

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Concerns Class Continues

Join us for our Christian Concerns class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room and on Zoom. JEAN PONZI from the Missouri Botanical Garden will discuss Biophilic Design. Explore nature's benefits in surprising places! Questions or need the Zoom link? Contact Ann Miller at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

TODAY! Special Congregational Meeting Announcement

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation **following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 19, 2023** for the election of new church officers. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and available by Zoom.

By Order of the Session,
Lisa K. Ward, *Clerk of Session*

FAMILY GAMES AND CRAFTS DAY First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood

November 19, 3-4 pm

Join us for 9 Square in the Air, Gaga Ball and more giant games in a format that all will enjoy. We will have kids-only and adult-only rounds, but will be mostly mixed!

No RSVP needed, but welcomed
- come and join in the fun!



9 Square in the Air -
think 4 Square meets Volleyball



New this year - a table (or two!)
of easy-to-make crafts



Lots of board and card games
to come and play.

This event and others are hosted at First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood - 100 East Adams.

Contact Rob Monroe to be added to the email list! rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org

TODAY! Metropolitan Orchestra Concert

The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis presents Roger Kaza's Inaugural Concert as Principal Conductor. **Join us TODAY at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are available at the door and at www.moslmusic.org. The program includes Dvorak's New World Symphony, and Haydn's Violin Concert No. 1.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
26 Box of Cereal	27 Peanut Butter	28 Stuffing Mix	29 Box of Potatoes	30 Macaroni & Cheese	1 Canned Fruit	2 Canned Tomatoes
3 Canned Tuna	4 Dessert Mix	5 Jar of Applesauce	6 Canned Sweet Potatoes	7 Cranberry Sauce	8 Canned Beans	9 Box of Crackers
10 Package of Rice	11 Package of Oatmeal	12 Package of Pasta	13 Spaghetti Sauce	14 Can of Soup	15 Can of Corn	16 Can of Mixed Vegetables
17 Can of Carrots	18 Can of Green Beans	19 Canned Pasta	20 Bag of Egg Noodles	21 Box of Meat Helper	22 Box of Pancake Mix	23 Package of Rice

[A Taste of Advent](#)

“A Taste of Advent” is a family mission opportunity to collect items for each day of Advent and bringing them to church each Sunday. Place your items on the marked carts in Fellowship Hall and near the Welcome Center. The food collected will be split between KirkCare and our Little Free Pantry.

[Advent Bible Study](#)

The Advent Bible Study commences on Sunday, November 26th, at 10 AM in Room 8 and will run until December 17th. During this study, we will explore the Christmas story as presented in each of the four Gospels.

[Upcoming Activity for Dismantling Structural Racism](#)

Join us on Nov. 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room or on Zoom. We will be discussing chapters 2 & 3 of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. **The ZOOM link is:** <https://bit.ly/firstpresdsr> (Meeting ID: 810 6351 2200; Password: 63122) Questions? Contact Jeanne Earley at 314-707-3429 or jearley@swbell.net. We will not be meeting in December.

[Save the Date for the Alternative Gift Market](#)

The annual Alternative Gift Market in the Gathering Space will be open:

- Sunday, December 3 from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3 from 2:30-3:00 p.m.
and 5:00-5:30 p.m., before and after the Allegro Choir Concert
- Sunday, December 10 from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The market provides one-stop, hassle-free shopping for a variety of unique gifts that benefit local and international charities and fair trade. Questions? Contact Ashley Force at 760-898-1808 or Sarah Nepple at 314-448-2911.


Calling All Bakers!

Consider providing baked goods for the Alternative Gift Market! Drop off your items at 8:45 a.m. on the date you sign up for or contact Sarah Nepple at 314-448-2911. All money raised will be donated to Presbyterian Children's Services. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/marketbakers>.

Order Christmas Poinsettias



Order poinsettias by **Fri., Dec. 15, 2023!** This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our space for Christmas. Cost is \$25 each. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Place them in the offering plate or send to the church with payment made to "First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood," earmarked "Poinsettia." Order online at www.kirkwoodpres.org under the "Give" heading. Contact Bill Larson at blarson@kirkwoodpres.org.



**Cookie Walk
Fundraiser for
Work Camp 2024
December 16, 11 am - 1 pm**

Join us at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood for our first (annual?) Cookie Walk!
Come choose from dozens of varieties of homemade cookies and pay by the pound!
All funds raised go to help get our high school students to Buffalo, NY, for Work Camp next summer!

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood - 100 East Adams Avenue - Questions? Contact Rob Monroe - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org

Christmas Concert & Dinner



Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17! The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a delicious catered dinner. Make your reservation for the dinner by December 10th by scanning the QR code or using the payment link on the FPC homepage www.kirkwoodpres.org.

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service Schedule

- 10:00 a.m.** - Worship for the 4th Sunday of Advent in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m.** - A Brief Service of Scriptures and Carols in the Chapel
- 4:00 p.m.** - Christmas Pageant by the Children's Choirs in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 p.m.** - Christmas Music by the Rosewood String Ensemble
- 10:00 p.m.** - Festival Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary

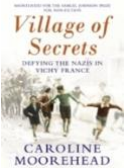
Pill Bottle Collection Continues

Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies. Please check the newsletter for more details and drop off bottles in the container in the welcome area.

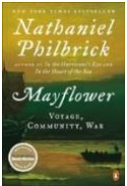
Livestreaming Improvements in the Sanctuary

The video livestream of our 11:00 a.m. service currently depends on a single camera that is nearing its end-of-life, so it's time for an upgrade! Thanks to the congregation's generous support of the Growing Forward Together capital campaign, we had funds available to support this goal. We will be installing three new cameras the week of November 27th. Our aim is to provide the best experience possible for anyone who desires to participate in worship via the Internet. Check our newsletter for more info!

Book Clubs



Tuesday Book Club will be discussing *Village of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France*, by Caroline Moorehead for the month of November. The group meets weekly on Tues. mornings from 10-11 AM in the Fireplace Room. Contact kochkarenp@gmail.com.



History Book Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on November 30th. We will discuss the final two sections of the book. Please contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net for more information.



Our next **Wednesday Book Club** Zoom meeting will be the fifth Wednesday, November 29th at 1:30 p.m. and we will be discussing *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Contact julia@abreu.net for more info.

How to Give 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 our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.



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