

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Kirk Care Food Drive Continues!

On October 6, the ushers handed out Kirk Care food bags to members as they left the church. Thank you for all of your donations that were brought in today! There is still time to donate. If you need a bag, see an usher after service today. They can help you. The Deacons thank you for your support!

## Kirkin' of the Tartans

a joint event with First Presbyterian Church and Ladue Chapel

**PLEASE NOTE: Our Friday night, October 18th activities are cancelled. Please celebrate with us at Ladue Chapel on Saturday October 19th!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.**

**10:00 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartans Worship Service**

*includes special music and Calling of the Clans*

**10:45 a.m. Concert**

*St Louis Caledonian Pipe Band*

**11:30 a.m. Celebration**

*Performance by Dance Caledonia,  
Children's Activities & Scottish Snacks*



## MOSL Season Begins TODAY at 3 PM!

The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis begins its 2024-2025 Season of Live Classical Music concerts **TODAY at 3 PM**, at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Join conductor Roger Kaza, pianist Peter Henderson and organist Bill Stein for "The King of Instruments," featuring Robert Schumann's beloved Piano Concerto and Saint-Saëns iconic masterwork, Symphony No. 3, "Organ." First Presbyterian just added a new Steinway grand piano to their music ministry – and with our magnificent Casavant pipe organ, we house two of the most prestigious keyboard instruments ever crafted! Tickets available at door or visit [www.moslmusic.org](http://www.moslmusic.org) to purchase in advance through Eventbrite.

Adult: \$20 | Seniors: 60+ \$15 | Students: \$5

## Sarah's Circle Meeting Tomorrow

The Sarah Circle is meeting **Monday, October 14 at 2:15 p.m.** We are reading "The Language of God" by Francis S. Collins. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:15 p.m. in the church lounge on the first floor. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at [jgpaniello@charter.net](mailto:jgpaniello@charter.net) or Ellen Wood at [wood.ellen.g@gmail.com](mailto:wood.ellen.g@gmail.com).



## **Support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Response to Hurricanes**

In true First Pres fashion, our generous congregation has been inquiring how we can help provide aid to all those who have lost so much. Our Community Outreach Committee contacted Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and they are asking us to respond in the following ways:

### **GIVE:**

- <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>
- To give by phone, call 800-728-7228 X5885
- To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); PO Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
- *This fund supports all hurricane responses in the US.*



**ACT:** Learn how you can help families affected by Hurricane Helene and other hurricanes this season. Stay informed and like PDA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES>

**PRAY:** *God of grace and compassion, in these overwhelming moments of loss and devastation, we come to you with weary hearts that are both heavy and hopeful. We hold in our prayers and hearts all those impacted by the hurricanes, conflicts, and other disasters, and we implore for your mercy, peace, and healing to embrace our siblings all over the world. By your grace, bring comfort to those who are grieving, give strength to the exhausted, and provide.*



## Matthew 25 Event: STL Black History Tour

Join us for a STL Black History Tour planned for **Oct. 19**. To sign-up, send the tour date, your name, email, and phone number to [Paul.loida@bayer.com](mailto:Paul.loida@bayer.com). The group will meet at St. Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 a.m., and the bus will return at 1:00 p.m.. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following. The cost for the tour is \$10.



## Community Blood Drive Fall 2024

The Deacons at First Presbyterian Church Kirkwood are sponsoring a Community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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. You can streamline your donation experience by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of the appointment. There continues to be a critical need for blood. Please consider giving this gift of life and letting friends/family know about this opportunity for giving back to our community.

## Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club** will be discussing *THINK AGAIN*, by Adam Grant. Everyone is welcome for a stimulating discussion each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. Contact [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com).
- **Wednesday Book Club** The next meeting of the Wednesday book club will be **October 23** (not October 30 as published on the bookmark) at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Please contact [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net) for more information.
- **History Book Group** will discuss *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin at our meeting Thursday, **October 24**, 10:30 a.m., at church. For information, contact Don Lewis at [donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com) or Carlin Scanlan at [ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net).

# Christian Concerns Class

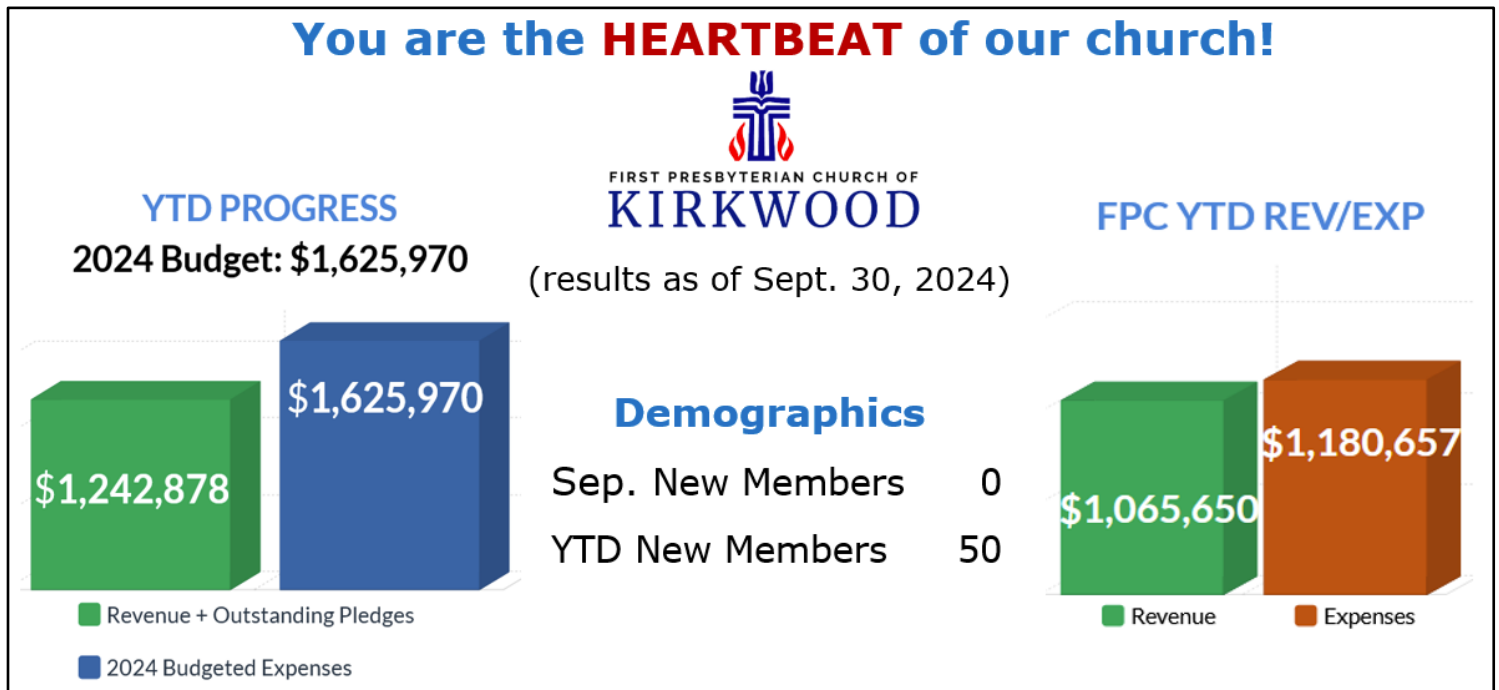
**9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009**

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

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

**Passcode:** 63122

**October 20:** Mariia Kurbak and Charlie Allen will join us for class with the topic "Russia-Ukraine War and its Effect on Russian Identity." Mariia received her PhD at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow and in 2022 she immigrated from Russia and is a postdoctoral associate at Washington University.



## Budget Update

We're making great progress in addressing this year's budget deficit! Our giving continues to grow, with a 19% increase in September offerings compared to the same month last year. Overall, year-to-date offerings are up by about 16%, and we've kept expenses 7% under budget. Your ongoing financial support is truly making a difference, helping us close the gap. Let's keep this momentum going as we push toward the end of the year!

## 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).

