

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOTES AT NINE

Join us next Sunday for our final Notes@9 concert featuring two pianos, four pianists, and eight hands. Come together for a dynamic concert showcasing the beauty, power, and versatility of collaborative piano music. This concert will be livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FPCKirkwood/streams>



PRAY FOR OUR WORK CAMPERS

Our Senior High Fellowship students and adult volunteers will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from July 11 to 25. They will be working for a variety of organizations in and around town focusing on housing issues, cleaning homes for new parents and working in fields and preparing lunches at a food bank that feeds children in need. They will also be studying how to best keep our eyes pointed at God, and maybe checking out Lake Michigan and checking on local ice cream spots of course. Pray that their work is fruitful and they stay safe throughout.

KIRK CARE FOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian has been providing food donations to Kirk Care, Kirkwood's food pantry and utility assistance organization, for a number of years. The Community Outreach Committee would like to continue our support of this effort by sponsoring a food drive during July. **TODAY the ushers will be handing Kirk Care food bags and financial donation mailers to members as they leave the church. Members can then fill the bags with non-perishable food items and place them near the cabinet on the first floor next to the restrooms the following Sunday as well as mail any financial support contributions.** Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE FOR BLUEGRASS ON THE LAWN

Don't miss our next outdoor concert, **Bluegrass on the Lawn!** On **Saturday evening, August 29th**, we invite you to *Bluegrass on the Lawn*, featuring local bluegrass musicians Barnum Jack.

SUMMER CHOIR

In August, Summer Choir will sing three Sunday services. All are welcome to participate in Summer Choir! We will rehearse two simple anthems in the Choir Room at 9:00 am and sing the service at 10:00. This is informal – we don't process or wear robes. It's the perfect way to give Chancel Choir a 'test drive' before Fall rehearsals begin, or simply to sing with a great group of folks! If you have any questions, please contact Bill Stein.

Summer Choir will sing August 2, 9, and 30. Watch this space for reminders!

WELCOME TO RACHEL BIGGS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



We're delighted to welcome **Rachel Biggs** as our new Administrative Assistant! Rachel began work on July 13 and will be in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon–3:00 p.m., and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m.–noon. Our wonderful office volunteers will continue to provide coverage during the hours Rachel is not here. Rachel brings experience working in church settings, strong administrative skills, and a warm, personable spirit. She is currently completing master's degrees in Spiritual Formation and Nonprofit Administration at North Park Theological Seminary and expects to graduate this December. Rachel and her spouse have two young children, ages

3 and 9 months. Please join us in giving Rachel a warm First Pres welcome!

ADULT WORK WEEK

We are pleased to announce that members of First Pres will participate in an Adult Work Week at the PDA facility in Ferncliff, Arkansas October 25–30, 2026. We have room for up to 25 people and would love to have folks join us for a week of fellowship and service. For more information about the Ferncliff Experience, please go to ferncliff.org/outreach/mission. There will be an informational meeting on August 30; 9:15 a.m. in the Fireplace Room for any interested volunteers. For more information about joining the Volunteer group, please contact Liz McCane (314–960–3677), Ann Roussel (401–829–8890), or Georgina Sikorski (678–644–2782).

BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday Book Club: The next meeting of the Wednesday Book Club is July 22nd at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

For more information, please contact julia@abreu.net.

GIVE ONLINE

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