of each month September-May. There is plenty of room around our discussion table for you—and you are certainly welcome! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!

### **MARTHA CIRCLE:**

Martha was very busy keeping her home and family orderly, but our Lord suggested that she find balance in her life. Life in the twenty-first century is no different. Perhaps an evening mixture of friendship, fellowship, and Bible Study with other women is what you need to put balance into your life. The Bible Study this year is "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan, who affirms that "God is Love", and asks "Have you ever wondered if you are missing it?" Please consider joining us as we search for answers. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at KirkWood, Room 1A.

## Discipleship Groups

### DODM Minute

By now you should realize that the small group/discipleship group ministry has a new name. We are now the Development of Disciples Ministry. It's a new year, there is a new coordinator, and we have a new group. Now, it's a new name. Everything else is the same. There are seven DODM groups. The focus of each group is still Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects. We have groups meeting on Monday night, Wednesday night, Thursday morning, and Thursday night. Please see our bulletin board for the names of each group, group leaders, and the dates each group meets. I am so excited for this year and all that we will be doing..

Please contact April Mershon (325-7189) with any questions or comments!  
Blessings!

# Mission News

## From the Mission Committee:

The PORT season is coming soon. PORT stands for People Offering Resources Together and is a program where churches offer shelter during the winter months to our homeless population. KirkWood helps by providing staff and meals to the sponsoring churches. The program has been expanded an extra month this year and will run from November through March. KirkWood will be helping three nights this year instead of two. Our first night will be the week of December 14 at Warwick Memorial UMC. Please watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and help on one of our scheduled nights.



The Building on Faith Habitat house has proceeded at a rapid rate and the exterior is finished. After two cancelled workdays (the last one due to Irene), we have a workday scheduled on October 8. The sign-up sheet is on the Mission bulletin board. The house should be finished in late October or early November. Thanks for your support.

### Operation Christmas Child



In October we will be giving out fliers for our annual Shoe Box ministry. This program run by through Samaritan's Purse. It provides a Christmas gift for children who might otherwise not receive one. Dedication Sunday will be November 13.

# Mission News

## Adult Mission Trip

*"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."*

November 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 is a special time in the life of the congregation for KirkWood. As you know, 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.

Prayer partners are now signing up to be a special part of this mission opportunity. Prayer partners agree to pray specifically for one mission team member and also for the entire group. The prayer partners and mission team members will also be provided a prayer booklet and daily devotion for each day of the mission trip. In addition, we are planning a very special commitment service for the prayer partners and mission team members with everyone invited. Details about this service opportunity will be available soon.

We ask that you pray now for the group and encourage the mission team members as you see them. John 15:5 is the leading scripture for the trip and for the group. If you would like to become more involved, please contact Barb Nicholas at [banich4@gmail.com](mailto:banich4@gmail.com) or 757-303-8133.

JOHN  
15:5

### PUMPKIN PATCH:



This is KirkWood's largest and most visible community outreach of the entire year. Please consider taking a shift or 2 to staff the patch and to help unload pumpkins. It's a great way to share what we are doing with the community and to show them what KirkWood has to offer.

The pumpkins will be delivered on October 1 and October 15 starting at 9:00 AM. The patch will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Mon. - Thurs., 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Fri. - Sat., and 12:30 - 7:00 PM on Sunday. There are signup sheets in the hallway. Without the congregation's support and time, we could not have a pumpkin patch.

# 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.

Thanks to-

- John Nicholas for doing a post-Irene damage assessment walk-about of KirkWood immediately following the storm.
- Bruce Knight for his efforts picking up storm debris, branches, etc across the KW grounds
- Jerry Deaton for a quick repair of a leak on the ice machine in the kitchen.
- Janet Deaton for coordinating the superb tile floor stripping and waxing inside KirkWood.
- Kirk Reno for replacing the parking lot lamp post bulbs and re-setting the lights timer

Summer Lawn Mowing: Thanks to our 8 lawn mowing teams as we begin to wrap it up for the season in the next month or so. This group of 24 folks actively helped KirkWood's grounds shine! They have done a great job ensuring KirkWood's landscape looks nice for Sundays. Consider joining a mowing team in 2012 as part of your stewardship to KirkWood.

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, unless you are on the Adult Mission Trip that weekend. Stay for one hour or for four, whatever your schedule allows.

The next P&F meetings are October 11th and November 8th 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 October

- October Pumpkin Patch Outreach Ministry
- October 2 World Communion Sunday
- October 10 Columbus Day Observance
- October 30 Reformation Sunday
- October 31 Reformation Day, Trunk or Treat