

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Are You Considering Becoming a Member?

*We'd love to welcome you into the life of our community!*

If you want to learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, or are looking for ways to get connected and involved, we're here for you.

Reach out to Pastor Linda with any questions or to start a conversation, we'd be delighted to walk with you on this journey of faith and belonging.

The office phone number is 314-965-0326.

## Church Office Closed on Monday, April 21

In observance of Easter, and in recognition of the full day of worship on Easter Sunday, **the Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21.** Thank you for your understanding as our staff takes this time for rest and renewal.

 <p>Give hope this spring. Give blood.</p>	 <p>American Red Cross</p> <p>Spring <b>Blood Drive</b></p>  <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF <b>KIRKWOOD</b></p> <p>Fellowship Hall 100 East Adams Ave. Kirkwood, MO 63122</p> <p><b>Monday, April 28, 2025</b> <b>1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Sign up by going to <a href="https://RedCrossBlood.org">RedCrossBlood.org</a> and enter FirstPresKirkwood</p>
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## Community Blood Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring a Community Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday afternoon, April 28, 2025 from 1-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Appointments can be made online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering FirstPresKirkwood or by calling 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). **Or, sign up in person in the Welcome Area from 10-11:00 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m on Sunday, April 27th.** There continues to be a critical need for blood. Please consider giving this gift of life and letting friends/family know about this opportunity for giving back to our community.

## Spring Clean-Up

The Buildings and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, May 3, beginning at 8 a.m.** for the Spring Clean-Up. We will be planting flowers, cleaning up garden areas, trimming bushes/grasses, mulching beds, and sprucing up the grounds. Bring rakes, trowels, shovels, work gloves and hedge trimmers. We will supply the flowers and yard waste bags (and some sweet treats for our volunteers). This is a great opportunity to help beautify our church as we head into summer.

## The Annual Organ Dedication Anniversary Recital



On May 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. join us for an exciting recital by concert organist, Damini Spritzer. Dr. Spritzer is the Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma. She will play works by Tournemire, Debussy, Bach, Reger, and others. Come and experience the grandeur of our magnificent Casavant pipe organ! All are welcome to attend this free concert and enjoy complimentary ice cream following the performance.

## 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.:**

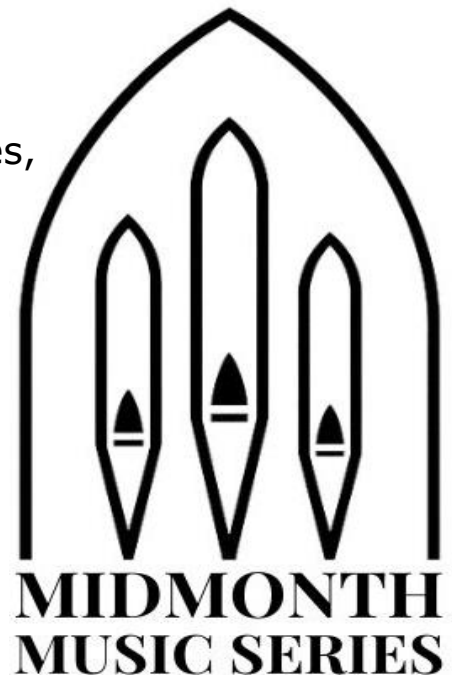
**May 14:** *Rule Britannia: Organ Music of England*

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

**July 16:** *Vive la France*

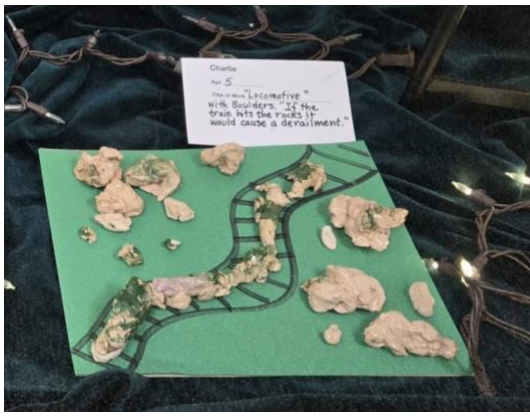
**August 13:** *North American Organ Scenes*

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



## Pill Bottle Collection Pause

The orange pill bottle collecting is going on a break. We will let everyone know when it returns in the fall, 2025. Thank you to everyone that has donated!



## Kirk Gallery

We have Ceramic Creations made by the Bear Class of First Presbyterian Children's Center on display in the Kirk Gallery through the end of April. This is in celebration of Month of the Young Child. The artwork by Georgia Hepp is on display in the gallery through today, Easter Sunday. Come downstairs to the gallery and check out their creative work!

## Discussing Faith in Today's World

A new adult spiritual formation class is being held at 10:00 a.m. in Room 29 each week. This class is being taught by Sara Butler and Peter Hurd and they are using Animate curriculum. Here is what is coming up in the next several weeks: *God-Faith is a Quest; Religion-Spirituality is Not Enough; Jesus-The Revolution of Love; Salvation-Abundant Life Now; Cross-Where God Is.* This class will be an opportunity to learn and grow in your own spiritual life. All adults are invited to attend!

## Christian Concerns

**Christian Concerns will not meet for the Palm Sunday and Easter, but will complete our year with the following:**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Solomon**

"Art, Narrative, and Faith: Marc Chagall and Sieger Koder"

**May 4<sup>th</sup> - Betsy Solomon**

"More Than Just Stuff: Understanding Symbolism in Paintings"

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Wallace Ward**

"Restoration of the Olive Chapel AME Church"

**May 18<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:ann.willie@hotmail.com) for the link.

## Black History Tours

**Black history tours** are scheduled for May 17th and June 7th.

The tours leave St. Cronan's, 1202 S. Boyle Ave, 63110 at 9:45 a.m. and will return at 1:00 p.m. There is one rest stop in the middle of the tour at a service station for restrooms, snacks and water. If you want to bring a brown bag lunch, you can stay to participate after the tour for questions and sharing. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 for the transportation. Make your reservation with your name, email address, and phone # to Paul Loida at [paul.loida@bayer.com](mailto:paul.loida@bayer.com).

## Kirk Care

Pick up your Kirk Care bag and grocery list today by the Welcome Center. Bring the filled bag back to church and a volunteer will make sure the food gets delivered. The Kirk Care clients are families living within or attending the Kirkwood R-7 School District including working adults, children, seniors, disabled veterans, underemployed, college students and others who struggle with hunger and poverty.

## Breakfast Casseroles Needed

St. Patrick's Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency to homeless people. Help by cooking a breakfast casserole for the center using the recipe at <https://bit.ly/casserolerecipe>. Contact Bill Besselman at 314-448-3311 or [wb7359@swbell.net](mailto:wb7359@swbell.net) with any questions.

## Book Clubs

**Tuesday Book Club:** Tuesday Book Club will be discussing *TEAM AMERICA: Patton, MacArthur, Marshall, Eisenhower*, by Robert L. O'Connell weekly at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. In late April we will begin *VISION: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice*, by David S. Tatel. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Karen at [kochkarenp@gmail.com](mailto:kochkarenp@gmail.com) for more info.

**Wednesday Book Club:** The next meeting of the Wednesday Book Club will be held Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. over Zoom. We will be discussing *James* by Percival Everett. This is a reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Please contact Julia at [julia@abreu.net](mailto:julia@abreu.net) if you have any questions.

**History Book Group:** The History Book Group will talk about *The Wide, Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook* by Hampton Sides, a story of adventure and the complex and controversial legacy of European exploration, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at church. For more information, contact Don Lewis at [donlewis610@gmail.com](mailto:donlewis610@gmail.com) or Carlin Scanlan at [ccscanlan@swbell.net](mailto:ccscanlan@swbell.net).

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



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