

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Celebrate Music & Diversity

Join us for the next installment of the Con Spirito Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood! TODAY, February 2, at 3:00 p.m., the Intercultural Music Initiative's Chamber Players Woodwind Quintet will perform in the Sanctuary. The IMI Chamber Players' Woodwind Quintet features a talented ensemble of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn players. Known for their expressive performances and innovative programming, the quintet's repertoire includes their acclaimed recording "Dances & Rhapsodies: Works for Wind Quintet by Fred Onovwerosuoke." This is a free event, open to all music lovers in the community. For more information about the IMI Chamber Players and their upcoming performances, visit their website at [www.imusici.net](http://www.imusici.net).

## Family-Friendly Trivia DAY!



**Sunday, February 23, 3:00-4:30 pm**

Come for a fun afternoon of trivia that will be intentionally designed to be fun for the whole family. Questions aimed at children, teens and adults as well as a couple of more experiential rounds that do not require you to know the full name of Sonic the Hedgehog\* to get points!

Tables of 8 are available (or fewer if you prefer) and the cost is \$5 per person - funds raised will support our high school Work Camp mission trip this summer! (Payment at the event)

Bring snacks with you - we will provide drinks. There will NOT be things to bid on — this is just meant to be a fun time with friends and family!

"Family" is defined by any relationship to FPC Kirkwood.

Unless otherwise noted, activities happen in Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian of Kirkwood

Contact Rob Monroe for more info: [rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org) - 314-965-0326 x128

\*Sonic's name is Olgivie Maurice Hedgehog

**Use this link for trivia registration: <https://forms.gle/Db4wPq1S852v13Ny8>**

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD

WILL BE HELD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 FOLLOWING THE 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0502, the Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following the 10:00am Worship Service on Sunday, February 23, 2025 for any business that is appropriate. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall.

By Order of the Session  
Lisa K. Ward, Clerk of Session

## **Kirk Gallery Happenings**

The Zuka Arts Guild will be opening a showing of two dimensional artworks from February 14 to February 28. Please mark your calendars for February 16 at 12:15pm (after the 11:00 service) when we will have a "Meet the Artists" reception in the Gallery. Artists will be available to talk about their works, and light refreshments will be served. The Ceramics display featuring Debbie Chapuis and Amy Firestone will be available also, from February 14 to February 28.

## **MOSL Concert on February 16**

The Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis continues its 2024-2025 Season of Live Classical Music concerts Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 3 PM, First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Join conductor Roger Kaza, flutist Jennifer Adams and bassoonist Julia Paine for "From Bach to the Classics," featuring masterworks by J.S. Bach, Vivaldi and Haydn.

## **Buildings and Grounds Committee is Seeking New Members**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for additional members to serve on the committee. If you have interest or experience in facility and grounds systems, maintenance, and development, we would love to hear from you. In addition to periodic meetings, involvement can range from advisory to project management to rolling up your sleeves and pitching in on repairs and groundskeeping. There are many opportunities for a variety of skills and interests. For more information, please contact Bill Larson, Business Manager, [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **Looking for Sunday Morning Greeters at the Welcome Desk**



As a welcoming and inviting church, we would like to staff the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with volunteers to greet our members and guests. If you enjoy meeting and helping others, we invite you to sign up by using the QR code or <https://bit.ly/Welcomedesk>. If you have questions, contact the office.

## **Sponsor a New Hymnal**

First Presbyterian Church is ordering twenty new Glory to God hymnals for the sanctuary. We are offering members the opportunity to help offset the cost through a memorial dedication. Hymnals that are sponsored will have a label on the inside cover with the memorial dedication to a loved one. <https://fpck.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/c19911e1-3bce-4825-ad39-923129b958ec>.



Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

## Winter Blankets

Saint Louis Winter Outreach needs more blankets for the guests at its emergency shelters. One of these shelters is a 10-bed facility operated by the Saint Louis Mennonite Fellowship in the South City. The Fellowship has asked for our help in collecting blankets. The Outreach Committee of First Pres invites you to donate a blanket or make a cash donation to support this mission.

**What's needed: gently used or new winter blankets, twin or full size only.** No king or queen size blankets, please, and no knit or crocheted blankets. Blankets should be easily washable. Place your blanket in the large box opposite the door to the church lounge.

## Sarah Circle

The Sarah Circle is meeting on Monday, February 10 at 2:15 in the church lounge. We will be finishing up the "The Language of God" and will be starting a new book in March - "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:15 pm in the church lounge. If you are interested, please contact Jane Paniello at [jjpaniello@charter.net](mailto:jjpaniello@charter.net) or Ellen Wood at [wood.ellen.g@gmail.com](mailto:wood.ellen.g@gmail.com).

## 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

February 9th: Paul and Wallace Ward will be presenting some of the work of the Kirkwood Historical Society. The Kirkwood Black Heritage Celebration events are a part of the work of this group.

## Dismantling Structural Racism

We have an opportunity to participate in a **Kirkwood Black Heritage celebration with** 3 events in January and February. Many of you will remember the tours of the Mudd's Grove area last year. You may register for the events on our website under the "Get Involved" and "Community Outreach" tab, or, using the following web address:

<https://kirkwoodpres.org/communityoutreach#dismantling-structural-racism>

- Freedom crossroads lecture on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Motorcoach Tours and Mudd's Grove open House on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Book Clubs

**Tuesday Book Club:** The February selection of Tuesday Book Club is Nudge: The Final Edition, by Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein, described by a reviewer as "funny, useful, and wise." We meet every Tuesday in the Fireplace Room from 10:00-11:00 AM. All are welcome to join in. Contact person: [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Book Club:** Our next meeting of the Wednesday Book Club is February 26 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing Lady Tan's Circle of

Women by Lisa See. This is inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th century China. Please contact [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net) for more information.

**History Book Group:** We will talk about The Path Between the Seas: the Creation of the Panama Canal by David McCullough on February 27, 10:30, at church. The book won the National Book Award for History, and the author was a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

### **Confirmation Class Creed**

These are the beliefs about our faith from the Confirmation Class of 2025:

We believe in God.

We believe that we are all God's children.

We believe that God has a plan for each one of us and wakes us up each morning to:

Encourage us to be a better person each day

Protect us throughout the day

And help us to sleep and refresh each night

We believe that God forgives.

Jesus teaches us to take care of our neighbors and include others, and we should all strive to practice acceptance of others.

We should love everyone no matter how they change or how we change.

We believe we are on Earth for a reason and that God wants us to succeed in the things we do.

We might mess things up as we go through life, but that's okay because nobody is perfect. We should simply try not to mess up again and learn from our mistakes.

We believe in the Trinity and that God is Three in One:

God is our protector, friend, and advisor.

God is our parent, sibling, and conscience.

Confirmation Class 2025, The Holy Lemonade Group:

Helena Buerger, Claire Campbell, Megan Campbell, George Dunaway, Reid Franklin, Teddy Lester-Boal, Lily Martin, Sadie McDowell, Lily Nepple, Nora Willis

Teachers: Amanda Yahng and Sue Hooks

### **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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