

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring a Friend to Church! Sunday November 17th



Invite a Friend to Church Sunday

Inviting a friend to church is one of the most meaningful ways to share the love, community, and purpose that we experience here each week. On Sunday, November 17th, we are hosting *Invite a Friend to Church Sunday*, a special opportunity to welcome new faces into our open and inclusive community. We have postcards available in the bulletin!

Cookie Walk Fundraiser for Work Camp 2025 December 7, 10 am - 12 pm

SAVE THE
DATE!

Right now we are looking for bakers, candy makers or other Christmas treat makers! Help our students fundraise by bringing in 4-5 dozen of your favorite single-serve treat for us to sell at our annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Items will need to be dropped off in advance for preparation for selling by the pound. QR Code Below can be used to sign up to bring treats.

Contact Rob Monroe with questions - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org



New Member Classes

If you would like to know more information about the Presbyterian Church(USA), this congregation and ways to get involved, there will be an informational class held on Sundays, November 17th and November 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then, on Sunday, December 1st, you will formally join the church during the worship service. Please contact Pastor Linda with any questions. The office phone number is 314-965-0326.



The Con Spirito Concert Series presents Melodies of Reflection

St Louis Chamber Soloists
string music by
Albinoni, Mozart, Grieg, and Price
Sunday, November 17, 2024
3:00 pm
free admission

Christian Concerns Class

9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009

Christian Concerns is also shown on Zoom for those at home.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/ChristianConcerns> **Meeting ID:** 838 3632 0060

Passcode: 63122

November 17th: "Climate Justice, the Church and Ideas for Action"
Presented by Gloria D. Lozada-De Jesús from Red
Presbiteriana para el Cuidado de la Creación

November 24: Rev. Liz Kanerva, a Presbytery leader and minister, will join us for a discussion on "Faith Formation".

Spiritual Formation Class

We are looking forward to resuming our regular 2nd Sunday 9:00am schedule for the Spiritual Formation series on November 10th. We will be focusing on a compilation of quotes from Thomas Merton, who lived as a Trappist monk at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky. Here is the link for our gathering.

<https://meet.google.com/bjk-egqx-mje>.

PDA Clean-Up Buckets

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been mobilized to help in the areas affected by back-to-back hurricanes in the southeastern US and elsewhere. Following the hurricanes, Church World Service has provided 4,372 emergency cleanup buckets to communities in need. These items are critical for recovery, offering comfort and helping families rebuild their lives. First Pres will be collecting items for PDA clean up buckets from November 3-24. Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Look for a collection site near the Welcome Center on Sundays, November 3-24. When the building is closed, buckets and items can be left in or near a labeled tote under the awning at the Jefferson St. entrance. Use the QR code to learn which items are most needed. If you would rather contribute money for this collection the approximate cost of the bucket, items and shipping is \$78. Checks can be left in the church office or the offering plate with "Clean-up Buckets" in the memo line.



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday November 24, 2024 to review the Terms of Call for Rev. Gary Noonan, Pastor.

By Order of the Session

Lisa K. Ward

Clerk of Session

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacons would like to thank the individuals who gave the "Gift of Life" by donating blood on November 4th on a very rainy day. Because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal from the Red Cross, collecting 27 units of blood. These donations will help 63 individuals in need of blood products who will be particularly grateful. A big thank you also to all the volunteers who helped to make the Blood Drive a success.
It could not have been done without you.

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club** The November Tuesday Book Club selection is THE DEMON OF UNREST: a Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism, by Erik Larson. We meet every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room for discussions, and welcome everyone. Contact kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club** Due to Thanksgiving, the Wednesday Book Club will meet December 4 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing North Woods by Daniel Mason which is about a house in New England told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries. For more information, contact julia@abreu.net.
- **History Book Group** will discuss Devil in the White City by Eric Larson at our meeting Thursday, November 21, 10:30, at church. For information, contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net.

Order Christmas Poinsettias!



Poinsettias may be ordered now through Sunday Dec. 15. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our worship spaces for Christmas. Cost is \$25 each. Order by clicking the QR code or by completing an order form available at the Welcome Desk. You may order online at www.kirkwoodpres.org under the "Give" heading. Questions? Contact Bill Larson at blarson@kirkwoodpres.org.

Christmas Concert & Dinner

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 15! 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 8th by scanning the QR code or using the payment link on the FPC homepage www.kirkwoodpres.org. Questions? Contact Bill Larson at blarson@kirkwoodpres.org



How to Give Online

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