



Our Summer Schedule Begins May 28th!

We will be celebrating Pentecost with one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to wear red! This service will feature special music by the Chancel Choir, brass, and timpani.



Our Summer Schedule Continues on June 4th!

We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. immediately followed by the Church Picnic!

Join us on Sunday, June 4th at the Sugar Creek Pavilion in the heart of Kirkwood Park, near the tennis courts. We will start at 11:30 a.m. We are excited to get back to the heart of the picnic – it's potluck! Church will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks for the event. RSVP by scanning the QR code with the camera on your phone, or go to this link: <https://bit.ly/3nE9Vjz>



On June 11th our Summer Arise Unplugged Service Begins!

8:30 a.m. Arise Unplugged begins in the Tree of Life Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Our Summer Schedule includes having worship on the second Thursday each month!

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, July 6, and August 10 –
more details coming soon!

HAPPENING TODAY

Benjamin Britten Class

Our own music expert, George Durnell, will be in the Fireplace Room at 9:00 a.m. to conclude his three-week series about selected works by Benjamin Britten. George's class will be held in person only! We are not able to broadcast adequate musical quality through Zoom, so the music and listening will be much better heard in person. George does a wonderful job of discussing the composer and presenting his music and we look forward to his classes. For more info, contact Ann Miller at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

Black Tulip Chorale 5th Anniversary Concert

SHINING THROUGH: BTC's fifth anniversary concert is today at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Our repertoire will reflect on major milestones in LGBTQ+ history along with the premiere of a new work by Kansas City composer Ryan Main. The performance concludes with Ralph Vaughan Williams' majestic "Serenade to Music" accompanied by members of the St. Louis Civic Orchestra. A celebratory reception will immediately follow the performance. Tickets are only \$15 at btcshiningthrough.eventbrite.com.

Summer Music at Kirkwood Pres

The end of April saw our Bell Choirs and Children's Choirs wrap up their season, and the end of May does the same for our weekly Chancel Choir and Praise Team seasons. It is essential for these groups to take time off during the summer months to rest, refresh, and worship as a congregant without extra music duties on their shoulders.

We give thanks this year, most especially, for Ron Kemm, our Arise drummer, who has decided to retire after many years of sharing his talents and expertise with us. We wish Ron well and be sure to thank him today!

That said, there are opportunities during the summer to take part in our music ministry in a more relaxed fashion. Arise Unplugged starts on June 11 at 8:30 a.m., and although we have volunteer musicians scheduled during the summer months, let us know if you are interested in taking part.

Summer Choir will sing three Sundays this summer: June 25, August 13, and August 20. Summer Choir rehearses in the Choir Room at 9:00 a.m. and sings at the 10:00 a.m. service. We don't robe and the music is easily learned. This is a wonderful way to "test drive" Choir if you are interested in joining this Fall! Contact me if you are interested in singing.

Happy Summer – see you in worship on Sunday mornings!

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries* - bstein@kirkwoodpres.org

Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Club: We will be discussing our final book of the year through the remaining Tuesday mornings in May. This last book is *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw. We meet at 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room and welcome all to our group. Just show up! The group will resume in September of 2024. For info: kochkarenp@gmail.com.

Wednesday Book Club: The Wednesday book club will be meeting on **May 24** at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Last Telegram* by Liz Trenow. During WWII, a young girl who works at her family's mill weaving silk for parachutes, makes a disastrous decision that haunts her throughout the years. Please email julia@abreu.net for more information.

History Book Club: We meet at 10:30 on the fourth Thursday of each month at church. Our next meeting is **May 25**, when we'll discuss Hugh Howard's *Mr. and Mrs. Madison's War* about the War of 1812, America's often overlooked "second war of independence." For more info, contact Carlin Scanlan (ccscanlan@swbell.net) or Don Lewis (donlewis610@gmail.com).

Youth Fundraiser: Work Camp Shares

Our Work Camp trip this summer leaves on July 8th, which is quickly approaching! We have one last opportunity to support the trip through the purchase of Work Camp Shares. Shares are available for \$15 and in return for your donation you receive a hand-written letter from a Work Camp Student, a photo of the group and an invitation to our Shareholders Dessert after we return to hear all of the inside scoop about the trip. This is our last fundraiser for the trip this summer and we are excited to offer this opportunity for real buy-in on Work Camp! Look for students selling shares in person in the next few weeks, but you can get yours today by using the QR code or be in touch with Rob Monroe - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org.



Service Opportunity: Pew Partners

From the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee

We are looking for "pew partners" to volunteer once a month. These folks would go through the hymn and bible racks in the pews, cleaning out old papers and bulletins, replacing pens and pencils, and help make our worship space look spiffy! If you are interested in helping, please contact Bill Stein at bstein@kirkwoodpres.org.

Snacks Needed for First Pres Café!

First Pres Café is back and we need bakers and contributors of snacks to help keep it up and running! 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. To sign up online, visit: <https://bit.ly/3mP8YVd> or scan the QR code. For questions, contact Missy at wulffmk@yahoo.com.



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