



PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

DECEMBER 2025

Website: www.PrairieDulcimerClub.com
 Facebook: Prairie Dulcimer Club Networking
 Prairie Dulcimer Club Private Members Group

NEXT Meeting: December 20th, 2025
(Always the 3rd Saturday of the Month)
 Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington,
 Independence, MO 64050

MONTH	Hammer Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Hammer Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Mountain Activity 1st Session 9:00am - 10:15am	Mountain Activity 2nd Session 11:00am - 12:00pm	Club Activity
DEC 20th	Combined Christmas Seasonal Jam	Group Jam	Combined Christmas Seasonal Jam	Group Jam	Christmas Potluck; Chicken will be provided
JAN 17th	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch
FEB 21st	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Potluck Lunch

This Month's Workshop Sessions

We will have a combined Christmas seasonal jam with various performing club member solos, duets and group songs interspersed throughout.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Payments for 2026: \$25 for individual; \$40 for family. The 2026 membership dues will renew in January 2026. For your convenience, we will have a renewal table at our Christmas party on December 20th for you to pay early. Please make your check payable to Prairie Dulcimer Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Crown Center Christmas Performance December 3rd, 2025, 11:30am - 12:15pm at 2405 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO. We will be performing this Christmas Playlist: Joy to the World – D – 2 parts; Up on the Housetop – D; Jingle Bells – D – low melody and high melody; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – E minor; Deck the Halls - D; Away in a Manger - D; Angels We Have Heard on High – D – 2 parts; Silent Night – D; We Wish You a Merry Christmas – D

Parkview Nursing Home Thursday, December 11th, 2025, 10:00 am at 128 North Hardesty Avenue, KC, MO. Please join us, the more the merrier! All levels of players welcome! If you would like to play a solo, please contact Rita at youngrita500@gmail.com The playlist will be the same as the Crown Center playlist plus a few sing-a-long songs.

NEW PDC CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE: On **Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5:30**, PDC will be performing a one-hour Christmas program at the **Cass County Public Library- Pleasant Hill**. [The address is 101 MO-7, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.] We will work on carpooling. If you can join us, please contact Ken Shoemaker at kshoemaker99@gmail.com Our play list is as follows: Joy to the World - D; Angels We Have Heard on High - D; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - D; In the Bleak Mid-Winter - D; Jingle Bells - D; Up On the Housetop - D; Angels from the Realms of Glory - D; Away in a Manger - D; Hark the Herald Angels Sing - D; Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella - D; Over the River - D; What Child is This - Em; Deck the Halls - D; O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Dm; Go Tell It on the Mountain - D; Silent Night - D; We Wish You a Merry Christmas - D. *NOTE: If you are playing at Parkview Nursing Home in the morning, you should have plenty of time to rest up for this evening.*

QuaranTUNE Christmas Concerts: An Old Time Christmas Concert December 14th and 15th, 2025. Join your favorite QuaranTUNE instructors this holiday season. Concert tickets for viewing can be purchased at virtualdulcimerfest.com.

Rick Thum: An Old Time Christmas Concert December 16th, 2025. Streaming live from the Sheldon Theater, this live stream concert features Rick Thum and 6 other favorite musicians from the St. Louis area. Tickets are \$25 each at rthum.com. See flyer on page 4 following the October Meeting Minutes for details.

Annual Dulcymoon Virtual Workshops January 16th - 18th. Registration for mountain or hammered dulcimers can be found at dulcymoon.com

27th Annual Dulcimer Workshops with Linda Thomas and Duane Porterfield March 21st, 2026: John Knox Presbyterian Kirk 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Registration is limited for both hammered and mountain dulcimers and is now open for the 2026 workshop in Kansas City MO. For details, contact Linda at lindadan@primary.net. See attached flyer on page 5. There will be a 45 minute instructor concert immediately following the classes.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol Remember to register for this event to receive news and updates. The event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026 9am-3pm at the State Capitol Building Rotunda in Jefferson City, Mo. You can register at www.moaae.org/programs/fine-arts-education-week/Dulcimer-Day-at-the-Capitol.

AROUND TOWN JAMS TO JOIN

Kansas City - West MONTHLY JAM meets at the Johnson County Central Resource Library (Conference Room #4) at 9875 West 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. Contact Ann Hauser at hausera58@gmail.com

* WED December 9th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

* WED January 14th - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Tune List for KC - West Jam

We are currently working on Christmas songs: Angels We Have Heard on High; Deck the Halls; In the Bleak Midwinter; Jingle Bells; Joy to the World; O Come O Come Emmanuel; Silent Night; We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Meadowbrook Park Outdoor Summer Jam

Stay tuned, this will resume in the Spring of 2026.

MINUTES FROM OUR LAST BUSINESS MEETING: November 15, 2025

President Ken Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

Ken recognized visitors and members with November birthdays.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 18, 2025 meeting were read. John Maas moved to approve; Dana Taylor seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Werne gave the treasurer's report for October with an ending balance of \$4,689.74. Expenses was a canopy to use for outdoor performances. Income was \$400 for the Missouri Town performance.

Election: Ken announced the candidates for officers for 2026 through 2028. Ken Shoemaker- President; Easel Roberts- Vice-President, Allen Macfarlane- Treasurer, Diane Crouch- Secretary. There were no other nominations. Ellen Marquardt moved to accept the officer nominations by acclamation. Karron Smith seconded; motion carried.

Dulcimers in Schools: Ramona Crawford will be shadowing Erin Mae as she teaches dulcimers in school. Ken and Ramona will be meeting with music teachers in Jefferson City in April, 2026.

Possum Boards: Dave Courtney and David Tate are working on a design for the possum boards for the mountain dulcimers.

March Workshop: The March workshop with Linda Thomas and Duane Porterfield was discussed. A motion was made and withdrawn by Ellen Marquardt regarding member reimbursement for the workshop. The reimbursement amount will be finalized at the January meeting.

Food Pantry Drive: Thanks to all who brought cash and canned goods to donate to the Community Service League food pantry.

Upcoming:

Ilace Mears & David Wilson Concert: Saturday, November 22, 2025, 7:00 pm. Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO

Crown Center Performance: Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 11:30 am.

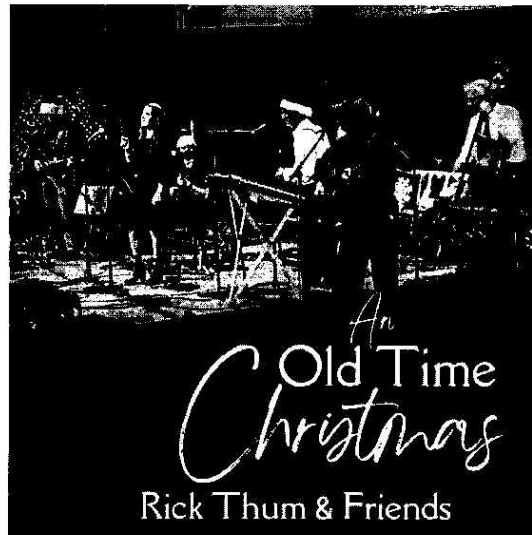
Parkview Nursing Home: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m, Parkview nursing home performance. Song list is the same as the Crown Center performance.

Christmas Party and Potluck: Saturday, December 20, 2025, starting at 9:00 am. The club will provide chicken. Bring a side dish.

Spring Workshop with Linda Thomas & Duane Porterfield: March 21, 2026, Kansas City.

Dulcimer Day at the Capitol: April 11, 2026, Jefferson City, MO:

Ellen Marquardt moved to adjourn the meeting; Ann Hauser seconded.



Streaming Live

Location: Your Home

From: The Sheldon Theater

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Available to view thru Dec. 24, 2025

Showtime: 7:00pm - 9:00PM

Tickets: \$25 each at rthum.com

Gather your friends and family to celebrate the season with an extra cup of holiday cheer and sparkling, live folk music that captures the Christmas spirit like none other! This fan-favorite will warm your hearts, get your toes tapping, and become a new family tradition. Led by renowned hammered dulcimer player, Rick Thum, and featuring some of St. Louis' favorite musicians:

Rick Thum: Hammered Dulcimer, Harmonica, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals

Bob Born: Acoustic Guitar, Vocals

Kristen Ashley Linton: Vocals

Rinn Netherton: Fiddle, Mandolin, Piano

Vince Corkery: Upright Bass

Tim Woestendiek: Electric Guitar

LaShandra Woestendiek: Cello

Purchase tickets at
rthum.com

27th Annual Dulcimer Workshops

March 21, 2026 - Kansas City, MO

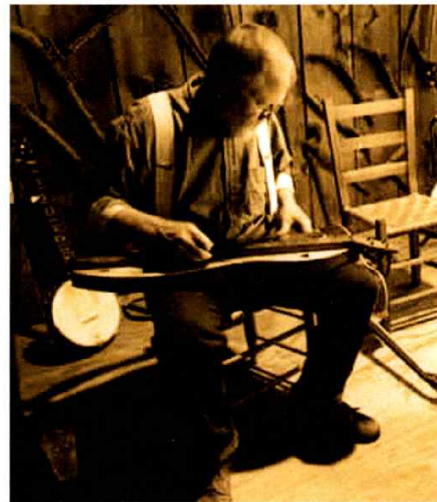
#1 John Knox Presbyterian Kirk
11430 Wornall Road (see map)

**Workshops - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**On Your Own Lunch - 11:00 - 1:00

**45-minute Instructors' concert - immediately following classes



Linda G. Thomas, Hammered Dulcimer



Duane Porterfield, Mountain Dulcimer
2014 National Champion

Area room accommodations:

Sonesta Select
Kansas City South - 500 E. 105th St.
Tel: 816-941-3333

