

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US ON REALM

Our new Realm membership database and giving module has launched over this past month! If you need help getting started, please contact the church office — we are happy to help! Email office@kirkwoodpres.org or call 314-965-0326.

A REALM FAQ sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.

THE ANNUAL ORGAN DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. | Eric Plutz, *guest organist*

We are thrilled to welcome American concert organist Eric Plutz as our May 4th recitalist this year. Holding degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music, Eric has served Princeton University as University Organist for 20 years. As a concert organist, Eric has accepted engagements in distinguished locations across the United States and abroad. Eric's program is titled 'Various Venerable Variations' and features music by JS Bach, Joseph Bonnet, David Hurd, Rachel Laurin, and more.



All are welcome to attend this free concert at 7:00 p.m. And, in keeping with tradition, free ice cream will be served following the performance!

MIDMONTH MUSIC SERIES: MAY 2026

Wednesday, May 13 | 12:15–12:45 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for a springtime edition of our Midmonth Music Series featuring **Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries**, in a program of organ works by Felix Mendelssohn.

Mendelssohn in May celebrates the brilliance of one of the great composers of the Romantic era. Known for his elegant melodies and masterful craftsmanship, Mendelssohn's organ music blends clarity, warmth, and expressive depth—perfectly suited for a reflective midday pause.

Take a break in the middle of your week to enjoy 30 minutes of beautiful music in a welcoming, peaceful setting. Free and open to all.

READY TO PLAY CATCH?!? JOIN US FOR OUR **Pancake Picnic**



**IT'LL BE A "FLIPPING" GOOD TIME!
SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT 11 AM
TICKETS \$11 | BUY HERE:
bit.ly/pancakepicnic26**

PANCAKE PICNIC

The Pancake Picnic is scheduled for Sun May 24 at 11am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$11 per person with a portion of the proceeds going to support Kirk Care. Sign up using this link <https://bit.ly/2026pancake> or by using the QR code.



FIRST PRES LITTLE PANTRY

We need more food donations for our Little Free Pantry.

The greatest needs are:

- canned foods with pull top lids (NOT cans that you need a can opener)
- canned tuna and chicken
- soup, chili, or ravioli
- beef jerky
- crackers
- peanut butter
- granola bars
- trail mix
- fruit cups



THE KIRK GALLERY

Today is the final day for the Evalyn Rogers and preschool clay exhibit. This week an exhibit of impressionistic works by David Niswonger will be installed. David is the brother of church member Mary Dee Denning.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU - SPRING 2026

The Deacons would like to say "Thank You" to all the generous blood donors who gave "The Gift of Life" at the Blood Drive on April 27. Many thanks also to those who came early to donate because of the challenging weather. A big thank you also to all the volunteers and staff members at the church who helped to advertise, set up and run, and clean up after us and for the delicious cookies that were donated for the blood drive. Thanks also to our partners, The Red Cross. Despite having to shorten the Blood Drive because of the weather to 3 hours instead of 5 hours, we were able to collect 19 units of blood which will help 45 individuals needing blood products.

FPC DIAPER DRIVE APRIL 26 TO MAY 10TH

Did you know:

- 1 in 2 families experience diaper need
- 1 in 4 menstruators struggle to purchase period products
- No public benefit program (SNAP, WIC, etc.) allows for the purchase of diapers or period products

How can you help:

- DONATE! Packages of diapers (even if they are opened!). Most critical need is for larger sizes and training pants, but all are gratefully accepted.
- Period products...tampons, pads, and liners.

Learn more: <https://youtu.be/27derfPcPVg>

Questions? Reach Out!

Becky Craig 12dirtyboots@gmail.com or Katherine Matthews kmatthews2@sbcglobal.net

MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR

Register for this tour on the REALM app at <https://bit.ly/mohistorytour2026>.

A 5.00 fee will be collected on May 6th. We will plan carpooling from the church one week prior to the May 6th tour. Contact: Sharon Croissant at scrois822@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER LAWN CONCERTS

I am excited to share that we will sponsor two "lawn concerts" in our courtyard this year. Melissa Fyr and her trio will return for *Jazz on the Lawn* on **Friday evening, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.** On Saturday evening, August 29th, we invite you to *Bluegrass on the Lawn*, featuring local bluegrass musicians Barnum Jack.

CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

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

- **May 10th** - Rev. Dr. Clint McCann presents *The Book of Psalms: Poetry with a Purpose*. This session is titled *Psalms and The Voice of Prayer (Lament)* - Psalms 1, 13, 22.
- **May 17th** - Rev. Dr. Clint McCann finishes his series on *The Book of Psalms: Poetry with a Purpose*. This session is titled *Make a Joyful Noise! The Voice of Praise* - Psalms 100, 117, 150.

BOOK CLUBS AND CIRCLES

- **Tuesday Book Club:** The Tuesday Book Club will conclude our year in May by discussing *1984* (NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR), by George Orwell. Our meetings will be held throughout the month at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday morning in the Fireplace Room. We will take a break over the summer and resume in September. All are welcome to join us. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club:** The next meeting of the Wednesday Book Club is May 27th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Names* by Florence Knapp. A woman's choice of name for her newborn son creates three alternative timelines exploring domestic abuse, family bonds, and paths to healing. For more information, please contact julia@abreu.net.
- **History Book Club:** All are welcome to participate in the History Book Club meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 29. This month we are discussing *Medici Money* by Tim Parks. This book tells the fascinating story of the famous family who dominated Florence at the height of the Renaissance. Contact: gornatir@yahoo.com

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 next to Fellowship Hall!

ACTIVITY BAGS AND 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://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/-/form/give/now> and foll the prompts, text "GIVEFPCK" to 73256, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

