



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,

Once a month I meet with teaching and ruling elders from churches in PEVA to discuss opportunities and barriers for developing healthy growing congregations. As you might guess I have a great deal to share from all of our excitement trying to re-work worship times and service components. Your Session continues to wrestle with many factors regarding worship and how it impacts Sunday School. That process continues as I write this column so please continue to pray for our ruling elders to discern God's will for very complex matters. Hopefully we will settle on times which will be long lasting.

As I have learned over the past several months, complacency is never an end goal for anything connected to churches. We need always to re-visit and fine tune our many ministries as well as how we worship and when we worship. Thank you for demonstrating incredible patience with your leadership team as we sort out these very complex as well as emotionally laden options.

Keep the prayers going.

The promised land is in sight.

Fondly,

Michael

November 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 November 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.



November 6	Matthew 25:1-13
November 13	Matthew 25:14-30
November 20	Matthew 25:31-46
November 27	Chaplain Rick Jenkins, VPRJ

NEWS FLASH!

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011, the Session has voted to change our worship service times to:

9:30 A.M. – Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 A.M. – Traditional Worship Service

This 4 week wait will allow the Christian Education team to develop Sunday School classes. More volunteers will be needed to help and teach. If you think you might serve by teaching or helping please contact Lew Goodman (686-0088) or Doreen Knowles (930-1592).

SPREAD THE WORD!



DECORATE
t h e C h u r c h

NOVEMBER 20th

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & DECORATIONS

The Congregational Care and Worship Committees have joined together again this year to provide a day of fun, food, fellowship, and decorating for Advent. Come out and join the fun. Sign up with your friends (or meet new ones). Here are the details:

Casual dress for both services

9:15 attendees can stay after Sunday School and help set up the fellowship hall for the luncheon, help bring down the decorations from the attic, and then join all for lunch.

Fellowship Lunch – Subs, Salads, Chips, and Drinks provided for all in the fellowship hall after the 11:30 service.

Hanging of the Advent Greens – Help is needed for the following areas (approximate number of people needed):

Fellowship Hall (10) – tree and garlands and help clean-up from lunch

Hallways (10) – Wreaths on doors and garland on windows

Narthex (8) – Chrismon Tree, small trees, and wreaths

Sanctuary (20) – Wreaths, garlands, banners, and crèche

Children's Pageant Rehearsal (2 adults & middle schoolers)

Beginning Oct 30th, please sign up in the narthex so we will have enough food for all.

Children's Christian Education

W.o.W. (Way of the Word)

Important Dates and Information:

November 6th: Homework due! Children should create a picture of what they are thankful for. I am encouraging detailed and colorful creativity!

November 13th: 10:15 am Pageant Practice during Sunday School. This is dedicated time for design and speaking parts as well as music and motions.

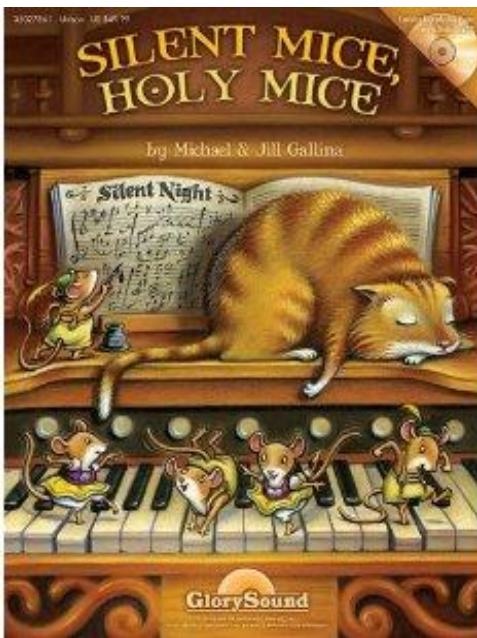
November 13th: 11:30 am please allow the children to stay and sing for the introit

November 13th: Shoebox dedication at each service

November 20th: 10:15 am Advent Intergenerational Sunday School. No WoW classes, please attend Advent Wreath workshop with your family and take home a devotional for the advent season.

November 20th: 1:30 pm Pageant practice and Advent activities. Parents please consider staying to help with decorating the church.

I am extremely proud and encouraged by the 17 children that memorized the September M&M (Memory and Mediation) verse! There is still time to memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13 for this month. Money is donated in their honor to our mission collection. This, added to what they bring from home, is going to Heifer International this year.



Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on December 11th at 6 pm.

“Silent Mice, Holy Mice tells the story of how the world's most beloved Christmas carol, Silent Night, came to be written. Filled with humor and fun, writers Jill and Michael Gallina share this unforgettable Christmas tale through the antics of some very wise mice - and a lazy church cat named Sebastian.”

Please consider helping with decoration, casting, costumes or music. A short meeting will happen on Nov. 13th at 10:15am in WoW room 11.

Children will practice a new song every Sunday at the start of Sunday School. Other practices are listed under WoW important dates.

Remember Me, Family Time

From Kindergarten through 12th grade, your children will spend over 15,000 hours in school and even more time doing homework! But, even if they have perfect attendance, their time in Sunday School is close to 550 hours! If you are considering adding some family discussion and activities, I can help. There are many different kinds available for you to preview in the Glory Time room (Room 2). The following website lists the top ten children's books that you could consider as Christmas gifts:

http://www.agapechristianbookstore.com/bestsellers_list.asp?c=5. Or try subscribing to Heartfelt, an on-line monthly newsletter for busy parents: <http://www.thelogosministry.org/heartfelt.html>

Christian Education - Youth Groups

FISHER KIDS OF KIRKWOOD

The Fisher Kids are really enjoying their every-other-week schedule; about 14 girls and boys have been attending the meetings. The Kick-Off party was on **September 25** – it was a *Silly Sardines Pizza Party* – *Silly*, meaning we wore silly hats, glasses or hair styles and *Sardines* was the game we played since Kickball was rained out. No sardines went on the pizza! It was loads of fun. **On October 9**, FK's had a great meeting, with good conversation and Bible reading from Deuteronomy and Joshua about being courageous and strong. An unforgettable exhortation (empowering message) was given by Mr. Dan Drejza, who played the part of an elderly Moses, as he spoke God's words to Joshua who was played by Hunter Alexander. The FK's listened to (and sang) a song video titled "Courageous" by Casting Crowns. FK's loved that! After the **October 23rd Party** plans were made and prayer requests were given, the girls led the FK's in a closing prayer. (A word of prophesy, the party of October 23rd is going to be a smashing good time (no pumpkin smashing, just pumpkin decorating and carving. This was written a week before the party.) **November 6** is the date of the next meeting, 4:30 – 6:00 which will be led by Mr. Brian Williams and Ms. Barbara Drejza. The topic will be Salt and Light – introducing another great song! **November 18 (7 pm) through November 20 (11 am)** is the new date for the Middle School Retreat at Makemie Woods, sponsored by PEVA; focused lessons are titled "Who is This God We Serve." This is such a great opportunity and "a lot of fun," say your fellow Fisher Kids, who have gone on past retreats there. The cost is \$80 per child and \$35 per adult; KirkWood will pay half of the fee for each child and pay the full cost for adult volunteers. Please call your leaders if you're interested. Check out www.pevayouth.webs.com for more information about the youth retreat. You can print a registration form from the website: http://pevayouth.webs.com/fall11/2011_Retreat_Registration_and_Leader_Information.pdf or pick up one from the table in the narthex.

A look ahead-- FK's will meet again on **December 4 & 18, same time/place**. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!! **Don't forget to read Joshua, a book that is filled with incredible stories of adventure, wars and victories as the Israelites entered the promised land.**

Blessings,
Brian and Gina Williams & Dan and Barb Drejza
(249-9327 & 884-8155, respectively)



Congregational Care



SARAH CIRCLE: As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, we are thankful for so many blessings. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us to be thankful for many things. He also taught us to be thankful for unexpected things as well. Sarah Circle will study "Greatly Honored Are the Humble" in our third lesson on November 8th. All women are invited to join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Martha Circle;

Ladies of Martha Circle have been called to enjoy other opportunities in the life of the church, so we have taken a short break. We will all meet again together 1st and 3rd Thursday in Jan. (Jan.5 and Jan. 19th). We will focus on our relationship with our Lord studying "Crazy Love" and awaken a desire to be closer to Him. The study material is available in the church office. Come and join us -- see you after the holidays.

KIRKWOOD SILVER: Those who went to Berkeley Plantation experienced a delightful, interesting, and informative visit to one of the oldest plantation sites along the James River. We were surprised to find a movie being filmed there and witnessed one scene in the making! The film, "To Have and to Hold" is based on a novel about the early years at Jamestown and is expected to be released in 2012.



Our next KWS event is a luncheon at KirkWood on **Thursday November 17th, at 11:30AM**. We will celebrate Thanksgiving by rediscovering the First Thanksgiving! Sign-up will begin on October 30th, in the Narthex. Please sign up early so the meal can be planned according to expected attendance. If you have questions, contact Faye Shaw at 868-4290, or Wanda Birch at 868-8651.

Congregational Care**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

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**FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

2011

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

The falling leaves and cooler days remind us that the holiday season will soon be upon us. With this in mind, on November 20, Congregational Care and the Worship Committee will provide lunch after the 11:30 service followed by the “Hanging of the Greens”. We'll hang wreaths, set up trees, fluff bows and have a great time. Please join us as we ready ourselves for Christmas at KW.

On December 11th at 6:00PM the children of KW will present a Christmas program. We know all of you will want to come out to see our youngest KirkWoodians provide a great show. After the performance there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dessert to share and drop it off in the fellowship hall before the program.

Congregational Care is always looking for volunteers who would like to help with fellowship dinners, visiting shut-ins or people in the hospital, or preparing meals when called upon. Contact Scott Coverdale (867-7748) or Helene Watson (867-9389) for further information on any area where you would like to serve. A big thank you goes out to Lynn Pierce and Kathy Angove who have joined the committee.

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:

- Tom Briggs for patching the rough spots/potholes in the KirkWood parking lot.
- Tom Watson for replacing the battery in the automatic defibrillator.
- Our eight, 3-person lawn mowing teams as we completed mowing for the season. 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. Stay for one hour or for four, whatever your schedule allows.

Heads up! Project ATTIC SWEEP: P&F committee will be clearing out attics and closets throughout KirkWood by mid-November. If you have something in KirkWood's closets you have been meaning to take home, (umbrellas, jackets, lunch boxes, etc) please remember to do so. We will donate all unclaimed, useable items to charity, and take junk to the dump. Thanks for your assistance. Questions? Contact Nate Nickerson at 868-9393.



Mission News

.Mission Briefs

Our last St. Paul's day to serve lunch is November 5. Please sign up if you can help.

The first PORT night will be the week of December 14-21 at Warwick Memorial UMC. Look for the sign up sheet later in November and consider helping in this worthwhile mission.

Operation Christmas Child is in the works. The flyers with instructions and labels are on the table in the Narthex. The shoe boxes will be dedicated on Sunday November 13th. Help yourself to the other materials on the table.

Our Habitat House is nearly complete. The dedication will be later in the fall. Details will be announced.

Congo Partnership

Cathy Hudgins and I attended the Congo Mission Network Conference in Virginia Beach on October 6. We learned that besides PEVA, there are several Presbyteries and individual Presbyterian congregations who sponsor churches, schools and medical services in the Congo. The Presbytery of New Castle, Delaware, is very active, as is Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. We spoke to their representatives who told us about the process they are going through in building a girl's school in Kasai province.

According to the UN Human Development Index, the Congo is the second poorest nation in the world. In addition to crushing poverty, the Congolese people deal with corruption and civil war. Most of the mission work is in Kinshasa, the capital (where our sister Church, Mikondo is located) or in the inland province of Kasai. There are currently 206,000 children in Presbyterian funded schools in the Congo, and there are teacher training programs run through the CPK and CPC Presbyteries. It truly is a privilege to be a part of this work to bring aid and the comfort of Christ's word to the people of the Congo.

Sue Worthington

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

**November 6, 2011
2:00 A.M.**

This is the story about four people named Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

- The Facts of Life-



Trunk or Treat
October 31, 2011



Special dates in November

- November 1 All Saints' Day
- November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 20 Christ the King Sunday
- November 20-27 National Bible Week
- November 24 Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed 24-25
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent