

# KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

*A Christian Community Knowing, Loving & Serving Christ, to  
Make Him Known to All.*

**December 2014/  
January 2015**



Dear KirkWood,

Ever notice when you are out driving in traffic and you let someone merge in front of you, how seldom you see a hand waving to say “thank you”? So many folks operate out of a sense of entitlement. Expressing gratitude does not come easily for many of us.

As we slide into the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year’s season, I invite all of us to re-charge our “gratitude batteries”. Behind all of our successes, triumphs, victories, skills and accomplishments is the good Lord’s continuing presence. We might be the most gifted people in the room on so many levels but without the Lord’s empowerment, we are empty vessels making a lot of tinny noise. We may think very highly of ourselves, but without God’s grace, our lives would not have much enduring meaning.

So as you back away from the abundance of a Thanksgiving Feast; as you bag up all the torn wrapping paper from Christmas morning; as you make your New Year’s toast on January 1, take a few minutes to be grateful to the good Lord for a richness of blessings.

See you in church. Especially in this glorious season.

Fondly,

*Michael*

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**Worship:** 9:30 a.m. (Contemporary) & 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)

**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m. (Adults)

9:30 a.m. (infant-6th grade & Adult)

11:00 a.m. (middle school - Adult)

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# Volunteers Needed

Congregational Care



One of our committee's important ministries is to send get-well and sympathy cards to our members and friends each week. We are seeking volunteers for January and February. This is a great, short-duration ministry opportunity at KirkWood. Please contact Bill Gilbert (757-868-8953) or Regina Harris (757-329-5746) to volunteer for this role.

## Sarah Circle



On December 9th we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our own Dr. Condrey will teach our lesson. Lunch will follow the meeting at a restaurant to be announced.

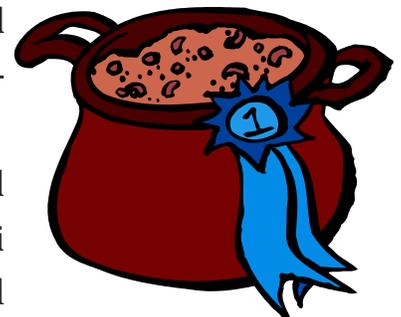
## Annual Chili Cook-Off

Congregational Care

On January 25th we will have our Chili Cook-Off

after the annual congregational meeting. Judging for the chili dishes will begin at 5 p.m. and the

dinner will be at 6pm. Bring your best chili concoction for all to enjoy. In December, we will have a signup sheet in the narthex for this dinner.



# Special Advent Christmas Luncheon Program

KirkWood Silver

**K**irkWood, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and **YOU'RE** invited to a special Advent-Christmas luncheon program, **Thursday, December 11th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!** The menu includes turkey and gravy or roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fried apples, carrots, and biscuits, all from Cracker Barrel, and desserts from Santa's elves. The cost should be around \$10.00. To inspire and delight us after we feast, Ouida Archinal will play favorite Christmas carols on the Hammer Dulcimer, a wonderful Christmas gift! Make your reservations by signing up in the Narthex beginning November 23rd, but definitely no later than Monday, December 8th. If you have questions, please contact Wanda or Jim Birch at [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net), or at 868-8651.



# Smart Phone (or Calendar) Alert!

KirkWood Silver

**K**irkWood Silver: smart phone (or calendar) alert! The new calendar year is not so far away. You'll want to note the date for our January time of fellowship: **Thursday, January 15th**, when we plan to enjoy another scrumptious lunch at the Briar Patch in Poquoson. (Last January, 21 of us had a wonderful time there.) The gathering time at the Briar Patch will be 11:30 a.m., or 11:10 a.m., for those who would like to carpool from the church. Check for announcements in the bulletin in early January.



# Blood Drive

Our final Blood Drive of 2014 was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 and was a great success!! Many thanks go out to all those that helped out.



Our goal was 39 lifesaving pints and we collected 35 pints. It was a little shy of our goal, but each pint we deliver is one more than they arrived with. We are getting our name out in the community as a church who cares and reaches out any way we can. Way to go Kirkwood! Thank you to all that volunteered and made this drive a success. What a fantastic Outreach to our community.

**Please mark your calendars for the following dates in 2015: February 26, May 28, August 27 and the final Blood Drive of 2015 will be November 12.**

If you have questions or would like to inquire as to how you can help at upcoming drives, please contact Cathy Hudgins, 757-869-2645 or [hudgepudge@aol.com](mailto:hudgepudge@aol.com).

# Operation Christmas Child

Mission

It looks like you KirkWoodians are really taking mission giving to new heights this year with the coming of the Christmas season. Operation Christmas Child will certainly bring smiles, as well as the message of Christian love and hope to many children throughout the world.



KirkWood, 142 of those smiles are because of your love and generosity. Please continue to pray for the children who receive these shoeboxes and thank you for your generosity and support of this wonderful mission event. *(See photo on page 8)*

# Christmas Offering

Mission

Our Christmas offering will be collected on the first three Sundays of Advent, and dedicated on December 14th. This offering is to be divided between York County/Poquoson Social Services and the Pastor's Fund here at KirkWood.

Social Services will use the funds to serve needs of Foster Children and a new program "Remembering When" that works with the elderly living in their own homes by making a safe home environment for them as their needs change.

There will be envelopes in the pews for your convenience. Please put "Christmas Offering" on your memo line to ensure that the funds get where they need to go.

# P.O.R.T. (People Offering Resources Together)

Mission

As of this writing I can say it's beginning to look and feel like winter ~ the temperature is certainly dropping! For our neighbors who have no warm home for protection, the community is blessed to be able to offer protection through P.O.R.T. (People Offering Resources Together). KirkWood, along with other worship communities, supports and serves these folks by providing a hot supper and a breakfast, by supervising the shelter throughout the night, and by reaching out in Christian love to give these folks a safe and warm shelter.



Please consider joining other KirkWoodians in spreading Christian love by preparing and sharing a warm meal and a place of rest. Watch for the sign-up sheets and more information on the Mission Bulletin Board.

January 1st -2nd KirkWood will host P.O.R.T. at 1st Baptist Church, N.N.

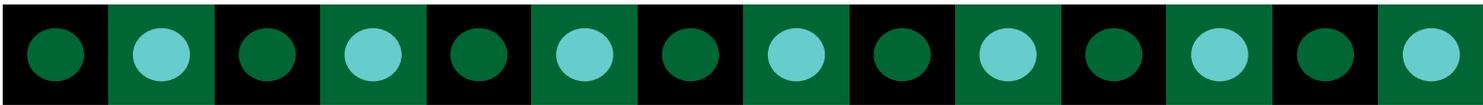
## Adult Angel Tree

Mission

This year, KirkWood is offering an Adult Angel Tree to provide gifts to 11 PACE patients (The Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly - Medicare and Medicaid patients who are able to remain in their own homes). Ornaments with needed information and collection dates will be placed on the tree for Small Groups and whole church participation. Interested individuals may select an individual's ornament, leaving the duplicate for our record. PACE is asking for 1 gift per recipient - a man's shirt or a woman's blouse (names and sizes to be furnished on the ornament). For individuals that cannot manage these items with buttons, a sweat suit will be recommended. Watch Sunday Morning announcements for the location of the tree with the recipients' gift tag ornaments and dates for collection of the gift. Thank you. You will bring a smile on some folks who otherwise will not receive a gift at Christmas.

Thank you, KirkWood. It is your generosity and willingness to share with others that makes KirkWood a very special family. We can and do make a difference to others.

...serve him faithfully with all your heart:  
I Sam 12:24



# Pumpkin Patch Report

Mission

The final count is in for the Pumpkin Patch. We received three pumpkin deliveries and the pumpkins were almost flying out of our patch! Much fun and camaraderie were had by all and many shoppers said they “come back every year to get their pumpkins from KirkWood.” Our sales topped all other years. Isn’t it great to be able to support the Navajo Indians? And the proceeds from sales will help fund KPC mission events in the future.

Total Sales for 2014: \$42,313.14

KPC (40%, including donations): \$18,908.20



Good Job KirkWood. Many hands made this event exceptional. It could not be done without all of KirkWood working together. Thank You.

## MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

NOV 2014- JUNE 2015

When All Else Fails..Read The Instructions

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEANINGFUL LIVING - THE BEATITUDES

#### LESSON-1

21-Nov-14

It's hard to Be Humble

Blessed Are the Poor-2: in Spirit-21

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#### LESSON-2

19-Dec-14

Near the Heart of GOD

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn-29

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#### LESSON-3

JAN-30-2015

Here Am I Lord, Use Me

Blessed Are The Meek-37

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#### LESSON-5

27-Mar-15

Mercy the Virtue That Shines

Blessed Are The Merciful-55

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#### LESSON-6

24-Apr-15

The Dangers of Mask Wearing

Blessed Are The Pure in Heart-65

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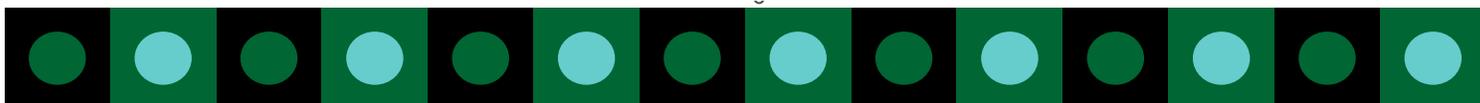
#### LESSON-7

29-May-15

The Best Thing We Can Do For GOD

Blessed Are the Peacemakers-73

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# Sunday School Offerings at KirkWood

Christian Education

"How is your path going with God right now? Do you need to have it straightened out? One way you can continue on your path would be to join us for Sunday School. We would love to have you join us on our path! Here are the December – January options:

## 8:30 a.m.

•**Conversations with God** - Prayer Conversing with God (Prayer Group) Come and start your worship time praying for our church, PEVA, America, and the world.

Leader: Ken Peterson (Room 4)

•**"On the Road With Jesus: Birth and Ministry"** by: Ben Worthington III. "Visit" the places Jesus walked and ministered while deepening your faith. December 7 – January 4

Leader: TBA (Fellowship Hall)

•**"Staying in Love"** by: Andy Stanley. Get helpful advice on how to stay together with "the one" you have found through challenging times. Starting January 11

Leader: TBA (Fellowship Hall)

## 9:30 a.m.

•**"Acts"** The class participants will methodically be going through the book of Acts. Studying all aspects of each verse and how it directly applies to your life.

Leader: Jim Birch (Room 4)

•**"A Different Kind of Christmas"** by Mike Slaughter. This will empower you to avoid the traps and discontentment of consumerism and reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth. November 23 – January 4

•**"The Minor Prophets:** The Wiersbe Bible Study Series" by: Warren W. Wiersbe. Based on six Minor Prophets—Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Malachi—this study offers rich perspective on how God's plans and purposes intersect in the lives of His people. January 11 – February 22

Leader: April Mershon (Room 6)

•**Elementary Age: Way of the Word (WoW)** is for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet upstairs in Room 11 then rotate through classes based on monthly themes. There is something for every learning style!

Leader: Jeannine Scott and various adults

•**Preschool:** This class meets in Nursery A/B and is play based with a short story lesson.

Leaders: Regina Harris & Katie Mitchell

•**Infant Nursery:** Available for ages birth through 2 years while you are in worship or Church School.

Leaders: Carolyn Gilbert, Cathy Kibler, Bonnie Condrey and Gerry LaBarre (Room 3)

## 11:00 a.m.

•**"Knowing the Bible 101:** A Guide to God's Word in Plain Language" by: Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz. Gain a new understanding of the Bible for all levels of participants who want to learn more. September 14 – January 25

Leader: Ted Lovdahl (Room 4)

•**"And Now What?"** Using various texts, the class will explore how to live as a Christian in a world that encourages tolerance of all belief systems. September 14 – December 7

Leader: Joyce Armstrong (Fellowship Hall)

•**"Grace"** by: Max Lucado. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. Are you willing to let it get ahold of you? December 21 – February 15

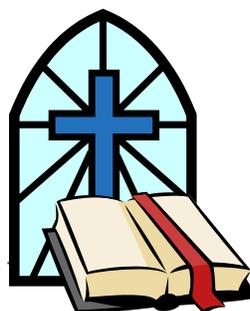
Leader: Dick Knowles (Room 6)

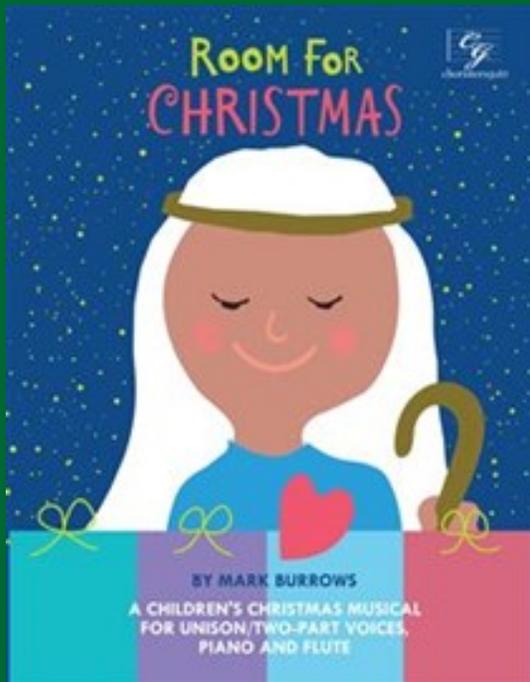
•**High School: "Top 13 Questions About God"** by: Group Publishing.

Leaders: Jim Mershon, Cathy Alexander, & Ryan Wenner (Room 8)

•**Middle School: "Connect"** by: Sparkhouse.

Leaders: Wendy Linehan, Ashley Wenner, & Ryan Wenner (Room 7)





## Room for Christmas Pageant

The pageant will be held during both services on December 14th. We hope that you will enjoy the experience and realize what is really important during this season. How can you make more room for it?



Some of the 142 shoeboxes donated in the Operation Christmas Child project. See story on page 4.



December 7	Isaiah 40:1-11
December 14	Children's Christmas Pageant
December 21	Luke 1:26-38
December 28	Chaplain James Hoy Preaching
January 4	John 1:1-18
January 11	Stephen Ministry Conference
January 18	Stephen Ministry Conference
January 25	Psalm 62:5-12



# WoW (Way of the Word) Sunday School

Christian Education

**December:** Our annual Christmas study for the elementary WoW students continues, this year examining Mary's story (with a short plug for Joseph, too!). Her obedience to and adoration of God is so remarkable and will be taught through drama, movie, and art rotations. Our memory verse for December is: Mary said, "Surely, from now on, all generations will call me blessed." Luke 1:48

**January:** This month focuses on an unlikely superhero by the name of Moses, and how God called him to save the Israelites from slavery. We will have our own "flaming bush", learn how to behave in holy places, and find out that God will give us whatever skills we need to do His work. Our memory verse for January is: And God said, 'I will be with you.' Exodus 3:12

**WoW teacher searching has started! Please contact Jeannine Scott for available dates. I am faithful that the spots will fill up fast, so don't delay.**

## **K.I.C.K. Kids In Christ at KirkWood; Youth Group for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders**

Celebrate the turning of the clocks to 12:00 (noon) on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Don't miss out. Contact Jeannine Scott to make sure you are on the email contact list for updates on activity details.



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# Thanks to P&F “Elves” & Others

Property and Facilities

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**Patch clean up:** Many thanks to all the Cadettes, Juniors, Girls Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Leaders (and their parents) and the 30 KirkWoodians who came out Nov. 8th to help clean up the KirkWood grounds and pumpkin patch! We had over 140 people helping. What a great group of children, family and parents! It was a beautiful day and we accomplished all we planned in ~ 2 hours. The leftover pumpkins went to a local pig farm and the dumpster for those pumpkins arrived just in time to be loaded up and moved out. We also moved all the pallets and pumpkins; took down light poles; raked straw in the field and the surrounding grounds; pruned trees; weeded the big sign garden and rain garden beds; cleaned out the drainage ditches thru the woods and along the parking lot; and moved a bunch of leaves to the leaf pile in the woods.

A special "Thanks" to the following P&F "elves" who are always working behind the scenes:

- Steve Hudgins, Bob Craig, Tom Briggs and Dave Trumpoldt for their help safely parking and directing 177 cars during Trunk or Treat
- Steve Hudgins, Arba Williamson and Kirk Reno for the use of their trucks to move pallets
- Tom Briggs for patching the parking lot potholes
- Kirk Reno and Jerry Deaton for providing exterior lighting for Trunk or Treat
- Jerry Deaton for repairing the lawn tractor front tire
- Roger Crone for his excellent support as our KW custodian since May 2013
- Jerry Deaton for innovative "anti-mole/vole" planting techniques for our flowers in the sign garden and planting pansies for the winter months



P&F committee chairs are Nate Nickerson and Roger Crone. Our next meeting is Dec. 9th at 7 p.m. in the Narthex or kitchen. Our group is involved in keeping our church property and landscape in top shape to best reflect God's blessings to all who pass-by or visit. 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.



# Canticles in Candlelight

Music

This year's Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 24th, Christmas Eve at the 8:00 P.M. service.

In faithful succession, the sacred flames of Advent's candles shine against winter's cold gray shadows with an unrelenting message of hope, peace, love, and joy. Against a seemingly endless night, the candles gleam with sparkling promise. "A Light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness has not overcome it."

With great expectation, we gather close to the flickering flames and gather strength for our journey to dawn. We warm our spirits at the hearth of worship. We linger in the glow of prayer and devotion and discover the illumination of truth and the warmth of fellowship.

As we gaze into the dancing gold we discover a deeper truth; we are the candles! We are a light on a hill and a beacon of hope, peace, love and joy in the night. We are torches of truth, ignited by grace and refined by fire. As we are consumed, we shine forth the glory of God! Animated by winds of the Spirit we give ourselves to the miracle of the message; "Jesus, the Light of the World has come and we are His children of Light."

—Joseph M. Martin

*Scripture for Contemplation:*

And those who are wise shall glisten like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, will shine like the stars forever and ever.

*(Daniel 12:3)*



## Special Dates in December/January

December 1 -24	Advent
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve/Watch Night
January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Epiphany
January 11	Baptism of the Lord
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

### Holiday Services Schedule

*Sunday, December 14*

*Children's Christmas Pageant: "Room for Christmas"*

*9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.*

*Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve*

*Christmas Cantata/Candlelight/Communion Service*

*"Canticles in Candlelight"*

*8:00 P.M.*

*Candlelight/Communion Service*

*11:00 P.M.*

*Sunday, December 28*

*Dr. Rev. James Hoy, Guest Pastor*

*9:30 A.M. - Contemporary*

*11:00 A.M. - Traditional*



**To:** KirkWood Michael RawLyn

**From:** Alberta Cooper