

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Members of the Kirk Session are (from left, front row) Jerral Johnson, Priscilla Hayek, Pat Kuntz, Ruth Richards, Nancy Patton, and Carol Clark, and (back row) Tony Booth, Pastor Bill Bailey, Judith Rosenthal, Marcia Bauer, Arnie Holtberg, and Bob Morrow. (Joel Gill photo)

Session retreat focuses on Kirk's deeds and needs

You may have wondered what goes on at a Kirk Session retreat. Or maybe you haven't. Nevertheless, we thought we'd share some of what happened at our first retreat in two years.

Like many things in the recent life of the Kirk, we postponed last

year's retreat because of the pandemic. This year we were able to get away Nov. 2 and 3 to take stock, contemplate, discuss, and plan for the coming year.

Ferncliff, the Presbytery's retreat west of Little Rock, was a perfect setting – serene, hospitable, and

very comfortable. The staff excelled, as usual, in preparing for our getaway.

Our days were organized around worship, reporting, discussion, and sharing of meals. Snacks were

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When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
4 p.m. in Hoffius Hall

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



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



God is always there to bring us the good news

I have always found the Gospel writer Luke's description of Christ's nativity particularly interesting.

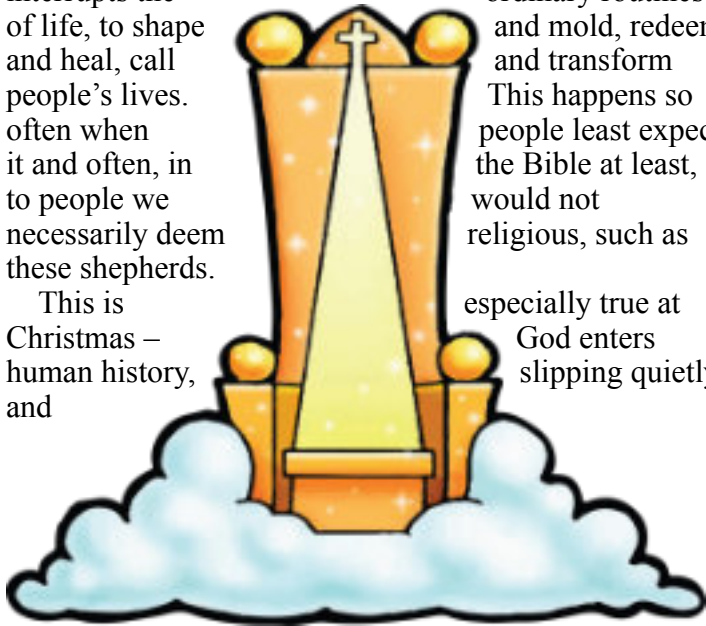
On the night Jesus was born, he tells us, there were shepherds out in the fields "keeping watch." They were watching over their flocks of sheep, of course, looking for predators most likely, not looking for angels.

They also had no clue about what was to unfold. They were simply busy about their assigned tasks, doing what they always did – shepherds watch sheep!

But intruding into their everyday routines, God broke into their lives and announced the birth of our Lord.

This is a theme that runs throughout the Bible. God interrupts the ordinary routines of life, to shape and mold, redeem and transform people's lives. This happens so often when people least expect it and often, in the Bible at least, to people we would not religious, such as these shepherds.

This is especially true at Christmas – God enters human history, slipping quietly and



unobtrusively into the corridors of life at Bethlehem with the birth of a baby to a peasant couple. These shepherds were "watching over their flocks," but they were among the first witnesses to the "good news of a great joy that was to be for all people!"

The Season of Advent reminds us that, we too, should be "on our watches."

Like the first shepherds, we may be attending to our ordinary tasks, preparing for holiday guests, doing what we do every year at this time. Still, we must be careful to keep watchful eyes and ears, always ready to receive the good news of what God may be bringing about.

Let us be attentive this Advent season – ready to take seriously our dreams and visions. Ready to believe the improbable announcement of angels. Ready to come and see all the Lord has done and will do.

Make plans to join us at 5 p.m. this Christmas Eve for our traditional "Lessons & Carols" service. We will be lighting candles in celebration of our Lord's promise to bring light into this dark world.

Session reviewed long list of the Kirk's strengths

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abundant and the coffee flowed. There was even an evening of fireside socializing, something of a retreat tradition.

At morning worship on day one, we spent some time reflecting on what makes "a good elder."

After worship, we considered areas of strength in the Kirk's mission. Despite covid and an office flood, the list of "what's working" was long.

The list included our missions' focus, the generosity of Kirk members, our robust music program, superb preaching and

worship experience, a solid financial position, our exceptional staff, beautiful gardens, newsletter, our ministry to one another and our community through meals and congregational care.

After lunch, we talked about areas needing attention. One was how our mission or programming might be improved. There was general agreement we could do more to demonstrate how we "do discipleship" to our neighbors in Hot Springs Village and potentially grow the congregation.

Our well-planned education programs and special musical events were hit hard by the pandemic but

are now primed for a reboot. These activities are great opportunities for bringing non-members into the Kirk. There should be a focus on bringing in friends and neighbors from the community.

Likewise, re-instituting and revitalizing many of our fellowship activities hobbled by covid (potluck dinners, Shepherd groups, holiday celebrations) will provide opportunities to "bring a friend" to the Kirk.

Reopening our facilities will do much to revitalize our role in our community as well.

It was generally agreed we should

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Elders sought for Outreach, Education, Building

Church Statistics as of Nov. 3, 2021:

Members – 271

Family Units – 184

Loss of Kirk Member:

The congregation was very saddened to lose long-time member Thomas “Ed” Baldwin, on Oct. 12, 2021. Interment was Oct. 16 in the Columbarium in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Interments:

Jackie Herbs, Interment Oct. 13 in Columbarium, Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Clifford Herbs, Interment Oct. 13 in Columbarium, Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Joe Perryman, Interment Oct. 23 in Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Session retreat:

The Session had its retreat Nov. 2 and 3 at Ferncliff. This had been an annual Session activity, covid caused last year’s retreat to be canceled. Please see the article on the retreat on page 1 of this issue of the *Voice in the Pines* for more information.

Covid precautions:

At the Session retreat, Elder Bob Morrow presented current data on the transmission of the covid virus for Arkansas and our community, and reviewed the CDC guidelines for wearing masks by vaccinated individuals.

Based on the guidelines the Session voted to make wearing of masks at Kirk events optional for fully vaccinated individuals. The Session retained the

The Clerk’s Corner Jerral Johnson



requirement for masks to be worn by unvaccinated persons attending Kirk events.

Christmas Eve Service:

The Session also voted to proceed with a Christmas Eve service. The Lessons & Carols service will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 24.

Vacancy of Visitation Coordinator Position:

We regret Janie Smith will be vacating her position as visitation coordinator. Janie and Ted will be moving to Iowa to be close to family. We wish them well and thank Janie for her years of dedicated service to our congregation.

The position description is to be reviewed and candidates will be sought.

Nominations for Ruling Elder positions:

Nominations are being sought for Ruling Elder positions as Moderators for the Outreach, Education, and Building committees. Please contact Jerral Johnson, Clerk of the Session, if you wish to suggest someone for one of these positions.

Final day included reports from each moderator

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do more to tell the Village about the many ways the Kirk is serving the community and our congregation, particularly to new residents. Specific ideas (too numerous to elaborate) were offered and are follow-up items to pursue in the new year.

Following supper, we worshiped and preached a “group sermon” on *Matthew 25:14-30* (the parable of the talents) under the heading of “Are We Playing It Too Safe.” Following this spirited discussion

and after a long day, fireside fellowship came as a relief.

The second day brought another opportunity to worship and a Session meeting with reports from each committee moderator.

We reviewed the status of the covid pandemic and CDC guidelines and decided to make the wearing of masks at Kirk events optional for individuals who are fully vaccinated.

We discussed Kirk staffing and, specifically, how to fill the vacancy in the Visitation Coordinator position.

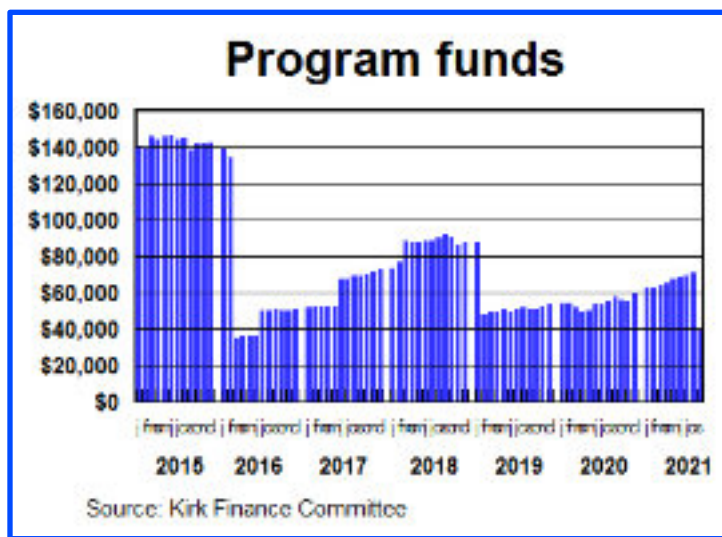
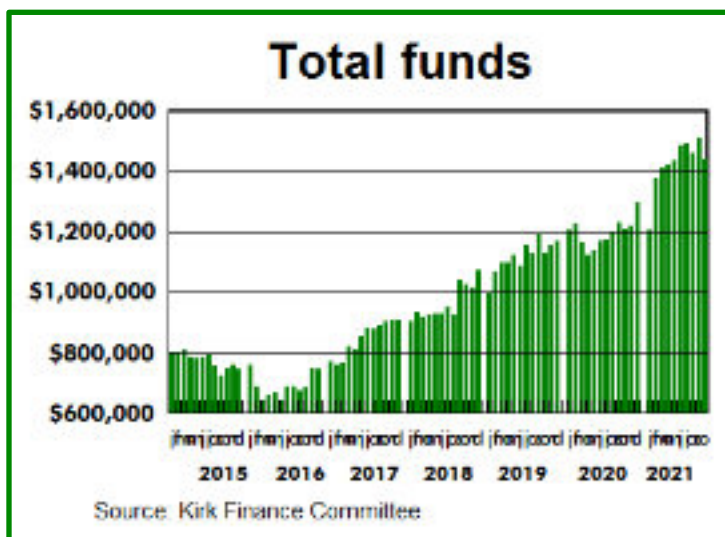
Following lunch, we shared Communion and the retreat came to a close.

It is fair to say we left Ferncliff with a common sense of gratitude for one another on the Session and for our Kirk congregation, optimistic about our common future, and committed to taking advantage of many opportunities to enhance our ministries and reach out to our community in the name of Christ.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of October 31, 2021

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,670	\$ 32,920	\$ 366,070	\$ 368,560
Disbursements	\$ 36,670	\$ 47,410	\$ 366,070	\$ 346,289
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,412	\$ 5,275	\$ 44,120	\$ 117,278
Disbursements	\$ 4,412	\$ 2,104	\$ 44,120	\$ 119,600
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 41,082	\$ 38,195	\$ 410,820	\$ 485,383
Disbursements	\$ 41,082	\$ 49,514	\$ 410,820	\$ 465,889
Checking balance				\$ 128,036
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 78,122
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 306,749
Programs fund				\$ 39,503
Endowment fund				\$ 818,903
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 67,079
Total special funds (as of Sept. 30, 2021)				\$ 1,310,356



\$627 for Mission

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

A total of \$627 was collected in October.

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.

Why can't we get along?

By Arnie Holtberg

Why does disagreement so easily devolve into angry words, name-calling, and blaming?

Has the art of expressing differences civilly and respectfully been lost?

How often do we seek to understand before being understood?

I begin with these questions in today's context and end with stories I've heard. Someone I know enjoys relationships with two other men with whom he disagrees on many issues. They are all persons of faith.

These three good friends find themselves on different points of the political spectrum. Two have been friends for 40 or so years and the other two have known each other for a relatively short time.

One calls the other regularly to remind him they haven't debated contemporary issues in a while. The other once told his friend: "I strongly disagree with you and I'd like to wring your neck, but I would give my life to preserve your ability to hold and express your personal views."

My conclusion is these relationships are founded in mutuality or in what author and leadership consultant Gus Lee calls unconditional positive respect.

These friends understand disagreement should not connote disrespect. After all, the Bible tells us to love our neighbor and our enemy. Jesus has taught us to turn the other cheek. God does not instruct us to agree on everything, only on core theological principles such as faith, love, forgiveness, and charitable works.

About 10 years ago, I participated in a seminar at a school featuring two men of deep Christian faith – Dr. Robert George, director of the James Madison Program

at Princeton University, and Professor Cornel West, the noted philosopher, political activist, social critic, and public intellectual.

During a question-and-answer period which included much disagreement, a 17-year-old who professed to be an atheist posed a challenging question to Professor West.

Rather than rebuke the student or respond sharply, West leaned forward, gained and maintained eye contact with his questioner, and asked carefully worded,

thoughtful questions to ensure he understood what the young man's point of view was.

They carried on a conversation that was illuminating for the 400 participants gathered together. No agreement was achieved, but love and respect abounded.

As Zosima

the Elder said in Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, "A loving humility is a terrible power, the most powerful of all, nothing compares with it."

I pray every day God will provide me with the strength to be patient enough to listen, the wisdom to comprehend and admit to my sinfulness, and the humility to understand I am not always right.

Sometimes I must yield to others. Yes, Jesus's encounter with the money changers in the Temple was no Kumbaya moment (thanks to Brother West), but it was a necessary aberration borne of righteousness in addressing true evil and injustice.

So I ask God to help me follow Christ's example when dealing with others, recognizing my fallibility while exhibiting love, even or especially when things are difficult.





Members of Circle 2 include (from left) Barbara Worthley, Lora Eckard, Cindy Morgan, Joyce Hayek, Barb Henry, Vianne Huff, Rosalyn Halbert, Sue New, Pat Kuntz, Dotty Rector and Terry Arant. (Beverly Schaumburg photo)

Calling all Kirk women to PW Gathering on Dec. 13



Members of Circle 1 include (from left, front row) LuDean Walston, Carol Sue Williams, Lesley Case, and Millie Croson, and (back row) Della Reimers, Karen Meek, Susan Morrow, Martha Nielsen, Lora Eckard, and Charlotte Massey. (Jamie Federick photo)



Members of Circle 3 include (from left) Ellen Marshall, Sheila Stanley, Ruth Hamilton, Helen VanStone, June Moore, Barbara Booth, and Carolyn Starr in Good Sam Cedar Lodge library.

By Vicki Rosenquist

Attention all women of the Kirk! Mark your calendars for Monday, Dec. 13.

That's when Presbyterian Women will have their December Gathering. It will include a delicious luncheon provided by the Greenhorns.

Pastor Bill Bailey will lead us in Bible study at 11 a.m. followed by our lunch in Hoffius Hall.

We encourage every Kirk woman – whether you are a PW Circle member or not – to join us for this time of learning and fellowship.

Cost of the luncheon is \$10 and will be collected at the door. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, Dec. 7, to give our Greenhorns time to shop and prepare the meals.

You can sign up with your circle leader or by calling either the church office at 501 922-1333, or me at 706 371-2877.

Vicki Rosenquist is PW Moderator.



Members of Circle 4 include (front row, from left) Pat McPheters, Leader; Barbara Fuquay, Norma Stevens, and Bible Leader Anne Bailey, and (back row from left) Susan Pendergrass, Emily Faulk, Carol Clark, Judy Rosenthal, and Jamie Federick. (Jamie Federick photo)



Kirk choir members playing bingo at their fun bash in October. (*Jamie Federick photos*)

Bingo bash

Kirk choir celebrates Halloween with fun games



Bev Bullard was the bingo master.



Rick Federick brought a friend to the Bingo Bash in Hoffius Hall.



Darell ("I Don't Do Costumes") Fisher and witch Sharon Gardner with their reindeer friend.

Saying farewell

Kirk offers best wishes to Janie and Ted Smith and Sally Fink as they prepare to leave the Village



Ted Smith



Janie Smith



Sally Fink

Pastor Bill Bailey
leading the farewell
celebration for Sally
Fink and Janie and Ted
Smith in Hoffius Hall.

***Photos by
Jamie
Federick***



Karen and Ben Meek are Kirk's newest members

By Barbara Worthley

Ben and Karen Meek are the newest Kirk members. They were attracted to the Kirk by the music program and joined the choir before they joined the church.

They talked to Pastor Bailey before they visited the church and after hearing his sermons and meeting some of the people, they decided they had found their new church home.

The Meeks moved to Hot Springs Village in August from Wamego, Kan. Their oldest daughter, Jenni, lives in Jonesboro, Ark., and had suggested they visit the Village.

They liked the idea of a warmer climate and being closer to their daughter, and soon they were talking to a Realtor about buying a house. They put their Kansas home on the market, sold it, found a house here, and moved ... all in a few weeks!

Ben and Karen's youngest daughter, Jileena, lives on their Kansas farm.

Ben's first career was as a "small-town" banker and after three decades decided to change directions. He went back to school and obtained a master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy. While staying in banking part-time, Ben opened a counseling practice.

Karen's career was in nursing. As an RN specializing in obstetrics, she became a lactation specialist. When asked if she planned to continue working, she said (with a chuckle), "not much need for that specialty here in the Village."

Since her retirement six years ago, Karen has enjoyed her interest



New Kirk members Ben and Karen Meek moved to the Village in August from Kansas. *(Bob Morrow photo)*

in music, both singing and piano.

Different denominations are part of their lives.

Ben grew up in a Presbyterian church, Karen as an American Baptist, and together they have been members of Methodist churches.

The Meeks both enjoy genealogy and have compiled extensive family histories, complete with scrapbooks and narratives.

Ben's four grandsons kept telling him he was a good storyteller, so he became one publicly. He goes to assisted-living facilities and shares

New members

historical and Bible stories with the residents.

He will be sharing one of his stories next May at the History Club meeting here in the Village.

Since moving to the Village, Ben has been knocking the rust off his golf game.

When you see Ben and Karen Meek at church on Sunday morning, be sure to give them a warm Kirk welcome.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.



Robert Sonnen's *Crazy Downtown Hot Springs* won Best in Show at a recent Hot Springs Village Camera Club competition for abstract images.

Winning photos

Robert Sonnen, Jamie Federick earn top honors

Our Kirk is blessed with many talented people sharing their gifts with the church and the community. Two of our parishioners, Robert Sonnen and Jamie Federick, are recent award winners at a Hot Springs Village Camera Club-sponsored September Digital Competition for Abstract Images.

Robert, who often provides photographic support for many Kirk activities and is often seen staffing our sound system on Sunday mornings, took the prize for Best in Show for his work entitled *Crazy Downtown Hot Springs*.

Using as inspiration the work of photographer Julianne Kost (*Color of Place*) Robert says, "I had just finished post-processing images I had taken at the Hot Spring Running of the Tubs for a photojournalism competition. The races are kind of a crazy and exciting event held on Central Ave in Hot Springs.

"The tubs are decorated, each team is costumed, the

tubs are filled with water, the driver sits in the tub and the other four team members push the tubs down Central Avenue.

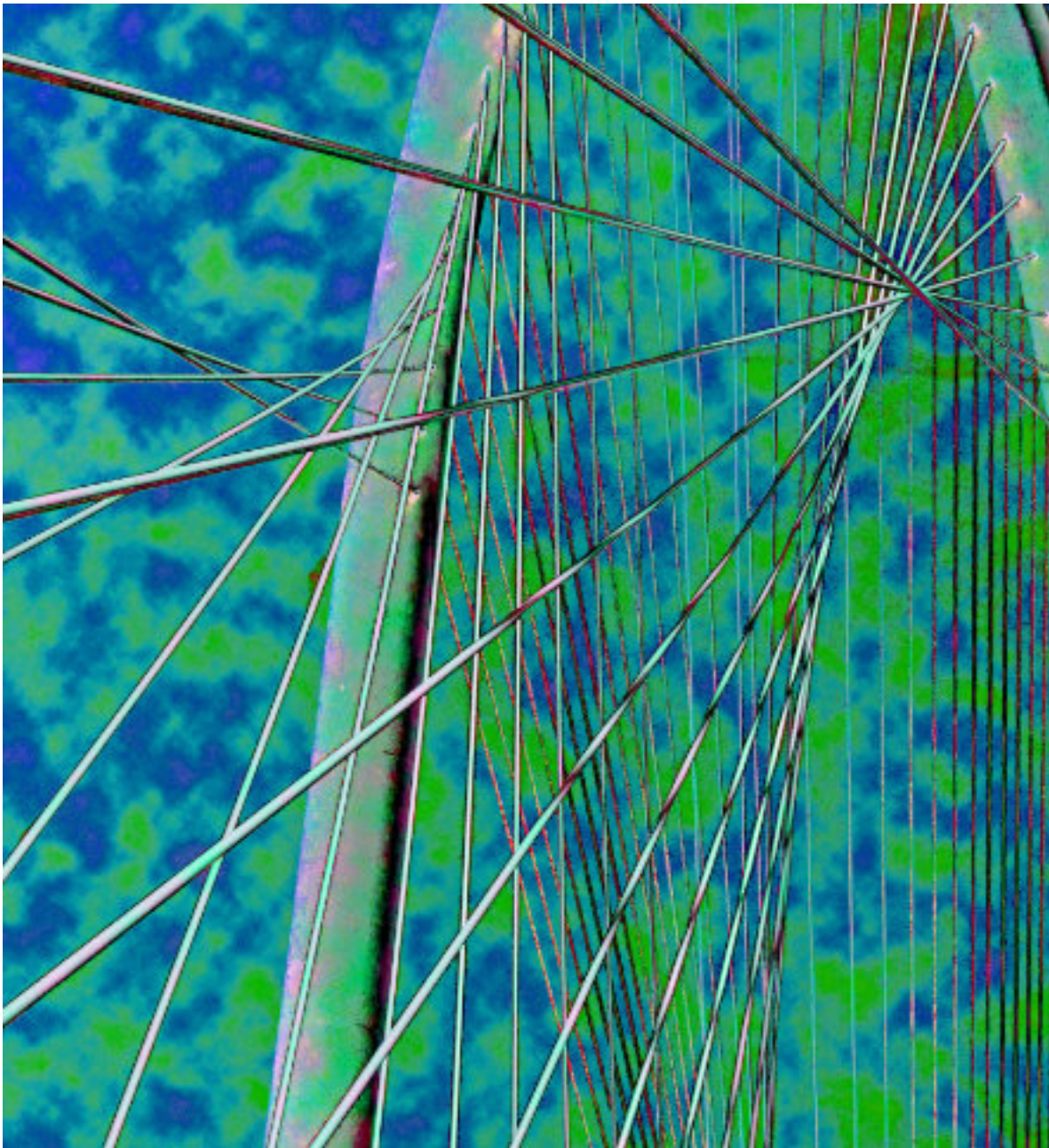
"Crowds of well-wishers line the streets, many with squirt guns to fire water on the racers. There is lots of color and excitement.

"I decided to use nine of my images to try to capture the excitement and colors of that event abstractly. I reprocessed each image accordingly and then resized each image to three-quarters of an inch wide to create the strips.

"Then I arranged the strips into what I thought was a pleasing arrangement. I find I also liked having some of the strips with enough detail to hint at what was the event."

Many of you know Jamie Federick from the Kirk

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Jamie Federick's *Psychedelic Passage* won first place in the Village Camera Club's September competition. Jamie's photo shows the cables on a bridge over the Mississippi River.

Fascinating pattern of bridge cables wins 1st place

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choir, PW, and other Kirk activities. She is a member of our Communications Committee and often contributes photos to our newsletter as well.

Her first-place winning entry, *Psychedelic Passage*, takes inspiration from a very familiar Southern landmark, the Mississippi River bridge. Jamie explains:

"For this competition, I decided to take one of my photos of the upper part of the Mississippi bridge. We travel on this bridge several times a year going home to Mississippi or Fort Morgan, Ala.

"The cables of this bridge have always fascinated me. When there are fluffy clouds and gorgeous blue skies in the background it is particularly lovely to look at.

"In my post-processing of this photograph, I played with some of the effects and came up with this very abstract photo."

Congratulations to Robert and Jamie! As they say, "you've done us proud!"

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Jamie Federick, and Robert Sonnen.

Here's the story behind all those great Helping Hands meals

By Judy Rosenthal

If you are in Hoffius Hall mid-morning on the second Tuesday of the month, you might wonder what is going on.

There are some 30 carry-out boxes lined up on long tables. There are women at the stoves in the kitchen, women sitting or standing at the long steel worktables chopping or peeling or stirring. Women are running the dishwasher. Others are in Hoffius Hall shaking out 30 plastic bags and stacking them ready for use.

It is the day the Greenhorns (the name is another story), a group of Kirk women gathers to cook a meal to send out to those in the Kirk who want the Helping Hand of a good home-cooked meal.

Coming home from a long doctor's appointment or hospital stay to a meal already prepared can mean a lot. The arrival of a hot meal can be comforting or just give a lift after a difficult week.

You might wonder how we know to whom to send a meal.

Ellen Marshall calls each home where someone is possibly having trouble or has been in the hospital or who temporarily can't cook well for themselves. There are many situations where a Helping Hands meal would be just that – a Helping Hand.

These meals are delivered to Kirk members by volunteer Kirk men and women. Martha and Jay Nielsen make routes and provide the volunteers.

Before covid, these meals were financially supported by profit from frequent Presbyterian Women luncheons. Today, Helping Hands meals are supported by donations from Kirk Members as well as help from the Mission Committee.

The Kirk women who make up the Greenhorns are Carol Clark, Judy Rosenthal, Ellen Marshall, Becky Wakefield, Marcia Bauer, Sue New, Donna Toney, Jane Moore, Rosalyn Halbert, Wendy Gage, Lesley Case, Becky Baldwin, and Doris Simmons.

Another Greenhorns project is called Soup & More.

Carol Clark had the idea of making good food available any time the Kirk is open. Greenhorns see that the freezer in the kitchen of Hoffius Hall has a supply of homemade soups and casseroles for anyone in the Kirk to pick up and take home or to their neighbors to enjoy.

All meals have the Greenhorns label showing what is in the microwavable container as well as the date it was



prepared. There is no charge for soups or casseroles but there is a convenient donations envelope on the door of the freezer.

Startup funds are provided by the Mission Committee, but individual donations put in the Soup & More donations envelope make it self-supporting.

If you are a Kirk member who enjoys making soups or casseroles and would like to help with the Soup & More Ministry, please contact Carol Clark at 501 915 8497.

Judith Rosenthal is a member of the Congregational Care Committee.



God to Enfold Me

God to enfold me, God to surround me,
God in my speaking, God in my thinking,

God in my sleeping, God in my waking,
God in my watching, God in my hoping,

God in my suffering, God in my slumber,
God in my ever-living soul, God in mine eternity.

– *Traditional Gaelic hymn*



The Mail Corner

Who can fill Janie Smith's shoes as visitation coordinator?

With grateful recognition of the service of Janie Smith to the Kirk, it is time to prayerfully consider another person to fill the role of Visitation Coordinator.

For more information or to make a recommendation or express interest in the position, please contact me at 501 984-1550. Thanks.

**Tony Booth, Moderator
Administration Committee**

2021 pledges are due no later than Dec. 31

We are so very grateful for your generous gifts given to support the work of this Kirk.

Your 2021 pledge contributions must be received in the office by Dec. 31 to be credited on your 2021 contribution statement. This is necessary so we can process the year-end financial and contribution reports and close out the year.

Any money received after this date will be reflected on your 2022 statement.

Also, 2022 contribution envelopes will be available for pickup in the church narthex after Dec. 8. Thank you.

**Beverly Schaumburg
Kirk Business Administrator**

Potter's Clay thanks Kirk for its support

"In the Potter's hands a little becomes a lot ..."

Your support of the Potter's Clay ministry has been a tremendous blessing during these unusual times.

We are very grateful to the body of the Kirk in the Pines! Thank you for your concern for women and children in crisis situations.

God bless you!

**Mike Brakebill, director
Potter's Clay**

Carols and Lessons set for Christmas Eve

We are happy to announce there will be a traditional Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 in the Kirk sanctuary.

Wearing face masks is optional for those who are fully vaccinated against covid. We ask those who are not vaccinated wear face masks for their safety and the safety of others.

Kirk's Christmas potluck will be Dec. 20

Mark your calendars for a Christmas potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 in Hoffius Hall. Sign up began Nov. 27.

Come prepared to sing familiar Christmas carols and enjoy other musical entertainment organized by Randy and Donna Toney. You will not want to miss this.

Drivers needed to deliver Greenhorn meals

Volunteers are needed to serve as substitute drivers to deliver prepared hot meals to home-bound members of the Kirk. The meals are prepared by the Greenhorns. Deliveries will be made on the second Tuesday of each month. The time commitment is an hour or less.

If you are willing to have your name added to the list of substitute drivers please contact Marcia Bauer, Congregational Care Moderator, at 501 733-6810.

Chris Taylor-Wilmoth says Thank You!

I wanted to thank everyone for taking the time to think of me over the past weeks during the time of surgical procedures and recovery.

God's timing is always perfect. He knows everything we need, and your prayers were needed and appreciated. I pray the Lord will receive the thoughtfulness you gave as an act of service for Him.

Thank you.

**Chris Taylor-Wilmoth
Kirk Secretary**

Website offers prayer, devotional and scripture for Advent

Are you looking for an Advent devotional resource containing daily scriptures and seasonal reflections?

Then, look no further. The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PCUSA) offers an Advent devotional and resource kit free of charge.

To access the devotionals, visit https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1 beginning on Nov. 28 and continuing through Dec. 25.

The daily advent devotional includes a scripture, a devotion, and a prayer. They are in an easy-to-read online version or a downloadable PDF version. There is also an audio version of each day's scripture reading and devotional for those who prefer to hear these read aloud.

The devotionals are written by members of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary community and include a variety of writing styles and perspectives on this Advent season. They serve to help us prepare as we wait for the God child's birth and His coming in our midst.

Contributed by Susan Morrow, member of the Communications Committee.



Join second Presbyterian Joy offering of flowers

By Nancy Patton

Last year we were unable to meet together during the Christmas season. Many of you who were planning on ordering flowers to decorate our sanctuary chose instead to donate the price of the flowers to the Presbyterian Joy offering.

This year, with so many still in need as a result of the pandemic and economic hardship, the Worship Committee felt we should again support the missions of our denomination.

The Christmas Joy Offering is apportioned so 50 percent goes to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The other 50 percent

assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

If you would like to donate, please fill out the flower order form as if you were ordering flowers. Forms will also be available in the bulletins beginning Nov. 27.

Make your check to Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, submitted along with the form to the Kirk office. The deadline for making the offering will be Dec 12. The Kirk will print a bulletin listing the donors and the honorees.

Nancy Patton is Moderator of the Worship Committee.

Contributions will be sent to The Presbyterian Joy offering

Name of Donor: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ Poinsettia (s) @\$10.00 total \$ _____



Happy dates



Birthdays

Dec. 1	Ruth Hamilton	Dec. 10	Carol Case	Dec. 18	Mary Wright
	Gary Rector	Dec. 11	Christine Hoagland	Dec. 22	Peggy Sowers
Dec. 2	Martha Copeland	Dec. 12	Pat Mershon	Dec. 28	Robert Sonnen
Dec. 3	Cheryl Boehmke	Dec. 14	Jack Bullard		Becky Wakefield
Dec. 7	Daryl Henry	Dec. 15	Pat Rea	Dec. 29	Susan Morrow
	Kathy Martin		Della Reimers	Dec. 30	Ellen Marshall
Dec. 8	Wendy Gage	Dec. 18	Arnie Holtberg		
Dec. 9	Carolyn Kane		Marylyn Rabideau		

Anniversaries

Dec. 1	Sissy and David Wilson	37 years	Dec. 23	Susan and Bob Morrow	46 years
Dec. 5	Gail and David Salmen	51 years	Dec. 28	Edie and Don Loveday	53 years
Dec. 17	Debbie and Jim Cordell	38 years	Dec. 29	Becky and Harry Wakefield	49 years
Dec. 19	Jan and Arnie Holtberg	51 years	Dec. 31	Barbara and Jerry McAnarney	10 years
Dec. 21	Barbara and Dan Chambliss	4 years			

Mike Terry, Bill Wiard new members of Kirk choir

As is quite evident from the pews on Sunday morning, the Kirk choir is growing. Most members are back from their pandemic absences. The choir also has several new members. Two more joined in October.

A new Villager and choir member is Mike Terry. Mike is a native Arkansan from Blytheville. He grew up singing in the church there and has always enjoyed singing. He also sang in school. Mike is a baritone. He helps fill our

back row of singers.

Bill Wiard returns from an absence to join the tenors. He began singing barbershop when he moved to the Village 20 years ago, then joined the Kirk choir. He is glad to be back, he says, he enjoys it.

The choir has four well-balanced

sections and director Randy Toney challenges the singers with some difficult pieces. According to feedback, the congregation heartily appreciates the efforts.

Mike Terry (left) and Bill Wiard are new members of the Kirk choirs. (Bob Morrow photos)



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector



Some of the 64 colorful prayer shawls and lap covers made by Kirk women and taken to area hospices. *(Bob Morrow photo)*

64 Kirk-made shawls, lap covers sent to hospices

On Oct. 10, the Kirk congregation dedicated 64 prayer shawls and lap covers. These loving gifts were delivered to local hospices:

Dierksen Hospice, Arkansas Hospice, Ouachita Ave. location, Kindred Hospice Hot Springs, Elite Hospice, and Arkansas Hospice inside St Vincent Hospital.

“It is a joy to deliver them,” says Judith Rosenthal, who made the most recent delivery.

“I get to hear how very much these prayer shawls and

lap covers are appreciated by the hospice employees who give them to the men and women in their care”

This ministry is a responsibility of the Congregational Care Committee. Knitting and crocheting these beautiful and very useful items are made by Kirk women. This is another way we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Contributed by Marcia Bauer, Moderator of the Congregational Care Committee.

Kirk staff

William B. Bailey – Senior Pastor

Randy Toney – Director of Music

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