

This Week at Kirkwood

Sunday, November 16, 2014

S.O.M.E./Kids Helping Kids (FH)
9:45 AM Adult and Teen Sunday School; Kids Rock 'N Stuff
11:00 AM Worship Service (S) - children dismissed to Sunday School
12:30 PM Deacons Meeting (C)
7:00 PM Session Meeting (C)

Monday, November 17, 2014

5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 144 (FH)
7:00 PM CS Pack 1140 Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM WOK Monday Evening Circle (P)

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

9:30 AM Springfield Acres Garden Club member Meeting (FH/K)
4:00 PM NCP Meeting - National Presbyterian Church

6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
7:00 PM NoVA IC Support Group (P)

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

9:30 AM MOPS (FH/K/CR)
7:30 PM BS Venture Crew 3200 (CR)
7:30 PM WEBS (C)

Thursday, November 20, 2014

10:30 AM WOK Thursday Morning Circle (P)
6:30 PM Bells
7:00 PM Ladies AA
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday, November 21, 2014

7:00 PM Youth Group Outing

(S) Sanctuary (C) Conference Room (CR) Classrooms (N) Nursery (FH) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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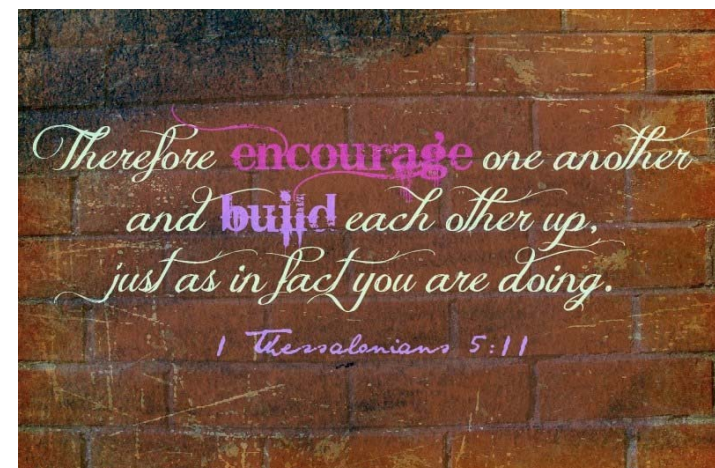
DEACONS: Aida Cardona, Ann Gisch, Myra Kurtz, Clydette Lobred, Tammy Mottl, Warren Qualley, Maggie Snyder, Sandy Webster, Ardyss Wherry

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*“Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith—
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ.”*

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT REFLECTION

“The best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting people up.”

~ unknown

WE GATHER TOGETHER

As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare for worship with quiet reverence.

PRELUDE *Worthy, You Are Worthy* Don Moen
Handbell Choir

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 123

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Ron Taylor

Leader: Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **Let us worship God!**

Introit *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* Cyril A. Alington

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

CALL TO WORSHIP Ron Taylor
~ adapted from I Thess. 5:5-8

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;
be confident in the saving love that is yours in Jesus Christ.

People: **We will live as children of light.**

Leader: Put on the breastplate of faith and love,

Next Sunday, November 23 - “Anything But Turkey!”

Give the turkey, and you, a break. Bring soup, sandwiches (including PBJ for the kids), chips or a dessert and join your Kirkwood family and friends for an easy **potluck lunch** before Thanksgiving. Sign up this morning in the Commons Area.

Following the meal, please join us to **decorate the church** in anticipation and celebration of Christ’s birth.



Joys & Concerns

This Week’s Birthdays:

- Nov. 16 Saul Cardona
- Nov. 19 Alice Burbank
- Nov. 21 Laurissa Hall
- Nov. 22 Ben Elgersma

Health & Personal Concerns:

- Bob Flory
- Hal Sellers
- Dick Pape
- Heather Telfer’s father, Bob Snow
- Morgan Death, friend of Jon Larson
- Kathy Lewis’ friend Mary Torczon
- Keith Scott
- Bobbie Myers - Phil Myers’ mother
- Dani Schwalb
- Carla Coffman, Rebecca Larson’s mother
- SGT Manny Rivera’s family, friend of Kathy Lewis
- Gary Klimek, husband of Ann Gisch’s niece
- Katherine Hart, mother of Ann Gisch
- Jestin Braker, nephew of Bob Gisch
- Michael Taylor, brother of Ron Taylor
- Dan Godwin, son-in-law of Joyce Nelson
- Brian Costello

Special Concerns:

Our Missionaries in Zambia:
Rev. Kari Nicewander & Joel DeJong

Tom & Karen Mirabella and family, serving in the mission field in Japan



Flowers today are given in celebration of Saul Cardona’s birthday.



Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings: Next Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary Reading:

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

S.O.M.E. Sandwich Making: Today, immediately after the worship service, volunteers will gather in the Fellowship Hall to prepare sandwiches for So Others May Eat. Contributions of bologna or sliced cheese are welcome and should be placed in the kitchen refrigerator. Join us for fellowship and to help feed the homeless.

Kids Helping Kids: Today is 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. 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 labeled "Kids Helping Kids." See you there!

CROP Walk: Next **Sunday, November 23**, Kirkwood will participate in the 22nd Annual Burke CROP Hunger Walk in support of global programs for disaster response, literacy, clean water initiatives, teaching agricultural practices, and many more efforts to reduce the stunning number of people (over 900 million) who suffer from food insufficiency. Last year, ECHO received a check for nearly \$9,000 from the Burke walk. Please consider supporting this worthy cause as a walker or by sponsoring a walker. You can find out more at www.burkecropwalk.org or by contacting Nathan Mottl, Kirkwood's Crop Walk Coordinator.

Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries: If you would like to join the Deacons and the Mission Committee in delivering Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need after worship next Sunday, **November 16**, please sign up in the Commons Area or contact Doug or Sara Amon at dla100@aol.com, it is a wonderful experience serving the community.

Brunch With a Bunch: This small group is open to all on Sunday, December 7 at Ledo Pizza & Pasta, 8324 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield (in the Giant shopping center across Traford Ln. from Kirkwood). It's scheduled for **12:30 pm** so head straight there after worship and the Hospitality Table. Please contact Warren and Karen Qualley at 703-646-5905 or via e-mail at wqualley@hotmail.com if you have any questions. There is a special opportunity to help out the Northern Virginia Chorale at this Brunch, as they will be holding a fundraiser on that Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Please mention the Chorale when paying your check so that they will receive a percentage of that check. We hope to see you there!

Emotional Support and Healing. Within the church there are many ways to receive support and healing from others such as the pastor, deacons, and small groups. The deacons are testing booklets, called CareNotes, which offer comfort, support, and healing to the Kirkwood Family. CareNotes are meant for people dealing with emotional situations such as health conditions, grief, and loss. Samples are provided on the rack by the office door. Feel free to take a booklet and see what you think. Please provide feedback and suggest topics of interest to Ann Gisch at 703-764-3058 or ann.gisch@gmail.com.

National Capital Presbytery plays a vital role in providing education, resources and support for our local congregations and was instrumental in assisting Kirkwood to refinance its mortgage at an attractive rate. We would like to be able to fully fund our per member assessment this year, so if you have not yet made your contribution, please consider writing a check to Kirkwood for \$36 and mark the memo line as NCP Assessment. Thank you.

And for a helmet the hope of salvation.

People: We will live as children of the day.

Leader: Watch and wait for the day of the Lord is hastening fast.

People: We will live as children of light and of the day.

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

~ adapted from Matthew 25:14-30

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to share your gospel that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

150 BH

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

(PLEASE SIT)

Call to Confession

~ adapted from 1 Thess. 5:9-10

Beloved in Christ, God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess we do not live as children of light who are prepared for your coming realm. We hide in the darkness and let fear and uncertainty hinder us from faithfully doing the good work of proclaiming your gospel with joy. Forgive us. Empower us with faith, love, and hope to carry on the work of Christ among us cheerfully and generously. Open us to newness of life in Christ, a life of graceful giving and receiving; a life of growing excitement in the ministry you have entrusted to us as we await the coming of your kingdom. This we pray in the name of Your Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

~ adapted from 1 Thess. 5:5

Leader: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear - for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit Song

John Wimber

*O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

(PLEASE SIT)

DEDICATION OF THANKSGIVING BOXES

Betsy Johnson

(Children ages 3 to 6th grade are dismissed to their Sunday School classes)

GREETING, NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship folder and pass it along the pew.)

(You may complete prayer request cards and give them to an usher.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Deer
Handbell Choir

Martin Nystrom

(PLEASE STAND)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(PLEASE SIT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

p. 1031

(Please Stand)

Hymn

Spirit

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(PLEASE SIT)

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 4:32-37; 11:23-26

p. 951; 958

SERMON

The Barnabas Factor

ANTHEM

There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy

arr. Schweizer

Chancel Choir

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Closing Prayer (Unison)

Shine your light upon us, O Lord. By your Spirit, let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections; your hope exceeds our greatest expectations. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch and work for your coming realm where your deepest joy will be discovered and your true peace will be embraced. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God (to the tune of Edelweiss)

*May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, full of grace forever;
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C

John Zundel/Michel Ryan

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal

Following service, Pastor Lees will be in the Narthex to greet you. We welcome you to join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

If you have not done so already, please take a few moments to faithfully consider how God is leading you to financially support the ministry of Christ here at Kirkwood in the coming year. Please complete your Pledge Card or the “I Plan to Support Kirkwood” card you’ll find in the pews and return it with your morning offering.