

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PUTTING PEN TO PAPER FOR HUNGER IN THE USA

Do you sometimes intend to contact your legislators about an issue, but find it hard to follow through? You're not alone. Come raise your voice on behalf of the hungry by joining in an "Offering of Letters" organized by Bread for the World. The U.S. Farm Bill will be re-approved in Fall of 2023. We will be writing to our officials in Congress to prevent cuts to the nutrition budget, which typically accounts for 3/4 of Farm Bill monies.

**TODAY** you are invited to join Bill and Julie Allen Berger **anytime from 8 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in the church parlor** to write 2 - 3 brief letters. We'll provide everything you need, along with background info and suggested text which you can personalize. We will deliver or mail your letters for you.

Thanks to the Session and its Missional and Community Elders for co-sponsoring this Lenten opportunity. Rumor has it that letter-writers will find **snacks** on hand to boost our output! Hope to see you today!

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday Service** - April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m. - Tree of Life Chapel

**Good Friday Choral Performance** - April 7, 2023

**"The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois**

12:00 p.m. (noon) - Sanctuary

**Good Friday Evening Taize Service** - April 7, 2023

6:30 p.m. - Tree of Life Chapel

**Easter Sunday Services** - April 9, 2023

8:15 a.m. - Tree of Life Chapel

9:05 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. - Sanctuary

## BUILDING TOGETHER FOREVER

Our Lord welcomed everyone, so this year's **Building Together Forever Campaign** is focusing on the ways that First Presbyterian supports worship experiences for the young, elderly, families, and youth, with doors wide-open to the community. The 2023 Campaign supports projects that will meet the varied needs of the congregation and community.

Take a brochure or check your e-mail inbox for specific project details and how you can help.



## **EASTER FLOWERS SPONSORSHIP**

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR EASTER FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS! This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our worship spaces for Easter. Donation amount is \$25 each.

Sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex.

You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church with payment made to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, earmarked "Easter Flowers." Online sponsorships may be made on our website under the "Give" heading. [www.kirkwoodpres.org](http://www.kirkwoodpres.org). Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **AIM BAND CONCERT**

AIM Community Band will present its 44th Annual Concert in the church Sanctuary **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. The band will play patriotic music and marches and promises to add a dash of opera and pop music to the mix. There is no admission fee, but donations are gratefully accepted to defray expenses and support the Kirkwood Schools instrumental music programs. AIM Band continues a tradition begun in 1977 by founder, participant and First Presbyterian member, Judy Roberts.

## **TREE OF LIFE LENTEN CONCERT SERIES**



### ***"The Seven Last Words of Christ"* by Théodore Dubois**

Our annual Good Friday choral performance is named in loving memory of Tom and Irmajean Tooke, longtime supporters of the Con Spirito Concert Series. Music was an essential part of their life, and the annual Good Friday choral presentation was especially dear to Irmajean's heart. We will always be grateful for their selfless generosity of the series, their presence at our concerts, and inspiration over many years.

## **CHRISTIAN CONCERNS CLASS ART HISTORY SERIES**

Betsy Solomon from the Shepherd's Center will be in the Fireplace Room at 9 a.m. for the final class in her Art History Series. Her topic for Sunday, April 2 will be American Artist, Henry Tanner. The class will also be shown on Zoom. For more info, Ann at [ann.willie@hotmail.com](mailto:ann.willie@hotmail.com).

## **JENNY LIND VOCAL ENSEMBLE**

The Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble from Augustana University will present a concert in our sanctuary while on tour: Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Save the date to give blood on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter FirstPresKirkwood to schedule an appointment!

## **SPRING CLEANUP**

Mark your calendars for our Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 8 a.m. Bring rakes, trowels and hedge trimmers. In addition to planting flowers, we will trim back the decorative grasses and clean the winter debris out of the hedges. Bring your family and friends along.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 29, at 8 a.m.

## **AFGHAN DINNER**



**On May 6th at 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood** invites you to a **Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club**. These meals present an opportunity for immigrant families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. These fundraising efforts can set them up for greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

**Carryout** is available: You can pick up your meals **from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**To see a full menu for the evening and to get your ticket, visit:**  
<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/dinner-at-first-presbyterian-church/>

**To purchase a ticket for carryout, visit:**  
<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/drive-thru-afghan-dinner-at-first-presbyterian-church/>

## **SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH PICNIC**

Our annual Church Picnic will be held on June 4, 2023, after church. More news to follow. We hope to see you there!

## BOOK CLUBS

**Tuesday Book Club:** We are now reading *Why We're Polarized* by Ezra Klein. If discussing this sounds like a great way to spend Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m., come and join us in the Fireplace Room. For more info, contact Karen at [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Book Club:** The next meeting for the Wednesday book club will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. Please contact [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net) for more information.

**History Book Group:** meets at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at church. We're reading Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Leadership in Turbulent Times*. Our next meeting is **10:30 a.m., April 27, at church**. For more info, contact Carlin Scanlan ([ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net)) or Don Lewis ([donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com)).

## FIRST PRES CAFE IS COMING BACK!

We need bakers and contributors of snacks to get it opened. This food will be available by the coffee outside the chapel in the gathering space between services. The signup sheet is on the table with the casserole pans outside the Lounge. For questions, contact Missy at [wulffmk@yahoo.com](mailto:wulffmk@yahoo.com).

## SAVE THE DATE: ADULT MISSION TRIP

Mission Committee members are arranging a second mission trip to Dawson Springs, Kentucky from May 14-20, 2023, to help rebuild homes after a catastrophic tornado in 2021. If you're interested, just pencil in that week and let one of the trip leaders know so that we can count noses.

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## HAVE YOU TRIED GIVING ONLINE?

Give online with a onetime gift or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH direct 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 to our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to [accounting@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).



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