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WORK CAMP AUCTION

Save the Date for the Work Camp Auction!

Our Senior High Fellowship students are excited to get back to the most fun night of the year - the Work Camp Auction! Join us for our biggest fundraiser on Sunday, March 12th for dinner, silent auction, and a live dessert auction. We are on the hunt now for items to include in the silent auction - please reach out to Rob Monroe (rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org or 314-965-0326) if you have something you would like to donate! We are especially hopeful for tickets to events or a weekend vacation spot rental right now but are open to all sorts of things in new or like-new condition.



The graphic features a central logo for the First Presbyterian Children's Center. The logo consists of the words "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN" in a red, arched font at the top. Below this are three stylized figures in yellow, blue, and green, each standing under a red arch. Underneath the figures, the words "CHILDREN'S CENTER" are written in a red, bold font, followed by "A Preschool and Kids Day Out Program" in a smaller red font. To the left of the logo is a yellow arrow pointing right with the text "Registration Opening Soon!". To the right is a green arrow pointing left with the text "For Children Ages 2-5". The background of the graphic is a colorful grid of squares in green, blue, red, and yellow.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Registration for the Children's Center opens on February 1st for Church members. For information or to schedule a tour please contact Sherry Peters at childrenscenter@kirkwoodpres.org.

REFUGEE AFGHAN FAMILIES NEED TAX ASSISTANCE

It was just one year ago this month that our Congregation met our first Afghan family. In April, we connected with our second family. Your committee members have put in countless hours in counseling, transporting, entertaining, teaching and befriending this group of FUTURE CITIZENS. If you would be interested in joining our FUN GROUP of volunteers and to spend time with our new friends, please contact Tom Edelstein 314-973-4235 or Sharon Croissant 314-909-8136. ***If you would be willing/able to assist our families in filing their 2022 income tax, please contact Sharon Croissant at 314-909-8136 or scrois822@gmail.com.***

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CON SPIRITO CONCERT ON JANUARY 29 AT 3 P.M.

Join us for the next concert in our Con Spirito series!

W. Mark Akin will be performing on Sunday, January 29th at 3 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Award-winning classical guitarist, W. Mark Akin, is a St. Louis based musician who has engaged audiences across the country with his dynamic on-stage presence and musicality. This program is FREE and will run approximately one hour. The concert program is entitled "World Sets" and includes music from Argentina, Paraguay, Australia, Russia, the Balkans, and more. To learn more, please visit:

<https://conspirito.kirkwoodpres.org/>.

REJECTING ANTISEMITISM AND THE RISE OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room or on Zoom for our Christian Concerns Class. Our topic for the next two Sundays (Jan. 22 & 30): "**Rejecting Antisemitism and the Rise of Christian Nationalism**" Our speaker is the Rev. Dr. Ruben Rosario Rodriguez. He holds the Clarence Louis and Helen Steber Professorship in Theological Studies at St. Louis University. His next book, *Theological Fragments: Confessing What We Know and Cannot Know About an Infinite God*, will be published in April.

Dr. Rosario engages in issues of global migration and social justice as director of the Mev Puleo Program in Latin American Politics, Theology and Culture at SLU and through advocacy work with Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA). An ordained Presbyterian minister, he currently serves as moderator the the Commission on Preparation for Ministry in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy.

If you would like more information or the Zoom link, please contact Ann at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

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OUTREACH

NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS AND CANCER

Saturday, February 4, 2023
at the Food Outreach Facility
from about 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

FOOD OUTREACH EVENT

Please join us on Saturday, February 4, 2023, to help package and distribute meals for Food Outreach. We will partner with our friends from Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church. We will work at the Food Outreach facility, from about 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food Outreach's mission is to provide nutritional support and enhance the quality of life of men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS or cancer. Their comprehensive program includes Made-From-Scratch Meals, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and Shelf-Stable Grocery Program designed by their on-staff Chef and Registered Dietitian. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Georgina Sikorski at gwsikorski@gmail.com, or call her at 678-644-2782. To learn more, please visit www.foodoutreach.org.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Take What You Need
Give What You Can



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Our Little Free Pantry is a part of the solution for those with food insecurities. Our Little Free Pantry is located near the Jefferson Avenue entrance of the church. Whether there is a need for food, or a need to give, our Little Free Pantry helps feed neighbors, and nourishes all of us. Please give what you 'can' (we especially need canned meals/meats, fruit, and veggies). Thank you!

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ANNUAL PER CAPITA OFFERING

Each January, First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood pays a Per Capita offering to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The practice of paying Per Capita goes back as early as 1734 and allows church governing bodies to participate "equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission." FPC has benefitted greatly from the support and services PC(USA) has provided over the years and is happy to support it.

This year's Per Capita expense is \$35 per member. While this expense is largely funded through our offerings, we would like to give our members the opportunity to help offset this expense through a special Per Capita Offering. Your \$35 Per Capita donation can be made by contributing through the [Give page](#) on the FPC website and selecting Per Capita Offering or by mailing your donation to the office or including it in the Per Capita envelopes during the offering at services. Any support you can provide is appreciated.

HAVE YOU TRIED GIVING ONLINE?

You can 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 to our giving portal. If you have any questions, please reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.



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