

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Welcome To The Noonans

While our new Senior Pastor joined us on February 1<sup>st</sup>, his family just traveled across the pond from Scotland. Pictured from left to right are: Ruth, Gregor, Rev'd Gary Noonan, and Robbie. Please join us in helping them feel welcome!

## Save The Date

The Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy and First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood invites you to the Service of Installation for The Reverend Gary Noonan as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. The service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. A reception will immediately follow. We hope to see you there!

## Nametags: Help Us Get To Know You!

To help us know one another better, we ask everyone to please wear a nametag. They can be found in the sitting area just inside the Adams Ave. entrance. New name tags have been prepared for all church members. We also have peel and stick name tags available!

## Work Camp Auction: Tickets On Sale Now!

### Senior High Work Camp Auction and Dinner is April 14th!

**Work Camp is a two-week mission trip that our high school youth have taken each summer since 1969!** This summer they will be heading to Buffalo, New York, in the middle of July. There are several small fundraisers during the year but the Work Camp Auction is the big one!

The Auction features a home made dinner served by (and cleaned up by) by our students. Each class will also live-auction a themed basket that they are already working on that will add to the entertainment of the evening for sure! There will also be silent auction items (out on Sunday morning for those that can not be there) as well as a live dessert auction!

Tickets will be on sale starting 3/24 near the Welcome Desk. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children.



If you are a creator - knitter, painter, woodworker, etc - we would love to showcase what you love to do! If you donate we will have a special section for "Church Made Items." We are also on the hunt for homemade desserts to live auction - please reach out to Rob!

Contact Rob Monroe with questions - [rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org) or 314-965-0326

# Spring Concerts at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

Learn more about our Con Spirito Concert Series at <http://conspirito.kirkwoodpres.org/>

- April 14** 3:00 p.m. The Jupiter String Quartet
- April 21** 3:00 p.m. *Heroic Handel*: the combined choirs of First Presbyterian, Second Presbyterian, and Ladue Chapel churches
- May 4** 7:00 p.m. The Organ Dedication Anniversary Recital: 10-year gala celebration with Johann Vexo, French concert organist and champagne reception
- May 6** 7:00 p.m. The Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir on tour: *Lead Me to the Light!*

## Are You Considering Becoming A Member?

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 Sunday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then on April 21st you would formally join the church during the 9:05 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please contact Pastor Linda with any questions. The office phone number is 314-965-0326.

## Kirk Care Food Drive

We have been providing food donations to Kirk Care, Kirkwood's food pantry and utility assistance organization, for many years. The Deacons would like to continue our support by sponsoring a food drive during April. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the ushers will hand out Kirk Care food bags to members as they leave church. Please fill the bags with non-perishable food items and place them near the cabinet on the first floor next to the restrooms. Thank you!

## Adult Volunteer Work Trip

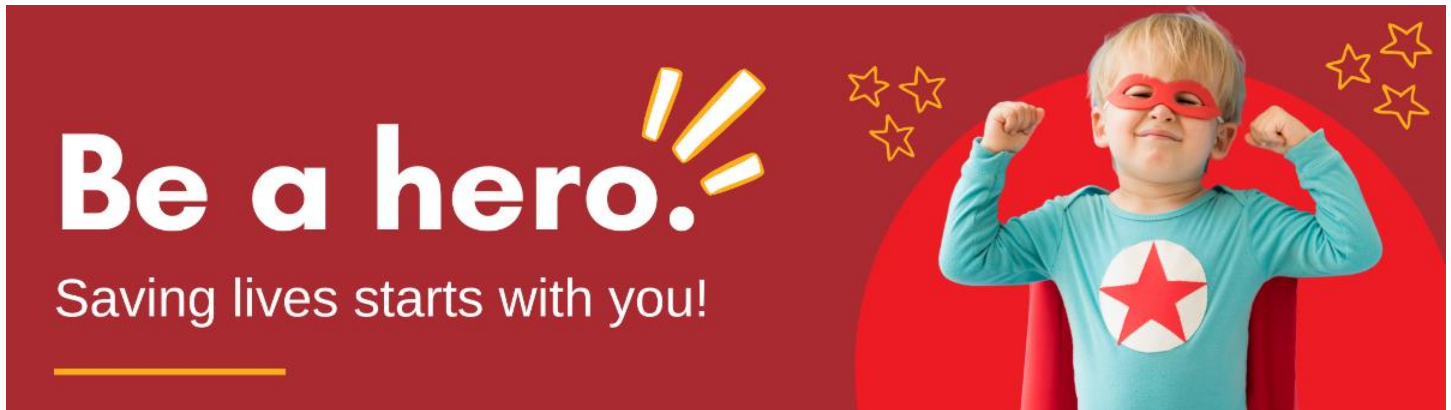
Mission Committee members are arranging a volunteer work week to Marshall County, Kentucky from May 19-25, 2024, to help rebuild homes after a catastrophic tornado. **We will have an Informational Meeting at church, on Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 AM.** At this time, we will share trip details and answer any questions you may have. Contact a trip leader: Liz McCane [lizmccane@gmail.com](mailto:lizmccane@gmail.com), Lucy Tidwell [lucytidwellco@gmail.com](mailto:lucytidwellco@gmail.com), Georgina Sikorski [gwsikorski@gmail.com](mailto:gwsikorski@gmail.com),

## Hospitality Opportunities

We need hosts, bakers, and other volunteers for our Hospitality Committee! Interested? Contact Kristen McSwain at [klmcswain@me.com](mailto:klmcswain@me.com).

## **Trip To Visit The New Holocaust Museum**

Join us on Thursday, April 18th at 1 p.m. for a trip to visit the Holocaust Museum that opened in November of 2022. We will have a private tour that will include hearing a Holocaust survivor's story. The cost of admission is \$10. RSVP at the sign-up table, or at: <https://bit.ly/holmuseum>. Questions? Contact Sharon at 314-909-8136, or [scrois822@gmail.com](mailto:scrois822@gmail.com).



## **Spring Blood Drive**

The Deacons are sponsoring a Community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, April 22, from 1-6:00 p.m. It will be conducted in Fellowship Hall at church. Appointments can be made online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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!

## **Matthew 25: White Fragility Book Study Concludes**

In the spring of 2021, the First Presbyterian Session voted to become a **Matthew 25 congregation**. Matthew 25 is a movement within the larger Presbyterian Church, designed to focus the hearts and minds of disciples on the challenging, justice-focused ministry priorities taught by Jesus in the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. The Matthew 25 movement has three foci: dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. Stay tuned for future events!

**On April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** we conclude the book study of *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo at 6:30 p.m. at church and with Zoom.

**Questions?** Contact Jeanne Earley at 314-707-3429.

## **Spring Clean-Up**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8 a.m. for the Spring Clean-Up. We will be planting flowers, cleaning up garden areas, trimming bushes/grasses, and sprucing up the grounds. Bring rakes, trowels, work gloves and hedge trimmers. We will supply the flowers and yard waste bags. This is a great opportunity to help beautify our church before Gary's installation on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Center: Registration Open!

Registration is OPEN for our Children's Center! Secure your spot for your little ones ages 2-5. We offer part-time preschool and kids' day out programs with flexible schedules to meet the needs of your family. Core hours are from 9:00-11:45 a.m., and extended hours are available. Our program features free and directed play activities aligned with the Missouri Early Learning Standards. We also offer some exciting extras, including: our shared Maker Space, field trips, Music and Movement, Nature on the Move, and Spanish. Visit <https://firstpreschildrenscenter.com>, contact us at 314-965-4028, or [childrenscenter@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:childrenscenter@kirkwoodpres.org).

## LET'S UPDATE THE PHOTO DIRECTORY

With Rev'd Noonan and his family joining us, it is time to update the church photo directory! It's easy - just send a photo of your family unit to the email below so we can update our database. Any photo will do, but we will also have a fun backdrop set up near the Welcome Desk for the next few weeks!

[PHOTOS@KIRKWOODPRES.ORG](mailto:PHOTOS@KIRKWOODPRES.ORG)



## The Kirk Gallery: Art for Inspiration and Meditation

We will display works by local artist Kristen Hall, who owns Artistic Energy. Kristen suffers from chronic pain and uses the spiritual energy in nature to create her work. Her art will be on display in our gallery, located on the lower level of the church to the right of the elevator, throughout April.

## Easter Gifts: 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](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).



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