

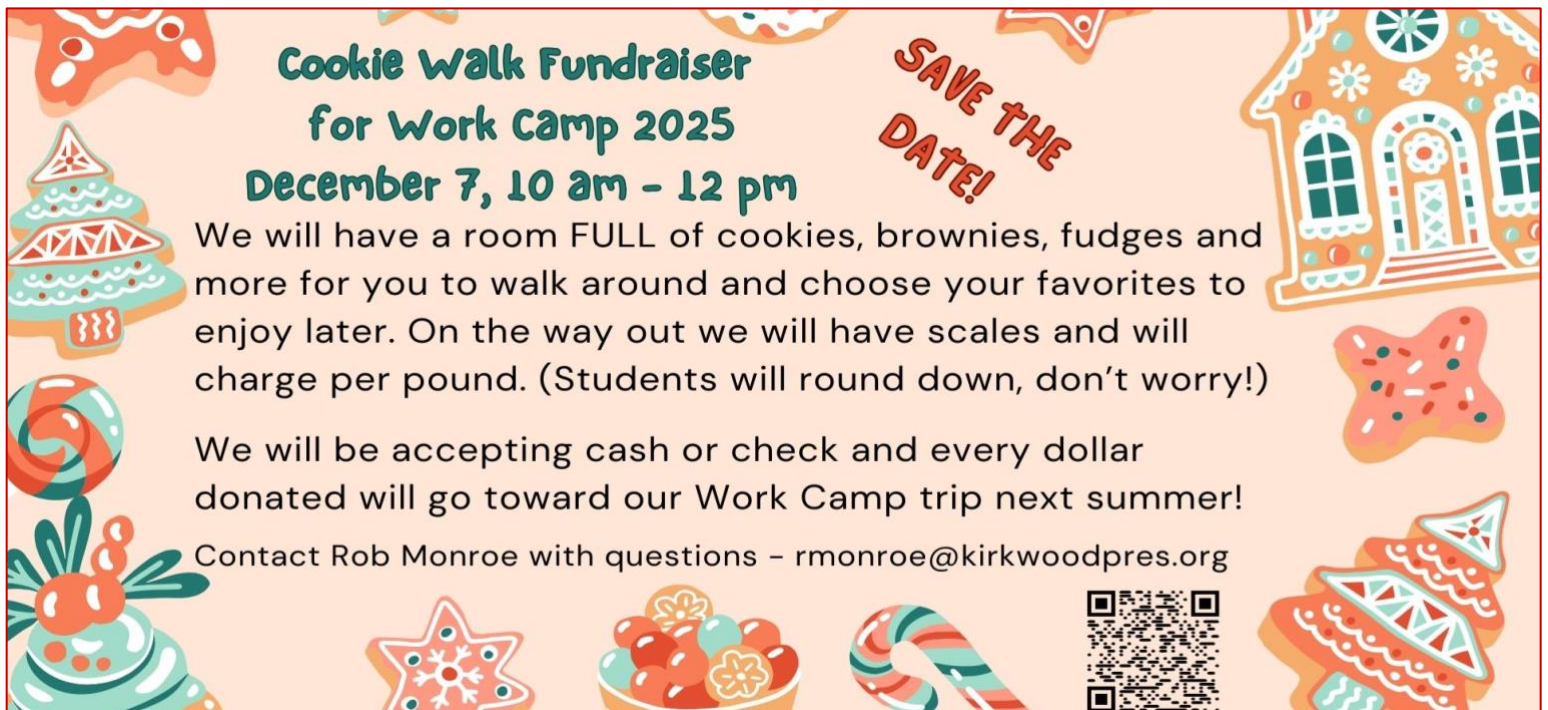
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Devotionals Available Now!

In preparation for this season of Advent, a group of members, staff and pastors have written short devotionals that have been formatted into a booklet to share. There are a few hard copies available in the lobby. They are also available on our website at <https://www.kirkwoodpres.org/advent-devotionals-2024>. Questions? Contact Pastor Linda at lindam@kirkwoodpres.org. Thank you to all that blessed us with this wonderful spiritual gift for our congregation.

Grab an Ornament from the Giving Trees!

We are excited to again partner with Lydia's House, a transitional shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic violence. We have ornaments ready to be picked up during the 10:00 hour. Gifts need to be returned to church, unwrapped, on or before December 15th at 10:15 am 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.




**Cookie Walk Fundraiser
for Work Camp 2025
December 7, 10 am - 12 pm**

SAVE THE DATE!

We will have a room FULL of cookies, brownies, fudges and more for you to walk around and choose your favorites to enjoy later. On the way out we will have scales and will charge per pound. (Students will round down, don't worry!)

We will be accepting cash or check and every dollar donated will go toward our Work Camp trip next summer!

Contact Rob Monroe with questions - rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org



Reflection and Prayer

The Chapel is open from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays in December on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Pastoral Staff will be available during this time.

New Kirk Gallery Exhibit OPENS TODAY!

The Kirk Gallery, our very own art gallery, is excited to open a new exhibit today! Artwork by church members Brendan Dempsey, Amy Freshwater, Georgia Hepp, Martha Kaelble, Ann Polster, and Melanie Robinson will be on display through January 1, 2025. The Kirk Gallery is located on the lower level to the right of the elevator. Please take a few moments to enjoy the talents of our members, and watch this space for exhibits planned for 2025!



Christmas Concert and Dinner

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 15!

The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a delicious catered dinner. Make your reservation for the dinner by December 8th by scanning the QR code or using the payment link on the FPC homepage



www.kirkwoodpres.org.

Questions?

Contact Bill Larson

at blarson@kirkwoodpres.org

Order Christmas Poinsettias!

Poinsettias may be ordered now through Sunday Dec. 15. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and help beautify our worship spaces for Christmas.

Cost is \$25



each. Order by clicking the QR code or by completing an order form available at the Welcome Desk. You may order online at www.kirkwoodpres.org under the "Give" heading.

Questions? Contact Bill Larson at blarson@kirkwoodpres.org.

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:

Friday 12/6 2:00-4:00 PM

Saturday 12/7 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Sunday 12/8 8:45 AM-4:30 PM

Sunday 12/15 8:45 AM-12:30 PM

The market provides one-stop, hassle-free shopping for a variety of unique gifts that benefit local, national, and international charities and fair trade. Please come visit us in December! We will have items available that were made by and will support our Afghan refugee families, and items that will support Kwasha Kids, and more! Thank you so much for your support! Please contact Ashley Force at 760-898-1808 or Sarah Nepple at 314-448-2911 with any questions.

SERVICE OF COMFORT

Tuesday, December 17th 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

[A Taste of Advent](#)

The first Sunday of Advent is today! We invite you to participate in "A Taste of Advent". This is a fun, family mission opportunity that serves our neighbors by collecting the designated items for each day of Advent, and bringing them to church each Sunday, including Christmas Eve. The food collected will be split between Kirk Care and our own Little Food Pantry. If you have not saved this list from previous bulletins, you can pick it up at the Welcome Center this morning or check the latest online newsletter at www.kirkwoodpres.org/newsletter.

[Clarion Brass Holiday Concert](#)

Clarion Brass presents a fun holiday concert playing some of your favorite songs on Friday, December 6th at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. American Legion Post 404 is sponsoring the event and invites you to purchase tickets for their Christmas Quilt Raffle. USMC Toys-for-Tots will be collecting toys. Visit clarionbrass.org for more info.

[Allegro: Holiday Choral Concert "Traditions"](#)

Allegro's more than 100 voice chorus, accompanied by an ensemble of strings, flute and piano will highlight holiday traditions in story and song on December 7th and 8th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert is free for those who cannot afford to make a donation (\$20 suggested donation).

[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

On 12-8, 12-15, and 12-22: Rev. Hannah Zyla will present "A New Church for a New Season: Exploring the Church of the past to build up the Church today."

WORSHIP WITH US CHRISTMAS EVE

2 PM BRIEF SERVICE OF CAROLS & REFLECTION

4 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10PM FESTIVE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Book Clubs

- **Tuesday Book Club** is currently discussing *The Demon of Unrest*, by Erik Larson. These discussions will take us through December 10th. Then a holiday break will mean no meetings on December 17, 24, or 31. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club** will meet December 4 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing *North Woods* by Daniel Mason which is about a house in New England told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries. For more information, contact julia@abreu.net.

WE NEED YOUR PICTURE!

Send a photo of your family unit to the email below so we can update our photo directory. Any photo will do, but we will also have a festive backdrop set up near the Welcome Desk!

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Kirk Care Tax Information

“There is a financial advantage to contributing to Kirk Care. Missouri offers a program called the Food Pantry Tax Credit. Any donation over \$100 made to a food pantry is eligible for a 50% state tax credit (Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credit (FPTC). The maximum value of the credit is \$2,500 for an individual or \$5,000 if filing jointly). This is not a deduction but a credit that comes right off your state tax bill. So....a \$1,000 donation decreases your tax bill by \$500. If you itemize your deductions, you still get the \$1000 deduction as well on your Federal return. However, if you claim the credit, you have to mail your state return to the Department of Revenue. The tax return cannot be filed electronically.”

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.



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