

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are You Considering Becoming a Member?

Thinking about getting more connected? We'd love to have you!

If you're interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregation, and ways to get involved, we invite you to join our upcoming informational classes. We'll meet on Sunday June 1, around 10:00 a.m. — right after the 9:05 a.m. Arise! worship service — in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then, on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, you'll have the opportunity to officially join the church during worship!

For questions or more information, contact Pastor Linda at 314-965-0326.

Pancake Picnic

We are excited to invite everyone to our second annual Pancake Picnic furnished by Chris Cakes St. Louis in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 8 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! Will Robbie Noonan break his record for longest pancake catch? – Come and find out! A portion of the \$10 ticket price will be donated to Kirk Care 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!



NEW Midmonth Music Series

May through August 2025

If you want to hear more music on our wonderful pipe organ, make plans to attend our new summer music series, *Midmonth Music*. Director of Music Ministries, Bill Stein, and Music Associate, Kevin Chunko, will play 30-minute recitals midmonth on the following **Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m.:**

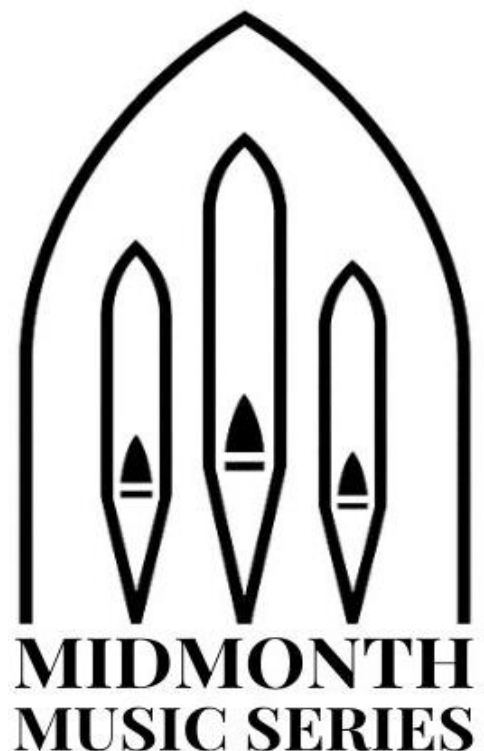
June 11: *Roars & Repose: A German Romantic Midday*

July 16: *Vive la France*

August 13: *North American Organ Scenes*

Watch upcoming bulletins, newsletters, and our Facebook page for more information!

ALL MIDMONTH CONCERTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.





Upcoming Save the Dates

We're excited about what's coming up this Summer!

Pentecost on Sunday, June 8

Join us for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.,
followed by our annual Pancake Picnic!

June Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. – *Arise!* Contemporary Worship in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

July Worship Schedule

Arise! Contemporary Worship is on summer break
9:00 a.m. – Notes@9 Concert Series
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

August Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. – *Arise!* Contemporary Worship in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

May Diaper Drive

FPC Diaper Drive May 11-25 To Benefit The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank

DID YOU KNOW...

- **1 in 2** US families experience diaper need
- **1 in 4** menstruators struggle to purchase period products
- **No public benefit program (SNAP, WIC, etc.)** allows for the purchase of diapers or period products
- **In Missouri**, these products are charged a **luxury tax** of 4.225%

How you can help–DONATE!

- **Packages of diapers** (even if they are opened!). Most critical need is for larger sizes and training pants, but all are gratefully accepted.
- **Period products**...tampons, pads, and liners.

Questions? REACH OUT to Becky Craig at 12dirtyboots@gmail.com or
Katherine Matthews at kmatthews2@sbcglobal.net.



Adult Work Week

Our Adult Work Week will be June 24-28. We will be headed to the Hopkins County, KY area, about a 3.5 hour drive from St Louis. We will spend our time assisting the community to clean up from recent flooding, and/or assisting in complete demolition of homes destroyed in the floods. Thanks to all of you who have agreed to volunteer your time and support.

If you have already signed up, are interested in learning more, want to support us, or want to sign up, reach out for more information. And feel free to share this with our First Pres friends who may be interested. Thank you, everyone. Our friends at the Hopkins County Disaster Group greatly appreciate our help. Questions? Contact Georgina Sikorski at gwsikorski@gmail.com.

Now Showing in the Kirk Gallery: Kerrigan Aromando



We are excited to share the newest exhibit in *The Kirk Gallery*, located on the lower level of the church near the elevator.

This May, we feature the work of **Kerrigan Aromando**, a St. Louis-based artist trained at STLCC Meramec. A lifelong creator and former homeschool student, Kerrigan has explored many mediums but recently found her passion in colored pencil—especially through heartfelt pet portraits. Now working from her home studio part-time, Kerrigan dreams of growing her art practice while raising a young family. Her vibrant, detailed work invites viewers into a world of warmth, love, and quiet beauty.

Stop by the gallery anytime the church is open to enjoy this inspiring exhibit.

You can follow Kerrigan's journey at kerriganfineart.com or on Instagram and Facebook (@KerriganFineArt).

A Fond Embrace



Sunday, May 18 at 3PM

Tickets are \$15

Music by women
composers from
around the world
including Hawaii's
Queen Lili'uokalani



Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Club: Join us in May at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room where we will be discussing *VISION: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice*, by David S. Tatel. We will begin our summer break after May 20. On that day following our discussion we will end our season with a light luncheon for conversation and a bonus—free chair massages. During the summer we will vote on a new list of books for the 2025-26 year. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Karen at kochkarenp@gmail.com for more info.

Wednesday Book Club: The next meeting of the Wednesday book club is May 28 at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. It is a story of female friendships and secrets in a DC boardinghouse during the McCarthy era. Questions? Contact Julia at julia@abreu.net.

History Book Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, at church to talk about *Nothing Like It in the World* by Stephen Ambrose, the story of the people who built the transcontinental railroad. For more information, contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com.

How to Give Online

Give online with a onetime gift, or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH directly 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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