

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Noonan to Be New Senior Minister



Last Sunday we voted to welcome Rev. Gary Noonan as our next Senior Minister and Head of Staff!

Rev. Noonan and his family felt welcomed here the whole weekend and we rejoice that they will be here next year with us!

Over the next several months we will be in touch with Gary and will share updates regularly with the congregation!

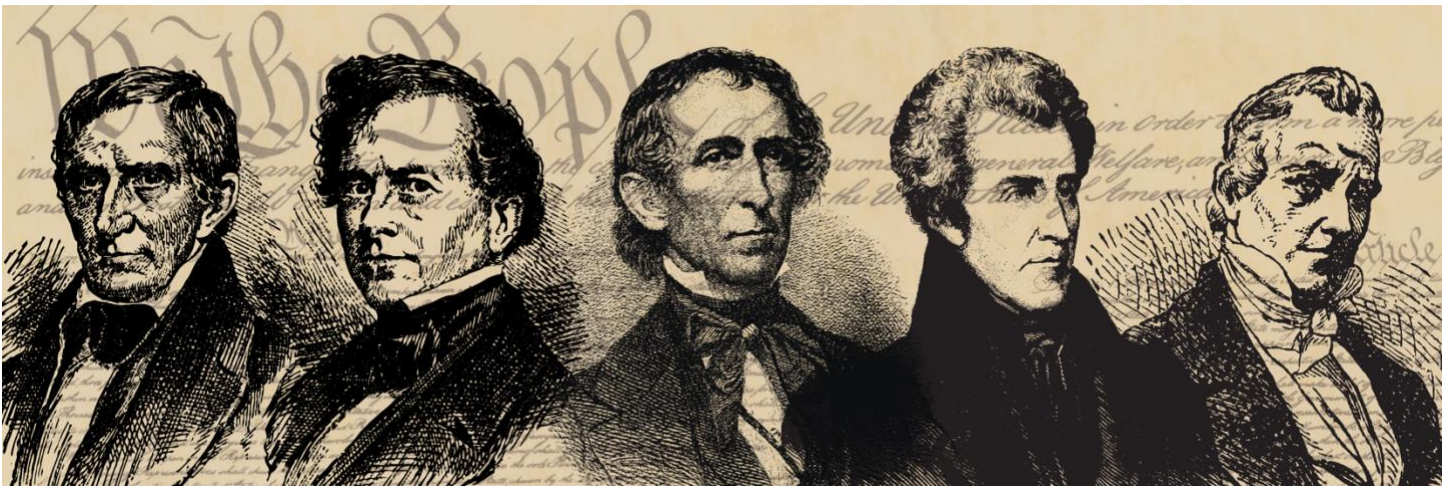
Questions?

Contact Pastor Linda at lindam@kirkwoodpres.org.



Annual 50-year Members Celebration

On Sunday, September 24, at both the Arise! and traditional services, we will recognize those among us who have been members of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood for at least 50 years. There are 89 of us this year! At both services, the honored members will be wearing a golden carnation so you can easily identify them. They will be honored at a reception in the Gathering Space between the two services, where we will enjoy light refreshments and some good memories. Please come to church that Sunday to be part of this milestone in the life of our congregation.



Christian Concerns Class Continues!

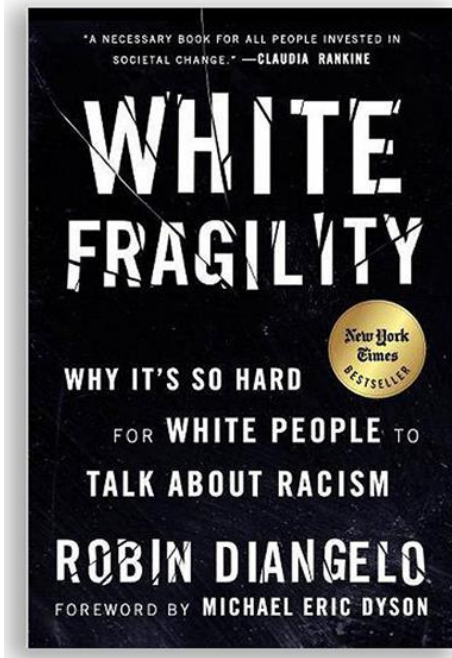
Join us for our Christian Concerns class on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Fireplace Room and on Zoom. Christopher Saxton will be here over the next several weekends for his series on The Four Worst Presidents! (Spoiler Alert--these will be presidents from the 1800's to avoid ruffling too many feathers.)

MONTHS	DATES	TOPICS	SPEAKER
September	9/17/23	Worst US presidents	Christopher Saxton
	9/24/23	Worst US presidents	Christopher Saxton
October	10/1/23	Worst US presidents	Christopher Saxton
	10/8/23	Worst US presidents	Christopher Saxton
	10/15/23	Economic inequality in US	Jon <u>Haverman</u>
	10/22/23	Artificial Intelligence	Julius from Nerd Alert
	10/29/23	Cyber security	Julius from Nerd Alert
	November	11/5/23	Ukraine and Russia
11/12/23		Ukraine and Russia	<u>Wertsch & Allen</u>
11/19/23		Overture to Presbytery	Diane McCullough

Questions? Contact Ann Miller at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Activities for Dismantling Structural Racism

The Dismantling Structural Racism Team has planned several opportunities to learn more about racism and ways that we can make a difference. On the second Tuesday night of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room there will be an educational event. Everyone is invited to participate in these events.



2nd Tuesdays (from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

October 10

LGBTQ and Public Health Cindy Wunderlich

November 14

“Black/White disparities in Am”

Jon Haverman from NEEDECOM on Zoom

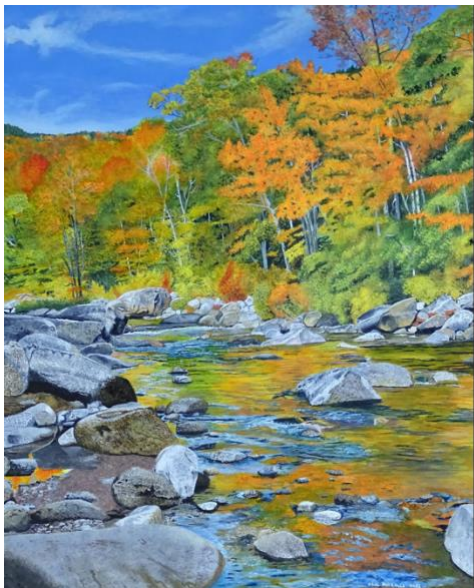
4th Tuesdays (from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.)

In October 2023 – April 2024

Linda Maconochie will lead a book study on *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

Con Spirito Save the Date: October 15

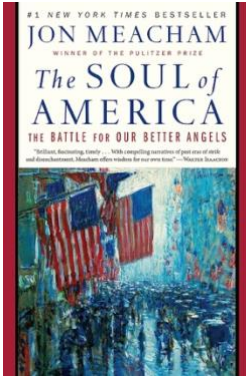
Join us on Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for *Pictures at a Presbyterian Exhibition*.



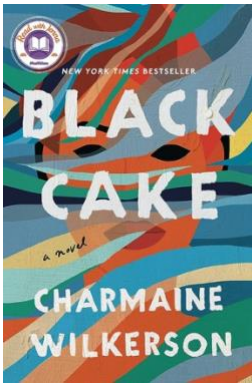
The Con Spirito Concert Series 24th season opens on Sunday, October 15, with an afternoon titled “Pictures at a Presbyterian Exhibition”. We will feature artwork by church member Paul Nuckolls, a talented acrylic artist. There will be a concert inspired by his art works at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary, featuring music for voice, bells, harp, violin, and organ.

The concert will be followed by an exhibit of Paul’s work in the Gathering Space, where light desserts will be served. Plan to join us for a lovely afternoon of art, music, and fellowship!

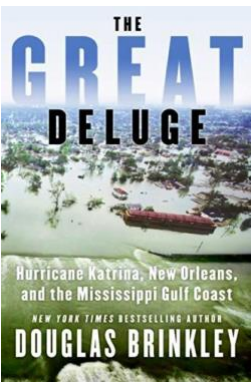
Book Clubs



Tuesday Book Club Tuesday Book Club meets each Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room for thoughtful discussions. Participants are both men and women, and all are welcome. Beginning September 26, we will begin discussing *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*, by Jon Meacham in increments of approximately 75 pages per week. For more information, contact Karen at kochkarenp@gmail.com.



Wednesday Book Club: The Wednesday book club will meet again on September 27 at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *Black Cake: A Novel* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Two estranged siblings delve into their mother's hidden past and how it all connects to her traditional Caribbean black cake. Please contact julia@abreu.net for more information. Bookmarks for the fall meetings are at the information desk.



History Book Club: We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, at church to talk about *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* by Douglas Brinkley. Our reading, selected by the group, ranges across centuries and around the world. Contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net for more information. All are welcome.

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