

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

March 2015



Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

Again, I thank you for the continuing prayers for my mother, Doris, and for the rest of the Condrey family. Keep them coming, please.

I want to share with you that we received eight new members on Sunday evening, February 22nd: Laura and Shane Brinson; Jen Carter; Deb Banton; Claire and Elaine Coverdale; and Chris and Amy Zuhlke. I am so pleased to have these persons active in the life of our congregation. Some are here because he or she went to our website, some are here because they are friends of other KirkWoodians, some are here because they noticed the church while driving on Rt. 134; but all are here because the good Lord sent them with kindness and joy. That is how we grow the Lord's church, so keep up the good work!!

Please continue to make welcome the new family members.

And I'll see you in church.

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-5th grade & Adult)

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

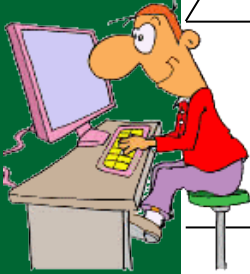
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Volunteers Needed

The Congregational Care Committee needs volunteers for the following tasks:

- Review and update of the Congregational Care portion of the KirkWood website. This task would involve regularly reviewing announcements about fellowship opportunities at KirkWood, e.g. small groups, dining out groups, Silvers, etc., and then providing this information to the webmaster for posting. Maintaining such a current site would improve everyone's access to KW events. Reviewing the recent [Kirkwood Annual Report](#) will give you an idea of the variety of such opportunities for fellowship.
- Transportation for members and friends of Kirkwood. This team would provide occasional transport to get people to church or to medical appointments and similar needs. We need about a half a dozen volunteers to ensure continuity throughout the year.



Support Groups for Widows and Divorced Persons

Congregational Care

Recently several people have expressed an interest in KirkWood forming support groups for widows and for divorced persons. If you are interested in helping to form one of these groups, please contact either Bill Gilbert (868-8953), Regina Harris (594-0013), or the church office.

On a Personal Note

Mailbag

To the members and friends of KirkWood,

I have tried to figure how I would say thank you to everyone at KirkWood for all of the cards and visits after my stroke. I told someone at church that I wanted to stand up and thank everyone but my emotions, which were greatly affected by my stroke, would not allow me to stand and say the things I needed to say.

I really want to and need to thank everyone for keeping Sandy and me in your thoughts and prayers since that night in July. I was in either the hospital or rehab for a total of 90 days, and for every one of those 90 days someone or multiple people visited me. I got so many cards that I believe I could open a card shop. Knowing that so many of you were praying for my recovery kept my spirits up and really enabled me to work towards recovery. It's a long slow road but one that I plan on working until I get back all that the Lord has planned.

Thank you and God bless all of you,

~Pepper Westbrook

Stephen Ministry

Congregational Care

I had the privilege of attending the Stephen Series Leader's Training Course in January. This fast-paced weeklong course began on January 11th and concluded the following Saturday at noon. It was a life-changing experience for me. There were 478 participants from across the U.S. and dozens of denominations, yet we were united in mission: learning how to bring Jesus' love and care to hurting people.

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry that we now have at KirkWood. After attending the training and hearing so many wonderful testimonies, I'm even more impressed with what God can do through this ministry. Stephen Ministry provides a means for gifted laypeople to receive training to support and extend the care that pastors provide.

The role of a Stephen Leader is to direct the Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They are the ones who recruit, select, train and supervise Stephen Ministers. Additionally, they locate people with needs for care and match them with a Stephen Minister. Right now I am the only person from KirkWood who has been through the Stephen Series Leader's Training Course. Dr. Michael Condrey plans to attend the training in the upcoming months so we will have two Stephen Leaders to oversee Stephen Ministry at KirkWood.



You will be learning more about Stephen Ministry over the next few months to build awareness and understanding. I will provide information in each issue of the Kronicle as part of our communication plan. The April issue of the Kronicle will focus on the role of a Stephen Minister. I hope that you will embrace this ministry as it is an awesome way for us to provide Christian care to those in need.

~Regina Harris



Lawnmower Recruiting Underway

Property & Facilities

KirkWood Spring Clean up will be March 21st, 8 a.m. until noon, with a back-up of March 28th. Come on out and join the team as we make the church grounds shine before Easter arrives in a few short weeks! During this time we will distribute 22 yards of mulch to our garden beds, clean out drainage ditches, and rake up after the passage of Old Man winter. Come for one hour or stay for three; come whatever time best suits your schedule. Bring gloves, wheelbarrow and a rake. With enough folks participating we usually are complete by 10 a.m. Hope to see you on March 21st, 2015.

Summer Lawn Mowing: Do you know who mows the lawn at KirkWood? ACME Lawnmowing Services? Green Glade Landscapers?....Nope! Folks just like you. Each summer KW folks team up to take turns mowing and keeping the landscape looking wonderful. Last year we had ten 3-person teams and that made the mowing schedule very reasonable. The lawn mowing schedule will start on April 25th and run through October 31st. Helping maintain the lawn and landscape is a simple and easy way to contribute to your church, meet new folks and feel good about helping your church look good. The task involves driving the lawn tractor, using the push mower, and edging/leaf blowing. A training overview of the lawn mowing process will be conducted, so don't let "uncertainty" slow you down from volunteering for something new at KirkWood!

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. If interested, please sign up as an individual or family and we will take it from there. Each team should have at least 3 members. The more folks we have pitching in, the better we can share in keeping up KirkWood's grounds!

Contact Nate Nickerson at 868-9393 for more information.

A special "Thanks" to the following people:

-Roger Crone and Glenn Gross for helping out with snow shoveling.



P&F committee chairs are Nate Nickerson and Roger Crone. 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. The next P&F meetings are March 10th and April 14th at 7 p.m. at KirkWood. P&F tends to work a lot "behind the scenes". Come and see what is going on, all are welcome!



New Books & Book Shelf Needs Painting

Christian Education

Children's Library

New books have just been added to the children's library in Room 2 (the first room on the left from the parking lot entrance). Please enjoy them on an Honor Check-out system. There are "bookmarks" to mark the shelf you took your book from so that you can return it in the same place.



Do you like to paint?

There is an empty book shelf that needs cleaning and painting. Creative discretion given to the first person to take it home and care for it. It will be used to display new books or those with a seasonal focus.

K.I.C.K. to Celebrate Pi Day

Christian Education



K.I.C.K

Kids In **C**hrist at **K**irkWood is a youth group for 3rd – 5th graders. We are ready to celebrate on Pi Day with Pizza Pie, Pie Plate relay, and Bible Questions that come in threes. Friends are welcome so bring one, two, or **THREE!**

March 14 (3.1415 π) in the KYG room 5 – 7 p.m.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Congregational Care

- March 27 - Lesson 5 - Mercy the Virtue That Shines: Blessed Are the Merciful - 55
Williamson
- April 24 - Lesson 6 - The Dangers of Mask Wearing: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart - 65
Hudgins
- May 29 - Lesson 7 - The Best Thing We Can Do For GOD: Blessed Are the Peacemakers - 73
Coverdale
- June 26 - Lesson 8 - Come What May, We Can Trust GOD: Blessed Are Those Who Are
Persecuted for Righteousness Sake - 83
Crone



March 1	Mark 8:31-38
March 8	John 2:13-22
March 15	John 3:14-21
March 22	John 12:20-33
March 29	Mark 15:33-39



Thoughts About Giving

Stewardship

Please Help Your Offering Counting Teams

Fellow KirkWoodians: Please help the KirkWood offering counting teams by writing your envelope number on EVERY check you write to KirkWood. It doesn't matter if your check is for your pledged or unpledged giving, a designated offering (like Pastor's Fund or HOPE), or a special event (like a Youth or Adult Mission Trip)... your check should have your envelope number on the memo line. By including your envelope number on EVERY check, you will save our counting teams significant time; otherwise, the team must manually look up your number and write it on your check. Thank you for helping your counters save time each week and for making their job a little easier.

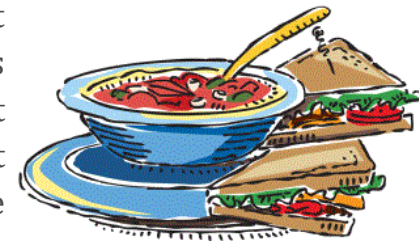
Fulfilling Your Pledge or Unpledged Giving Through Online Banking

Have you ever gotten to church and realized you forgot your checkbook? ...or gone on vacation and missed giving to the church for a Sunday or two? ...or otherwise just lost track of your giving back to God? One way to eliminate those issues is to set up a regular contribution to KirkWood through your bank or credit union's online banking 'Bill Pay' service. Most banks/credit unions offer this service free and it is an easy, convenient way to ensure you never miss a payment to God. Your financial institution will allow you to select the 'payment' day, so if you set up your payment for each Friday, it will arrive at the church in time to be in each Sunday's offering. If you prefer, you can set up a once-a-month automatic payment. A number of KirkWood families already send their weekly/monthly tithes & offerings using automatic online banking Bill Pay. Please consider this method of fulfilling your pledge or unpledged giving to KirkWood, and if you do decide to set up automatic payments, please enter your KirkWood envelope number as your 'account number.' That way, your envelope number will be printed on each check and the counting teams will not have to look your number up when counting the offering.

Lenten Lunch for ALL

Congregational Care

KirkWood Silver will host a Lenten Luncheon for ALL KirkWood members and friends on **Thursday, March 19th, at 11:30 a.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include soup, sandwiches, and desserts. An inspirational Lenten program will follow lunch and will feature selected readings from Max Lucado's book *He Chose the Nails* and from related scriptures. Sign up beginning March 1st, to reserve your place at the table. We (again!) ask for several willing folks to bring soup, and several others to bring platters of half-sandwiches, or desserts (which could be simply fruit for those who have given up sweets for the Lenten season). Contact Wanda Birch at 868-8651, or at wandjbirch@verizon.net, if you have questions.



**KirkWood
Silver
Luncheon**

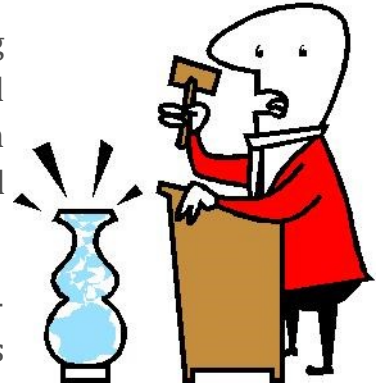
PLEASE NOTE: We are so pleased to announce that the **luncheon and "Legal Matters" program** which we had to cancel in February has been **rescheduled for April 16th**. Susan Jean, elder lawyer, will be here to present vital information on estate planning, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and advanced medical directives. We hope all who signed up for the February program and others who are interested will be able to attend in April. Please watch for further announcements.

Plan to Attend the PPCC Banquet

Mission Committee

Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction

Last year KirkWood had the largest attendance of any sponsoring church at the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction and we all had a fun evening, resulting in the best fund-raising event ever held by the PPCC – ‘twas wonderful and a real blessing!



Let’s do it again, maybe even better. Bill Gilbert, member of the Board of Directors at the PPCC, has tickets available for the banquet at \$60 each (covers fine meal and donation). Please plan to attend so we can assemble the most tables of attendees again this year.

The banquet will be held **Friday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at St. Michael Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 100 Harpersville Road, Newport News. If you can attend, please contact Bill at 757-868-8953 (home), or at 757-871-1086(cell) and we can start planning our attendance and seating.

Also, if you know of local businesses that might want to be sponsors for this event, please let Bill know and we will contact them. It is always a fun evening with a social time to start, a silent auction, a wonderful dinner, and a live auction finale. It’s all for a very worthy mission cause of serving those of our community in need.

WoW (Way of the Word)

Christian Education

Our annual WOW Lenten Rotation this year will be the story of Jesus’ praying to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the night He was betrayed. Bunnies, candy and flowers are fine for the Easter Egg Hunt but during Sunday School this month we will understand that there was much pain, sorrow, and anguish during this “first Easter”. Jesus was faced with a difficult decision and it was His choice to obey God.

For memory work at home, concentrate on Mark 14:36 “Abba, Father, “ he said “everything is possible for you. Take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want.”



Mark your calendars for our BIG BIRTHDAY BASH on March 1st. We will celebrate WoW Birthdays from December through May.



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

Mission Committee

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40



Thank you to all who volunteered at Trinity Lutheran Church on January 29th. With as cold as it has been this winter, I have been thinking of the plight of the homeless and am so thankful that God has blessed our church with so many volunteers that are willing to go above and beyond to serve. If you have not yet had the chance to volunteer this year, we have one final opportunity this season. We are committed to host PORT on March 16-17 at the Mosaic Center located at 28 Harpersville Road, Newport News. Signup sheets for the various shifts to help and information regarding this event are posted on the Mission bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Paul's

Mission Committee

Thank you to all who took their time to feed the homeless on Saturday, February, 21st at St. Paul's. Seventeen guests were provided a hot meal, which was definitely needed in this cold. Our next weekend to serve at St. Paul's is on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Please watch for the sign-up sheet.



A big thank you, again, to all who take their time to serve in these mission opportunities, and to all who have not yet been able to come out, please take a look at the Mission bulletin board for upcoming events, we would love to have you with us.

~Donna O'Hara



One Great Hour of Sharing

Mission Committee



This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent and a time to prepare ourselves for Easter. You may ask, “How can I prepare for Easter?” One way is to join the children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes in making a generous offering to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) which is an offering combined with other churches throughout the United States. All funds received by the Presbyterian Church (USA) are used to help people in need within our Presbyterian denomination and are divided between Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People.

One person alone may feel that he or she has very little to offer. Each of us can begin by offering a prayer for those who are desperately in need of basic necessities for sustaining life. Then, any monetary donation, when combined with all of Kirkwood One Great Hour of Sharing offerings, as well as all churches donating to OGHS in an ecumenical effort, can make a huge difference for those in need. Will you prayerfully make a donation this year? More information, a calendar of Lenten activities to share with your family, and coin boxes can be picked up in the Narthex on Sunday, March 1st. This year the offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.



Special Dates in March

1	Second Sunday in Lent
6	World Day of Prayer
8	Third Sunday in Lent
8	Daylight-Saving Time Begins
8	Girl Scout Sunday
15	Fourth Sunday in Lent
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	First Day of Spring
22	Fifth Sunday in Lent
29	Palm/Passion Sunday

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt March 28nd at 10 a.m.

Come enjoy music, story, snack and games for all ages. An egg hunt will be held for toddlers through 5th grade. The event will be held rain or shine. Allergy friendly options available.

Please pick up a postcard to help spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Sign up in the narthex to donate your time. Other donations of candy or small toys are also appreciated and can be dropped off before March 22nd.



**Easter
Egg Hunt**