



# KirkWood Kronicle

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## Dear Members and Friends of KirkWood,

Yes, it's February and winter seems to hang on for all it's worth. But just beyond the frigid temperatures, gray skies and unrelenting winds beckon those blue skies, warm temperatures, and gentle breezes of springtime. All we have to do is hold on and wait.

Here I am complaining about the winter chill when so many folks in Haiti have seen their loved ones suffer horrific deaths at the hands of that earthquake which struck on a Tuesday. Our church will make sure your donations get to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund in order to help bring medical supplies, food and hygiene items to those still alive. In spite of some looting, fights, lousy roads, and a broken if not shattered infrastructure, those persons in Port-au-Prince and in other cities will rebuild and they will prevail. People in our church have told me they have already donated to the Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse, or to some other charity with ties to Haitian relief. I say God bless you. There are many worthwhile groups seeking to help end the misery in Haiti.

Once again, you and I should give the good Lord much thanks for that glass of water from the faucet; for our warm beds and more than enough food; for cars which take us to work and back; for our many friends and loved ones; for a church family which prays and gives generously for those in need.

Once more I am reminded how incredibly blessed we are.

Keep the people of Haiti in your daily prayers. And thanks for being so generous.

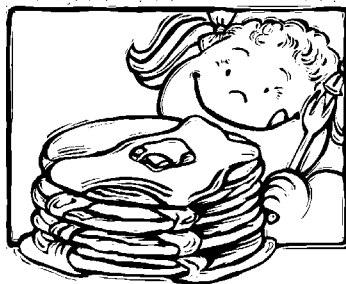
Fondly,

*Michael*

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## PANCAKE SUPPER



**Pancake Supper**  
**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**  
**Tuesday, February 16th**  
**5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Donations taken at the door**



## Bible Readings for the Month

Feb. 7	Luke 5:1-11
Feb. 14	Luke 9:28-36
Feb. 21	Luke 4:1-13
Feb. 28	Luke 9:28-36



The Billings Family  
 Frank Gornick Family  
 The Gentry Family  
 Dee Simpson - mom, Jeannine  
 Bob Pregler - uncle, Bob  
 Christina Hedin - grandma  
 The Family of Brenda Post  
 The Carroll Rowland Family  
 The Dick Jones Family  
 Gloria Crone - cousin, Kim  
 The Gladys Nicholson Family  
 The Lowell Thomas Family  
 The George Hatt Family  
 The Katherine Dennison Family  
 The Tom McKnight Family  
 The Jeremy Weiss Family  
 The Al Martin Family  
 The Goldie Page Family  
 The Lindsey Mason Family  
 The Barbara Young Family  
 The Shearer Family

## Permanent Prayer List for February

### *Please continue to pray for:*

- Reggie Strickland
- Art Patteson's co-worker's wife, Marilyn
- Connie Sledd's aunt, Anna Marie
- Don Nelson's niece, Sylvia
- Wanda Birch's niece, Patty
- Ken Kingsmore's sister-in-law, Kim
- Carl Maymi's grandma, Pilar
- Helene Watson's friend's son, James
- Allison Hoffman
- Pat Kingsmore's son, Scott
- Roy Pace's sister, Susan
- Jackie Whitaker
- Wanda Birch's aunt, Pat
- Sandy Ritter's sister, Wendy
- John Brawley
- Donna O'Hara's dad, Faust
- April Mershon's Grandpa Duffee
- April Mershon's grandma, Louise
- Nancy Ridsen's friend, Marilyn's mom, Marion
- Mike Fore's friend, Carter
- Troy Lander's friend & co-worker, Branson
- Wanda Birch's nephew, Jeff
- Jim Birch's sister-in-law, Edi
- Bill Cunningham's sister & brother-in-law, Ann & Ed
- Wilma Mitchell's cousin, Jesse
- Paul Stough's cousin, Billy
- Dick LaBarre's friend, Bill
- Linda Mabrey's brother, Bob
- Jim Mershon's aunt's mom, Betty
- Bob Bennett
- Zuma Glass' mom
- Catherine Nierescher's brother, Chuck
- Phyllis Madison
- Wanda Birch's sister, Joan
- Faye Shaw's uncle, Jess
- Faye Shaw's sister, Sandy
- Janet Deaton's brother-in-law, Tom
- Charles Grube
- Ben Kurtz
- Annie Willis
- Nancy Keithley's daughter & son-in-law, Tina & Robert
- Kirk Allen's mom, Dorie
- JoAnn Kilgore's husband, Ray
- JoAnn Kilgore's daughter, Teresa
- Graeme Stockdale
- Tracy Louk's friend, Tina
- Cyndi Yakshe's cousin, Bev
- Gina Williams' neighbor, Kara
- Burt & Jenna DeShayes' friend, Mike
- Bob Craig's sister, Diane
- Justin Pregler's friend, Eric
- Kelly Cartwright's co-worker, Tracey
- Kelly Cartwright's student, Craig's brother





**Happy Birthday**

**to the following during the month of February:**

- Sarah Miller 2/1
- Alex Catron 2/2
- Paul Dunn
- Margaret Mills
- Sara Haupt 2/4
- Stephanie Lee 2/5
- Ben Scott
- Toni Fisher 2/7
- Gregg Mears
- Allen Mitchell
- Dave Trumpoldt
- Brenden Kibler 2/8
- Elizabeth Nelson
- Jack Schelz
- Evan Hollowell 2/9
- Mike Hudgins
- Karsten Schenkelberg
- Morgan Mills 2/10
- Logan Snyder 2/11
- Lacey Maguire 2/12
- Brian Williams
- Shannon Auché 2/13
- Molly Heely 2/14
- Kathy Angove 2/15
- Lena Cason
- Charles Grube
- Camea' Allen 2/16
- Paul Stough 2/17
- Susan Gardner 2/19
- Madelin Pittman
- Hans Searles
- Julie Ledford 2/20

- Ashlyn Jones 2/22
- Lauren Sommer
- Phil Rouin 2/23
- Colby Kammermann 2/24
- John Combs 2/25
- Teresa Keithley
- Murray Ritter 2/26
- Amber Taylor
- Tyler MacArthur 2/27
- Megan Nickerson
- Teah Lloyd 2/28
- Cara Shaw
- Arba Williamson, IV 2/29



**Happy Anniversary**

**to the following couples during the month of February:**

- 2/10  
Hans and Susan Searles
- 2/14  
Brian and Denice Baker
- 2/18  
Bill and Charlotte Cunningham



Births in the Church Family

Dave & Jenny Fore of Phoenix, Arizona announce the birth of their son, Elijah David Fore on November 19, 2009. Eli is the grandson of Mike & Kathy Fore.

# Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 P.M. to discuss plans for the Easter Season. Other items on the agenda are new hymnals, acoustic panels, and Laity Sundays for 2010. If you are still looking to complete your Worship +2 we are always open to anyone wishing to attend committee meetings and share your ideas.



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:45 PM -God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	7:00 PM Youth Committee 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams 7:30 PM - Mission Committee Worship Committee	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Deaton 7:00 PM - Martha Circle Stepping Stones - Knowles	7:00 AM Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM -Friday Night Lights - Mershon	<b>Dedication of Habitat House</b> 8:00 AM - Bike Ride (Weather Permitting)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:40 AM- Melody Singers Confirmation Class 12:00 PM - King's Kids <b>New Member Orientation Class</b> 4:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - HandBell Choir	6:45 PM -God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 10:00 AM - Sarah Circle Bible Study 5:30 PM - Congregational Care Committee 7:00 PM - CE Committee Mtg. 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah Clergy Growth Seminar 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Deaton 7:00 PM - GPS - Egyud Stepping Stones - Knowles	7:00 AM Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM -Friday Night Lights - Mershon Iron Men - Maloney	8:00 AM - Bike Ride (Weather Permitting)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>HOPE Sunday</b> 9:40 AM - Confirmation Class 12:00 PM - <b>New Member Class</b> 4:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - HandBell Choir	6:45 PM -God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	5:30 PM - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams 7:30 PM - Session Meeting	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 10:30 AM - KirkWood Silver 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Deaton 7:00 PM - Martha Circle Stepping Stones - Knowles	7:00 AM Prayer Warriors 7:15 PM -Friday Night Lights - Mershon	8:00 AM - Bike Ride (Weather Permitting) 9:00 AM - Session Retreat 6:00 PM - Discipleship Group Facilitators' Meeting - Mershon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Kronicle Deadline</b> <b>Mission Trip Payment Due</b> 9:40 AM - Confirmation Class 12:00 PM - King's Kids <b>New Member Class</b> 4:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - HandBell Choir	6:45 PM -God's S.T.A.R.S. - Nelson	7:00 PM - Property & Facility Meeting 7:15 PM - 5 Smooth Stones - Williams 7:30 PM - Planning and Leadership Development	6:00 PM - Praise Team 7:00 PM - A Beautiful Mess - Hudgins 7:30 PM Adult Choir	9:30 AM - 2 or More - Farrah 6:45 PM - The Selah Group - Shaw 7:00 PM - GPS - Egyud Stepping Stones - Knowles	7:00 AM - Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM - Kronicle Folding/ Mailing 7:15 PM -Friday Night Lights -	8:00 AM - Bike Ride (Weather Permitting) 6:00 PM - Eating Out Group - Spring Garden
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<b>Blankets+ Offering</b> 9:40 AM - Confirmation Class 12:00 PM - <b>New Member Class</b> 6:00 PM - Chili Cook-off					<b>Middle School Retreat - Makemie Woods - February 26 - 28</b>	



### Adult Education Sunday School Menu

Chairs Available February 14 through March 28.

#### No Reservations Required

Have you ever had the experience where you finally tried some kind of food that you had put off tasting for years---and you absolutely loved it! For me it was pizza. I deeply regretted not trying it earlier, and it has since become one of my very favorite foods. The same may be true of attending an adult Sunday school class. For whatever reason, you may attend one of our worship services and then leave church without a thought of attending Sunday school. Perhaps you went as a child but haven't really considered "what's on the menu" for adults. Don't miss an additional opportunity to be spiritually nourished and mentally invigorated each Sunday. Take a look at what's on the menu for the next two months---there is something here for you.

**Philippians, (Jim Birch)** This in-depth study offers students an opportunity to take their time and creatively dissect the verses of this exciting and relevant letter. Led by Jim Birch, students delve deeply into the background, powerful meaning and message found within this intriguing scripture.

#### **Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth (Dr. Charlie Reece, Rich Egyud)**

This exciting series will offer DVD-Based lessons inviting lively discussion on such challenging topics as: *Creation and Evolution, What Does it Mean to Be Human? God and Nature, The God of Hope and the End of the World; Genetic Science and the Frontiers of Ethics.* Woven throughout this energetic study is the poignant question: Must we reject belief in God to accept the findings of science? Curious? ---give this one a try, it promises to be fascinating.

**The Last Days of Jesus (Dr. Michael Condrey)** Several learned and respected evangelical Bible scholars will contribute fascinating insights into the Passion Week of our Lord---the crushing betrayal, the piercing loneliness of Gethsemane, the timeless lessons of Maundy Thursday, the horrendous scourging, and the agony of the crucifixion. This course moderated by our pastor, will touch your heart and stir your emotions, as together students "walk where Jesus walked" and rediscover this fitting prelude into the life-changing discovery of the empty tomb and Christ's resurrection glory.

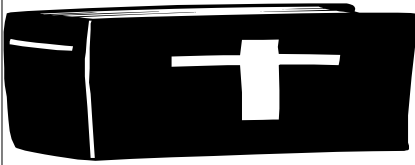
The Sunday school table is set, your chair is ready. Hope to see you there.

Chaplain Dick Knowles, Christian Education Committee

Adult Sunday School



**Makemie Woods Summer Camp 2010 information** is online, and you can register your children for this amazing and popular Christian growth opportunity. Makemie Woods is our Presbytery's Camp and Conference center, and has adventure programs for children entering 1st grade - Sr. Hi. In addition to traditional camp experiences, Makemie Woods offers specialized sessions in music and drama, whitewater rafting and canoeing, horseback riding, hang-gliding and more. Some financial assistance is available. Interested families should visit [www.makwoods.org](http://www.makwoods.org) for more information.



## Science & Religion Workshop



### Balaam's Ass

#### **(It's not what you think).**

Read the story of Balaam's Ass (Numbers 22:1-35) and then find out if we are really listening to what the Heavens declare at a workshop on the intersection of Science and Religion on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, here at KirkWood. The workshop consists of three sessions running consecutively from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, conducted by the Reverend James B. Miller, PhD, who is the General Missioner for the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith (PASTCF).

The cost of the workshop is \$30 for general registrants, \$15 for students, and \$10 for PASTCF members, and includes lunch. You can register by calling the church office at 766-0343 by March 1st. Registration fees will be collected on the morning of the Workshop.

Flyers containing a more detailed description of the event are located in the Narthex. For additional information, contact Charlie Reece (868-8772) or Lew Goodman (686-0088).

# Middle & High Sunday School

Throughout the Lenten season the Middle School and High School Sunday Schools will be studying **"Twelve Ordinary Men"** by John McArthur.

We'll be asking, what do we really know about the Apostles? It would have been easy to call an army to spread the word, but instead, he chose these men. Why these twelve? Why only twelve? Why did he call them when he did?

We will be taking a closer look at the lives of the twelve ordinary men and how in eighteen months with Jesus and the Holy Spirit working in them they would help change the world. These men were not leaders, they were not priests, they were not scholars. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and accountants and they were not extraordinary in any way until they were called by Jesus, "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets and followed him" (*Matthew 4:19-20*). The rest as they say is history.

On a personal note from Christine Pregler, "For anyone who is looking for a good Lenten read, I strongly suggest this book. As I told the High School students, I found this book hard to put down. It's an easy read and I never get tired of reading a book that reminds me that I can be a vessel for the Holy Spirit if I but only listen for the call."



# Youth Group News



## Hello Fisher Kids,

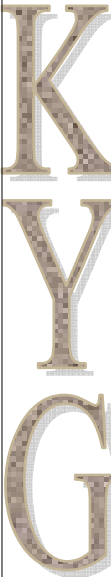
We've gotten off to a great start for the New Year. The Soup Luncheon was very successful. Thank you to all of youth and adults who volunteered to work and bring soup. Also, thank you KirkWood members for, once again, coming out to support your youth! We wrapped up January with an ice skating outing. I hope everyone had a great time.

Coming up next month, we'll be doing the annual Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Look for an email with the details. Then on February 26-28<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to a Middle School retreat at Makemie Woods. According to the website we will "connect to Christ, community, and the world." There will be keynotes led by Joe Torrence. If you would like to go on the retreat, please pick up a registration form from the bulletin board and turn it

in by February 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40 per Fisher Kid. Please talk to one of your youth leaders if you have any questions.

We have much more planned as we move toward Spring so be on the lookout for emails about upcoming events. We're looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

In Christ,  
Joy and Troy Landers



## Hello KYG Friends,

WOW, what a busy month January was. Thanks to all of you for helping with both the soup kitchen and the soup luncheon. Both of them went very well. We had a large turnout for our Mystery Dinner Night. We had a lot of fun and everyone looked great. Please let us know if you would like to keep this on our list of activities for next year...The Four Deuces-Part Deux.

We received our mission trip confirmation so we are set for our

trip to Massanetta Springs in June. You have one last chance to add to your account. Our annual Pancake Supper is on Fat Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an email for times.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, we are all going to meet and head to the movies. We will set a time and movie as we get closer to the night. Give us your suggestions.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, we have the soup kitchen in Newport News. Meet at KWPC for departure at 9:30 am. We will return by 1:30 pm. March 13, we will meet at KWPC from 7-

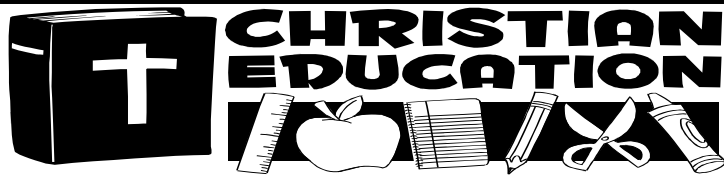
9 pm for a game night and planning our portion for the church talent show (March 21). Start thinking now, we have to come up with something to top last year's show stopping Telephone Charades.

A quick look ahead has us at Ft Eustis for go-karts in April and an overnight stay at Ft. Story in May. The year is going fast so put these dates on your calender now!

Keep the Faith,  
Robin Clifford  
Kirk and Jamie Reno



The **Eating Out Group** will be going to Spring Garden Chinese Cuisine on February 27, 2010. The restaurant is located on RT. 17 in the Kiln Creek Shopping Center. Please meet at the restaurant at 6:00 P.M. for fine food, fantastic conversation and great fellowship.. RSVP by February 24, to Faye Shaw 868-4290 or afshaw921@aol.com.



## WOW February News

### Bible Stories:

#### First and Second Graders:

In January and February our Life Focus is "I Can Live as God's Child." Our scripture readings will be from 1st & 2nd Samuel. We will learn about David's trust in God and how we too can trust that God will be with us and help us when we have problems. When we study Jonathan's friendship with David, we will learn that Jonathan chose to always be David's friend, even when it wasn't easy to do! We can be good friends, too. We can show God's love to our friends.

#### Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders:

The children will be learning how God wants us to show His love to others by our actions. We will learn how caring for people by what we do is a great way to show God's love. We will follow Elisha as he showed God's love and power in 1st & 2nd Kings.

### Mission

Each week we will take up an offering to help our children learn what it means to give for a needy cause. In the fall our offering went toward buying the roof for the feeding center for our sister church CPK Mikondo in the Congo. Wow WOW!!!

In November the children decided that our futures offerings will go toward buying a Llama for a needy family from the Heifer Project and if we collect more we will buy a flock of chickens.

### Bible Verse

Each week the children will have a bible verse to memorize for the next week.

When your child has received five stars he/she can choose a **prize** from the treasure chest. Every two weeks your child will be bringing home an activity page that will have been done in WOW along with a take home paper that can be done as a family to reinforce what they are learning in WOW.

### Teachers for Winter WOW:

Mary Pressick & Donna Craig - 1st & 2nd grades

Faye Shaw & Brian Williams - 3rd - 5th grades

Any questions please contact Faye Shaw at 868-4290 or e-mail [afshaw921@aol.com](mailto:afshaw921@aol.com)

## Congregational Care



### Sarah Circle

February is the month for friendship and love; so let's gather as Sarah Circle friends on Tuesday, February 9th, at ten o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Our Bible study, *Joshua: a Journey of Faith*, continues with Lesson Six. Following the meeting, we will work on blankets for the Linus Project. Fabric will be available, or you may bring your own. Also, bring a packed lunch and sewing supplies such as scissors, pins, measuring tape, and whatever else might be helpful. Those who are crocheting or knitting blankets are encouraged to bring their yarn and needles for working on their blankets, too. If you have questions, call Wanda Birch at 868-8651.

### Martha Circle

The Martha Circle welcomes all KirkWood women to join us as we strengthen and share our faith journeys with one another through fellowship and study led by our current book, *Discovering God's Will for Your Life*. February's lessons are "God's Will for our Hearts" (how timely!) and "God Wants Holiness". We meet at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at KirkWood. Call Linda Briggs (867-6932) for more information.



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 2009-2010

**Some Folks Feel the Rain... Others Just Get Wet**

#### February 26

Ch. 5 - Can You Feel the Power of Love?

Acts 3:1-10

Food: Ken Peterson

#### March 26

Ch. 6 - Can You Feel the Strength to Persevere?

John 21:15-19

Food: Phil Rouin



# Congregational Care

It is hard to believe that January is gone and February is upon us. A new year brings anticipation and renewed energies and we hope you are saving some of that energy for KirkWood! What better way to warm heart, soul and body during these winter months than to be with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? There are many ways to celebrate and enjoy time together, but there are also ways to serve one another. Congregational Care strives to unite KirkWood and look after our loved ones at church, at home, in the hospital or anywhere else life may take us. Please consider helping the Congregational Care committee as it tries to meet the many needs of KirkWood. If you want to help, call Susie Egyud (766-3055) or Scott Coverdale (867-7748) - you'll be glad you did!

We have lots of fun events planned for the New Year starting with a "Texas Hold'em Chili Cook-Off" on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Get out your cooking pots and ten gallon hats for a night of good eating and fun competition! The categories this year are Hottest, Most Unusual, Best Flavor, Best Overall, and Best Side dish. Entries must be at the church at 5:00; judging starts promptly at 5:00!

Other events planned for the year include the Talent/No Talent Show on March 21<sup>st</sup>, a Lenten Luncheon also in March and our annual BBQ with the Kingsmores in April. Stay on the lookout for further information!

The congregational care team continues to sponsor the Member Care team which is trying to stay in touch with members and friends of KW and to encourage increased participation in worship and various events. Our next Member Care team meeting will be January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at the church – you are welcome to come and help out.

The KirkWood Silver is planning another great outing this month; see their article in the box on page 10.

## Discipleship Groups Welcome Others to Join Them.

### *The 5 Smooth Stones have a brand new schedule as well as a new ministry focus--*

If you're interested in joining a discipleship group that meets weekly for Bible study, prayer and fellowship and you're free on Tuesday nights, try the 5 Smooth Stones. No matter what your age or marital status, you'll feel at ease with the stones – we are a very diverse group (like mixed nuts.) In January, we switched our meeting night to Tuesday and added a ministry task that will support the Congregational Care Committee (Member Care). If you attend worship, but have not yet gotten involved at KirkWood, join the 5 SS and you'll cover the "Worship Plus 2" calling with one commitment and you'll start to see great things happen as you grow in faith! The support of close friends gives you confidence to step out in faith. It's very cool – seriously. So, join us, if you can, on Tuesday nights, during the hours of 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm, at the home of Brian and Gina Williams, 302 Dominion Drive, in the Wendwood area of Newport News. The meetings begin with ice breaker questions that make you laugh with/learn about/love each other. The meetings end with a time of sharing concerns and praying for one another in a very casual way. The main portion of the meeting is the Bible study: a time of learning how God's Word applies to our daily lives, with one of Max Lucado's *Life Lessons* study of the Gospel of Mark. We began this 12-week study on January 26<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to join us. The facilitators of the meetings are Gina and Brian Williams and Tracy Louk. Call Gina at 249-9327 or Tracy at 509-2309, if interested in *The 5 Smooth Stones*.

### *And if Thursday night is best for you, try the Stepping Stones--*

The Stepping Stones to Christ will be starting a new study using James Moore's book "Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet." This fifteen-week study focuses on subjects such as: Can You Feel the Zest of Life? Can you Feel the Joy of Freedom? Can You Feel the Call to Discipleship? and a dozen other equally relevant study topics. Our new study will begin on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Dick and Doreen Knowles' home, 303 Woodroof Road, in the Hidenwood area of Newport News. Newly ordained elder Scott Coverdale shares the teaching duties with Dick and Doreen. We'd love to have YOU join us for study, ministry projects, an enriching prayer life and exciting social events.

There are other discipleship groups that meet weekly or every other week, on other nights. You'll identify them by their catchy names; they're listed in the bulletin calendar each week. Call me if you have any questions about which group is right for you. The closest one to your home is probably the best choice. All of the discipleship groups offer a vital Christian support system we need to help us enjoy a closer walk with Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be with you, Gina Williams, Discipleship Group Coordinator 249-9327

## Mission News

The Mission Committee thanks each and every one of you for your amazing support in December and January. We delivered a total of 26 LARGE bags of sweats, coats, hats, gloves and thermal-wear to LINK for their overnight shelter PORT program. This clothing is distributed to the homeless at each of the church sites. KirkWood's PORT volunteers have seen first hand how appreciative the guests are and how much these warm clothes are needed. You have made this cold winter a little warmer for many. THANK YOU!!!

PORT (People Offering Resources Together)

Our next PORT overnight shelter date will be Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at North Riverside Baptist Church. We will need 25-30 volunteers to man the shelter. There are three shifts. The sign up sheet will be on the Mission bulletin board, along with the address and directions. There will be an orientation/organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, 7:00 p.m. in room 1A at the church. We also welcome the youth to come and serve, if you like. You must be 13-17 years old and may help with the first shift assisting our guests with their personal belongings. Please come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Wood, 722-3475.

\*\*\*\*\*WE NEED YOUR INPUT PLEASE!!!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

Why should the youth have all the fun? Are there enough interested adults at KirkWood who would like to go on an adult mission trip??? We are looking into a few different missions/sites in the United States for 2011. There will be an "I'm interested" sheet on the Narthex table to sign. This does not commit you -- we just need to get an idea if there is enough interest. Once that has been determined, a committee would be formed, do the planning and away we go. This is the way to share our blessings, reach out and, more than likely, change our own hearts.

The Mission Committee welcomes and encourages new members to our fold. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., room 1A. We'd love to have you join us!

### HABITAT HOUSE

The dedication ceremony for the 2009 Presbyterian house has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb 6, 2010. More information to come...



### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Pantry - February 7<sup>th</sup>
- H.O.P.E (Helping Other People Eat) - Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Blankets + Offering - February 28<sup>th</sup>
- P.O.R.T - March 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- Weekend Ministry (St. Paul's) - March 20<sup>th</sup>

**KirkWood Silver** meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for lunch. In February we will meet at the church at 10:30 am to carpool to Fort Monroe for a tour of the Casemate Museum at 11am (we have a tour guide and there is no cost); afterward we will have lunch at Momma Rosa's in Phoebus. In March we will have a Lenten luncheon at 11:30 am at the church; details for the Lenten luncheon will be provided later. Please plan to join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

# Mission News

## Mission of the Month: **BLANKETS + OFFERING:**



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+**

Sarah Circle will be taking an offering to support the **Church World Service Blankets+ Fund** on Sunday, **February 28th.**, following both worship services. Church World Service provides blankets and tools in disaster situations here in the United States and abroad. In recent years there have been numerous horrific disasters such as the Tsunami that hit Malaysia and Indonesia, hurricanes and flooding in the U.S., and the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti. Church World Service gets to disaster areas quickly and stays until the situation is no longer critical. Please be generous as you have each year in the past. To see what the winter blankets are made of, check the appreciation banner presented to us by Church World Service last summer. It will be hanging in the Narthex during February.

(Five dollars will provide one blanket.) Thank you for caring.

## **OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME to a German exchange student for the coming 2010/2011 School Year**

We are a small non-profit, foreign-exchange student organization looking for caring host families in your community, and we need your help! **We have 8 students from Germany who would like to come for the 2010/2011 school year and are waiting for their match with a volunteer host family.** I do believe that American students benefit from meeting foreign students. In the past, churches have been very helpful in assisting us in finding host families. We would appreciate it if you could help us by making an announcement at church, forwarding my e-mail to families in your church or printing the following information in your church bulletin for as many Sundays as possible. Most of these students come from Christian homes, and I am sure their parents would appreciate the opportunity for their children to practice their religion while they are in this country.

**Caring host families (with or without children) are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the second semester starting in January. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org)**

Profiles of these students are available in your church office if you are interested. Thank you very much for your help! These students are anxious to learn that a home has been found for them. Your contribution to this cause is most appreciated... Please help us make the dream come true!

Sincerely,

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**Worship:** 8:30 AM (Contemporary)  
11:00 AM (Traditional)

**Sunday School:** 9:40 AM (infant - adult)

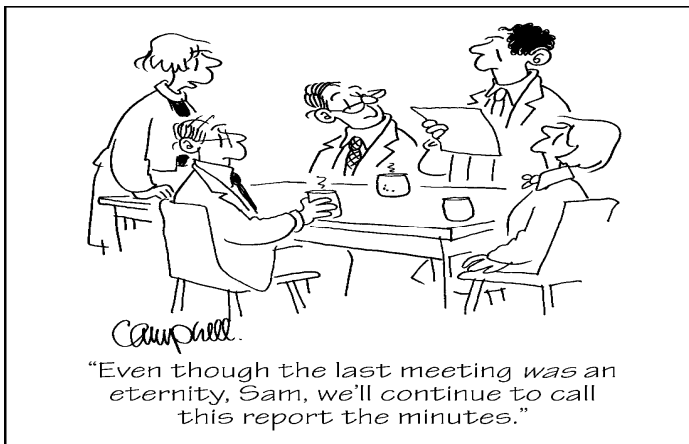
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**We're on the Web!**

<http://kirkwoodpcusa.org/>

**Counting Sheep:**

**Trouble sleeping?  
Don't count sheep—  
Talk to the Shepherd!**



**Special dates in February**

- February 7 - Boy Scout Sunday
- February 14 - Transfiguration of the Lord - Valentine's Day
- February 15 - Presidents' Day
- February 16 - Shrove "Fat" Tuesday
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday