

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All In: Living Generously, Serving Boldly, Stewardship 2026

We recently celebrated Stewardship Sunday and were encouraged to be *All In: Living Generously, Serving Boldly*. We invite you to take a few moments to prayerfully consider what being "All In" looks like for you in 2026. Every pledge—no matter the size—helps us plan boldly for the ministry and mission we share.

Make your 2026 pledge today at <https://www.kirkwoodpres.org/pledge-form>.

Movie Night TODAY!

Join us on January 4th from 5:15-7:00 for a family-friendly movie, pizza and a fun sweet treat! We ask for a \$10 per family donation to cover pizza. Bring blankets and wear your PJ's. Contact Rob Monroe at rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org with any questions.

Introducing Faith in Print: Where Faith Meets Conversation

Looking for a space to explore thoughtful stories, deepen your faith, and connect with others? **Faith in Print** is a new monthly gathering for young adults (and anyone young at heart) who loves good books, meaningful conversation, and putting faith into action. Each month, we'll read a book that invites curiosity, laughter, reflection, and hope. Then we'll come together to share what moved us...and bring those themes to life through service projects that support our community.

First Meeting: Monday, January 5 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Location: Fireplace Room. **Recurrence:** First Monday of every month

Kirk Gallery

The Kirk Gallery will be displaying works by John Hendrix during the month of January. On January 25th, he will be the guest speaker at the Christian Concerns class, and his presentation is titled *Word and Image: Visual Storytelling through Illustration*.

John Hendrix is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator. His books include *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*, called a Best Book of 2018 by NPR, *Drawing Is Magic: Discovering Yourself in a Sketchbook*, *The Holy Ghost: A Spirited Comic*, *Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus*, and many others. His award-winning illustrations have also appeared on book jackets, newspapers, and magazines all over the world. His most recent book, the Eisner nominated graphic novel, *The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis* was named a Best Children's Book of 2024 by The New York Times. John is the Kenneth E. Hudson Professor of Art and founding chair of the MFA in Illustration and Visual Culture program at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis.

Church Orchestra to play in January!

Our Church Orchestra will play for the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, January 25th. There will be two rehearsals on Wednesday, January 14 and Wednesday, January 21, from 7:30-8:15 pm. ALL are welcome to join us, from Middle School through adult! If you are interested, please email Bill Stein at bstein@kirkwoodpres.org so he can add you to the list. Join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Christian Concerns

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009 or on Zoom. Contact ann.willie@hotmail.com

January 4: Betsy Solomon from the Shepherd's Center will be here to talk about the services and programs designed to help adults 55 and over maintain their independence and stay socially active and to provide volunteers with a rewarding connection to the community.

Winter Outreach Winter Clothing and Blanket Drive

Winter Outreach is a coalition of Saint Louis city churches that provides a warm place to stay for unhoused persons on nights when the temperature falls below 25 degrees. As we did last year, we are working with the Saint Louis Mennonite Fellowship to help provide donations.

What's needed:

- Gently used/new winter blankets – twin or full size, no knit/crocheted, easily washable
- New/gently-used winter clothing, jackets, etc. Men's/women's sweatpants are needed

You can place your donations in the box opposite the church lounge.

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club:** The Tuesday Book Club Tuesday Book Club will resume our weekly meetings at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan 6. Our book: *The Age-proof Brain* by Marc Milsyein, PhD. Everyone is welcome to join in. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club:** Join us on January 28, 2026 in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *All the Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer – a woman's urgent search for answers to a family mystery that uncovers truths about herself that she never expected. Contact julia@abreu.net for more information.
- **History Book Club:** All are welcome to join us at the next meeting of the History Book Club, January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in Room 29. We will be discussing *The Unexpected President: The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur* by Scott S. Greenberger. Contact: gornatir@yahoo.com for more information.

Childcare Offered During Worship

We offer childcare from 9:05 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 a.m. service (including during the 10:00 a.m. education hour) for ages birth through preschool in room 131 right next to Fellowship Hall!

Activity Bags & Children's Bulletins

Activity Bags & Children's Bulletins are available for kids in both services. For 9:05 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table outside the Fellowship Hall doors. For 11:00 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary. Bags are refreshed weekly to provide fun & engaging activities that reflect the lectionary lessons.

Space for Nursing Mothers

We want everyone to feel welcome and included at church! If you are nursing a baby and would like a private space to feed your baby while you are here, please feel free to use the women's restroom in the staff offices on the second floor. The room can be locked and has a comfortable chair, changing table, outlet, and small table for your use.

Give Online

Give online with a onetime gift, or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH directly from your checking account, via credit card, or using GooglePay. Go to <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/kirkwoodpres> and follow the prompts, text GIVE to 314-293-4922, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

