

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A promotional graphic for a 'Pancake Picnic'. The title 'Pancake Picnic' is written in large, bold, red letters. To the left is a stack of pancakes with syrup dripping down. To the right is a black frying pan with a single pancake being flipped, indicated by motion lines. Below the title is the 'Chris Cakes ST. LOUIS' logo, which includes a cartoon character. A QR code is positioned to the left of the event details. The text reads: 'IT'LL BE A "FLIPPING" GOOD TIME! TICKETS \$10 | BUY HERE: bit.ly/pancakepicnic SUNDAY, JUNE 2 | 11 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL'.

Pancake Picnic

This year's annual church picnic is taking on a new flavor. Instead of gathering in Kirkwood Park for a BBQ, we are hosting a Pancake Picnic furnished by Chris Cakes St. Louis in Fellowship Hall on June 2 at 11 a.m.. You will not only receive unlimited Flying Chris Cakes Pancakes, tasty sausage, and Tang Orange Drink (yes, the drink of astronauts) but will be entertained by this "flipping" great experience and games that will be available for ALL! A portion of the \$10 ticket price will be donated to Kirkcare to help fight hunger in our community. Use the QR code or follow this link <http://bit.ly/pancakepicnic> to make your reservation. We promise you a full belly and fun time.

West side planting area revitalization

After a hugely successful Spring Cleanup in April, Buildings and Grounds Committee is ready to continue beautifying our church grounds by revitalizing the west planting area. We will be reducing the number of decorative grasses to allow for other native plants and flowers to thrive. If you would be interested in helping with this project (digging up plants, weeding, hauling yard waste) we are gathering **Sat. May 18 8am-12pm**. You may also help by giving the decorative grasses a new home. Stop by early to pick some up or we can hold some for you as well. If you are interested



in being part of this project, contact Bill Larson blarson@kirkwoodpres.org.

Black Tulip Chorale Concert

Black Tulip Chorale presents "THERE WILL BE LIGHT: A musical dialogue about mental wellness" at 3 pm, Sunday, May 19, at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood (100 E. Adams, 63122). Their spring performance features music and stories to help start conversations about mental health

and what we can do to help remove stigma and encourage healing.

Music ranges from Stephen Sondheim, Joni Mitchell, and Shawn Mendes to Robert Schumann, Benjamin Britten, and Stephen Foster. Highlights include "Light" from "Next to Normal" and "For a Breath of Ecstasy" based on the poetry of St. Louis' own Sara Teasdale.



Pentecost Offering

The Presbyterian Church USA annually sponsors four special offerings that support a variety of services and ministries in the US and the world. The Pentecost Offering (April 1-May 19) unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Collection envelopes are available in the Narthex and welcome desk. Online gifts may be made through the First Pres website under the Give tab. For information on this Special Offering, please visit pcusa.org.

The Con Spirito Concert Series

Thank you to everyone who attended our main series concerts this year, and for helping us finish the year on a strong note with the Johann Vexo organ recital and Nebraska Wesleyan University choir concert. We are grateful for your presence and support as we present quality musicians and programs to our community. Mark your calendars now for our Notes@9 series this summer! All are welcome to attend these 30 minute concerts at 9:00 in our sanctuary, enjoy fellowship at 9:30, and worship at 10:00.

July 7 The Clarion Brass
July 14 Young Organists' Concert
July 21 Jon Reycraft, trombone
July 28 Piano Ensemble (2 pianos and 4 pianists)



Summer Schedule

One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. starting on Sunday, May 19th.

Support Marion Medical Mission Water Wells in Africa

The St. Louis Cardinals host their long-time rivals, the Chicago Cubs, on Friday, July 12 at 7:15 pm. Tickets are in the second level, Section 265. Tickets are \$50.00 (face value is \$80.00). A portion of the cost of each ticket will go toward Marion Medical Mission water wells in Africa! We are reserving a block of tickets for this event! To reserve your ticket, please complete the form <https://bit.ly/baseballkirkwood> by June 14th. Tickets will be distributed in June after the 10am Sunday service. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Jeanne Earley at jeanley@swbell.net.

Shepherd's Center Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity in the Kirkwood area?

Shepherd's Center STL, located at 1320 W. Lockwood Ave., offers a continuum of enriching services to local residents, including:

- support services such as transportation to help older adults
- lifelong-learning designed for personal growth and enrichment
- health and wellness opportunities
- volunteering opportunities

Their work not only alleviates loneliness but provides exciting opportunities for older adults to take on new challenges, learn new skills, make new friends, and serve others. If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more about Shepherd's Center, call 314-395-0988, or go to: <https://www.shepherdcenters.org/locations/shepherds-center-of-webster-kirkwood-2/>



Sarah Circle

We are meeting Monday, May 13 at 2:00 pm. We are reading *Lincoln's God*. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in each other's homes. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at jgpaniello@charter.net or Ellen Wood at wood.ellen.g@gmail.com

Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Club is currently reading *DEMOCRACY AWAKENING*, by Heather Cox Richardson. On May 28 we will begin our final book of the year before breaking for the summer. It will be *THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*, by Tim Alberta. We meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00-11:00 in the Fireplace room. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact facilitator: kochkarenp@gmail.com.

History Book Group will meet at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 23 at church to talk about *The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. For more information, contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net. Questions? Contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net.

Wednesday Book Club will meet on May 22 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. This book is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Please contact julia@abreu.net for more information. Questions? Contact: julia@abreu.net.

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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