

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BRIAN WOODS

January 12 at 3PM
Piano Concert

FREE



Upcoming Con Spirito Concert

Please join us for our next Con Spirito concert **TODAY** at 3pm in the sanctuary featuring pianist Brian Woods. Celebrated for his stunning musicianship and dazzling stage presence, American pianist Brian Woods has emerged as an exciting performer of international acclaim. The program will include Debussy preludes, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and four Chopin ballades. The concert is free and open to the public.

Check conspirito.kirkwoodpres.org for details.

Family Activities at First Pres

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT!

****January 12**, 5:15-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

We can not say what the movie is, but we are firm believers that Ohana means Family around here. So bring your crew and enjoy a dinner of pizza and popcorn in Fellowship Hall!

We ask that each family contribute \$10 to cover our costs.

You are welcome to bring a pillow/blanket/stuffies to enjoy the show with youn and PJ's are okay, too!

Other Upcoming Events from our Children and Family Ministries Committee:

FAMILY FRIENDLY TRIVIA NIGHT

February 23, 3-4:30 pm

You do not need history or too many facts to have fun - you might have to identify candy by looking at it at our Trivia Night. five rounds, in and out in 90 minutes!

MINUTE TO WIN IT

March 30, 3-4 pm

Come have some fun competing in Minute to Win It games. No points are kept but we will have challenges designed for different ages during the game!

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

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

Contact Rob Monroe for more info: rmonroe@kirkwoodpres.org - 314-965-0326 x128

Upcoming Congregational Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, January 26, 2025 to act on the election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

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



Annual Per Capita Offering

Each January, First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood pays a Per Capita offering to the Presbyterian Church (USA) which allows church governing bodies to participate "equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission." First Presbyterian has benefitted greatly from the support and services PC(USA) has provided over the years and is committed to supporting it.

This year's Per Capita expense is \$40 per member. We would like to give our members the opportunity to help offset this expense through a special Per Capita Offering. Your \$40 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. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

January 19th: Rick Lay from Bellefontaine Cemetery with topic:
Natural and Green burials

January 26th: Lawyer Jim Hacking to talk about Immigration Law

WE NEED YOU!



**SWEET
HOSPITALITY**
FIRST PRES CAFE

<https://bit.ly/firstprescafe>

The hospitality committee needs your help.
Sign up on the website link or use the QR code.



Help with the Casserole Program



Prepare and freeze casseroles
from preplanned recipes to
FEED THE HOMELESS



Contact Bill Besselmann 314-448-3311 or wb7359@swbell.net
or email us as at office@kirkwoodpres.org, or call (314) 965-0326

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

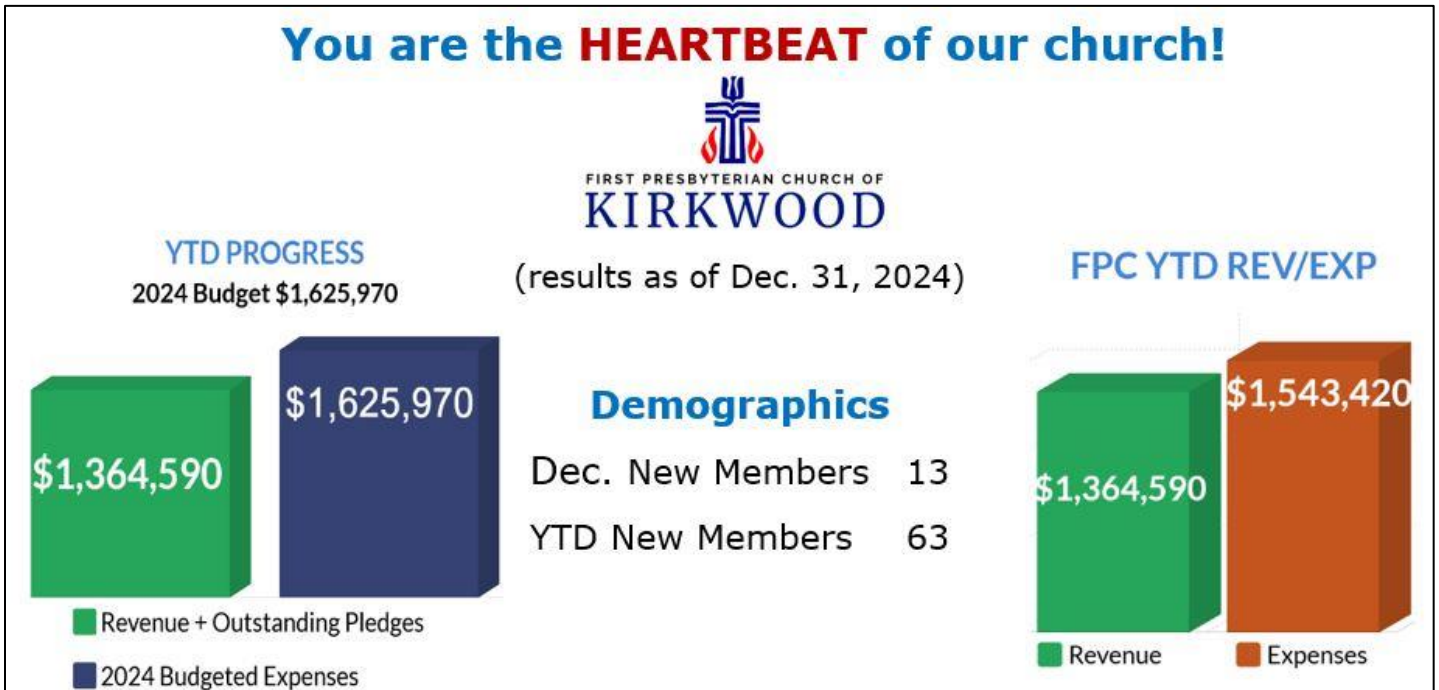
THE CHAPEL IS OPEN 1-2:00 PM
TUESDAY JANUARY 14
PASTORAL STAFF AVAILABLE

Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Club: The Tuesday Book Club has weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room. Our January discussions will be on *The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good?*, by Michael J Sandel. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact kochkarenp@gmail.com.

Wednesday Book Club: Our next Wednesday book club meeting will be January 22 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin. Three lonely strangers in an Oregon town are brought together on a local honeybee farm where they find friendship and healing. Please contact julia@abreu.net for more information.

History Book Group: We will discuss The Demon of Unrest by Eric Larson at our meeting at 10:30, January 23, at church. For information, contact Don Lewis at donlewis610@gmail.com or Carlin Scanlan at ccscanlan@swbell.net.



Budget Update

We ended the year strongly as we continued to close the budget gap. Offerings exceeded our 2024 budgeted amount by 14% and showed a 21% increase over 2023. Year-end expenses ended more than 5% under budget and were less than a 1% increase over 2023 expenses. We applaud your generosity and financial commitment to growing First Pres and look to 2025 with great optimism for continuing that growth.

How to Give Online

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