



Kirkwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SPRING FORWARD



SUNDAY, MARCH 8

**THE
LAMPLIGHTER
MARCH 2020**



From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Driving east down Old Keene Mill Road, it's easy to overlook the modest one-story red brick building on the right-hand side between Hanover Avenue and Commerce Street. But the organization housed there is very familiar to the Kirkwood congregation – it's ECHO – the Ecumenical Community Helping Others.

ECHO's support comes from 24 faith-based organizations, including Kirkwood, and from businesses, community organizations, and individuals. This week we received a thank you letter, and I want to pass that thanks on to everyone at Kirkwood who has donated food or supplies or helped in any number of ways with ECHO collections throughout the year. A special thanks to Kirkwood's Mission Committee and to John Wherry, our ECHO representative.

We also received the report of ECHO's ministry over the past year – the building may be modest, but the ministry it facilitates is enormous and diverse! Here are just a few of the many ways ECHO served the community this year:

- Providing food, clothing, and other items for those in need
- Offering direct financial assistance
- Refurbishing donated computers to give to clients with school-aged children
- Offering financial management classes
- Assembling and giving out back packs full of school supplies

You can find the report on the table by the Mission bulletin board or on-line at echo-inc.org. The photos (by John Wherry!) tell the story of this ministry that we are privileged to be a part of.

Jesus teaches in Matthew 25 that what we do for "the least of these," when we give food or clothing, for example, we do unto God. The next time we pass the red brick building on Old Keene Mill Road, may it be a reminder to say a prayer of blessing for all those in need in our community, and a prayer of thanks for ECHO.

~ Pastor Susan

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

At the annual congregational meeting on February 9, the PNC gave a presentation on the options for the compensation package for the call of a new minister. Based on the church's finances the discussion centered on whether to call a part-time or full-time pastor.

PNC and Session will be holding a soup/sandwich potluck luncheon on **Sunday, March 1** following the worship service to provide additional information on the compensation issue and to get some feedback and help from the congregation on how to move forward. A sign-up sheet for the luncheon is posted on the easel in the commons area.

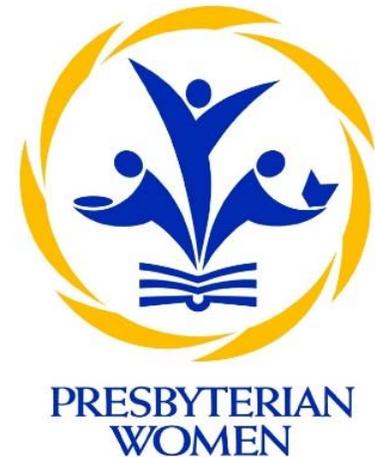
Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is currently studying *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*.

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. "Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community." *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

We welcome all women of Kirkwood to join us for fellowship and discussion of *Love Carved in Stone* on **Thursday, March 19, at 10:30 am** in the church conference room.

For more information, contact Sandy Webster at 703-455-0122.

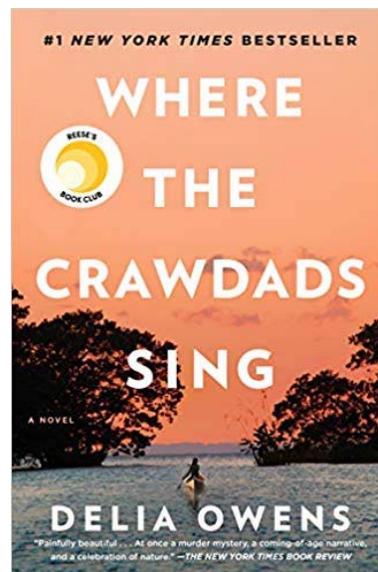
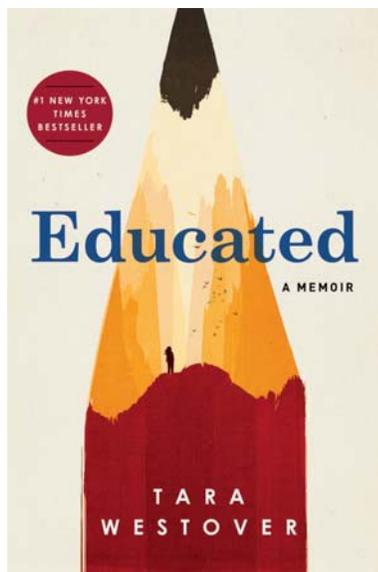


Book Club

Come join us **Sunday, March 29**, at 12:30 pm when we'll discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

The story is set in the 1950s and revolves around a young woman named Kya Clark, who is from extremely rural North Carolina. Known by others as the Marsh Girl, she lives alone in nature—but the draw of other people, and specifically love, brings her into contact with the greater world.

The April meeting will be Sunday, April 26, at 12:30 pm when we'll discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. All are welcome! Contact Pam Johnson with questions at 703-906-9035.



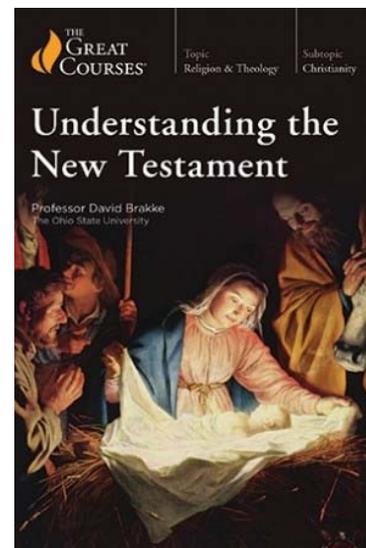
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

WEBS is currently studying “Understanding the New Testament,” 24 video lectures by David Brakke, Professor of History and Christianity at Ohio State University.

Having just finished a series on Jesus’ life and his transforming mission, we decided to pursue and explore the diversity of Christianity’s canonical text. The New Testament is comprised of 27 different books “by more than a dozen authors, each of whom has a different perspective and is responding to a different set of historical circumstances.”

Everyone is invited to join us each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in the conference room to discover how Christian practices developed; how the institution of the Church evolved; how conflicts of belief were debated; and how the church's understanding of Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah evolved over time.

For more information, contact Doug Amon at DLA100@aol.com.



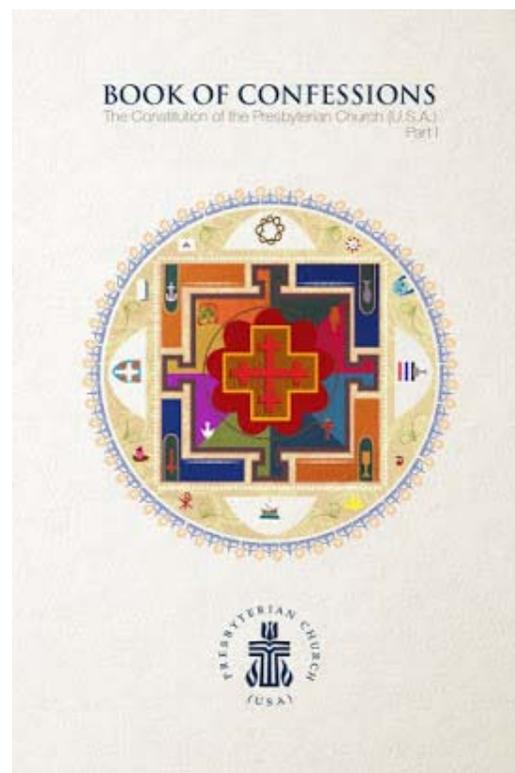
Adult Christian Education Sundays at 9:45 am

"Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?"

The quotation above is one of nine questions posed to every person ordained in the PC(USA)—not just to those becoming “teaching elders” (pastors), but also to every deacon and every ruling elder. Many of us (myself included) who have agreed to serve as officers and subsequently accepted ordination, have had to admit they responded “I do and I will” in good faith, and sincerely planning to be the best officer they could be... but also without fully understanding what they were agreeing to.

Our next adult CE class aims to fill the gaps in our knowledge. By popular demand, current class members requested a course to study our PC(USA) Book of Confessions. We’ll take an informal path through the book, skipping around as needed to see how our understanding has evolved through the years, and how our arm of the Church has responded: “In these statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do. These statements identify the church as a community of people known by its convictions as well as by its actions.” [PC(USA) Book of Order, F-2.01]

We anticipate this study will continue until we move into our summer schedule. All are welcome—please join us! ~Pat Futato





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.



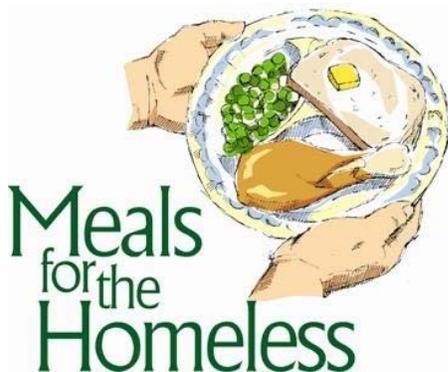
This month's making of sandwiches to feed the homeless will be in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service on **Sunday, March 15**. Donations of bologna and sliced cheese are welcome and should be placed in the kitchen refrigerator. Please come and join others who are giving of their time to relieve hunger in our metropolitan area.

Provide a Home-Cooked Dinner for the Homeless

Kirkwood's Mission Committee invites you to help with a dinner for the homeless at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, March 18**, at 5:30 pm.

Our neighbors at Sydenstricker UMC will be hosting 30-35 guests for dinner and overnight shelter each night for a week in March, as part of the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program.

We will be joining in this effort by preparing and serving the Wednesday night dinner and visiting with the guests. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons Area to provide needed food items or to be a server.



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, March 15**.

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.



Warm Feet, Happy Hearts Sock Drive

New socks and warm feet can make a world of difference to the homeless and working poor and are one of the most needed items at ECHO.

Spread warmth and make hearts happy by donating socks **throughout the month of March**. Bring any size, color, and style sock to church and together we can help our neighbors in need.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined millions of other Christians through "One Great Hour of Sharing" to share God's love with other neighbors-in-need around the world.

Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief for those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

This year Kirkwood will collect the offering the week before Palm Sunday (March 29) and Palm Sunday (April 5). Please look for donation envelopes in the church pew racks beginning on March 22.



ECHO Collection

Please remember to "Bring a Can of Food to Church for ECHO" each Sunday for our Springfield and Burke neighbors who need help feeding their families!



Bring a Can of Food to Church for ECHO!



Concerts from Kirkwood presents Dash Duo - March 21, 2020 at 3pm

Dash Duo has thrilled audiences across the United States with virtuoso performances. Both stellar trumpet players in their own right, this concert will feature both players and will be joined by organist Michael Lodico. They have commissioned James Stephenson's powerful *Awakenings*, for two trumpets and organ.

Husband and wife trumpeters Mary Elizabeth Bowden and David Dash teach at the distinguished University of North Carolina School of the Arts; Mr. Dash as the Assistant Professor of Trumpet and Ms. Bowden as a Resident Artist. Classical trumpet and Gold Medal Global Music Award Winner Ms. Bowden has been described by Gramophone Magazine as "brilliant" and "radiant in new repertoire for trumpet". She is currently Principal Trumpet of the Artosphere Festival Orchestra and a member of the Richmond Symphony. Professor Dash is also a member of the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra and former member of "The President's own" United States Marine Band, where he was a soloist and toured much of the country as well.

The **Dash Duo** appears in recital, masterclasses and concert series throughout the US and will be appearing with the Richmond Philharmonic next season as well as a Canadian debut in Vancouver.

For more information about these artists, please visit www.DashDuo.com.

Concerts from Kirkwood are presented as a gift to the community free of charge, although voluntary donations are appreciated and used entirely to support the series.

The concert will be presented at 3:00 PM in the church sanctuary of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, Virginia, near the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road and Rolling Road in West Springfield.

For more information, email concerts@kirkwoodpres.com or visit www.kirkwoodpres.com.



NATIONAL CAPITAL

PRESBYTERY



News of National Capital Presbytery

The National Capital Presbytery met on January 28, 2020 at National Presbyterian Church. During the meeting, National Capital Presbytery, led by Moderator Miriam Dewhurst:

- Gathered around the theme of being missional.
- Shared in a liturgy adapted from a Native American blessing in the Four Directions that celebrated the whole of God's creation.
- Expanded permissible use of the Retreat Fund to all church ministry program staff in National Capital Presbytery congregations.
- Adopted an overture for presentation to the 2020 General Assembly concerning the addition of inclusive gender options when gender information is collected by entities in the PC(USA).
- Concurred with an overture for presentation to the 2020 General Assembly from Monmouth Presbytery concerning divestment from fossil fuels.
- Approved the call of the Rev. Susan Graceson, currently Stated Supply Associate Pastor, as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.
- Created a new fund, the New Growth Fund, to be added to the NCP Financial Policies. The New Growth Fund provides resources to increase membership and participation in NCP, particularly in new ministries. It is made up of monies in the now-abolished New Church Development Fund and the proceeds from the disaffiliation agreement from Neelsville Presbyterian Church.
- Adopted the 2020 Mission Budget, in the amount of \$850,014.
- Heard a sermon from the Rev. Edwin Andrade, "Move In, Don't Just Show Up," after which commissioners discussed at their tables how their church could be more missional.
- Celebrated the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Edwin Andrade and Brian Clark.
- Appreciated the music brought by the Emmanuel Indonesian Singers.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at National Presbyterian Church

Peace and blessings,

Sara

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Sorrows:

We extend our deepest expression of Christian love and sympathy to Kristin Arnold and her family on the death of her mother, Carol. Cards may be sent to Kristin at 9209 Beachwood Lane, Springfield, VA 22153.

Family and friends are invited to attend Carol Arnold's memorial service at Old Bridge United Methodist Church located at 3966 Old Bridge Rd., Woodbridge on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in Carol's name to either the American Brain Tumor Association, or Old Bridge United Methodist Church. OBUMC will use any contributions made in Carol's name to support mission work.

Special Concerns:

Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family,
mission workers in Zambia
The Mirabella family,
mission workers in Japan
LTJG Will Campbell,
deployed on USS Forrest Sherman

Health & Personal Concerns:

Rebecca Larson
Bob Hemm
Dick Pape
Joan Reynolds
Millie Lane
Kelly Jean Sillitti
Peter Scott, father of Hannah Scott

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.



- 3 Chris Furth
- 11 Peggy Costello
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- 22 Art Schwalb
- 23 Kyle Larson
- 31 Joan Reynolds
- 31 Ardyss Wherry



- 19 Sylvia & Pete Kelty
- 31 Patrick & Julia Lent

Monday, March 16 is the deadline for articles and/or photos to be included in the April Lamplighter. Please send content to Anne at office.manager@kirkwoodpres.com

