

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Midmonth Music Series

May through August 2025

If you want to hear more music on our wonderful pipe organ, make plans to attend our new summer music series, Midmonth Music. Director of Music Ministries, Bill Stein, and Music Associate, Kevin Chunko, will play 30-minute recitals midday on the following **Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 p.m.:**

May 14: *Rule Britannia: Organ Music of England*

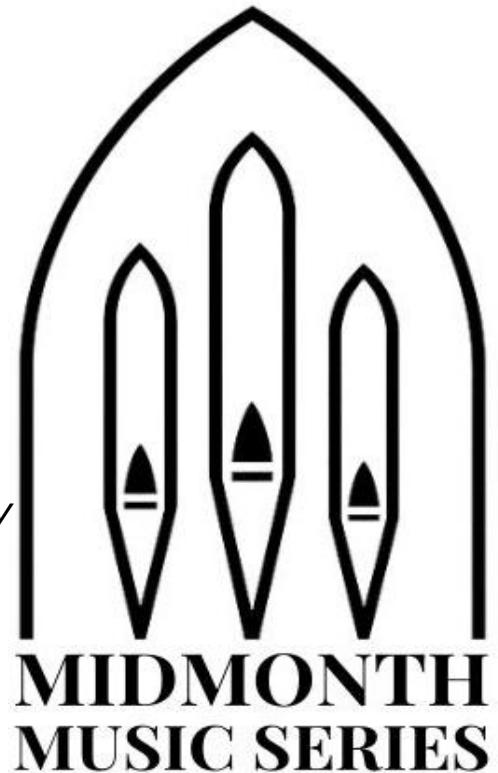
June 11: *Roars & Repose: A German Romantic Midday*

July 16: *Vive la France*

August 13: *North American Organ Scenes*

Watch upcoming bulletins, newsletters, and our Facebook page for more information!

Due to preschool being in session please enter the sanctuary through the parking lot doors.



Are You Considering Becoming a Member?

Thinking about getting more connected? We'd love to have you!

If you're interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregation, and ways to get involved, we invite you to join our upcoming informational classes. We'll meet on Sundays, May 18 and June 1, around 10:00 a.m. — right after the 9:05 a.m. Arise! worship service — in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then, on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, you'll have the chance to officially join the church during worship!

For questions or more information, please contact
Pastor Linda at 314-965-0326.

Pancake Picnic

We are excited to invite everyone to our second annual Pancake Picnic furnished by Chris Cakes St. Louis in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. You will not only receive unlimited Flying Chris Cakes Pancakes, tasty sausage, and Tang Orange Drink (yes, the drink of astronauts) but will be entertained by this "flipping" great experience and games that will be available for ALL! Will Robbie Noonan break his record for longest pancake catch? — Come and find out! A portion of the \$10 ticket price will be donated to Kirkcare to help fight hunger in our community. Use the QR code or follow this link <http://bit.ly/pancakepicnic> to make your reservation. We promise you a full belly and fun time.





Upcoming Save the Dates

We're excited about what's coming up this Summer!

Pentecost on Sunday, June 8

Join us for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by our annual Pancake Picnic!

June Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. – *Arise!* Contemporary Worship in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

July Worship Schedule

Arise! Contemporary Worship is on summer break
9:00 a.m. – Notes@9 Concert Series
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

August Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. – *Arise!* Contemporary Worship in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

May Diaper Drive

FPC Diaper Drive May 11-25 To Benefit The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank

Did you know...

- **1 in 2** US families experience diaper need
- **1 in 4** menstruators struggle to purchase period products
- **No public benefit program (SNAP, WIC, etc.)** allows for the purchase of diapers or period products
- **In Missouri**, these products are charged a **luxury tax** of 4.225%

How you can help–DONATE!

- **Packages of diapers** (even if they are opened!). Most critical need is for larger sizes and training pants, but all are gratefully accepted.
- Period products...tampons, pads, and liners.
- Learn more: <https://youtu.be/27derfPcPVg>

Questions? Reach Out!

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Now Showing in the Kirk Gallery: Kerrigan Aromando



We are excited to share the newest exhibit in *The Kirk Gallery*, located on the lower level of the church near the elevator.

This May, we feature the work of **Kerrigan Aromando**, a St. Louis-based artist trained at STLCC Meramec. A lifelong creator and former homeschool student, Kerrigan has explored many mediums but recently found her passion in colored pencil—especially through heartfelt pet portraits. Now working from her home studio part-time, Kerrigan dreams of growing her art practice while raising a young family. Her vibrant, detailed work invites viewers into a world of warmth, love, and quiet beauty.

Stop by the gallery anytime the church is open to enjoy this inspiring exhibit.

You can follow Kerrigan's journey at kerriganfineart.com or on Instagram and Facebook (@KerriganFineArt).

Christian Concerns

Christian Concerns will complete our year with the following:

May 18th - Betsy Solomon - "Sublime Landscapes: Caspar David Friedrich"

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 009 or online on Zoom. Please contact Ann at ann.willie@hotmail.com for the link.

Spiritual Formation

The regular monthly Spiritual Formation schedule would have us meeting on Mother's Day, so we will we gather virtually the 3rd Sunday this month, on May 18th at 9:00 a.m. The reading for our shared reflection comes from Abraham Joshua Heschel (<https://www.kirkwoodpres.org/important-documents>).

Google Meet joining link: <https://meet.google.com/bjk-eqqx-mje>

Thank you to our Spring Cleanup Team!

The Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to those volunteers that helped clean up the church grounds Saturday, May 3rd. It was a great turnout by our membership. Bushes were trimmed, flowers planted, weeds pulled, beds mulched – and the rain didn't keep us from getting work done. Your hard work is greatly appreciated in making First Pres a welcoming and inviting place to visit and worship.

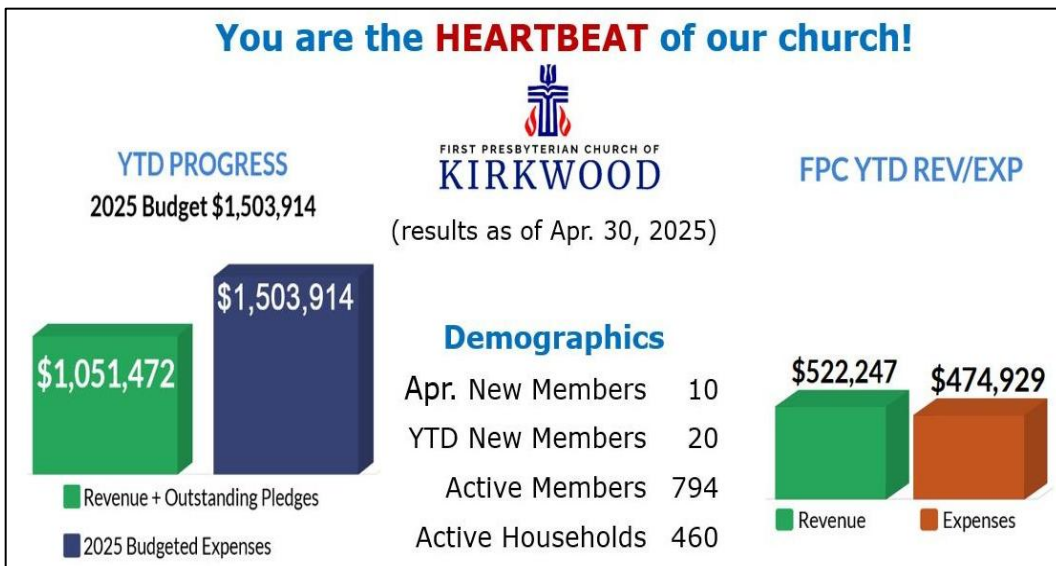
Book Clubs

Tuesday Book Club: In May the Tuesday Book Club at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room will be discussing *VISION: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice*, by David S. Tatel. We will begin our summer break after May 20. On that day following our discussion we will end our season with a light luncheon for conversation and a bonus—free chair massages. During the summer we will vote on a new list of books for the 2025-26 year. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Karen at kochkarenp@gmail.com for more info.

Wednesday Book Club: The next meeting of the Wednesday book club is May 28 at 1:30 over zoom. We will be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. It is a story of female friendships and secrets in a DC boardinghouse during the McCarthy era. Please contact Julia at julia@abreu.net if you have any questions.

Budget Update

Thank you for your continued generosity! Year-to-date offerings are up 7% compared to last year (excluding Building Together Forever Campaign), which is a strong sign of your faithful support. Expenses remain within expected levels. We have



changed our strategy and are not seeking contributions to the Building Together Forever campaign. We encourage all giving to be directed toward general offerings, which support the full life and ministry of our church. Your support helps us grow, serve, and thrive together - thank you!

How to 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://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.

