

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Advent Bags**

The Advent Bags will be ready for delivery Sunday the 20th through the 27th. They will be on tables in the vestibule for members of the Congregation to help deliver. Please check to see if there are bags you could deliver to a relative or friend that is home bound.

Thank you,  
The Deacons

## **First Presbyterian Matthew 25 Education Series Continues**

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive, and we wake up to new possibilities. As a Matthew 25 Church we are called to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and serve those who are marginalized or in need — people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, strangers, poor or oppressed in other ways and in need of welcoming.

## **Want to Learn More?**

We will be meeting on Sundays in Classroom 9 at 10 a.m. through November 30<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, join us for our final session of our series on Eradicating Systemic Poverty. In this session, we will review the highlights from our prior meetings, share information on our church programs to address poverty, and get your input on how our church can make a difference in the lives of those in poverty within our community.

## **Christian Concerns Class on Nov 20 and Dec 4: Mental Health**

Today we will continue a three-week series on mental health by Michelle Koerner of the Care and Counseling Center in Creve Coeur. Ms. Koerner will be in the Fireplace Room at 9 a.m. and on Zoom for those at home.

Questions? Contact Ann at [ann.willie@hotmail.com](mailto:ann.willie@hotmail.com).

## **Calling All Bakers!**

Please consider providing 6-12 individual servings of baked goods for the Alternative Gift Market! Containers and labels in groups of 6 are available at the Welcome Center at church on or after November 20. Please drop off your items at 8:00 a.m. on the date you sign up for or contact Sarah Nepple at 314-448-2911 to make other arrangements.

All money raised from baked items will be donated to Presbyterian Children's Services. Please click on the link below to sign up. Thank you so much for your help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449aea928a6fe3-donate>

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## **Concert on December 3**

Come see the St. Louis Civic Orchestra on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They will be performing works by Anderson, Price, and Dvorak.

**Tickets:** \$18 general admission; \$12 for students and seniors

Visit [stlco.org](http://stlco.org) for more information.

## **Giving Trees**

Giving Trees Go Up on November 20th - We are excited to again partner with Lydia's House, a transitional shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic violence. We will have ornaments ready to be picked up during the 10:00 a.m. hour. Gifts need to be returned to church, unwrapped, on or before December 11th at 10:15 a.m. so that they can be delivered in time for delivery to the shelter.

If you have questions about a tag that you have taken, reach out to Rob Monroe - [rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **New Members Class**

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood or learning more about the congregation? You can attend the class on December 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We will talk about the Presbyterian Church USA and about this congregation. Then on the 11<sup>th</sup>, during worship, you will become a member.

If you are interested, please call the office (314-965-0326) and let Linda know you plan to attend.

## **Alternative Gift Market**

Please mark your calendars for the annual Alternative Gift Market! It will be held in the Gathering Space during the following times:

- **Sunday, December 4 from 8:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 11 from 8:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 11 from 2:30-3:00 p.m., and 5:00-5:30 p.m., before & after the Allegro Choir Concert**

The market provides one-stop, hassle-free shopping for a variety of unique gifts that benefit local and international charities and fair trade.

Please come visit us in December!

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## **Exercise Class**

Interested in a fun way to exercise? We have started a small class on Mondays at 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, called *Dance, Fun and Fitness*, led by Lieschen Fink, former Kirkwood High School P.E. and dance teacher. It is geared to over-50's and no previous experience is necessary. If you would like to join us call Judy Moeller at 314-821-5357.

## **Order Christmas Poinsettias**

Poinsettias may be ordered now through Friday, December 9, 2022. Cost is \$25 each. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our facility for Christmas. Just pick up an order form in the lobby, and place in the offering plate or mail to the church with payment made to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, earmarked "Poinsettia." Questions? Contact Bill Larson at [blarson@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:blarson@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **Advent Devotionals Available**

In preparation for this season of Advent, a group of members, staff and pastors have written a short devotional that has been collected and formatted into a booklet to share. There are a few hard copies that will be available in the lobby. Hard copies have been placed in the advent bags for our homebound members as well. The devotionals will also be available digitally on our Facebook page on our website. Questions? Please contact Pastor Linda at [lindam@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:lindam@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **11:00 a.m. Ushers Needed**

Larry Erwin, Art McDonnell, and Bob Schneider have faithfully and without a break led and scheduled our ushers ever since we reopened last year. With worship numbers on the rise and holiday services happening soon, these fine gentlemen need more ushers at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in hospitality with your fellow church members and provide an essential ministry on Sunday mornings. Please see one of them and offer your services. Even if it is only one Sunday a month, it's very helpful!

## **Christmas Concert Save the Date**

**Christmas Concert AND Dinner - Sunday, Dec. 18 – 4:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars! The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a delicious catered dinner. RSVP for the dinner using the sign-up link on the FPC homepage: [www.kirkwoodpres.org](http://www.kirkwoodpres.org).

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## **First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood Book Clubs**

We have several active book clubs! Check out the info below!

**Tuesday Book Club** – Meets every Tuesday in the Fireplace Room from 10-11:00 a.m. During Advent, we will be reading *Into the World of the New Testament* by Dr. Daniel Smith. The author is a Kirkwood resident, and we enjoyed his recent visit and content so much when he joined us on November 8, that we decided that we would like to follow up with discussion of his book. It was written in 2015 as an introduction for the diverse students in his theology classes at St. Louis University. All are welcome to join in for this unusual opportunity. Contact [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com) for more info.

**Wednesday Book Club** - Due to Thanksgiving, we will be discussing *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray on November 30 at 1:30 over Zoom. The book is a fictional account of JP Morgan's personal librarian, Bella da Costa Greene, who was a black woman that passed as white and left a legacy that enriched our nation. If you want to be added to the contact list, contact Julia Abreu at [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net).

**History Book Group** – Meets on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. every other month at church. For more info, contact Carlin Scanlan ([ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net)) or Don Lewis ([donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com)).

## **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](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).



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