

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AUGUST MIDMONTH CONCERT

Join us on **THIS WEDNESDAY**, August 12th at 12:15 p.m. for a special lunchtime recital featuring Jinah Knapp, organist at Timothy Lutheran Church. Whether you're a lifelong lover of organ music or simply curious to hear our magnificent Casavant pipe organ in concert, this free 30-minute recital is a wonderful opportunity to pause in the middle of your week and experience beautiful music in a sacred space. Can't attend in person? The recital will also be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@FPCKirkwood/streams.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Community Outreach Committee reached out to staff at the Kirkwood School District to find out how we might best support Kirkwood families in need. We can help by donating supplies.

The following is a list of items that are needed throughout the district at all class levels:

- Ticonderoga brand pencils (No. 2)
- Kleenex
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Expo Markers (black)
- Gallon and sandwich-size storage bags
- Black Sharpie markers
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Wired, over-the-ear headphones with a USB-C connector and built-in microphone – used at the elementary schools with school provided equipment. – use the following link for a headphone example at Amazon – <https://bit.ly/exampleheadphone>

Please, no backpacks (per guidance from the school district). **Bring items to church through August 23rd.** There will be a table in the area near the glass windows and the Welcome Desk.

SUMMER CHOIR

All are welcome to participate in Summer Choir! We will rehearse two simple anthems in the Choir Room at 9:00 a.m. and sing the service at 10:00 a.m.. This is informal – we don't process or wear robes. It's the perfect way to give Chancel Choir a 'test drive' before Fall rehearsals begin, or simply to sing with a great group of folks! If you have any questions, please contact Bill Stein.

Summer Choir will sing again on August 30.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BLUEGRASS ON THE LAWN

Don't miss our next outdoor concert on Saturday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m.. for, Bluegrass on the Lawn featuring local bluegrass musicians Barnum Jack!

KIRK CARE FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Due to the generosity of its members, First Presbyterian was able to collect three shopping carts of items for Kirk Care during the recent food drive. Thanks to all who contributed.

CRITICAL NEED: BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacons at First Presbyterian Church Kirkwood are sponsoring a summer Community Red Cross Blood Drive this year. It will be on **Monday afternoon, August 24, 2026, from 1-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** at the church.

Appointments can be made online by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and entering FirstPresKirkwood or calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). You can also sign up on the Red Cross App. Walk-ins are accepted, but those with appointments will be taken first. You can streamline your donation experience by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

There currently is a truly critical need for blood. Blood donations in our area dropped 25% in June. Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card as a thank you. Please consider giving this gift of life and letting friends/family know about the need to help replete blood stores in our community.

There will be sign-ups for the blood drive on Aug 16 after each service in the Gathering Space.

ADULT WORK WEEK

We are pleased to announce that members of First Pres will participate in an Adult Work Week at the PDA facility in Ferncliff, Arkansas October 25-30, 2026. We have room for up to 25 people and would love to have folks join us for a week of fellowship and service. For more information about the Ferncliff Experience, please go to ferncliff.org/outreach/mission. **There will be an informational meeting on August 30; 9:15 a.m. in the Fireplace Room for any interested volunteers.** For more information about joining the Volunteer group, please contact Liz McCane (314-960-3677), Ann Roussel (401-829-8890), or Georgina Sikorski (678-644-2782).

BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday Book Club: The Wednesday Book Club will meet on **August 26 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. An orphaned Irish girl becomes an indentured servant on a tobacco plantation in the late 1700s and is raised by black slaves in the kitchen house. For more information, contact julia@abreu.net.

GIVE ONLINE

Give online with a onetime gift, or set up reoccurring payments and pay with ACH directly from your checking account, via credit card, or using GooglePay. Go to <https://onrealm.org/kirkwoodpres/-/form/give/now> and follow the prompts, text "GIVEFPCK" to 73256, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org

