Mark your calendars! An adult mission trip to Omaha, Nebraska has been scheduled for the week of April 26-May 2. We'll be staying at the NE Presbyterian Church of the Cross, and working with Omaha Rapid Response to help homeowners impacted by catastrophic flooding last March. Omaha is closer than our recent trips to Louisiana and Mississippi, so we're hoping that will make it possible for more people to go, even for a few days. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. in room 029. Contact Liz McCane (lizmccane@gmail.com), Georgina Sikorski (gwsikorski@gmail.com) or Linda Jarrett (writenyou@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

The Welcome Center is located in the hallway outside the front right exit of the Sanctuary. A church member should be there to assist you or answer any questions you may have.

Kirkwood Pres Newsletter: For more information about current events in the life of our congregation, copies are available on the kiosk in the Gathering Space, the Welcome Center Desk or on the table in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers and Assisted Hearing Devices are available at the Welcome Center.

Copies of previous sermons are located in the Narthex near the Lounge doors.

VISITORS: When the time is right, you will know! We hope you find First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood a welcoming faith community and that you will consider us your new church home. If you have questions about our church or if you would like more information, contact Brad Gift at brad.gift@att.net.

Sunday, February 23

Fireplace Room Series - 10:00a.m. in Room 030

February 23: Next week, Jani Holyan, Coordinator for Parent Education for the Clayton School District, returns to lead a discussion of the book, The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed, by Jessica Lahey. Parenting today can feel full of uncertainty about how best to prepare our kids for a future we can't always envision. Jessica Lahey, a middle school teacher and parent, uses current research about what actually helps kids to succeed.

New Women's Circles

Two new women's circles are forming. They both will meet on the third Wednesday of the month. The first meeting for each group will be held next Wednesday, February 19th at 7:15p.m. One group will meet in the Lounge and the other in the Fireplace Room. Each group will choose their own study book and share ideas and information. As these groups are new, for more information contact Karen at kbblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org, Jeanne Martin at ejd1156@charter.net, or Lucy Tidwell at Lucytidwellco@gmail.com.
BOOK DISCUSSION

**Wednesdays, February 19-March 11**

Join Dr. Holyan for further indepth discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, *Holy Envy* at 9:00a.m. in the Fireplace Room on Wednesdays February 19 – March 11. The discussion schedule will be: February 19 – through page 50; February 26– pages 61-120; March 4 –pages 121-174; and March 11– pages 175 to the end.

As a teacher of World Religions at Piedmont College for many years, Barbara Brown Taylor has explored the spiritual richness of the world's major religions. Through her book, we are invited to consider our own lack of awareness about the faiths of others, the importance of learning about other faith traditions and to deepen our own faith as well. A small number of books are available in the office for purchase.

**DINNERS WITH DAVID, February 20-March 12**

Join Dr. Holyan in the Gathering Space at 5:30 for a homemade meal followed by bible study in the Chapel on four consecutive Thursdays. As always, the meals will be fantastic, the conversations fun, and the bible study will open up the texts for the coming Sunday. If you are unable to attend dinner, the meals will conclude at 6:52. No need to sign up, just show up and enjoy!

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP, Room 029, 1:30p.m.**

The fourth Wednesday book group will meet on February 26 to discuss the book, *The Language of Threads*, by Gail Tsukiyama. The story is about one of the women of the Silk Sisterhood who escapes from the Japanese invasion and finds a new life in Hong Kong.

**LENT STUDY**

Jill J. Duffield, editor of *Presbyterian Outlook*, has written a thoughtful devotion called *Lent In Plain Sight*, using images and symbols to lead us through the Lenten journey. Focusing on items that we come across in our every day lives such as bread and oil and dust and thorns, she invites us to consider how they speak to us of the life of faith and the ministry of Jesus. We will meet in room 028 on Wednesday mornings beginning February 28 at 10:30a.m. and will conclude on Good Friday in time for those who want to go upstairs and get a good seat for the Lenten music programs that begin at noon. We will conclude the series on Good Friday. Copies of the book are available in the church office for $9.50.

**40 Days of Lent Casserole Challenge for St. Patrick’s Center**

Over the 40 days of Lent, we are challenging our First Pres members to help us prepare 40 breakfast casseroles for the St. Patrick’s Center. St. Patrick’s provides nourishing and hot meals for St. Louis homeless people. Pick up a pan and recipe from the table in the narthex. Please bring your prepared casserole to the kitchen freezer or downstairs freezer. For more information, please contact Julie Nesvig at jnesvig83@gmail.com.

**LOOKING INTO MARCH**

**Music Performances – March 2020**

- **March 6:** 12:00 Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series: Travis Evans, organist
- **March 13:** 12:00 Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series: St. Louis Irish Arts
- **March 15:** 7:00 Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis music of Haydn
- **March 20:** 12:00 Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series Terri Langerak, harp
- **March 27:** 12:00 Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series Chamber Project St. Louis
- **March 29:** 3:00 AIM Band Concert in the sanctuary: this annual fund raiser for the Kirkwood High School band program involves several members of the congregation, and the band performs under the direction of member Jim Wehrman. All are invited to contribute to a free-will offering at the concert.

* The Metropolitan Orchestra concert is a ticketed event. Tickets for sale at the door.

**PRIME Timers**

Primetimers are going to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, March 20. Lunch will begin at 11:00a.m. in their cafeteria, and the tour of their beautifully painted sanctuary will be at noon. The church is on outer Des Peres Rd. a little north of Manchester at 1755 Des Peres Rd, Town and Country, just before the Missouri Athletic Club. All are welcome but the church would like to know the size of our group, so please sign up at church or let Martha Kaelble know if you plan to attend at 314-822-9355 or ekaelble@charter.net

**The Dementia Discussion Group**

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next meeting is March 21 at 7:00p.m. in room 029. For more information contact Ellen Kaelble at ekaelble@charter.net

**The Grief Support Group**

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 7:00p.m. in the lounge. For more information contact Ellen Hitchens at lnkeats@yahoo.com or Mary Ann Shaw at mashaw5@sbcglobal.net

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

February 26, 2020

12:00p.m. and 6:00p.m.
in the Tree of Life Chapel

Join us for worship as we begin the Season of Lent.