

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORK CAMP CHILI COOK-OFF!

November 3, 5:45-6:45 pm

Join us for a our Chili Cook-Off fundraiser to benefit our Work Camp trip next summer!

Entry is \$7 per person, but bring extra money to vote for your favorite chili! ALL funds raised will go to our Work Camp trip.



If you would like to contribute a homemade chili to the event please sign up below. Plan to bring a crock pot with your chili and any additions you want to include - we will provide power cords and serving utensils!

<https://tinyurl.com/yc55f6j8>

For more information contact Rob Monroe - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org

There is no sign-up or tickets to attend, please plan to come pay at the door!



Community Blood Drive Fall 2024

The Deacons at First Presbyterian Church Kirkwood are sponsoring a Community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 4th from 1-6:00 p.m. It will be in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Appointments can be made online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and entering **FirstPresKirkwood** or calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are accepted, but those with appointments will be taken first. There continues to be a critical need for blood!

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. Beginning next week, we will have postcards available to use as invitations!

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.

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

EXPERIENCE

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.



Rise Against Hunger

Our Rise Against Hunger event is right around the corner. Save the date for November 10th. We will be packing meals in the gathering space. We will begin at 10 a.m. This is a fun family event for all ages.

Advent Booklet Authors Needed

Advent is quickly approaching. We will be putting together an Advent devotion booklet again this year. There will be a scripture reading and a reflection for each day. Would you be interested in writing a reflection? Please contact Linda at Lindam@kirkwoodpres.org.

Thank You for Donating Food!

Due to the generosity of its members, First Presbyterian was able to collect approximately one and one-half shopping carts of items for Kirk Care. Thanks to all who contributed. Kirk Care is also in need of monetary support. Donations can be made per the following link if desired:
<https://kirkcare.org/monetary-donations>

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 3 and 10: Dr Frankie Greenwood is a University of Edinburgh psychology professor who will be zooming in from Scotland. She will be presenting on the topic "Dementia and spirituality."

2025 Stewardship Campaign Pledge Update

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 23, 2024

ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

2025
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

58%

OF 2024 PLEDGERS

HAVE RESPONDED

70%

HAVE INCREASED
THEIR PLEDGE
SINCE LAST YEAR

ON AVERAGE,
PLEDGES HAVE
INCREASED BY

19%

23%

ARE RENEWING
THEIR PLEDGE
FROM 2024



RESPONSES
ARE AHEAD IN
TIMING
COMPARED TO
LAST YEAR



26%
OF MEMBERS
HAVE MADE
A 2025 PLEDGE

AMOUNT PLEDGED AS OF 10/23/24:

\$539,000

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

Women's Circles

If you would like to be a member of a women's circle, please contact the coordinator of the one you would like to join.

- **Esther Circle** meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space. Julia Abreu is the coordinator. Contact Julia at julia@abreu.net.
- **Karen Circle** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in room 028. Lucy Tidwell is the coordinator. Contact Lucy at lucytidwellco@gmail.com
- **Mary Circle** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge. Kristy Mitchel is the coordinator. Contact Kristy at kjam727@yahoo.com
- **Sarah Circle's** next meeting will be on Monday, November 11th at 2:15 p.m. in the church lounge. They are reading "The Language of God" by Francis S. Collins. 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** 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.

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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