

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US ON REALM

Our new Realm membership database and giving module has launched over this past month! If you need help getting started, please contact the church office — we are happy to help! Email office@kirkwoodpres.org or call 314-965-0326.

A REALM FAQ sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.



READY TO PLAY CATCH?!? JOIN US FOR OUR
Pancake Picnic

Chris Cakes
ST. LOUIS

IT'LL BE A "FLIPPING" GOOD TIME!
SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT 11 AM
TICKETS \$11 | BUY HERE:
bit.ly/pancakepicnic26

PANCAKE PICNIC

The Pancake Picnic is scheduled for Sun May 24 at 11am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$11 per person with a portion of the proceeds going to support Kirk Care. Sign up using this link <https://bit.ly/2026pancake> or by using the QR code.

BLACK TULIP CHORALE

Black Tulip Chorale, STL's LGBTQIA+ chorus for all voices, presents a masterwork of the ages: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's stunning "Requiem" at 4:00 p.m., **TODAY** at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. This production will be a departure from usual performances of the work – BTC members will include stories from their own lives as well as readings about love and loss in key points throughout the concert. Funding for this performance is provided in part by the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at

<https://events.humanitix.com/mozartrequiem/tickets>.

SUMMER SCHEDULE SAVE THE DATE

Save the dates for our Summer Worship Schedule! Stay tuned for more details.

May 24 & 31:

10 AM one worship service in the Sanctuary

June:

8:30 AM Arise! in the Chapel

10 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary

July:

9 AM Notes@9 concert

10 AM one worship service in the Sanctuary

August:

8:30 AM Arise! in the Chapel

10 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary



FIRST PRES LITTLE PANTRY

We need more food donations for our Little Free Pantry.

The greatest needs are:

- canned foods with pull top lids (NOT cans that you need a can opener)
- canned tuna and chicken
- soup, chili, or ravioli
- beef jerky
- crackers
- peanut butter
- granola bars
- trail mix
- fruit cups



ART FOR INSPIRATION & MEDITATION

THE KIRK GALLERY

During the month of May, we have an exhibit of impressionistic works by David Niswonger. David is the brother of church member Mary Dee Denning. "I came to painting later in life. Like many people, my journey included confronting difficulties and working through them while searching for something deeper— for 'light'. For me, light became a way of describing the search for peace, love, direction, contentment and fulfillment." David Niswonger

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER LAWN CONCERTS

We will host two "lawn concerts" in our courtyard this year.

Melissa Fyr and her trio will return for *Jazz on the Lawn*

on **Friday evening, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.**

On **Saturday evening, August 29th**, we invite you to *Bluegrass on the Lawn*, featuring local bluegrass musicians Barnum Jack.

NEW HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

We need hosts, bakers and contributors of snacks to help keep

First Pres Café up and running!

Thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and hospitality.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/firstprescafe>.

Additionally, we are looking for **Hospitality Committee volunteers** to help with other events at church.

If you have any questions, please contact

Sarah Nepple at sarahbnepple@gmail.com or 314-448-2911.

BOOK CLUBS AND CIRCLES

- **Tuesday Book Club:** The Tuesday Book Club will conclude our year in May by discussing *1984* (NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR), by George Orwell. Our meetings will be held throughout the month at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday morning in the Fireplace Room. We will take a break over the summer and resume in September. All are welcome to join us. Contact: kochkarenp@gmail.com.
- **Wednesday Book Club:** The next meeting of the Wednesday Book Club is May 27th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room and over Zoom. We will be discussing *The Names* by Florence Knapp. A woman's choice of name for her newborn son creates three alternative timelines exploring domestic abuse, family bonds, and paths to healing. For more information, please contact julia@abreu.net.
- **History Book Club:** All are welcome to participate in the History Book Club meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 29. This month we are discussing *Medici Money* by Tim Parks. This book tells the fascinating story of the famous family who dominated Florence at the height of the Renaissance. Contact: gornatir@yahoo.com

CHILDCARE OFFERED DURING WORSHIP

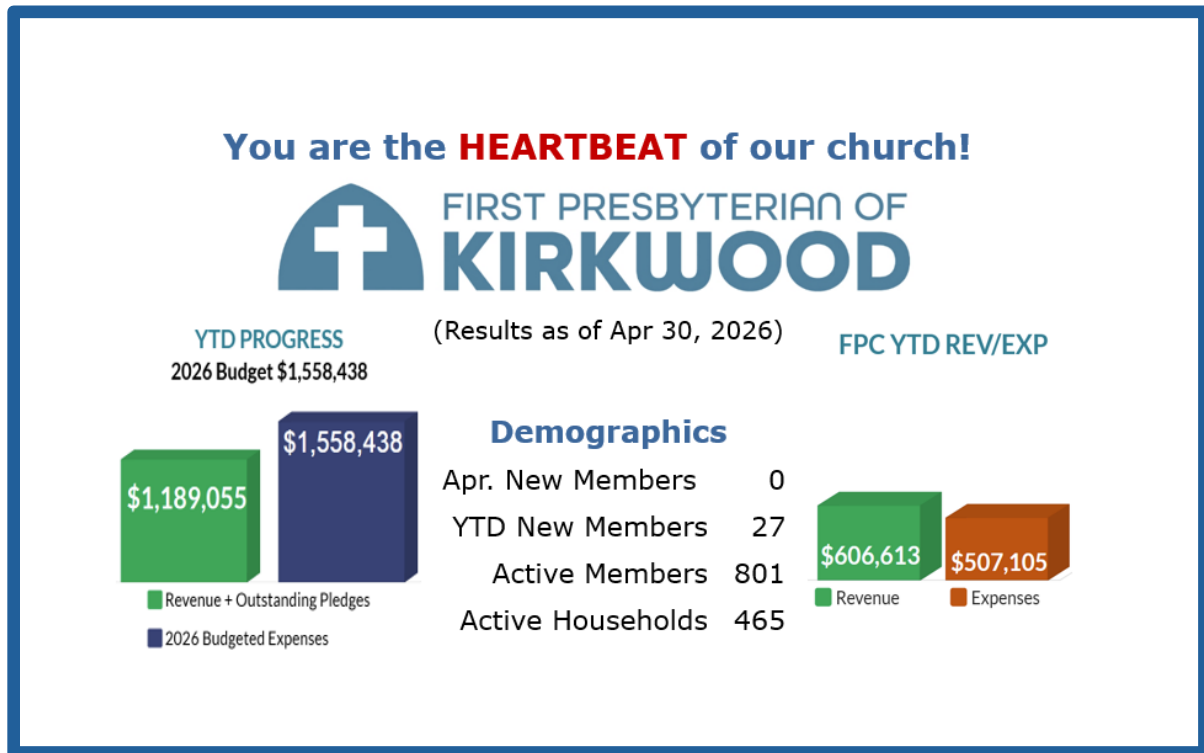
We offer childcare from 9:05 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 a.m. service (including during the 10:00 a.m. education hour) for ages birth through preschool in room 131 next to Fellowship Hall!

ACTIVITY BAGS AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Activity Bags & Children's Bulletins are available for kids in both services. For 9:05 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table outside the Fellowship Hall doors. For 11:00 a.m., bags and bulletins are on a table in the Narthex, at the rear of the Sanctuary. Bags are refreshed weekly to provide fun & engaging activities that reflect the lectionary lessons.

SPACE FOR NURSING MOTHERS

We want everyone to feel welcome and included at church! If you are nursing a baby and would like a private space to feed your baby while you are here, please feel free to use the women's restroom in the staff offices on the second floor. The room can be locked and has a comfortable chair, changing table, outlet, and small table for your use.



BUDGET UPDATE

As of the end of April, our year-to-date operating revenue exceeded the budgeted amount by 35% and is up 15% over last year's year to date actuals. Operating expenses are up about 7% over last year's actuals for this same period and about 4% under budget year to date.

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 foll the prompts, text "GIVEFPCK" to 73256, or scan the QR code to go directly our giving portal. Questions? Reach out to accounting@kirkwoodpres.org.

