

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office is closed Monday

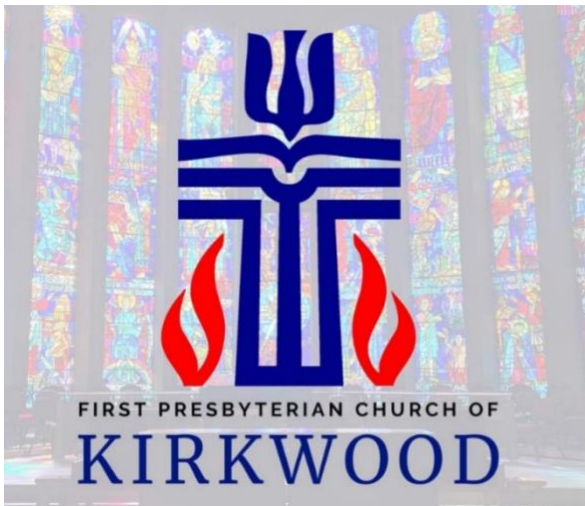
The church office is closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

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.

Family Activities at First Pres

2024-2025 Year at a Glance

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

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

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.





REFLECTION AND PRAYER

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

Pew Partners

We now have a group of volunteers that serve as "pew partners". These folks come in once a month (or as needed) to tidy up the sanctuary - they check the pews for scrap papers, make sure hymnals and bibles are in place, refill friendship registers, and replace pens and pencils as needed. If you would like to be a pew partner, please contact the office.

Discussing Faith in Today's World

A new adult spiritual formation class began this month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. This class is being taught by Sara Butler and Peter Hurd. They are using Animate curriculum. This curriculum is video-based and looks at seven spiritual practices: prayer, food, worship, sacraments, money, service, and community. Each practice will be presented in a unique and creative way. This class will be an opportunity to learn and grow in your own spiritual life. All adults are invited to attend!

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 26th: Lawyer Jim Hacking to talk about Immigration Law



Dismantling Structural Racism

We have an opportunity to participate in a **Kirkwood Black Heritage celebration with 3 events** in January and February. Many of you will remember the tours of the Mudd's Grove area last year.

You may register for the events on our website under the "Get Involved" and "Community Outreach" tab, or, using the following web address:

<https://kirkwoodpres.org/communityoutreach#dismantling-structural-racism>

- Kirkwood Black history: a musical journey on January 31st 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a ticketed event.
- Freedom crossroads lecture on February 8th.
- Motorcoach Tours and Mudd's Grove open House on February 22nd.

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.

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.



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