



**Kirkwood**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Happy New Year, Kirkwood!

I'm delighted to be here, serving as Kirkwood's Interim Pastor, as of January 1, 2019.

As we start off this new year in ministry together, I want to thank Kirkwood's Interim Pastor Search Committee, Joe Ross, Jeff Jennette, Jon Larson, Scotty Scott and Elizabeth Webster. Upon meeting the committee, I could tell that this was a group of faithful followers of Jesus Christ who love this church and who want it to flourish for the glory of God.

And I've seen that the same is true for the church, as I've witnessed love and faith in action here.

Anne Myers capably helped me get oriented, Ron Cook made sure I was wired for sound on Sunday mornings, Mark Wessman patiently helped me get set up with my computer (reassuring me with these wise words: "remember, technology is your friend"), and so many others have helped in navigating the first few weeks of getting settled. You all have been gracious and welcoming – thank you!

In the pastor's study, my window looks out on the Commons Area where I see church members coming and going--caring for the building, collecting items to drop off at ECHO, keeping our books, readying the sanctuary for Sunday services, and more.

I was impressed with the efficient team who gathered for the "Church Undecorating" on a Saturday morning and had all the Christmas decorations taken down and put away in record time. (Faster than at our house – you all need to come over, our decorations still aren't put away!)

The next morning after worship we enjoyed a fabulous potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall, courtesy of the Fellowship Committee and the Deacons and everyone who brought delicious food. It was a great way to start my first Sunday here, and for all of us to begin the year together in fellowship.

I'm excited about our shared ministry here at Kirkwood where we care for one another, worship, study, and pray together, and extend the love of God to all who come through our doors. And I'm excited to be a part of the ministry that launches from the corner of Trafford Lane and Carrleigh Parkway and extends out to all God's world – to hungry kids nearby and to far-flung regions like Australia! (Don't miss the inspiring letter on pages five and six from Briana Windhausen.)

Trusting God to guide, inspire and be with us at every moment, we are off and running in this New Year.

Grace and Peace,  
Susan

## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study has been discussing this year's Horizon's Bible Study, *God's Promise - I Am With You*. Written by Pastor Amy Poling Sutherlun, the study approaches God's promise to be with us in good times and bad, and to never forsake us, through examples in the Old and New Testament.



The Women's Bible Study regularly meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, February 21**. Although we do not have a permanent facilitator, we will be using a DVD which summarizes each lesson followed by an open discussion. We welcome one and all. For more information, contact Sandy Webster at [sdw47tn@gmail.com](mailto:sdw47tn@gmail.com)

## Support Group on Aging

Support Group on Aging invites Kirkwood members, family, and friends to attend our next meeting on **Thursday, February 7** at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. The purpose of the group is to offer support and education to those caring for the elderly and others interested in the subject.

The group facilitator is Rev. Dr. Saul Cardona who has extensive experience in working with the elderly and specialized education in dealing with elderly issues and their families. All are welcome for one or more meetings.



## Book Club

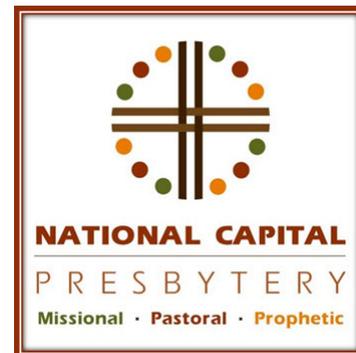
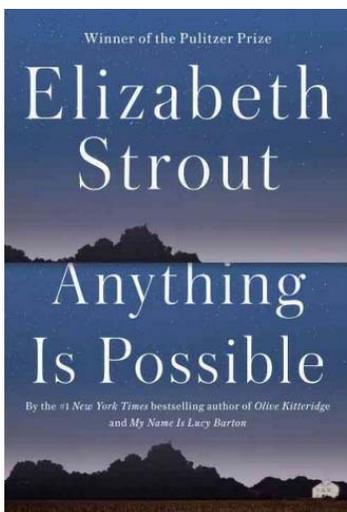
Come join us **Monday, February 11** in the Kirkwood Conference Room for a discussion about *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout.

*Anything is Possible* is welcome literary salve for these alarmingly acrimonious, anxiety-inducing times. These nine linked tales about people who overcome miserable childhoods, severe losses, disheartening marriages, and war trauma to experience moments of amazing grace offer comfort and reassurance. They remind us that a little kindness and compassion can

open up surprising possibilities.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 11 when we'll discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

All are welcome! Contact Pam Johnson with questions at 703-906-9035.



## 2019 Presbyterian Church Assessment

Being a connectional church is vital to all our congregations as we seek to do mission and ministry together. Each year the Presbytery along with the General Assembly look to each active member to contribute to the faithful ministry of all Presbyterians through the annual Per-Capita Assessment.

This year's assessment for **each active member is \$42**. In your offering envelope box you will find the first "buff" colored envelope available for your gift to our Presbytery. The Session is grateful for your willingness to make an additional contribution which supports not only Kirkwood Presbyterian but which blesses our entire ministry and mission together as Presbyterians. Please make your gift of \$42 payable to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. If you do not use offering envelopes, please note "member assessment" in the memo section. Thank you!

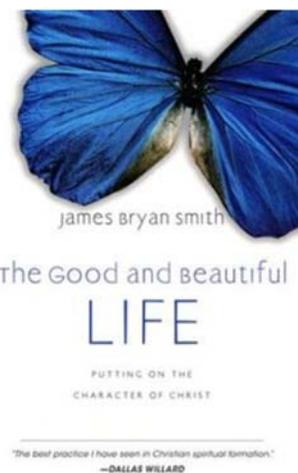
## Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS)

Join us for WEBS in the conference room on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. We are reading and discussing *The Good and Beautiful Life - Putting on the Character of Christ* by James Bryan Smith.

"I have never met a person whose goal it was to ruin his or her life. We all want to be happy and we want it all the time"... so begins James Bryan Smith in *The Good and Beautiful Life*. The problem is, he tells us, we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: anger, lust, lying, worry, and judging. Eventually, we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction.

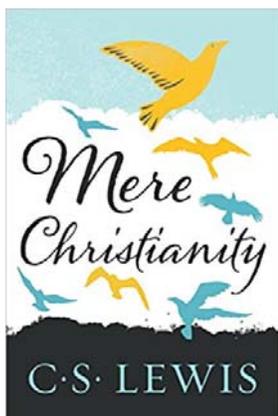
Following the Sermon on the Mount, this follow-up to *The Good and Beautiful God* guides us to look behind these character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God.

All are welcome to join us! Contact Doug Amon (DLA100@aol.com) for more information.



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## Adult Christian Education



The Adult Christian Education class is studying *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, one of the most important Christian writers of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War II from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, *Mere Christianity* provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Kirkwood Conference Room. All are welcome!

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## Chili Cook-Off and Live Jazz Music

Come join Kirkwood's Annual Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, February 24** at 6:00 pm, followed by live jazz music featuring *Bobby Jasinski and the Hot Lanes*. Sign up to bring a pot of chili and/or dessert, salad or side dish. Sign-up sheets will be available outside the Fellowship Hall the first week of February.

If you wish to enter the contest, please provide a fun name for your chili. If your chili is truly superb you may win in multiple categories.

After dinner you will place your vote in the ballot box and the winner for the best chili will be selected. If you have ideas for different categories the Outreach/Fellowship committee will consider that as well.

If you have any additional questions for the chili cook-off / jazz event please contact Nathan Mottl at [mottl\\_nate@yahoo.com](mailto:mottl_nate@yahoo.com).



## S.O.M.E. Sandwich Making

Every third Sunday, after worship service, the Fellowship Hall is busy with adults and children devoting their time to feeding the hungry.



This month's making of sandwiches to feed the homeless will be in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service on **Sunday, February 17**. Donations of bologna and sliced cheese are welcome and should be placed in the kitchen refrigerator. Please come and join others who are giving of their time to relieve hunger in our metropolitan area. This mission project is scheduled each month and takes only 30 to 45 minutes to complete.



For more information, contact Kristin Arnold at [coachkris89@gmail.com](mailto:coachkris89@gmail.com).

## Kids Helping Kids

All kids of Kirkwood, get ready to help assemble weekend food packs for hungry students at Newington Forest Elementary after service in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 17**.

Donations of boxed mac & cheese, ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, canned chicken or tuna, cheese and crackers, and granola bars are always welcome. Bring your items with you to the Fellowship Hall or place them in the ECHO box in the narthex labeled *Kids Helping Kids*.



## Crop Walk Recap

KPC attended the 26th Annual community CROP Hunger Walk along with roughly 310 walkers. The Crop Walk raised about \$30,000 to sponsor Church World Service Mission Activities around the world. Crop Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and are typically organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world..

Through the Mission Committee, KPC raised \$235 to support the annual walk and also raised an additional \$100 by participating in the Burke Hunger Walk Glory Days Grill promotion in which church members saved receipts and 10% of the total bill was donated to Crop Walk. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that about 815 million people of the 7.6 billion people in the world, or 10.7%, were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2016. Almost all the hungry people live in lower-middle-income countries.

We appreciate your contributions and look forward to participating in the November 2019 Crop Walk.



## Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting

The Session has called the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting for **Sunday, February 3, 2019**, after the 11:00 am worship service for the purposes of receiving the 2018 Annual Report and the 2019 Budget.



## Youth With a Mission Update

Submitted by Briana Windhausen

Living for three months in Australia, I have learned, will affect you in the following ways: 1) 97 degree weather in January will not surprise you, 2) After a week or so, you will no longer be able to notice the symphony of tropical bird squawks at 4:30am when the sun rises, and 3) You will become a *slight* coffee snob and cafe regular (I don't know if Dunkin Donuts brand will do it for me anymore when I return home - sorry, Mom).

Living for three months in a Youth With a Mission (YWAM) community, I have learned, will affect you in the following ways: 1) Prayer and intercession will become a part of your everyday life, and you will learn about and intercede for countries and situations you had never heard of before, 2) You will hear God's voice in ways you never thought possible before, and 3) You will meet some of the most amazing, Christ-centered people - and have the honor and blessing of calling them your friends.

I have now officially reached the halfway point in my Discipleship Training School (DTS) with Youth With a Mission in Brisbane, Australia, and I wanted to give you all a brief insight into how my time here has been so far.

First of all, I just want to thank you all, the congregation, for your continued support and prayers. In just the three months that I have been here, I have experienced and learned so much more about God's heart than I ever could have expected. This has been possible because of your partnership, and the love you have all continually shown to me in my walk with the Lord.

We have covered the following topics in our lectures, and my Christian worldview has expanded immensely because of our in-depth study during these lectures: God's Character & Nature, Hearing the Voice of God, The Father Heart of God, Missions, Relationships, The Holy Spirit, Evangelism, Destiny & God's Will, Biblical Worldview, Bible Overview, and Spiritual Warfare.

The underlying theme of all of these topics has been this: that God created us for relationship with Him, and He is for us. He is always waiting for us to explore and experience His character in deeper ways, and He rejoices when we draw near to Him.

I have always known this, having grown up in the church, but I believe that I have so easily grown numb to His deep love for me and for us. Sometimes we need these reminders to "wiggle our toes again," so to speak, and release ourselves from that numbness. This DTS has been exactly that for me - feeling God helping me wiggle my toes and feel a passion for Him, and a greater understanding of His love for me.

Outside of our lectures, we participate in service projects around our community base and the surrounding suburb of Mitchelton, Queensland. Each week we have a local outreach event for the children around our area to come to a nearby park, play sports, and enjoy a free barbecue. We also have Friday evening events for the community in our cafe on base, aptly named, "The Meeting Place."

God is teaching us just as much in these local outreaches as He is teaching us in our lectures. He is showing us what it looks like to build up and encourage His kingdom, how to surrender our time to Him even when we don't necessarily "feel like it," and - quite simply - how to love and live as Jesus did.

In just a few short weeks, on February 10, I will be moving on to the second phase of this training school and participating in an eight week long mission trip to the city of Davao in the Philippines. I and seven other young women from my school will be assisting God's Light Mission Church in their daily ministries and operations - from worship services to Bible studies to local outreaches.



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## Mission Update continued from page 5...

Our team has been praying for and preparing skits, sermons, and other resources for this unique outreach opportunity. We are endlessly excited to be applying the head knowledge we've received during the lecture phase to the ministries we'll be doing during our outreach phase. God has been growing our hearts for the people we will encounter while we're there, and we cannot wait to love and serve them when we finally arrive.

Thank you, again, for the immense role you have all played in partnering with me and allowing me to be here. As our outreach draws nearer and this discipleship school comes to a close, I have just a few requests for prayer, if you feel led to be in prayer for this mission.

Please pray with me for one of our team members, Grace, that her remaining funds of about \$630 USD would be provided. For our team leader, Robynn, that she would continue to be encouraged in her leadership and have confidence and assurance in herself as a leader. For discipline in prayerfully preparing our team in heart and mind for ministry. And lastly, for God to be speaking to and opening the hearts of the people we'll encounter in the Philippines.

Thank you again - and God bless! I can't wait to see you and speak to you all in person about my experience this May!

If you're interested in reading more in-depth about my time here, I have occasionally been updating my blog site:

[www.brianawindhausen.wixsite.com/lookingup](http://www.brianawindhausen.wixsite.com/lookingup)

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## A Special Gift to Kirkwood

In January, Kirkwood was blessed to receive a very special delivery in the mail—a painting from the daughter of a Charter Member of Kirkwood. Below is the letter we received along with the painting:

January 8, 2019

*This is Minta Manning writing to the people at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. My family are charter members of Kirkwood, although we all left the immediate area after landmark happenings such as graduations, marriages, and life in general.*

*My dad, George Manning, was on the building committee when Kirkwood grew big enough to build the church. Dad enjoyed the process so much, and loved this church so much that he commissioned another member, who was a working, local painter, to paint an image of the church that he could take with him.*



*Dad passed in 2004 and Mom is now in a care home. I'm cleaning out their house in order to sell it and I decided it was time to send Dad's favorite picture back to where the painting was "born."*

*I hope everyone enjoys it.*

*Sincerely,  
Minta Manning  
WSHS Class of 72  
Kirkwood Youth Choir  
mintatures@yahoo.com*



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY



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**Special Concerns:**

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family, mission workers in Zambia  
 The Mirabella family, mission workers in Japan  
 LTJG Will Campbell, deployed with the U.S. Navy

**Health & Personal Concerns:**

Bob Hemm  
 Jean Hemm  
 Bob Flory  
 Dick Pape  
 Joan Reynolds  
 Dani Schwalb  
 Chris Allen-Shinn  
 Peter Scott, father of Hannah Scott  
 Hez Spinner, brother-in-law of Clydette Lobred  
 Jason Greenawalt & Kelly Sillitti, friends of Dan Larson



**February**

- 17 Mark & Marty Wessman

*Please email Denise Gulley (denise.gulley@gmail.com) with Prayer Ring requests and also if you would like to update, add or remove your email address from the Prayer Ring.*

*The church office will be closed on Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.*

*Monday, February 18 is the deadline for articles and/or photos to be included in the March Lamplighter. Please send content to Anne at office.manager@kirkwoodpres.com*



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## Souper Bowl of Caring

Your Mission Committee invites you to generously support this year's Souper Bowl of Caring Offering which will be received after worship on **Sunday, February 3**. The Souper Bowl of Caring, which was started by a youth group in 1990, has grown all over the world mobilizing local communities and faith groups to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

Your generous gifts to this year's Souper Bowl Offering at Kirkwood will go to support our ongoing mission to "Kids Helping Kids," not only funding our current efforts; but, hopefully making it possible to expand this opportunity to ensure that some of our most needy children receive weekend food packs.

Regardless of whether the Rams or Patriots win the Super Bowl, we are all winners when we give generously to care for and feed hungry children in our neighborhood. Please make your checks payable to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and note "Souper Bowl" in the memo section.



## Winter Storm Communication

In the case of a winter storm, Kirkwood will use the following communication methods to update the congregation about any church schedule changes:

- \* Website ([www.kirkwoodpres.com](http://www.kirkwoodpres.com))
- \* Facebook Page (Kirkwood Presbyterian Church)
- \* Telephone Greeting (703-451-5320)

