



Kirkwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LAMPLIGHTER

SEPTEMBER 2019



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As the new program year gets underway in September here at Kirkwood, many exciting things are happening – new education classes, mission opportunities, and more – take a look inside the Lamplighter to see what ministry opportunities might be beckoning you!

One very important ministry this fall and in the coming months will be the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the committee tasked with searching for and presenting to the congregation a candidate to be the next pastor of Kirkwood. We are in the process now of forming the PNC and are soliciting suggestions as to who might serve on that committee. If you would like to suggest a name – including yourself – please send that to elder Jeff Jennette at jljennette@hotmail.com.

Once we have a slate of nominees to serve on the PNC we will hold a congregational meeting to elect the PNC, and then they will be off and running.

Please keep this process in your prayers as Kirkwood seeks to discern God's will for future leadership.

Blessings and peace,
Susan

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Fall Schedule

**Adult Sunday School
& Kids Rock
9:45 am**



Worship 11:00 am

**Kids' Sunday School
11:15 am**

**Starting
September 8**



Genise

**Welcome to
Kirkwood's
newest members,
Genise Collins
and Twity Uzele!**



Twity

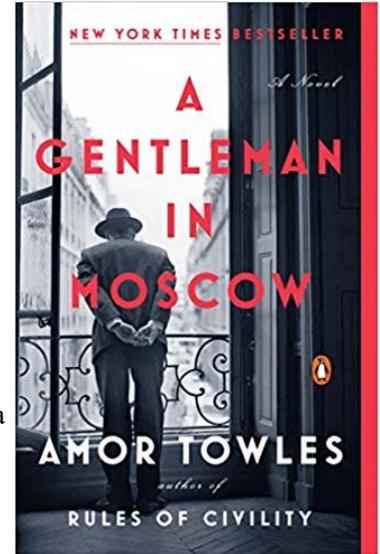
This summer we welcomed new members Genise Collins and Twity Uzele into the Kirkwood congregation. Genise joined Kirkwood by Reaffirmation of Faith. Retired, she enjoys reading, knitting, and volunteering for the Potomac Valley Pekingese Club. Twity also comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a Knowledge and Learning Specialist and enjoys reading, movies, and traveling. Twity has a daughter, Anita, who is in college and a son, Shamah, who is in 8th grade. Please greet these friends and give them warm welcome to Kirkwood.

Book Club

Come join us **Sunday, September 29 at 12:30 pm in the Church Parlor** for a discussion of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. *A Gentleman in Moscow* is the second novel from Amor Towles, New York Times bestselling author of *Rules of Civility* and was similarly well received by critics. Thus, Kirkus Reviews found the book "In all ways a great novel, a nonstop pleasure brimming with charm, personal wisdom, and philosophic insight."

The next meeting will be Sunday, October 27 when we'll be discussing *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. In this nonfiction work, the authors discuss the challenges of living a joyful life.

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



Book Club 2019-2020 Schedule

September 29, 2019

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

October 27, 2019

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

November 24, 2019

The Pioneers by David McCullough

December 22, 2019

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

January 26, 2020

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

February 23, 2020

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

March 29, 2020

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

April 26, 2020

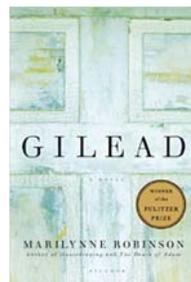
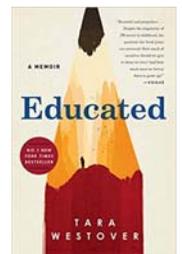
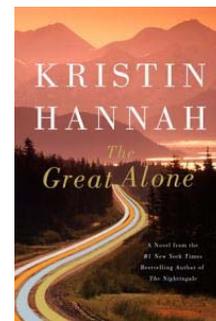
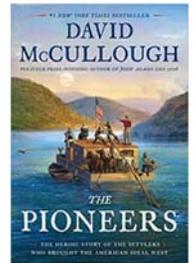
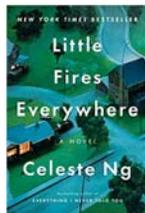
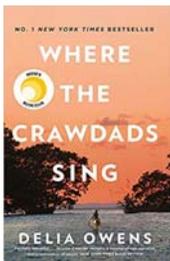
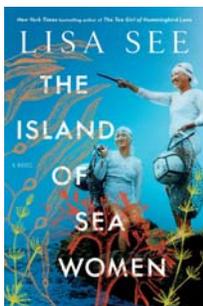
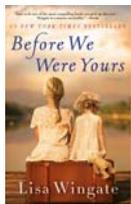
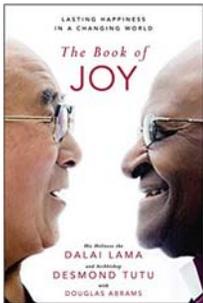
Educated by Tara Westover

May 24, 2020

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

June 28, 2020

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 10:30 am in the church's conference room to begin our study of *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.

Please pick up a copy of the study booklet in the office prior to the first meeting when we will discuss chapter 1. The cost is \$11, and can be paid to Sandy Webster at the September meeting.

We welcome all women of Kirkwood to join us for fellowship and discussion of *Love Carved in Stone* on the third Thursday of each month from September 2019-May 2020.

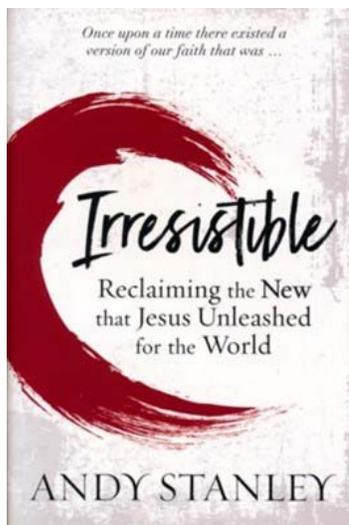


Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS)

Once upon a time there was a version of our faith that was practically . . . **irresistible**. What did first-century Christians know that we don't?

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 4. We will be meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the conference room.

This Fall, WEBS is beginning with a six-session video study of Andy Stanley's book *Irresistible: Reclaiming The New That Jesus Unleashed For The World*. Stanley invites us to embrace the version of faith that, against all odds, initiated a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. A version we must embrace if we are to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world.

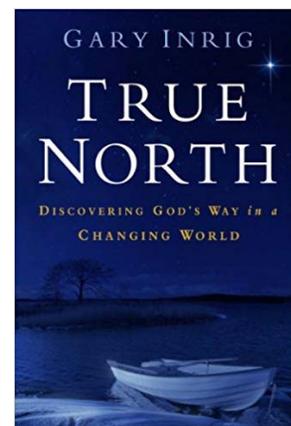


Adult Sunday School

We'll be kicking off Fall with a study of Gary Inrig's book *True North: Discovering God's Way in a Changing World*, led by Jim Heidenreich. We'll meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Conference Room beginning on September 8. All are welcome! Join us and allow this book and our informal table discussions to challenge you, offer new insights, and help you grow in faith.

Amazon's description of the text reads in part: "With technology, science, and medicine redefining the world in which we live, the old norms of truth, morality, and spirituality are constantly being tested. True North provides a biblical compass to help you navigate, understand, and overcome the ever-changing currents of our society."

The author says: "Our modern world resembles a vast, uncharted ocean. We are no longer in familiar territory. Huge changes are sweeping across our world, and these changes have made our maps obsolete. We have never been here before. A fundamental fact of life in the third millennium is that nothing is as permanent as change."



Kids Helping Kids

All kids of Kirkwood, get ready to help assemble weekend food packs for hungry students at Newington Forest Elementary following worship in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 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 or place them in the ECHO box in the narthex labeled *Kids Helping Kids*.



ECHO Food Collection

This month's communion Sunday food collection for **ECHO** will be on **Sunday, September 8**. As you prepare your list for grocery shopping, please remember to pick up a few items for ECHO to give to the hungry in our community. The ECHO box will be waiting for your contributions at the entrance to the sanctuary. Most urgent food item needs can be found by visiting www.echo-inc.org

ECHO School Supplies

ECHO, the 50-year-old, all-volunteer Ecumenical Community Helping Others, including Kirkwood and 23 other congregations in the Burke and Springfield areas, is now collecting school supplies to help make sure students in disadvantaged families are ready to start school on August 26th. Your help in donating needed school supplies is urgently needed. Supplies may be placed in the ECHO box in the church narthex. Here is the list:

Backpacks – girls' and boys' – all grade levels, 3-ring binders – 1½" and 2" only, Sturdy fabric pencil pouches, Paper pocket folders – with prongs and without prong, Vinyl or laminated pocket folders – with prongs and without prongs, Spiral notebooks – wide-ruled and college-ruled, Composition notebooks
Student scissors – pointed tips only, #2 pencils, Pink pearl erasers, Colored pencils – 12 pack, Pens – black, blue, red, Markers – broad tip and thin tip – 10 pack, Highlighters – broad tip and thin tip, Dry erase markers – broad tip and thin tip, Gently used/new books/novels for pleasure reading for grades K –12 – We are especially low on books for Grades 6 – 8.

Help a Neighbor in Need – Donate Yard Sale Items

Do you have items to get rid of but don't know what to do with them? Have you been wanting to clean out your closets and garage but have been putting it off?

Well, here is an event that will give you the motivation to get rid of that stuff! Kirkwood has been invited to help a neighbor by donating to their yard sale – all proceeds will benefit our neighbor in need, and un-sold items will be donated to charity.

Please drop off your items at Kirkwood on or before **Thursday, September 12**, labeled "Yard Sale." Any questions, please contact Tammy Mottl at 703-690-3279.



So Others Might Eat

S.O.M.E. Sandwich Making



This month's making of sandwiches to feed the homeless will be in Fellowship Hall after worship on **Sunday, September 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.



The Mission Committee is accepting cash donations to prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for some families that can use the help. We are working with Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) who identifies families in need. There will be envelopes in the pews and the donation boxes on the tables in the narthex and commons area starting in September.

Last year we delivered 31 Thanksgiving Baskets. Each basket costs approximately \$75 and is comprised of food items such as flour, sugar, cranberry sauce, tea, potatoes, canned vegetables, gravy, shortening, stuffing and a \$50 Giant gift card for the turkey and other perishables. We commit to ECHO in October for the number of baskets we will deliver.

The Mission committee and the Deacons invite you to help in the basket delivery. We plan to dedicate them on Sunday, November 17 for delivery. It is a wonderful experience serving the community; please contact Doug Amon at dla100@aol.com if you would like to deliver a basket to a family.

Thank You, Summer Musicians!

We would like to recognize and thank all of the talented singers and instrumentalists who shared their musical talents with us during worship this summer. They include:

- Denise Gulley
- Handbell Choir
- Hanna Yoo and Students
- Hongju Lee
- James Koh
- Jim Lister
- Rebecca McFarland
- Students of The Ungsoo Senior Academy
- Yvonne Taylor
- Meg Wilder



UVA Men's Glee Club at Kirkwood

We are pleased to announce that we will once again welcome the Men's Glee Club from the University of Virginia for their annual fall retreat!

Under the direction of Frank Albinder, the choir will sing during our morning worship service on **Sunday, October 13**. Their musical offerings will be the culmination of their retreat, which will be held at Kirkwood this October.

This retreat has become a wonderful tradition (for them and for us) over the past several years and we look forward to hosting them again!



Chancel Choir Season Kick-Off!

Thursday, September 5 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, the Chancel Choir will have its first rehearsal and start a new season of great music.

All present and former singers, instrumentalists, those looking for a team experience, curious types, and fence sitters are welcome. We welcome high school students and adults. With occasional exceptions and breaks after Christmas and Easter, the regular weekly schedule is: Thursday rehearsals, 7:30-9:00 pm; Sunday warm-up at 10:30 am, followed by the 11:00 am service.

There is no better way to get started than to jump in with both feet! Don't be bashful... new members are always warmly welcomed.

Should you need further information and/or have further questions, do not hesitate to speak to any choir member or our Music Director, Christopher Smith after a service, or drop an email to music.director@kirkwoodpres.com. Otherwise, simply show up in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 5 and see if the choir is for you!

For those who are unable to come on Thursday night but would like to sing, consider coming earlier on Sunday Morning at 10:15 and Christopher Smith will be happy to teach you the music before the rest of the choir comes at 10:30. We will start out the year with some more familiar music to enable those who would like to come and sing on Sunday morning.

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Joys/Concerns

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Organist/Accompanist
Hongju Lee

Office Manager
Anne Myers

Treasurer
James Lister

Joys:

Congratulations to Denise and John Gulley on welcoming new granddaughter, Lucy June Gulley, born July 16.

Sorrows:

We extend our deepest expression of Christian love and sympathy to Bob Harris (previous Interim Pastor at Kirkwood) on the death of his wife, Mary Helen Harris, on July 16. Cards and notes may be sent to Bob at Goodwin House, 3440 S. Jefferson St, Apt. 710, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Special Concerns:

- Dustin & Sherri Ellington and family, mission workers in Zambia
- The Mirabella family, mission workers in Japan

Health & Personal Concerns:

Tom Lobred
Julia Lent
Bob Hemm
Dick Pape
Joan Reynolds
Millie Lane
Kay, mother of Jim Heidenreich
Carol Arnold, mother of Kristin Arnold
Peter Scott, father of Hannah Scott
Jason Greenawalt & Kelly Sillitti, friends of Dan Larson

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.

Thank You, Kirkwood!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Jean Hemm's memorial fund. The donations will be used towards Jean's favorite community outreach at Kirkwood, So Others Might Eat. The funds will help offset the cost of providing sandwiches each month to those who are hungry in the DC area.


thank you!



9 Clydette Lobred
10 Carin Hickey
12 Anne Myers
15 Blake Larson
15 Jess Moose
17 Katie Campbell
18 Deanna Shepherd
19 Erik Larson
23 John Moose
30 Patrick Lent



3 Claire & Bob Runger
5 Doug & Sara Amon
13 Jon & Merissa Larson

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

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

