

A Voice in the Pines

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Kirk closed by coronavirus scare, may re-open on April 5

By Lowell Gardner

The seven days between Palm Sunday and Easter are traditionally referred to as Holy Week. The week is always set apart as a defining moment in the church calendar.

In 2020, the week is bracketed in a uniquely unnerving manner. As is duly noted we have suspended all gatherings at the Kirk because of the coronavirus.

These are emergency measures taken by our Session until at least Palm Sunday on April 5. The closures may last even longer.

Pastor Bill Bailey, in his Pastor's Corner remarks on page 2 of this



newsletter, reminds us we need "not be captive to fear"... "we are not alone."

Given the opportunity, he would surely remind us on Palm Sunday

that in the face of calamity we can move ahead in reassurance.

The lectionary text for 2020 Maundy Thursday is from the Gospel according to Matthew from Jesus's trial through to his crucifixion. We are told Bill will lead us through that account as he will on Easter Sunday be reassuring us of the triumphant victory over death that Jesus proclaimed in message and example.

Dotty Rector, in her Choir Notes on page 15, tells us the Kirk Choir will enhance all of this both instrumentally and in harmonic voice.

"Rejoice, the Lord is King. Your Lord and King adore!" whatever the circumstances.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.

When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
Begins at 5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall

Wednesday Bible Study
9 a.m. In Hoffius Hall



Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Conference Room

For more meeting times see
www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar



As people of faith, we cannot live in fear

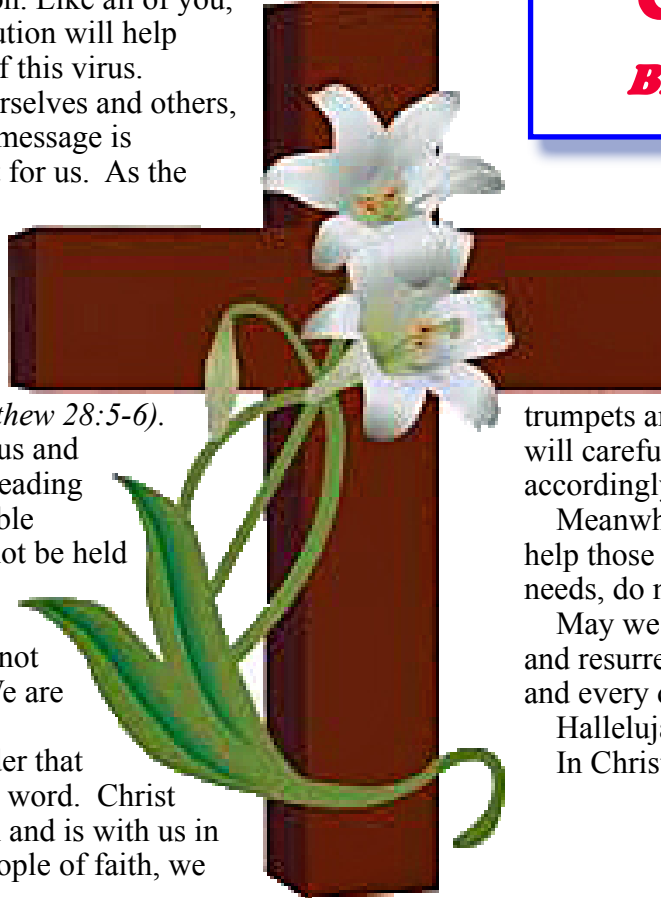
By the time you read this Pastor's Corner, worship services at the Kirk will have been canceled for three weeks due to the coronavirus. Writing this on March 15, it is still uncertain how things will unfold.

Still, it is my hope and prayer this will only be a temporary suspension. Like all of you, I am praying our caution will help prevent the spread of this virus.

As we care for ourselves and others, I believe the Easter message is especially important for us. As the angel said on that first Easter: "Do not be afraid. You are seeking Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen!" (*Matthew 28:5-6*).

We will be cautious and concerned about spreading this virus to vulnerable people but we will not be held captive by fear. We will be wise and prudent but we will not give in to despair. We are not alone.

Easter is a reminder that death is not the final word. Christ has conquered death and is with us in all of life. So, as people of faith, we



The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



cannot live in fear. Let us continue to pray and seek to serve those in need.

Our hope is to be able to gather for worship this coming Palm Sunday, April 5. We expect Easter services on April 12 will be a great celebration with hymns,

trumpets and strong hallelujahs. As always, the Session will carefully monitor this situation and plan accordingly.

Meanwhile, let us continue to be faithful servants and help those in need. If you have particular concerns or needs, do not hesitate to call the Kirk office or me.

May we all rediscover the power of Christ's death and resurrection that gives us hope in times of illness and every day.

Hallelujah, Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!
In Christ's service,

Bill

Session will meet weekly to stay abreast of issues

Proactive action to protect the health of our congregation and community in the face of the coronavirus pandemic was taken March 13 at a 2½-hour meeting of the Session.

Worship services, as well as all small group gatherings in our facility, are suspended until Palm Sunday, April 5. With the exception of memorial services or items of specific pre-announced notes, the use of the building will be restricted.

Basic staff will continue to maintain work hours to support the ministries of the Kirk. This includes Pastor Bill Bailey, Secretary Chris Taylor-Wilmoth, Business Administrator Beverly Schaumburg and Sexton Arthur "Chip" Johnson.

Questions related to the Kirk ministries and other pertinent information may be addressed at 501 922-1333 or send an email to kirkoffice1@sbcglobal.net.

The Active Ruling Elders of the Kirk Session will meet weekly to stay abreast of any changes and strive to take any appropriate action(s) deemed necessary. Sally Fink, Congregational Care Moderator, is designing and implementing a plan to make and maintain active contact with all members of the congregation.

Pray for each other, our Kirk ministries, our community, our nation and its leaders, and our world as we face this health challenge.

Here's a link you can click on which we think you will find useful:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhigh-risk%2Fhigh-risk-complications.html

Kirk suffered major loss as four leaders pass on

New Member:

The Session was happy to receive Bruce Dale as a new member of the Kirk. Bruce comes by transfer of membership. He lives at 9 Cabrillear, Hot Springs Village and his telephone is 1 301 904-4501. He has been attending the Kirk for several weeks.

I hope when you see Bruce, make sure to make him feel at home.

Loss of Kirk Members:

Harry Marshall, a long-time member of the Kirk, passed away on Feb. 24, 2020. A memorial service and reception were March 7 at the Kirk.

Bob Webster, also a long-time Kirk member, passed away on March 4, 2020. A memorial service was in the Kirk Memorial Garden on March 13 with Family and Friends.

Ray Beal passed away on March 9, 2020. A memorial service and interment are pending.

Gary Clark's interment was March 20, 2020, in the Kirk Memorial Garden.

The death of these four members represents a major loss to the Kirk. Harry Marshall, Ray Beal, and Gary Clark, in addition to serving on several committees, also served on the Session.

Paul and Carol Burpo have requested their names be removed from the Kirk membership rolls. Harry and Sally Lester also requested their names be removed.

Jack and Velma Huebner have not responded to a letter from the Session. Their telephone number is no



longer listed. Their names will be removed from the roll.

Church Statistics as of March 13, 2020:

Individuals – 288

Family units – 198.

Concern about coronavirus:

The Session engaged in extensive debate about the coronavirus and its possible impact on Kirk members. It was finally decided the Kirk should be closed at least until Palm Sunday, April 5. The staff will continue normal hours.

To prevent the possible spread of the virus, it is best if you call the office for information.

Because of the virus pandemic, there have been many program changes at the Kirk. Call ahead before planning to attend any event.

24 hours of intense training for Pilgrimages

By Martha Nielsen

Twice a year, spring and fall, the halls and rooms of the Kirk reverberate with the call of Mu Chas, Table Chas, and Palanca Chas.

Having just read this factual statement, you may still be left with the questions “who, why and what?”

The Spanish word “cha” is equivalent to the English “helper,” and each of these names refers to a group of people training to help staff a Pilgrimage weekend. Mu Chas are the music leaders, Table Chas serve and clean up at meals, and Palanca Chas deliver a variety of God's special gifts to participants at the weekend.

These words originated in Spain in the 1930s after the Spanish Civil War left people devastated and the Catholic Church divided.

Out of all that grew a movement called Cursillo, meaning to “awaken in lay leaders and young persons the deeper meaning of their faith and instill in them the fundamentals of being a Christian in all aspects of their lives.”

By 1957 the Catholic Cursillo program was brought to Waco, Texas, by Spanish pilots training at Lackland Air Force Base. From this beginning it ultimately spread to Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian denominations, often with other names like Walk to Emmaus, Great Banquet, and Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

What is occurring each spring and fall at the Kirk are training sessions for people from all over the state who, having been through a three-day Renewal Weekend in their own spiritual journey, are gearing up a month ahead to staff the next renewal weekend.

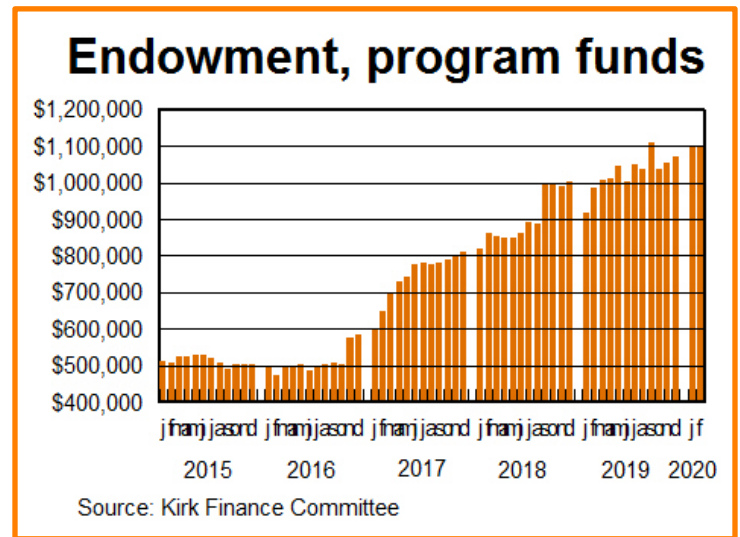
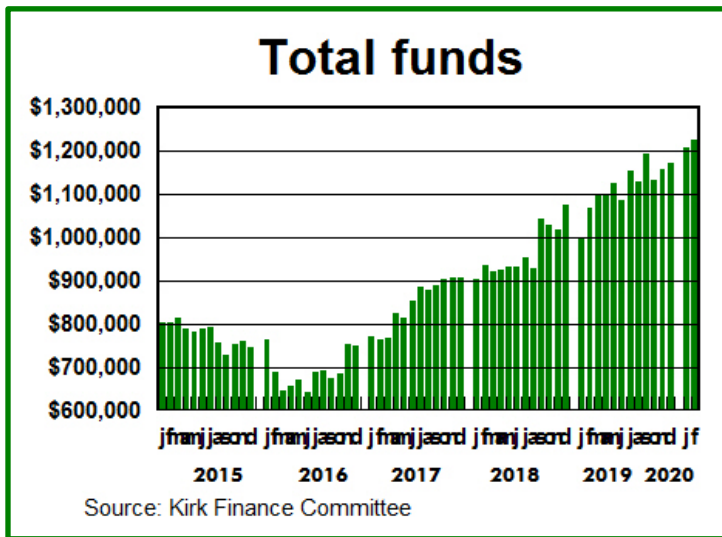
It involves an intense 24-hour (3 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday) period of planning and team building to prepare the staffers to facilitate a setting where each new participant may plot his or her own God-drawn journey.

Martha Nielsen is Pilgrimage coordinator.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of February 29, 2020

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,370	\$ 46,673	\$ 72,740	\$ 102,715
Disbursements	\$ 37,375	\$ 26,579	\$ 74,749	\$ 53,959
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,218	\$ 5,947	\$ 8,436	\$ 14,616
Disbursements	\$ 4,660	\$ 7,870	\$ 9,320	\$ 10,906
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 40,588	\$ 52,620	\$ 81,176	\$ 117,331
Disbursements	\$ 42,035	\$ 34,449	\$ 84,069	\$ 64,865
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 126,574
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 61,692
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 258,220
Programs fund				\$ 54,292
Endowment fund				\$ 660,202
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 61,523
Total special funds				\$ 1,095,929



\$572 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate.

A total of \$572 was collected in February.

If you wish to give more than a dollar, please use the envelopes in the pew racks.

We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

Thinking of you ...

Each Saturday and Sunday the Congregational Care Committee asks Kirk members to sign a beautiful card to be mailed to a church member who has not been able to attend services due to illness or disability.

Please add your signature to these cards and join the congregation in wishing others well.

Thank you.

Imagination leads to beautiful napkins by Carol Sue Williams

By Lowell Gardner

Carol Sue (Ridings) Williams was born in Hamilton Mo., birthplace of James Cash Penney (J. C. Penney's), quilter Jenny Doan (Missouri Star Quilt Co. and Missouri Quilt Museum) and Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Famer Zack Wheat (1910-1927).

She grew up the middle child of Marion and Loraine Ridings alongside her brother John and sister Sallie who we came to know as late Kirk member Mrs. Lee Huss. Marion was editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper while Loraine was a professional bookkeeper and seamstress by avocation. From her, Carol Sue inherited a serger.

If you, like I, have no idea what that is, read on.

Carol Sue attended Missouri's Christian College (later Columbia College) for two years before beginning her career with Kansas City Power and Light Company, initially in the accounting department before rising to a supervisory role in customer service.

She met her husband Bill, 11 years her senior,



An example of Carol Sue Williams' creative dinner napkins.



at work and they spent 27 years together. She retired from her job when Bill did in 1994 and they moved to Hot Springs Village. Sister Sallie and her husband Lee were here already and, raised a lifetime Presbyterian, Carol Sue and Bill joined the Kirk as well.

Having already been a person drawn to service (30 years with Daughters of the American Revolution-Treasurer, and 61 years with Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) – President) Carol Sue became heavily involved in Presbyterian Women and served as chapter moderator.

Retirement gave Carol Sue added time and energy to use her inherited serger, a specialized machine that trims, folds and stitches material to form a neat, straight hem.

Material is cut to size and, fed carefully into the device, it does the rest. With creative imagination, Carol Sue makes colorful, attractive and functional tea and dinner napkins which she sells at craft fairs.

Travel, volunteer service, and crafting fill Carol Sue Williams' retirement quite nicely, thank you very much.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Carol Sue Williams. (Lowell Gardner photos)

PW's Gathering on March 9 was well attended

By Vicki Rosenquist

The March Presbyterian Women Gathering on Monday, March 9, was well attended.

The gathering began at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with the Lighting of the Christ Candle by Becky Wakefield.

The Rev. Bill Bailey spoke to the group about "Thoughts on Prayer."

Everyone received a handout with 17 suggestions to consider when praying.

Everyone was then invited to attend the luncheon in Hoffius Hall.

During lunch we made a few announcements about our next gathering planned for May 11. The Woman of Faith recognition was also presented.

Ballots were passed out and everyone was encouraged to give thoughtful consideration to their choice. A box was located on the piano in Hoffius Hall for completed ballots. Completed ballots can also be placed in the PW mailbox by the choir room. All ballots should be returned by April 26.

Susan Morrow was our pianist for the event while Nancy Patton was in charge of sound. Ruth Hamilton led us in the Least Coin collection for missions.

Bev Bongard and Terry Arant served as our greeters and ushers. Circle 1 did a wonderful job of setting up, decorating, and cleaning up after the Gathering.

Vicki Rosenquist is PW Moderator.



The House of Parliament and Big Ben will be part of the trip to England next September.

May 1 is new deadline to sign up for England trip

By Joyce Leeming

There is still so much to see and do in England even after the numerous guided tours, we can't begin to list them all, but you will have free time to see many of them.

Take a close look at the itinerary in the brochure to see when you have leisure time. Then Google "Things to see and do" in that location and make notes. Even those who have visited before will find places they haven't seen. You'll be glad you did and you will never have a dull moment.

We only have a short time remaining to make reservations with Collette Travel. Your reservation form, photocopy of your passport and deposit should be

dated May 1 and in the Kirk office as Collette must have them by May 3.

Plan to join the group and let your family, friends, and neighbors know about this extraordinary tour from Sept. 14-25.

Brochures are in the stands in the narthex and hallway by the office or can be emailed to you. All are welcome and space is available.

\$3,949 each covers the tours, airfare, hotels and most meals. Not included are tips and optional travel insurance.

For more information and questions, email kirktour@gmail.com or call 501 922-0810.

Joyce Leeming is the Kirk's tour coordinator.



With Spa City Stompers playing in the background, the Second Line parading were (from left) Tony Booth, Barbara Booth, Bob Berry, Lorraine Berry, Norma Stevens, Sharon Gardner, Denny Zymboly, Gloria Pickett and Barbara Fuquay and Sheila Stanley (both looking left).

Music, cake and lots of stomping at Mardi Gras

By Sharon Gardner

Sixty happy people gathered Feb. 24 in Hoffius Hall at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines to celebrate the beginning of Lent with a Lundi Gras party, a more recent popularized celebration.

Shrove Monday is a Christian observance falling on the Monday before Ash Wednesday every year. A part of the English traditional, Shrovetide celebrations are the week before Lent, the Monday before Shrove Tuesday.

The Monday before Ash Wednesday is part of diverse Carnival celebrations which take place in many parts of the Christian world from Greece to Germany to the Mardi Gras and Carnival of the Americas.

“Shrove” is the past tense of the English verb shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance.

The Kirk attendees were encouraged to give penance in support of Vera Lloyd Family Services. Most of the attendees participated in “The Second Line” dance to the celebratory music of the Spa City Stompers playing *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Many were “decked out” in their Mardi Gras outfits and accents. Everyone enjoyed King Cake and found the baby! Of course, that means they have to bring the cake next time!

The event earned \$450 for Vera Lloyd Family Services. Participants had a fun and festive evening

with Second Line, King Cake, and the wonderful music of the Spa City Stompers.

Sharon Gardner is the Kirk's Mardi Gras coordinator.

PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, April 12

The PW Coffee closet is open the second Sunday of each month with a great selection of Fair Trade regular, decaf and flavored coffees. We also carry single-serve cups in three flavors, as well as many varieties of tea.

Fair Trade products are natural and delicious, but the best part is each purchase helps a family farm across the world and helps support a community's economy.

Call Carol Clark, 915-8497, for information about special orders.





Game Night attendees (from left) Steve Stevens, Barbara Fuquay, Norma Stevens, Walter Fuquay, Bev Raskin, and Bill Worthley with “Hand and Foot” and snacks. (Barbara Worthley photos)

Everyone’s invited to join the fun on Game Nights

At 6:30 on the first Tuesday night of each month, Kirk Shepherd Group #1 members and friends gather in Hoffius Hall for Games Night.

Light snacks and refreshments are provided by members on a rotating basis. Two of the more popular games played are Hand & Foot and Mexican Train. Several other games are available to be played also if so desired by attendees.

Current Shepherd Group leaders Barbara and Bill Worthley would like to invite you to visit and play games with us.

You don’t have to be a member of this Shepherd Group to attend. If you don’t know how to play a particular game and want to learn, we have plenty of eager “teachers” on hand to help.

-- Barbara Worthley, Group Leader



Sherry Bingham, Ludean Walston, Bob Huff, Marilyn Johnson, Vianne Huff and Jerral Johnson playing “Mexican Train.”



Photos for new Kirk directory to be taken in June

By Lowell Gardner

A new Pictorial Directory of Kirk members is in the works. This is according to Member Outreach Moderator Carol Clark when her committee's new format was approved at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Kirk Session.

Under the new format, the directory will be smaller (about 5x8 inches) but the pictures will appear the same size as in earlier directories.

What is new is the link to your cellphone or other electrical device with all pertinent information. This way, if you are seeking a Kirk member, the directory will provide an image and name.

The link, which only you will have, will allow you to obtain detailed information. This provides one level of security while also allowing you to

have the entire directory where ever you have your phone.

New photos will be taken June 9-13. Sign-up scheduling will begin May 3. Watch for this in the next issue of the newsletter and begin making plans for your own availability on one of those dates.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Outreach Committee member Wendy Gage with a sample directory.

Celebrating 100 years embraces many things

By Lowell Gardner

This past month we lost Kirk member Bob Webster. He would have celebrated his 100th birthday on March 28. Bob lost a lengthy battle with cancer.

A few years ago, we at the Kirk delivered meals to Bob and his daughter, Susan, when he was undergoing an agonizing bout of shingles that ultimately contributed to his loss of sight. His loving daughter, who lived in the Village, cared for him through it all. Our own Dotty Rector was seeking an interview for this issue of *Voice in the Pines*.

It seems a bit ironic to this writer that during the weekend of March 1, our Pastor Bill Bailey traveled to Houston at the request of former Kirk members Jim and

Debbie Cordell to take part in Jim's 100th birthday celebration.

While in Houston, Pastor Bailey saw Jim doing push-ups in his own home and his celebration being featured briefly on National TV. The Cordell's had moved from the Village to be nearer extended family.

We do little to acknowledge birthdays in the newsletter but struggle to tally them accurately until someone achieves a century or more. Is becoming a centenarian a goal we should strive for? Is it discipline, good genes, happen-chance or master plan? All offer challenging discussions.

We grieve with Bob's family and celebrate with Jim's and ponder our own years. In the final analysis, as a part of this Easter season, may we rejoice with believers worldwide in *Romans 14:8*.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Choir planning glorious music for a glorious time

By Dotty Rector

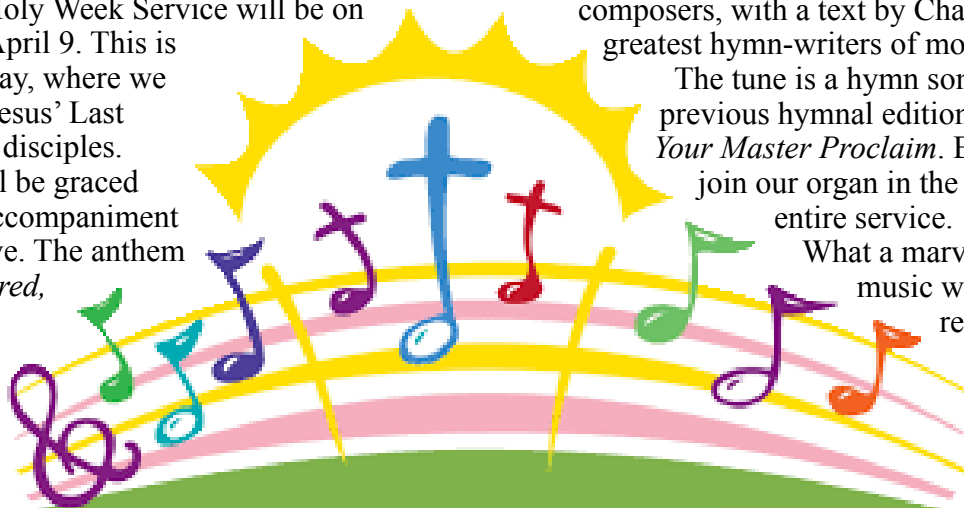
For Christians, the week approaching and including Easter is the holiest week of the year. The Kirk choir will lend its musical selections to worshipping our Lord at three services.

Palm Sunday is April 5, the day we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, palm branches waving him on. The anthem will be *Take Up Your Cross*, a beautiful four-verse setting of an 1833 text by Charles William Everest to the English folk melody DANBY. The tune is found in our hymnal setting as *Incline Your Ear; O Lord, to Me*, on page 844.

Our second Holy Week Service will be on the evening of April 9. This is Maundy Thursday, where we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

The choir will be graced with the cello accompaniment of Barbara Reeve. The anthem chosen is *O Sacred, Wondrous Love*.

This anthem combines two beloved hymns and represents a



touching tribute to the Savior's redeeming work on the cross.

The scene is set with the haunting sounds of *What Wondrous Love is This*, while the vocal lines concentrate on the familiar *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*.

The culmination of the week, of course, will be Easter Sunday. Easter is the glorious celebration of victory over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The choir will move down the center aisle in white robes. They will sing *To the Lamb on the Throne*, combining music by Dan Forrest, one of our favorite composers, with a text by Charles Wesley, one of the greatest hymn-writers of modern times.

The tune is a hymn some may remember in previous hymnal editions as *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*. Brass and timpani will join our organ in the glorious music for the entire service.

What a marvelous time! Message and music will glorify our Lord, remembering His sacrifice and His resurrection.

Dotty Rector is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

48 Kirk members volunteer to deliver hot meals

By Vicki Rosenquist

Forty-eight Kirk members and friends volunteered this year to assist in the delivery of warm, nutritious meals to folks in need in our Village.

Meals on Wheels is a wonderful program helping those unable for varying reasons to consistently provide and/or prepare meals for themselves. Kirk volunteers participate every March to assist in this valuable program.

Thank you to all who volunteered this year to arrive at McAuley Center between 8 and 8:30 a.m. every weekday to assist in the delivery warm meals across the Village.

Unfortunately, because of the outbreak of the coronavirus, the delivery program was altered after two weeks. Instead of using Kirk volunteers, they chose to use their own personnel to protect the most number of people.

Thanks again to all of you who were willing to give your time for this worthwhile program.

Vicki Rosenquist is PW Moderator and coordinator of the Kirk's Meals on Wheels program.



E.J. Pangle helps load hot meals at the McAuley Center. (Frank Leeming photo)



Love Lunches are the main Sunday meal for many

By Ruth Richards

When we say “Love Lunches,” people ask, “What’s that?”

This endeavor began years ago when a gentleman named Ken Anderson of Hot Springs asked a homeless man if he had something to eat.

He was told every day but Sunday meals are prepared at the Salvation Army, 115 Crescent Ave. To remedy the Sundays problem, Ken sold a car for \$6,000 and sent a check to Project Hope Food Bank, and Love Lunches began.

Kirk in the Pines member Betty Reece became involved in working and recruiting. After she and her husband Charles moved back to Tupelo, Miss., Cheryle and Stanley Dean took over the ministry.

Six Sundays a year a group of Kirk volunteers goes to the Salvation Army to make Love Lunches.

Three hundred bologna and cheese sandwiches are made and bagged by an assembly line of workers. Two sandwiches, a napkin, a small pack of crackers or cookies are placed in sacks with a Bible verse. Kool-aid is also served.

Preparation begins at 11:15 a.m. The lunches are distributed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This happens outside regardless of the weather. Folks are often lined up ahead of time waiting for their Sunday meal.

After a blessing, the sack lunches are given out. Often we are able to give out ramen



Kirk volunteers preparing Love Lunches are (from left) Woodie Barefield, Sally Fink (partially obscured), Ron Lovett, Ruth Richards, Emily Faulk, and Dennis Faulk. Tom Fink is in the background readying the bags. (Cheryle Dean photo)

noodles or puddings. We always receive a “thank you.”

Volunteers also bring clothing, some new or gently used. Shoes, socks, underwear, pants, shirts and other clothing are greatly needed. There is a bin under the coat rack in Hoffius Hall for any donations.

We feed not only the homeless but folks down on their luck or perhaps not able to make ends meet. No one

leaves hungry. Last year, Love Lunches served 7,587 needy souls, all made and handed out by church groups from Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village.

At this time 27 Kirk members are involved in the program. To volunteer, call Cheryle Dean at 501 915-9753

Ruth Richards is a Love Lunches volunteer.



A look at our Missions

California girl has no interest in leaving Arkansas

By Barbara Worthley

Living on Lake DeSoto suits Mary Amundsen just fine! Having been born in Long Beach, Calif., she calls herself an “ocean girl” and is right at home living on the water.

Mary grew up and was educated in California and was living in Sacramento at the time of her move to Hot Springs Village. Her son, Chip Johnson, the Kirk’s sexton, talked her into moving to the Village with him.

Chip knew of the Village through his friendship with Wendy Gage’s brother. He decided to move here after visiting Barron and Wendy and being given the “royal” tour. It took him almost a year to convince his mom to leave the state where she had lived her entire life.

I asked Mary if she wants to go back to California to live, and she replied with a resounding “NO.”

Mary raised four children – three sons and a daughter – who are currently scattered around the United States with one in Australia. She has nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She and Chip are trying to convince several of them to move to Arkansas!

In addition to raising a family, Mary has had several different occupations. First, she was a metallurgical lab tech for several years testing metals for a small company. Next, she worked for Farmers Insurance Company, writing property and auto insurance for 14 years. Later, she worked as an administrative assistant for her husband, a structural engineer.

Sadly, Mary was widowed 11 years ago.

Mary was raised a Methodist and has also attended Lutheran churches. When I asked how she liked being a Presbyterian, she said since she has an Irish/Scottish background, it suits her just fine. She is looking forward to the next Kirkin’ of the Tartans.

After moving to the Village in the summer of 2018, Chip brought her to the Kirk when he was introduced to the congregation as our new sexton. She was overwhelmed by the friendliness and warmth of the Kirk people.



New member Mary Amundsen. (Robert Sonnen photo)

New member

She never visited any of the other churches. She is looking forward to participating in Kirk events and getting to know more people. So, next time you see Mary Jo Amundsen, be sure and introduce yourself and welcome her.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

Rain slows work on new Habitat home in town

By Patty Van Cleave

If you saw the article in last month’s newsletter you will know the Kirk is participating in a new Habitat for Humanity home being built in Hot Springs. Four of our members were on hand for the groundbreaking in February.

As of this date, not much progress

has been made on construction due to the amount of rain we have had.

Concrete footings are in place and contractors hope to be able to pour the slab soon. Two or three days after that framing will begin. Opportunities will be available then for help with construction, site clean-up, and providing snacks to the volunteer builders.

If you are interested in helping, contact Harry Wakefield, moderator of the Missions Committee.

You can keep up with progress by watching the electronic message board in Hoffius Hall after church on Sundays.

Patty Van Cleave is on the Kirk Communication Committee.

Big concert April 19 to boost music scholarship

By Sharon Gardner

The Sweet Adeline Quartet Treble in the Village and Top of the Rock Chorus is hosting the fourth annual Peggy Gram Scholarship Benefit at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Top of the Rock Chorus along with ladies quartets Random Mix, Roundelay, Pop Rocks, and Treble in the Village will bring you an afternoon filled with songs in the barbershop style! The very large “quartet,” Heart of



Haley O'Meara

the Rock, will add even more to the total performances.

As Ed Sullivan famously said many times, “we’re bringing you a really big show.”

Emcee for the afternoon will be Top of the Rock Chorus Director Kelly Causey. Special guests will be The Crystal Chimes Chorus from here in Hot Springs Village, a sister chorus in the International Sweet Adeline Organization.

Because of support from Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and residents of Hot Springs Village, Top of the Rock Chorus has awarded two scholarships to deserving women preparing for a career in music education and the vocal performing arts.

We are preparing to select our third recipient. You will meet by video during the show our current recipient, Haley O’Meara of Charles Town, W. Va.

Ice cream sundaes will be served after the concert. The event is free to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to support the scholarship. Come enjoy the music, ice cream and help provide music scholarships. We appreciate your support!

Sharon Gardner is the show organizer.



Check us out on Facebook

New pictures of church events are posted regularly by Jamie Federick on the Kirk’s Facebook page. Be sure to “like us” when you visit.

If you’d like to join Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and choose a username and password. Then look for Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.



Harry Marshall loved the Kirk and its family

The family of Harry Marshall would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of the care and concern you have shared with our family, especially Ellen, over the last several weeks.

A special thank you to those members who provided food for the family and organized the memorial service. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered and your thoughtfulness means so much to us during this difficult time in our lives.

Harry loved his church and the church family and you all have been such a wonderful blessing to the Marshall family.

Blessings,
The Marshall Family

Potters Clay getting help from Food Basket

The Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Potters Clay in April.

They need canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew, Spam, chili, pasta and pasta sauces, dry boxed dinner helpers for hamburger, chicken and tuna, macaroni and cheese, dry rice, beans, dry hot and cold cereals and canned milk and juices.



We thank Potters Clay for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them. The generosity of the Kirk congregation never ceases to amaze.

The Mission Committee appreciates your help with this worthwhile ministry.

Book describes open secret of God's love for us

“In the Gospels, Jesus tells us there exists a certain secret, hidden wisdom which, should we grasp it, is the key to unraveling all the deep secrets of life,” according to Ronald Rolheiser in *The Passion and the Cross*.

Do you know the secret? The hidden wisdom?

For Rolheiser, “the hidden secret that holds the key to everything is the cross: the wisdom of the cross and the brokenness of the one who died on the cross.”

In merely five chapters of *The Passion and the Cross*, we move from the tribulation of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane to the crucifixion, and finally the resurrection. Rolheiser begins with Christ's suffering in the garden of Gethsemane:

“The agony in the garden is many things, but, first of all, it's Jesus's entry into the darkest black hole of human existence, ... of bitter misunderstanding, rejection, aloneness, loneliness, and humiliation, and the helplessness to do anything about it.”

Three chapters follow focusing on the crucifixion, seen first as the most revolutionary moral event in history, pointing as it does to the “deep secret” that “in giving love away in total self-sacrifice...we ourselves come to what's deepest and fullest in life.”

Second, the cross is the deepest revelation of God as a “redeeming God,” not a “rescuing God.” For Rolheiser, the cross is also salvation. “Jesus took away the sin of the world by taking in hatred and giving back love.”

Finally, for Rolheiser Christ's resurrection is the vindication of what we all know is true, that love ultimately prevails and that the resurrection is “not just a question about one day, after death, rising from the dead, but it is also about (our) daily rising from the many mini-graves within which we so often find ourselves.”

In our own lives, we know something of misunderstanding, rejection, loneliness, and humiliation at the hands of those we love. We, too, know



Carnegie Corner

By Bob Morrow

suffering. We know something of our own sacrifice for love's sake. We too know something about redeeming Grace. And we know something about resurrection and renewal.

The Passion and the Cross is a profoundly spiritual meditation on the open secret of God's love for humanity through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Read it to know the “secret to life” revealed in the Gospels.





Happy dates



Birthdays

April 1	Joe Milligan	April 16	Marty Volkema	April 23	Claire Rhodes
April 2	Jeanne Kleinschmidt	April 17	Lu Otto		Doris Simmons
April 4	Pat Kuntz	April 18	Michael Erickson	April 24	Cheryle Dean
April 8	Ron Lovett		Gloria Pickett	April 25	Bill Bailey
	Tom Martick	April 20	Bob Smith	April 26	Sheri Swan
	Steven Klomsten	April 21	Cal Sloma	April 28	Ken Poole
April 9	Judy Sonnenburg	April 22	Georgia Hill	April 30	Ruth Fox
April 10	Stanley Luczkowski		Ruth Richards		
April 14	Blair Stroud	April 23	Sandy Adams		
April 16	Darlene Spiller		Jean Fisher		

Anniversaries

April 3	Sandy and Jim Adams	27 years	April 15	Bev and Charles McFadden	14 years
April 4	Cindy and Frank Morgan	47 years			

Talented Fran and Abe Stroud returning to choir

Abe and Fran Stroud are returning members to the Kirk choir. They are talented musicians and are welcomed with open arms.

Abe says we should call his wife “Fan” rather than “Fran,” since she is so insistent that we not pronounce R’s in our singing. Singers understand this, maybe not everyone.

In addition to the special music offered during Holy Week, another special offering of note will occur on April 19.

Since we now have two gifted pianists, the choir can sing pieces like *All Creatures of Our God and King* by



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

another favored composer, Molly Ijames. Donna Toney and Fran Stroud will be featured pianists in this energetic and inspirational anthem.

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Phone numbers:

For help:

- Kirk office – 922-1333
- Prayer needs (Della Reimers) – 915-8235
- Communion at home – 922-1333
- To be assigned a Christian friend
Janie Smith – 922-7548
- For meals, transportation, minor house repairs,
have someone sit with a spouse:
Sally Fink – 922-9622
Janie Smith – 922-7548

To be assigned a phone buddy:

Sally Fink – 922-9622

For other congregational-care needs:

Sally Fink – 922-9622

Kirk office – 922-1333

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kirkinthepines.org

New Kirk golf season tees off April 12 at Magellan

By Jim Hess

Find your clubs. Dust off the bag. Our 2020 season is starting.

On April 12, our first tee time will be at 1 p.m. at Magellan Course. A sign-up sheet will be sent out to members in a few days. The restaurant location for our get-together after golf will be included on the sign-up sheet.

On Sunday, March 8, 26

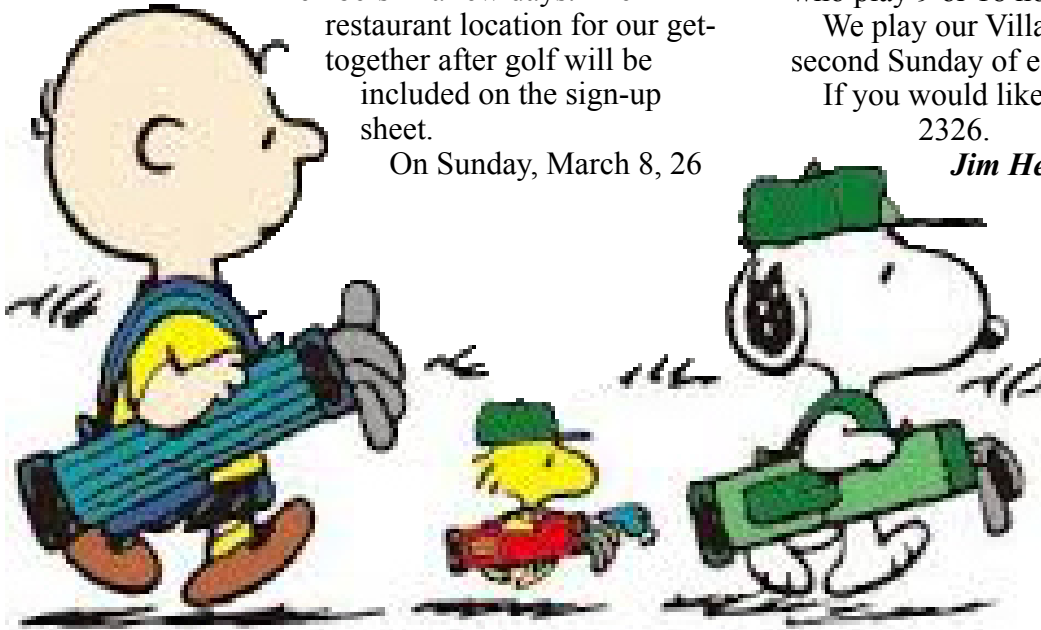
Kirk golfers, spouses and friends enjoyed dinner and fellowship at Raffaella Rose Restaurant at Cortez.

If you are new or even a long-standing member of the Kirk, we welcome you to join our Kirk Golf Group. We are couples and single golfers of various abilities who play 9 or 18 holes, your choice.

We play our Village courses with dinner to follow the second Sunday of each month April through October.

If you would like more information, call me at 922-2326.

Jim Hess is the Kirk's golf coordinator.



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