

A Voice in the Pines



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Return of Pilgrimage was an emotional experience

By **Patty Barnes**

What is a pilgrimage?

There are different definitions in different dictionaries, but my favorite comes from Wikipedia which says:

“A pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or

expanded meaning about their self, others, nature, or higher good, through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.”

This is exactly what Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage (ARPP) is!

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When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
5 p.m. In Hoffius Hall

Wednesday Bible Study
9-10:30 a.m. Hoffius Hall



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



Summer is an ideal time to nurture our souls

For some of us, summer has been a time to slow down and relax. While some travel to see family and others take vacations, the summer months can still be a time to nurture our souls.

I have been thinking of several traditional “Spiritual Disciplines” that Christians have practiced through the years. Maybe some of these practices could help this summer:

- Read through the Psalms this summer. By reading a psalm or two a day, (150 total), you could read through the entire Psalter by September!

- Carve out a time for quiet reflection and prayer each day. Bonhoeffer asked his students at Finkenwalde to meditate on a scripture, off and on, for an entire day. Maybe you could try 15 minutes of meditation and prayer reading through Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” (*Matthew 5-7*).

- Do one act of kindness each day through the summer. This could be for a loved one or perhaps a neighbor – maybe even a total stranger. The Book of Hebrews reminds us that people have entertained angels without knowing it! (*Hebrews 13:2*)

- Reach out to someone in need. Perhaps someone who is lonely and just needs a friend you might visit this summer. You might make a phone call or write a kind letter telling someone how much they have meant to you.

- Take an hour once or twice a week to be by yourself and reflect on the recent events in your life. You might try keeping a journal. Author Fred Buechner says we should all, “listen to our lives.”

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



- The Danish theologian, Soren Kierkegaard, would take daily walks and meditate on the Scriptures. We might try taking the Gospel lectionary readings (these are easily accessible on your computer) and then meditate on them during a walk.

Summer

This is not an exhaustive list. There are many more ideas that could be listed. Perhaps you already have a regular practice or spiritual discipline that works well for you.

I’d be interested in hearing about some good ideas that you have and would be willing to share with others.

The important thing, whatever we choose, is not to neglect the nurture of our souls this summer. While church activities slow down, the Psalmist reminds us “to be still and know that I am God. God is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble!” (*Psalms 46:10*)

Have a great summer!

Presbyterian Pilgrimage returns after 2 years

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It is a three-day renewal weekend for Christians, intended to strengthen their faith and prepare them to return to their community and share that faith by living the way Jesus Christ teaches us to live. It is three days of joy, prayer, song, worship, communion, friendship, fun, and food!

The Kirk has seen several of our members attend ARPP.

Dave and Ruth Hamilton were instrumental in getting it started. Over the years we have had well over 50 members attend. Unfortunately, Covid-19 put a stop to the weekends for two and a half years. But ARPP has returned with a very successful and Spirit-filled weekend this past April.

My personal experience at ARPP is one I will never forget.

It was the first time in my life I felt surrounded by love. And while emotions can run the gamut throughout the weekend, the one constant for me was the love of God for all of us there, and the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

Everyone has their own experience at Pilgrimage and yours is waiting for you! I invite you to ask any one of the members pictured here about their experience and what ARPP might give you.

The next weekend will be October 13-16. You can also find more information at www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org.

De Colores!

Potluck set for Aug. 24, annual picnic on Sept. 21

Loss of Church Members:

Georgia Hill, a long-time member of the Kirk, passed away on June 12. A memorial service was June 20 at the Kirk. Interment will be at Fort Scott National Cemetery in Ft. Scott, Kan., at a future date.

Lon Hardin, a member of the Kirk for many years passed away on June 9. The family is planning a memorial service at the Kirk on a future date.

Church Statistics:

As of May 13, 2022:

Kirk membership – 260; family units – 175.

Committee reports:

There was no Session meeting in June so there are no formal committee reports to share. I call your attention to several items of interest:

- As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, progress continues with the remodeling of the women's restroom off the narthex of the sanctuary. We expect the work to be completed very soon.



POTLUCK DINNER

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



- Work on the new sound system and the hearing aid loop problem is ongoing. Bill Worthley, Kirk Building Committee Moderator, said technicians from both companies will be working together to hopefully resolve the problem soon.

We appreciate everyone's patience while Bill works through these difficulties.

- External locks to the Kirk building have been changed. The old keys no longer work. If you have an old key, please turn it in right away to Beverly Schaumburg, Kirk Business Administrator.

- A potluck is scheduled for Aug. 24 with a presentation by the Genesis Legacy of Life. More details will follow.

- The annual Kirk picnic will be Sept. 21, and planning is underway for a "chili cook-off" in October.

- Remember to sign up for the upcoming summer book study of the book *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World* by N.T. Wright. The four-week study will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon each Wednesday in July. The study is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

You can sign up by calling Susan Morrow (501-231-5541) or by email to Susan at susu2morrow@gmail.com.

- Please remember to wear your name tags to all Kirk events and greet visitors with a warm Kirk welcome.

New email address coming July 1 for Kirk office

Starting July 1, the Kirk office will be using a new email address. You will receive emails labelled "Kirk in the Pines Office" in your inbox.

The actual address will be kirkoffice1@gmail.com. Chris Taylor-Wilmoth, Kirk secretary,

manages the Kirk office email address. For questions, call Chris at 501 922-1333.

Kirk business administrator Beverly Schaumburg will continue to use the address kirkfin@sbcglobal.net and Pastor Bill Bailey's email address will

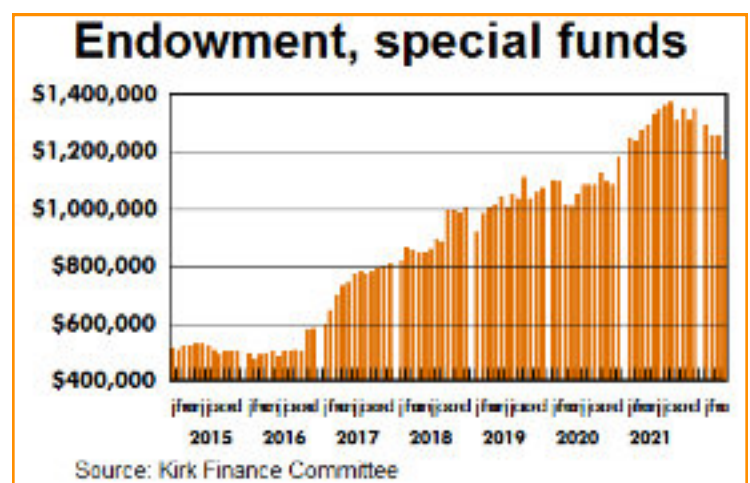
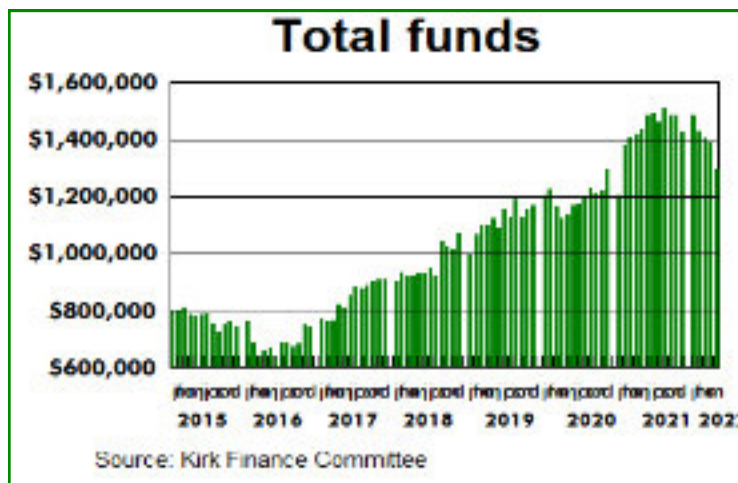
remain unchanged (kirkpastor@sbcglobal.net).

You also will receive emails from Kirk Voice (kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com) which is the address used by the Communications Committee.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of May 31, 2022

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 37,974	\$ 21,972	\$ 189,870	\$ 174,730
Disbursements	\$ 37,974	\$ 35,231	\$ 189,870	\$ 147,153
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,848	\$ 3,183	\$ 24,240	\$ 19,642
Disbursements	\$ 4,848	\$ 3,006	\$ 24,240	\$ 24,926
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 42,822	\$ 25,155	\$ 214,110	\$ 194,372
Disbursements	\$ 42,822	\$ 38,237	\$ 214,110	\$ 172,079
Checking balance				\$ 126,128
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 69,291
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 274,812
Programs fund				\$ 35,038
Endowment fund				\$ 729,793
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				<u>\$ 59,496</u>
Total special funds (as of April 30, 2022)				\$ 1,168,430



\$291 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of \$291 was collected in May.

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.

New campaign for socks, shoes and soup

By John Davis

Imagine observing a man with no socks to pad his ill-fitting shoes. Or an elderly woman walking on a cold, blustery winter day with neither socks nor shoes.

Visualize seeing someone, another human being, trying to stay warm and having nothing to eat – not even a can of soup.

Many of us have seen the same or similar situations. It only takes a short drive into Hot Springs to do so.

Your Kirk Missions Committee is committed to addressing these issues with an upcoming “Socks, Shoes, & Soups Project” benefiting the clients served by Jackson House and the Jackson House Thrift Store.

New or gently used socks and shoes for both women and men will be collected. The preferred style of shoes is open-toed slip-on without toe dividers, and no heels, but not house slippers. “Crock” style or canvas slip-on designs are also suitable.

Recommended shoes for women range in sizes 5 thru



10 and sock sizes 9 thru 11.

Recommended shoes for men range in sizes 8 thru 12.5 and sock sizes 10 thru 13.

Cans of soup with pull-tab lids are ideal.

Please attach size tags or labels to socks and shoes. Connect shoes to avoid a mix-up in sizes among similar-looking designs.

Each Kirk member is asked to donate one pair of socks, one pair of shoes, and one can of soup to this compassionate project.

Collections will begin the first week in August and run through Sept. 21. This date coincides with the annual church picnic at the Balboa Pavilion.

Those unable to attend the picnic may deposit their donations in the Food Pantry boxes located in the breezeway at the entrance to the Kirk sanctuary, in Hoffius Hall, or the hallway to the church offices.

John Davis is a member of the Missions Committee.

Finishing touches added to remodeled restroom

As with a typical remodeling project, work on the women’s restroom off the narthex took longer than expected. Painting has been done and the new flooring is installed, and that part looks great.

Bill Worthley, Moderator of the Building Committee, said the granite countertop and sinks were to be installed the week of June 19. Then the decorators will go to work with personal touches such as wall hangings and floral arrangements.

The new look will be a great improvement and Worthley would like to thank the committee members – Vicki Rosenquist, Rosalyn Halbert, and Barbara Worthley – who worked tirelessly on the project.

Submitted by Barbara Worthley, a member of the Communication Committee.



Workers put the finishing touches on renovating the women’s restroom off the narthex. (Bob Morrow photo)

Justice, truth are topics of summer book study

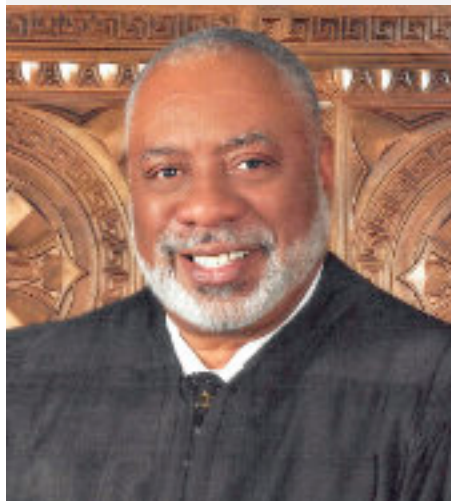
Marion A. Humphrey, pastor of Allison Presbyterian Church in Little Rock and retired circuit court judge, will speak on justice, truth, and power as part of the “Broken Signposts” summer book study each Wednesday in July.

Even a superficial look at his distinguished career shows that he is uniquely equipped to bring his insight and wisdom to this study.

Judge Humphrey, a native Arkansan, attended public schools in Pine Bluff and is a graduate of the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. He received a bachelors degree from Princeton University and a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. He earned his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Before serving as a municipal judge, Judge Humphrey was in private practice in Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

He was an assistant city attorney in Little Rock, an assistant state attorney general, Arkansas State Director for Prison Fellowship, and associate minister of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Roxbury, Mass.



Judge Marion A. Humphrey

educators Arnie Holtberg and Bob Morrow in leading the summer book study.

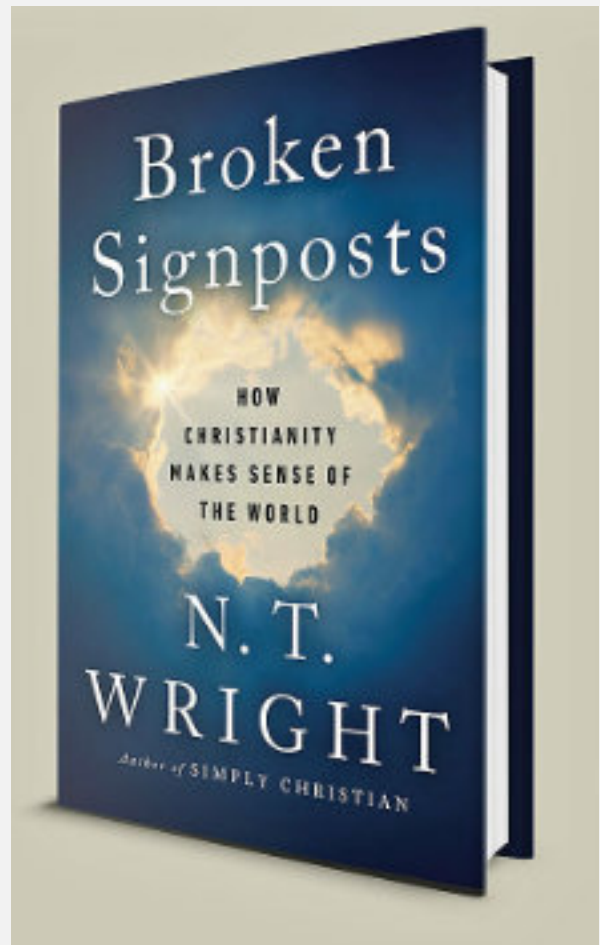
Arnie, Kirk Finance Committee Moderator, is a graduate of Princeton University and earned an M.A.R. in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was most recently headmaster of St. Mark’s School of Texas in Dallas and was headmaster and principal of many other academies.

In addition to leadership positions, his international career in education has included classroom teaching and coaching. He serves on the boards of the Ouachita Speaker Series and Arkansas Learning Through the Arts,

Bob is Moderator of the Kirk Communication Committee. He earned a bachelors degree in Biology at

He was a newspaper reporter and copy editor for the *Pine Bluff Commercial*. He was a research assistant for former U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm of New York, and an intern in the office of former U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas.

Judge Humphrey will join Kirk elders and professional



Baylor University and a medical degree at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

He has held many teaching, research, and leadership roles in academic medicine around the country and is currently a Professor of Pediatrics (Pediatric Cardiology) at UAMS where he was formerly Chief of Pediatric Cardiology and Associate Dean for Children as well as Chief Medical Officer for Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

He was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock where he served as a deacon and elder as well as an adult Sunday school teacher. Currently, Bob serves on the Board of Directors for Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services.

The book study, *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World*, by N.T. Wright is sponsored by the Kirk Christian Education Committee.

Sessions will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays July 6-27 in Hoffius Hall.

If you are interested in participating in the study, contact Susan Morrow either by phone (501 231-5541) or email (susu2morrow@gmail.com) to sign up and purchase a copy of the book.



Happy dates



Birthdays

July 4	Ted Smith	July 9	Jean Mowry	July 25	Sharon Gardner
July 5	Margaret Boschetti	July 15	Bob Morrow	July 27	Jay Nielsen
	Lowell Gardner		Patty Barnes	July 28	Bill Drews
	Susan Pendergrass	July 17	Dottie Isaacson		Dick Massey
July 6	Hannah Bailey	July 18	Helen Van Stone	July 29	Carolyn Starr
July 8	Ralph Greene	July 19	Harry Wakefield	July 30	Nell Moss-White
July 9	James Knox	July 23	Lynn Burks		

Anniversaries

July 1	Halene and Ivan (Bud) Strautman	72 years	July 20	Barbara and Tony Booth	59 years
July 6	Anne and Bill Bailey	49 years	July 22	Jean and Clark Mowry	55 years
	Diana and Joe Milligan	38 years	July 27	Cheryl and Daniel Boehmke	38 years
July 18	Ruth and Mark Smith	52 years	July 29	Vicki and David Rosenquist	44 years

Air Force quintet to perform at the Kirk

The U.S. Air Force Woodwind Quintet will perform a very special concert at 3 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Kirk sanctuary. A reception will follow in Hoffius Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

There is a long tradition of excellence in the Air Force bands. They feature some of the best young musicians in the country.

The concert is being made available through the coordinated efforts of the HS/HSV Symphony Guild. There will be a special offering for those wishing to contribute to music education through the work of the



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We hope many Kirk members will take advantage of this opportunity to hear great music and support the

Woodwind Quintet and the HS/HSV Symphony Guild. This will also be a great opportunity to meet and greet members of our community.

Georgia Mae Hill dies at home at the age of 96

Georgia Mae Hill, a Kirk member and resident of Hot Springs Village for 37 years, peacefully passed to heaven at home on June 12. She was 96 years old.

A garden memorial service was June 20 at the Kirk. Burial will be at Fort Scott National Cemetery in Ft. Scott, Kan., at a future date. She will be joining her husband, Verle E. "Bud" Hill, and her daughter, Donna Louise Hill.

Georgia was born April 22, 1926, in Devone, Kan., the third-born daughter of William George and Bertha Mae Smith. She is preceded in death by her two older brothers, Charles and William "Bill" Smith.

Family members who treasure memories of Georgia include her younger sister, Ann Simonsen, and Ann's two daughters Pam Evans and Paulette and Robert Gordon of Oklahoma City.

Children include Pat Bellamy of Hot Springs Village; sons Ken and Linda Hill of Overland Park, Kan.; John and Lynn Hill of Dallas; and Martin and Becky Hill of

Union, Mo. She is also survived by five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Georgia graduated from Fulton (Kan.) High School. During World War II, Georgia's family left farm life and moved to Wichita, Kan. She and her father worked at Boeing's plant there making airplanes.

She later returned to Ft. Scott and worked at the telephone company. She met and married Bud Hill, on Aug. 10, 1947, in Ft. Scott. They were married 62 years.

The happy newlyweds moved to Pittsburg, Kan., where Bud graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree from Kansas State Teachers College.

Bud's work took them to Norman, Okla., where she was a homemaker and raised their five children.

The Hills made many life-long friends in Norman before moving to St. Louis where Bud continued his work with Western Fire and Casualty.

In St. Louis, Georgia enjoyed working in the jewelry department at Famous-Barr Department Store. She developed a beautiful collection of jewelry.



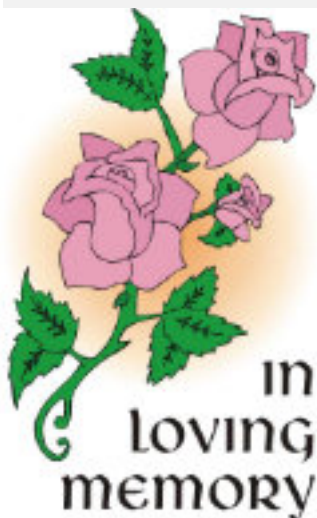
Georgia Mae Hill

In 1985 Bud retired and they relocated to Hot Springs Village where they lived happy and content for 37 years. They played golf in the Village and loved playing scrambles with friends, followed by eating out, talking, and laughing together. Bowling was a favorite pastime as well.

The family is grateful for all the support and therapeutic care Georgia received, especially through the pandemic. Village Home Care began providing care initially. Later, Dierksen Hospice took the lead in providing exceptional care, along with many private caregivers who pampered, loved, cared for, and adored her.

A tremendous thanks to the staff and members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines who provided support through prayers, phone calls, cards, and meals. And to all the unnamed people who helped our family through this transition in life, a huge "Thank You."

Instead of flowers, please make donations in Georgia's honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis.



God's Grandeur

By Gerald Manley Hopkins

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?



Generations have trod, have trod,
have trod;

And all is seared with trade;
bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge
and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot
feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs
—

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright
wings.

Jesuit priest Gerald Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) is without doubt one of the greatest Victorian poets and poetic interpreter of the Christian faith. His use of sprung rhythm (stressed syllables occurring sequentially), and alliteration produce a vibrant musical quality to his poems. To appreciate this poem fully, read it aloud, several times.



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