

KIRKWOOD KRONICLE

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

September 2015

Dear Members and Friends,



Let me thank all those in our Music Ministry who have done such an outstanding job with summer service. Each week, the music has been first-rate and to all the instrumentalists and singers – a big thank you and God bless you!

Many people have told me how meaningful summer worship has been and I believe we have found the right mix of contemporary and traditional styles to make an interesting liturgy.

As we gear up for a very busy fall, here's a shout out to a wonderful staff and Session for all you do behind the scenes to make KirkWood an exciting and loving Christian fellowship. Please check out new Sunday School classes, small groups, worship services, committee opportunities and a ton of mission events.

The Lord continues to richly bless us, each and every one.

See you in church.

Fondly,

Michael

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Summer Worship: 10 a.m.
Starting Sept. 6: 9:30 a.m. (Contemporary) & 11 a.m. (Traditional)
Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. (Adults)
9:30 a.m. (infant-6th grade & Adult)
11 a.m. (middle school - Adult)

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Opportunity to Get Involved in the Stephen Ministry



Plans are being made to start the Stephen Ministry training sessions in September. If you have not already done so, please let Regina Harris know by September 13th if you are interested in joining this awesome ministry. She can be reached by phone at 757-329-5746 or via email message to regina.harris@rivhs.com.

Welcome to Congregational Care

Congregational Care

Our mission at KirkWood is to care for the congregation, including members, visitors, and friends of our fellowship. The Congregational Care Committee performs many functions to do this caring and seeks to involve all members of the fellowship in being caring Christians.

What you can contribute is very important to the well-being of our fellowship. We need your help as we seek to make all attending worship feel welcome, as we seek to contact those we miss on a given Sunday, as we send cards, make calls, and visit our sick and homebound, as we sponsor fellowship events such as the annual picnic and other fellowship meals.

Thanks

Congregational Care

Thanks to all who joined us for the outing to see the Tides play baseball in Norfolk. We had 16 attend and we enjoyed a beautiful summer evening for the game. Plan to join us next year.



KW Silver Kickoff

Congregational Care

Thursday, September 17th, is the "kickoff" date for the 2015-16 KWS year. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m., and share what else?: **fellowship** over some tasty pizza, veggies, and cookies.

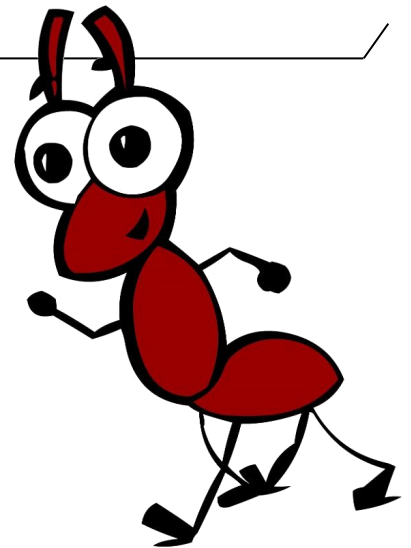
After lunch we'll be superbly entertained by our own in-house comedy team, Knowles and Crone! Be prepared to laugh at some silly rappin' and rhymes. We'll spend a few minutes brainstorming ideas for future events; so, come with suggestions for informative and/or fun topics or places we may want to include in our plans.

Lunch should cost no more than \$5 per person. Sign up in the Narthex beginning August 30th. Contact Wanda Birch at 868-8651, or at wandjbirch@verizon.net for further information.

We Need Some Help Here!

Congregational Care

Recently folks using our kitchen have not done a good job of cleaning up after use and we have developed a pest problem as a result. If you use the kitchen involving food, coffee, etc., please make sure all counters are clean and all food stuffs are properly stored before you leave. Thanks for your help in this area. If you would like to volunteer to help with our kitchen patrol, please contact Property and Facilities or Congregational Care.





Do Yourself a Favor: Join a Small Group

Congregational Care

Are you as excited about fall coming as I am? Fall signals the time for teachers and students to get back to school. The kids are excited to get back with friends, meet new ones and learn new things. So it is with small groups at KirkWood. A small group is a good way for us to study God's Word in a supportive and loving group, to pray for one another, and to fellowship thus deepening our relationships with our friends of KirkWood. Check out the Congregational Care bulletin board across from Tina's office. You will find sign-up sheets for nine groups with facilitators' names, meeting dates, and times listed. If you have any questions, please see me at church or call me at home.

~Marsha Coverdale, 867-7748

New Small Group Coordinator

Congregational Care

We have a new coordinator for our many small groups, Marsha Coverdale; and a big thanks to Barb Ball for performing this role till now. Marsha will be getting the facilitators together after worship on August 30 to discuss plans for the coming year. Signup sheets for all of the small groups are posted on the bulletin board at church, so please sign up for one of these groups and enjoy the fellowship and study opportunity.



Speaking of Small Groups...

Congregational Care

We are still in the process of forming two new small groups. The Widows/Widowers group is now seeking a better time to meet. In September, we will have a Saturday lunch meeting at the Briar Patch in Poquoson, date and time to be announced via the Sunday bulletin.

We are also trying to establish interest in a small group for divorced folks; to date we have two people interested, but we really need a few more to be viable. If you are interested, please contact the church office and let us know.



Wondering What Lies Ahead?

Congregational Care

Several fellowship events have been planned for the coming year at KirkWood. In September we will have a pot luck lunch after worship on the 13th (See article on next page), October 31st we will be working with other committees in sponsoring the Pumpkin Patch Trunk or Treat night, November 22 we join with Worship to help with Hanging of the Greens for Christmas, and in December we offer desserts for the children's Christmas program.

Please plan to attend these fellowship events and even better: consider helping us with them!

End-of-Summer Luncheon

Congregational Care

Join us on September 13th immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for our annual end-of-summer luncheon. This will be a potluck lunch, so please plan on bringing your favorite dishes to share. Drinks, fun and good fellowship will be provided. We hope to see you there.



Adult Sunday School Offerings at KirkWood

8:30 a.m.		9:30 a.m.		11:00 a.m.	
When You've Been Wronged by: Erwin Lutzer: How to heal relationships when things are "right"	9/6-10/25 w/April Mershon	Bible Study: A study on 2Peter & Jude. Methodic study of all aspects of each verse and how it applies to your life.	Ongoing w/Jim Birch	A Closer Walk with GOD: Looking at how our relationship with God changes through prayer, His will, praising Him & other relationship-building topics	9/6-12/20 w/Dr. Joyce Armstrong
Better Prayer: Further your relationship with God by starting your worship time praying.	9/6-June	The Screwtape Letters by: C.S. Lewis: A relationship between 2 demons and a human is explored.	9/6 - 11/22 w/Christine Pregler		



September 6	Mark 7:24-37
September 13	Mark 8:27-38
September 20	Mark 9:30-37
September 27	Mark 9:38-50

Mission News

Mission

St. Paul's:

We will be serving the guests of St. Paul's on Saturday, September 19th. Please sign up on the sheet on the Mission Board if you can assist us with this ministry.

Pumpkin Patch:

With summer about over, we are about to embark on our biggest and busiest Mission project, The ***Pumpkin Patch!*** The first shipment of pumpkins will arrive on October 3 with the Pumpkin Patch opening for business later that day, so please schedule time on your calendar to come out and help unload the pumpkins or sign up for a shift. The signup sheets will be hung near the office later this month. Please consult your calendars and sign up as often as you can. The funds raised at the Pumpkin Patch are what enable us to be of assistance to individuals and various projects over the coming year. We thank you all for your help in making this project a success!



Food Pantry:

We collect and deliver non-perishable food items the first Sunday of each month for the local food pantry located at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Yorktown.



There is always an open invitation extended to all those who would like to join us in serving our Lord on the Mission Committee. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Youth Room.

If you would like to join us or have questions, please contact Donna O'Hara at (757)344-7812 or Chris Wood at (757)335-3475. We would love to have you join us.

Mailbag

Dear Friends at Kirkwood Church,

Many thanks for all the love and support you have given us over the past three years and since Bob's death with calls, cards, prayers, food, and visits. We were very pleased to see so many of you at the visitation on Thursday evening and at the service at Woodville Park on Friday. Your friendship and prayers mean a lot to us and will continue to sustain us as we grieve and grow through the coming months and years.

Love and Blessings,

Beth, A.J., and Peggy



Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Music

Music Ministry is such an important (and enjoyable) part of our worship! Consider adding your voice or instrumental talent to our music opportunities.

Worship Choir

Rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9. Sings Sunday mornings at the traditional service.

Praise Band and Choir

Rehearses Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7. Performs Sunday mornings at the contemporary service.

Cantata Choir

Our Christmas Cantata is December 20th! Cantata rehearsals will start on Wednesday September 30th and go from 7:15 to 8:15. This is open to anyone; you do not have to be a member of the worship choir or praise band to sing in the cantata!

Anyone with questions or interest in these opportunities should contact Drew Lusher or email kirkwood@kirkwood.hrcoxmail.com



KW is Lookin' Good!

Property & Facilities

Ahhh, Autumn! It may not feel like it yet, but soon enough it will be cooler, school will be in full swing and football, soccer, field hockey, band, cheerleading, fall ball, scouts, brownies, you name it... time will be at a premium. As you look ahead, please pencil in November 7th, 8 a.m. - noon, for the Pumpkin Patch and Fall clean-up effort. Other Property and Facilities (P&F) items of interest- the 2015 P&F plan was to contract to re-seal & re-stripe the parking lot for a modest fee. Upon closer review, it was determined that an actual re-paving and repair was required to gain more useful durability of the parking lot.

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Unfortunately paving contractor bids for that work well-exceed the 2015 planned budget and it will be shelved until a further review in the 2016 budget year. In the interim, P&F will continue with parking lot spot repairs as needed. P&F is pursuing bids to repair bad windows (blown seals), replace deteriorating trim and replace the tall Sanctuary windows (due to blown seals). Glass contractor bids are pending but it is intended to complete this work in 2015 with 2015 funds as planned. Also, we had another emergent repair for the HVAC in the Fellowship wing just prior to Vacation Bible School (a failed blower motor) and a Fire Alarm Panel switch failure. We also had some ant and mice "visitors" in the kitchen which we addressed with our contracted pest control service. A reminder that if you use the kitchen, please be sure to clean it up after! And finally, Jim Birch, over the course of several days, taped off and painted the inside of the Sanctuary (except the ceiling, way too high!). Finally, due to energy saving measures (programmable thermostats and "green" lighting systems) we have managed to keep our power and gas bills at or below previous levels. To further improve on this, we intend to weather-strip some of the doors again.



P&F Call-outs:

Thanks to the following folks who are always working behind the scenes:

- Jerry Deaton for coordinating glass contractors and discussions.
- Kirk Reno for mounting the motion sensor light over the circle driveway side entrance.
- Jim Birch for his painting efforts in the Sanctuary
- Kirk Reno for installing Lawn movie lighting.
- Kirk Reno for repairing emergency exit lighting and replacing light bulbs
- Jerry Deaton for installing VBS and Lawn movie fencing
- Roger Crone for his custodial support, which covers many areas, too numerous to capture here.

Property and Facilities (P&F) committee chairs are Nate Nickerson and Roger Crone. 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 Roger or Nate 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. Through the efforts of folks like

Roger Crone, Jerry Deaton, Jim Birch, Tom Briggs and Kirk Reno we are able to bring experienced insight into addressing emergent facilities repairs.

It is a solid team and we would welcome you on it. The next P&F meeting is September 8th at 7p.m. in the kitchen or Narthex area. Come see what is going on. All are welcome!



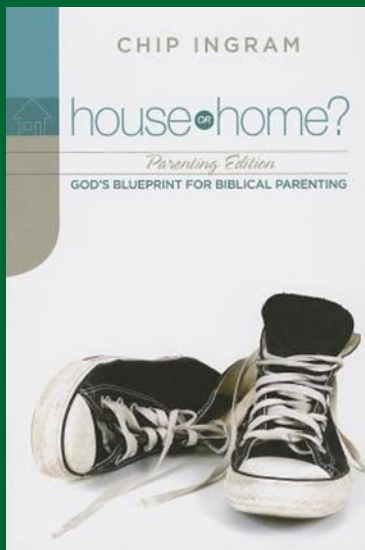
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Discipleship Group for Parents

Sept. 4th starts our "House or Home?" study. Join us as we discuss God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting.

- Meets on the first Friday of every month at 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Geared toward parent(s) with child(ren) 5th grade and younger.

RSVP to Jeannine or Ben Scott to plan ahead for dinner and child care needs.



WoW (Way of the Word)

Youth Activities

WoW Sunday school is for elementary students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. They have a theme each month and rotate through different learning centers to concentrate on a different aspect of that theme. With some repetition in the story, they are able to be confident in asking questions and wondering about the details that are explored from different angles each week.

Visit us (as a teacher or a student) in September as we take a wild ride with our Savior on the Sea of Galilee, as found in Matthew chapters 8 and 14. Will Jesus teach us about:

- a. controlling the weather,
- b. walking on water, or
- c. trusting God to see them through all the storms that may come into their lives?

Fun Times Ahead!

Youth Activities

Kids In Christ at Kirk-Wood is going to have a great year. Don't miss out. Contact Jeannine Scott to make sure you are on the email contact list for updates on activity details.

Next activity is pumpkin unloading. There is something for everyone.



K.I.C.K.

Youth Group

★ *3rd-5th Grade* ★



Who Do You Think You Are?

Congregational Care

The name tags have worked well this summer; let's plan to continue to wear them as we go back to two services on September 6th. The name tag board is really working well and will be adjusted as needed. Name tags can be worn for other church events such as Sunday School classes, picnics, covered dish suppers, etc. Remember to hang it back up on the board when you leave.

If you don't have a name tag or if you would like to change your name tag, a sign up sheet is available in the narthex near the front door. Please choose pin on, clip on, or lanyard. The clip on tags are snapped together and can be easily changed to clip up (on a collar) or down (like for a pocket). The new lanyards can be tied in the back to shorten the length. Feel free to adjust yourself.

The goal is to have everyone (children to the young at heart) wear a name tag.

If you want one and forget to sign up, you can call or email me and I will get one made for you. If you want a different type, you can contact me and I will make the change. Contact me at 757-879-8670 or ndrisden@gmail.com

I would love to eventually get all the tags done with counted cross stitch but that will take a lot of time and/or a lot of help.

~Nancy Ridsen

Blood Drive

Mission

Kirkwood held a blood drive on August 27, 2015. Thanks to all the volunteers and those that came out to donate, we rocked it! Our goal was 32 lifesaving pints and we collected 46 pints! WOW!!!!!! This drive was our most successful yet! Way to go Kirkwood! What a fantastic Outreach opportunity! Connie Barlow's crew fed us hotdogs with all the fixings, chips and baked beans. (Ask Linda Phaup for her delicious slaw recipe) and as always, the check-in crew was quite entertaining. **Please mark your calendars for our final Blood Drive of 2015 on 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.



Special Dates in September

September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 11	Patriot Day
September 13	National Grandparents' Day
September 23	First Day of Autumn
September 27	Congregational Meeting at 10:30a.m.
Please see the church website calendar for additional events and happenings.	

On September 6th we return to 2 services:

9:30 - Contemporary Service

11:00 - Traditional Service

8:30 - Sunday School for Adults

9:30 - Sunday School for children (5th grade & below) and adults

11:00 - Sunday School for youth (6th grade & above) and adults



Sunday School Registration

- Forms available in the narthex
- Required for ages birth through 12th grade
- Provides safety information
- Puts your contact information at the teachers fingertips for easy communication
- Includes a photo release

Men of KirkWood



Please prayerfully consider attending the Men's Retreat, once again held at Cheatham Annex, from October 2-4, 2015.

We plan to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and end with our special-flavored worship service Sunday morning. You will be able to depart by noon on Sunday.

Cost is tentatively \$65. Please sign up in the Narthex and give your check to Tina so we can finish planning. Last date to sign up is Monday, September 14. Please call Steve Shaw, 868-4290, if there are any questions.