

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

A graphic for the 'Notes@9!' concert series. It features a large, stylized number '9' in the center, with the text 'notes @' to its left. The background is a gradient of purple and pink, decorated with musical notes and a map of the United States. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

**notes @ 9**

Come Enjoy Our Con Spirito Concert Series, **Notes@9!**  
**9 AM - 30-Minute Concert**  
**9:30 AM - Coffee & Fellowship**  
**10 AM - Worship**

- **July 14:** Young Organists' Recital\*
- **July 21:** Jonathan Reycraft, *trombone*
- **July 28:** The Piano Ensemble\*

*\*livestream available*

## **Are You Considering Becoming a Member?**

If you would like to know more information about the Presbyterian Church(USA), this congregation and ways to get involved, there will be two upcoming opportunities! There will be an informational class held today and on Sunday July 28th following worship in the Tree of Life Chapel. Then on August 4th you would formally join the church during the worship service. Contact Pastor Linda with any questions. The office phone number is 314-965-0326.

## **Summer Choir Announcement**

Summer Choir will sing three Sundays in August: the 4th, the 18th, and the 25th. Summer Choir is a GREAT way to give Chancel Choir a "test drive" before the Fall, or just to sing with the Choir in an informal setting. Summer Choir rehearses in the Choir Room (lower level under the sanctuary) those three mornings at 9:00 a.m. and sing two simple anthems for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We don't robe or process. All High School age and older are welcome!

If you have questions, please contact Bill Stein or email the office at [office@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:office@kirkwoodpres.org). You can also just show up at 9:00 a.m. those days.

Come make a joyful noise!

## **Acolytes & Crossbearers**

Our acolytes and cross bearers will return to worship at the end of August. This is open to all youth in grades 5-12. Acolytes light candles at the beginning of worship and cross bearers carry the processional cross in at the beginning of worship. This is a wonderful way for our youth to be involved! There is a simple training upon signing up. If your children are interested or if you have questions, contact Bill Stein, or see him after worship on Sunday mornings.



## **Pray for Work Camp**

Pray for our Work Campers! On July 6th, First Pres sent 36 high school students and seven adults to Buffalo, New York, for Work Camp. This two-week mission trip will have our group working with a variety of organizations ranging from an equine therapy farm for people with PTSD, to Habitat for Humanity builds, to helping fill new housing units for refugees. We are excited for the work and also for the fun - two weeks away means we get to do things like visiting Niagara Falls, too! We ask your prayers for good work, good attitudes and two weeks of learning what it means to live our faith out loud. To keep up with the trip you can follow our blog at <https://kirkwoodshf.blogspot.com/>. This past week, our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries also shared an update on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCCKirkwood>

## **First Pres Needs Volunteers for Presbytery Gathering!**

On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, First Pres is hosting the gathering of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and will need volunteers to help with the event.

### **The duties include the following:**

- Registration table assistants
- Hosts inside the church to greet presbyters and provide directions
- Ushers to collect and count the offering
- Communion Servers
- Persons to serve food
- AV assistants for the service, education session and Presbytery meeting
- Two childcare providers for approximately 2-4 children



Volunteer times and sign-ups may be found through this link <https://bit.ly/Presbymeeting> or by calling Bill Larson 314-965-0326.

Thank you for helping with this important event.

## **Backpack School Supply Drive Thank You**

Community Outreach (Formerly known as Missions at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood) hosted a School Supply Drive. Thank you for your support and generosity for this event. Because of your donations, we are able to provide essential supplies to the students of Meacham Park, helping them start the school year with confidence and excitement.

Your contributions have made a significant impact on our community, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for demonstrating the love and compassion that defines our congregation.

## **Spiritual Formation Update**

The July Spiritual Formation gathering will be held virtually on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> via Google meet: Meet - qpy-yxcs-xkr ([google.com](https://www.google.com)) at 9:00 a.m.

We will discuss the reading, *A Gift of Silence*, by Ruth Haley Barton, and *A Maturing Spirituality*, an accompanying reflection by Richard Rohr as we continue to explore aspects of spiritual transformation.

If you are planning to join us, please contact Tom Edelstein and he will send you the articles. You can also contact us at [office@kirkwoodpres.org](mailto:office@kirkwoodpres.org).

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024**

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0501, the Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation following 10:00am Worship Service on Sunday, August 11, 2024 to act on proposed changes to the Bylaws of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary in addition to being available by Zoom.

### **By Order of the Session**

Lisa K. Ward

*Clerk of Session*

### **The current bylaws state:**

#### **II. THE SESSION (G-3.02)**

2.1 Members of the Session. The Congregation shall be ruled and governed by the Session, consisting of the Pastor, Associate Pastor(s), and Ruling Elders, ordained and installed, as required by the Constitution. (G-3.0201, W-4.04) Ruling Elders will number

1. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than twenty-two (22) in the calendar year 2023
2. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than eighteen (18) in the calendar year 2024
3. no fewer than ten (10) and no more than fourteen (14) in the calendar year 2025 and subsequent years

## The proposed change would be:

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### Budget and Giving Update

As we end the first half of our budget year, our year-to-date expenses have slightly exceeded our revenue. This is the time of year when expenses typically overtake income, as we see a dip in giving during the summer, so we encourage continued giving at this time to help close the gap and to minimize the use of reserve funds. Your support and generosity is a testament to our collective dedication of advancing God's mission through our church and maintaining our ministries.



### 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](mailto:accounting@kirkwoodpres.org).

