

A Voice in the Pines



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Kirk music will enhance the Easter season

By Jan Holtberg

The music selections and liturgical elements during the Lenten Season and Holy Week are carefully crafted by Pastor Bill Bailey, Music/Choir Director Randy Toney, and Organist/Pianist Donna Toney. Lenten choral works coincide with the lectionary used for the season.

Over the last few Sundays, the congregation has enjoyed added instrumental accompaniment to the choir and with organist Donna Toney during the Offertory.

Bill Morgan, on the clarinet, accompanied the choir as they sang *Still, My Soul, Be Still* and played saxophone as Donna presented *Jesus Paid it All/O Sacred Head Now Wounded, I Want Jesus*, a fun blues-themed setting of the African-American Spiritual, and the sublime choral work by Paul Manz, *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*.

On March 31, we will welcome returning oboist Michael Clardy.

On April 7, The Four Seasons string quartet will perform, and the choir will offer a lovely setting of the Samuel F. Smith poem *From Earth to Heaven*, while the strings and

piano add a haunting and glorious accompaniment to all.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, the choir will sing a setting of *All Glory, Laud and Honor* with an opening simulating the children's voices welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem.

The Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service on April 18 will include scripture readings from the Gospel of Luke interspersed with congregational hymns.

The choir is offering a "Lenten Meditation" juxtaposing the two Holy Week hymns *Were You There* and *Go to Dark Gethsemane*. The music offering will remind us of Christ's despair. The gradual diminishing of the candles symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death.

Holy Week services conclude on Easter Sunday, April 21. The worship service will open with the processional hymn, *Christ the Lord has Risen Today*. The choir will sing an exciting setting by Lloyd Larson, *Jesus is Risen from the Dead*.



Donna and Randy Toney

Throughout the Lent and Easter seasons, we will also be treated to the keyboard brilliance of Donna Toney, who brings her best to the worship service week after week.

Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.

When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall



Sunday children's class
10 a.m. in the Journey Room

Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Conference Room



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



In this season, have no doubt: Christ is risen

If you have ever visited Israel and Jerusalem, you have probably visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, arguably Christianity's most sacred site.

Tradition dating to the 4th century C.E. claims this is the site where Jesus was crucified, buried and raised. The empty tomb of the resurrection is also part of the church.

Visitors to the Holy Land often encounter hundreds, if not thousands, of Christian pilgrims at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, all crowding to see and touch the very place of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Visitors can also travel to the Garden Tomb, a contested site popular with some Protestant groups because they believe it has more of a claim to authenticity. It only dates to the 19th century, but it is outside the city gates.

Some believe it actually looks like Golgotha – the place of the skull. It is also less congested and crowded, more like a garden.

Good arguments have been made for the historical authenticity of both. In truth, no one really knows and, finally, it may not matter.

It is significant that the oldest of these traditions only dates back to the 3rd or 4th century after Christ. This should remind us that by the time Christians began to care about shrines and holy sites, the earliest followers had long since died.

Memories of the actual places, if there ever were such significant memories had long since faded.

The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



This contested tradition reminds us the earliest followers of Christ did not apparently much care about shrines and holy sites. For them, Christ is alive, still present in the world, working and redeeming lives.

They had little interest in the veneration of a tomb. They were disciples of a risen Lord who was likely to meet them anywhere, at any time, calling them to ministry out in the world.

I believe this is important for us in this day as well. We also believe Christ is alive. He is present in our lives, giving us all hope in our world.

In the second stanza of Brian Wren's hymn, *Christ Is Alive*, it is proclaimed:

*Christ is alive! No longer
bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

Our Easter Celebration here at the Kirk includes the traditional Palm Sunday, the Maundy

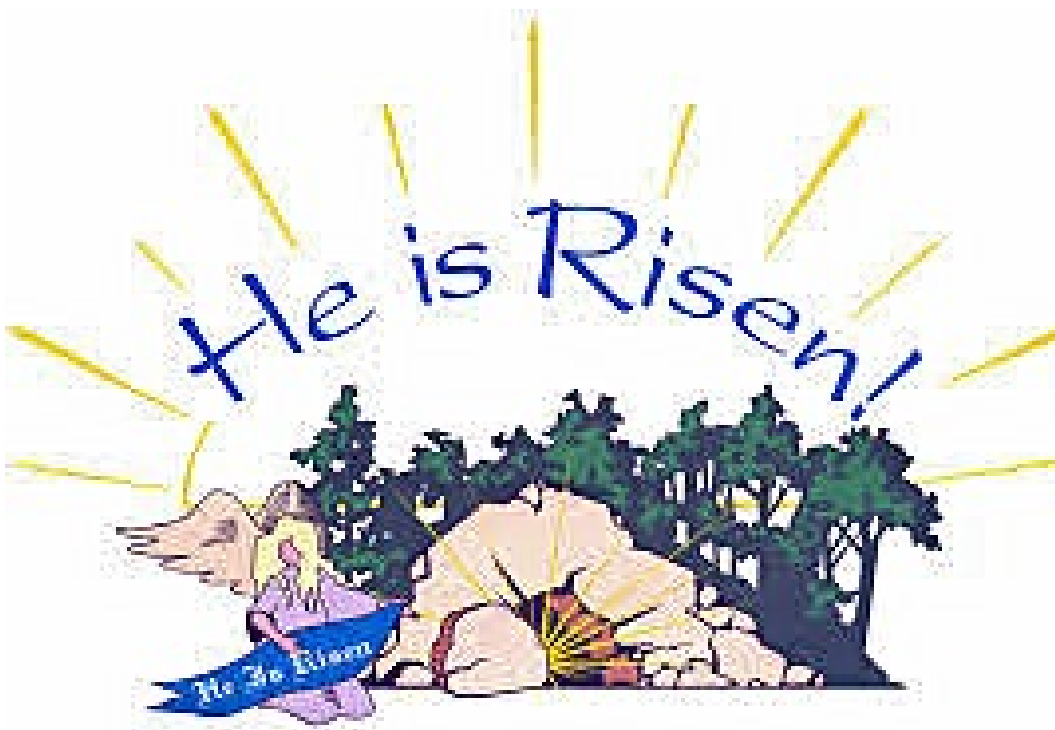
Thursday/Tenebrae Service, including communion, and our Easter Sunday jubilation.

These services are intended to be both solemn and reflective, to help us meditate on Christ's passion on our behalf as well as celebrating and acknowledging the wonder of His resurrection and ours.

I encourage you to invite a friend to each of these services.

It is my hope your own faith and hope will be renewed in this Season of Easter.

Christ is Risen, indeed!



Mardi Gras celebrated at the Kirk

About 100 people gathered on a cold March 4th for some hot toe-tappin' Dixieland jazz in Hoffius Hall.

Clyde Pounds on the piano and Doc Ryan on trumpet brought their Spa City Stompers to the Kirk to raise more than \$600 for Vera Lloyd Children's Home and Family Services Center.

Many who attended wore Mardi Gras beads and colors. The hall was lavishly bedecked in purple, green and gold with lots of balloons, streamers, beads and glittery table decorations.

Traditional King cake was served at intermission.

In addition to the piano and the trumpet, the Stompers included David Higginbotham on bass fiddle, Patrick Chan on drums, Mike Bryant on trombone, and Earl Hesse on clarinet.

The Stompers played traditional Dixieland jazz from the 1920s and 1930s.

**Story by Barbara Worthley
and photos by Jamie Federick**



Bob and Lorraine Berry (above) and guest Tim Caba (below) were among 100 bedecked Mardi Gras attendees.

The clarinetist sounded just like Pete Fountain and the trumpeter could have been Louie Armstrong. They were great!

Substitute drummer Patrick Chan is a student of Paul Stivitts, regular drummer of the Stompers and former sexton at the Kirk. Patrick, who is by far the youngest member of the band, will be pursuing his Masters in Performing Arts degree at NYU.



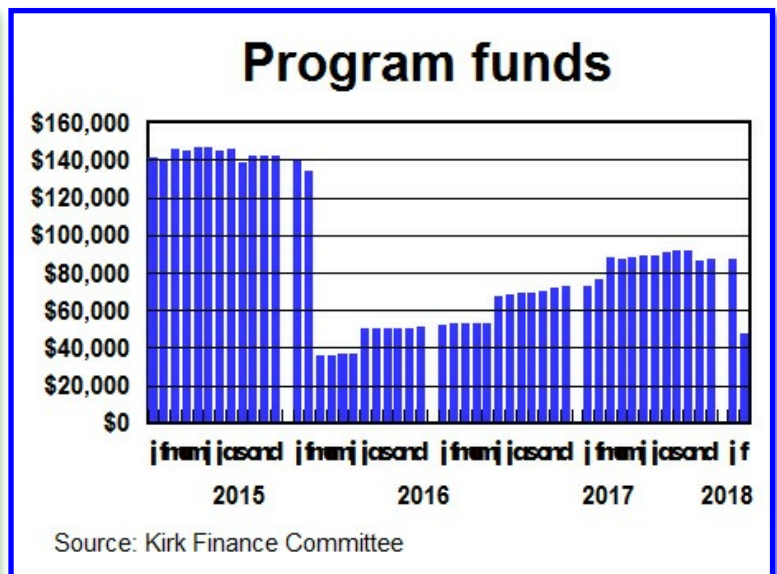
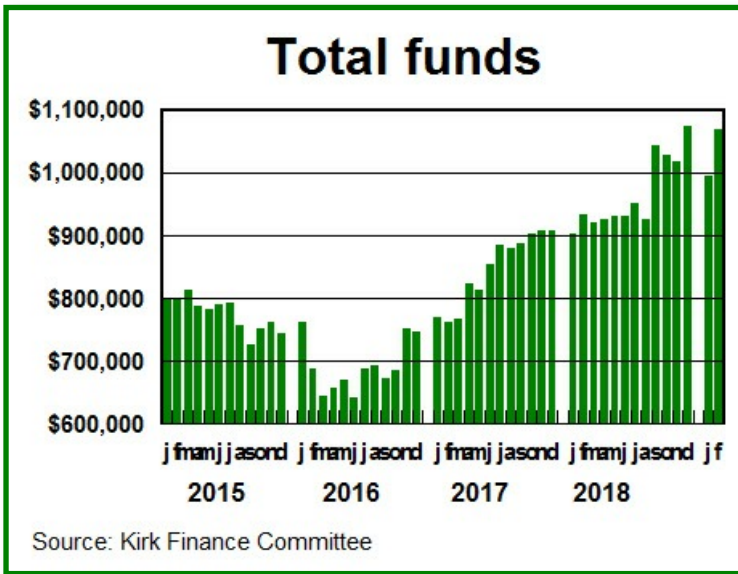
Vicki Rosenquist and Marcia Bauer served King cake.



Hot Springs Stompers with substitute drummer Patrick Chan (second from left).

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to date as of February 28, 2019

	Month		Year to date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 35,496	\$ 33,252	\$ 70,991	\$ 91,508
Disbursements	\$ 36,529	\$ 28,034	\$ 73,058	\$ 53,929
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,246	\$ 5,050	\$ 8,492	\$ 14,020
Disbursements	\$ 4,246	\$ 4,752	\$ 8,492	\$ 7,213
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,742	\$ 38,302	\$ 79,483	\$ 105,528
Disbursements	\$ 40,775	\$ 32,786	\$ 81,550	\$ 61,142
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 83,880
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 54,550
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 235,083
Programs fund				\$ 48,007
Endowment fund				\$ 590,166
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 55,529
Total special funds				\$ 983,335



\$548 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$548** 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 will be asking 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.

Use of endowment increased to help missions

By Sharon Gardner

You may have noticed in the most recent financial report that our budgeted expenses exceed expected income.

The Kirk has historically been very generous to our mission endeavors in the community and in our denomination. This year’s pledges came in less than our anticipated budget, which includes maintaining our level of giving to missions.

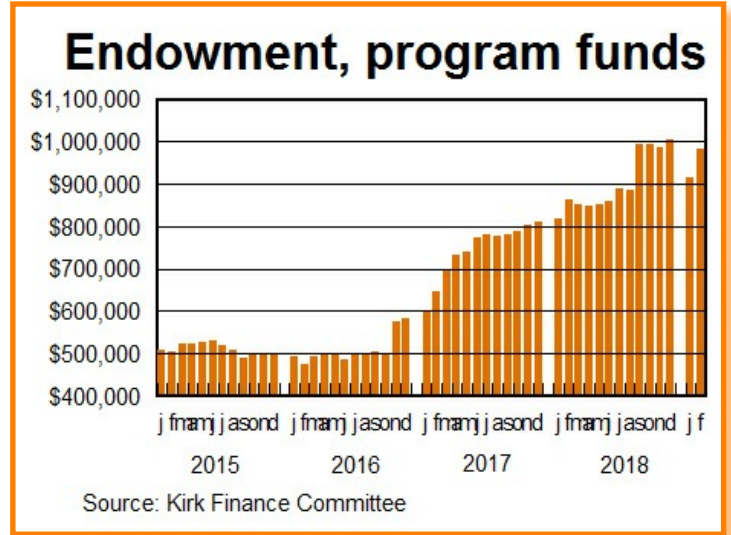
In the past, we have used 3 percent from our endowment fund to support missions. This year the committee recommended – and the Session approved – changing the portion to 4 percent in order to help maintain our giving to missions.

The Texas Presbyterian Foundation has recommended between 3 and 5 percent withdrawal each year. We have always taken the conservative approach and used 3 percent of the value of our endowment.

Our endowment funds are invested. Income from those investments exceed the funds we use for our missions, so we never have to touch the principal in our endowments.

You may ask: “Why should I give when the Kirk has so much money?”

All of the funds except the Endowment and Program



Funds are designated to specific causes. The Endowment was funded by members who left money to us in their will and expect us to use the money to advance the Kirk and its missions for years to come. We have kept that expectation in our planning.

Watch for our article in the coming issues to learn about each fund’s history and how it is used.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.



Fred and Barbara Kalsbeek (right), with Randy and Donna Toney at a choir-sponsored send-off for the Kalsbeeks relocation to Texas. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Ruth Fox looks forward to celebrating 100

By Dottie Rector

One word that might be used to describe Ruth Fox is “adaptable.” This adaptable little lady will reach her triple-digit mark (100 years) on April 30.

How does it feel to be approaching this major milestone?

“I will have a good time celebrating, since my two daughters and their families, as well as my daughter-in-law and my late son’s two sons are coming,” Ruth said. Then she added: “It’s longer than I chose to live.”

In a matter-of-fact way she said: “My goal is to get through the celebration and then pass on.”

Ruth’s husband, John, passed on in 2009, and a son, John, Jr., died of cancer at age 48.

Her adaptability includes dealing with mobility and hearing and vision issues. To keep strong and mobile she walks and exercises frequently.

To deal with hearing issues she has hearing aids, a phone with a screen which displays speech, and a gadget to help her understand words on the television. She makes good use of the hearing “loop” in the Kirk sanctuary.

Ruth doesn’t find magnifying glasses much help in reading.

She asks her doctor why she is “not full of energy.” Her doctor says it is because of her age, but Ruth thinks there should be something to give her more energy.

Asked how she would describe herself, she says:

“I am an old lady who can walk (unassisted) better than most people my age, and who enjoys going to Cedar Lodge to

play games.”

She lived at Good Samaritan Cedar Lodge for more than five years before moving recently to Greenwood Manor. She misses the interactions she had at the Lodge’s coffee shop.

Ruth continues to play pinochle and hand and foot at the Lodge, but doesn’t enjoy bingo, which isn’t interactive. She likes to “move about and meet people.”

Ruth also has musical skills. To keep them up, each day she plays four tunes on her piano.

As a teen, she and her siblings had a trio of piano, coronet and violin who played gigs. Her professional life however was as a pioneer in the new field of speech pathology. She practiced in Michigan schools after achieving a master’s degree from the University of Michigan.

Ruth is a lifelong Presbyterian and belongs to AAUW, which she joined right after graduating from the University.

We Kirk members celebrate with you, Ruth, for your remarkable life.

Dottie Rector is a member of the Communication Committee.



Ruth Fox. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Judas will try to explain himself on April 20

When an individual fails to abide by the precepts or mores common to a society, he or she is often compelled to provide an explanation or offer some excuse for their action or failure to act.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in the Kirk’s Hoffius Hall, Judas Iscariot, the famous (or infamous) member of the 12 chosen disciples of Jesus who was recorded to have betrayed Him, will seek to explain himself.

You are invited and encouraged to give him a

respectful hearing. The Kirk ministries extend an open invitation to all to attend.

Kirk member Clark Mowry will give voice to the ideas of Judas Iscariot as penned by Lowell Gardner, also a Kirk member. Both are students of the records.

Musical expressions of the facts will be presented by the Kirk Choir in their rendition of the African-American spiritual *Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)*.

Trip to Spain to include treasures of Cordoba

By Joyce Leeming

On Saturday morning, Nov. 9, Pastor Bill Bailey and his fellow travelers will depart for an orientation tour of Córdoba, Spain.

Córdoba was founded by the Romans. It is the highest navigable point on the Guadalquivir River, so it became a port city used for shipping Spanish olive oil, wine and wheat back to ancient Rome.

Córdoba's greatest hour was when it became the capital of the Moorish kingdom of El-Andalus. This was when work began on the Great Mosque, which – after several centuries of additions and enlargements – became one of the largest in all of Islam.

When the city was reconquered by the Christians in 1236, the new rulers of the city were so awed by the Great Mosque, they left it standing, building their cathedral in the midst of its rows of arches and columns, and creating the extraordinary church-mosque seen today.



Originally built by the Romans in the early 1st century BC, the bridge over the Guadalquivir River at Córdoba has been reconstructed several times over the centuries. The present structure, built by the Moors in the 8th century, has 16 impressive arches supporting its 810-foot length.

Córdoba's treasures include the Alcazar, or Fortress, built by the Christians in 1328. Also, the Calahorra Fort, originally built by the Arabs, which guards the Roman Bridge on the far side of the river. There is also an ancient Jewish Synagogue, now a museum.

Response to joining Pastor Bailey's tour has been very

enthusiastic. Space is limited and reservations are first-come.

If you would like to join the group, make your reservation soon. For more information, email kirktour@gmail.com or call either Pastor Bailey at 984-0445 or me at 922-0810.

Joyce Leeming is Kirk tour co-ordinator.

PW to nominate this year's Woman of Faith

By Carol Sue Williams

Since we are in the middle of Lent, spring is at hand. Let us think about the new growth all around us. We live in such a wonderful place and are members of a great congregation here at the Kirk.

Nomination forms will be distributed at the April Circle meetings for our Woman of Faith for the coming year. Please give this your careful consideration. The completed forms can be put in the PW box outside the Kirk office or we will have a box on top of the piano in Hoffius Hall.

A list of previous recipients of this honor is listed in

your handbook. Be sure to look at that on page 9 before you submit your nomination.

At our March Gathering, we heard a nice presentation by Becky Wakefield on her trip to Puerto Rico and the "Solar Under the Sun Project" she worked on.

You could tell Becky is excited about this recovery period which continues to need our help and prayers.

PW members were asked to bring guests. We had several visitors this last month. It is hoped some or all might consider becoming active in one of our Circle groups.

Carol Sue Williams is PW Moderator.



Members of the Education Committee are (from left) Millie Croson, Lowell Gardner, Moderator Pat Kuntz, Rosalyn Halbert and Carol Sue Williams. Not pictured: Terry Arant, Lorraine Berry, Beverly Carpenter, Don Loveday, Richard Massey and Pat Ormsbee. (Chris Taylor-Wilmoth photo)

Education busy enriching our lives at church

By Pat Kuntz

The Education Committee is the instructional arm of the Kirk.

It works with the pastoral staff, in our case Minister of Worship and Sacrament Bill Bailey, to provide for instruction in the areas of the Bible, theology, Christian living, and church and Presbyterian History.

The committee also maintains the Kirk library and oversees the Child Care/Nursery program.

I'm in the first year of my three-year term as Moderator of the committee. Other members are Terry Arant, Lorraine Berry, Beverly Carpenter, Millie Croson, Lowell Gardner, Rosalyn Halbert, Don Loveday, Richard Massey, Pat Ormsbee and Carol Sue Williams.

Here's a recap of what our committee is up to:

The library is being reorganized. Rosalyn Halbert is seeking added nursery staff and re-evaluating the function and role of the nursery services as our congregation ages.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is focusing on the Life and Letters of Paul. The Thursday morning Study Group begins a new book, *American Prophets: Seven Religious Radicals and Their Struggle for Social and Political Justice*, by Albert J. Raboteau.

We'll have a class on smart phones beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, in Hoffius Hall. Rebecca Bingham will lead the class.



Session at work

A look at what the Kirk's committees do for you

A week later, on May 15, we'll have a one-day workshop on "Being a Church in a Partisan Culture: Finding Our Common Ground." featuring Professor Peg Falls-Corbitt of Hendrix College, Conway.

On five Wednesdays in June and July, we will have a series on "My Gift to My Loved Ones" where we discuss our personal wishes and instructions regarding life's end.

A fall series is being planned on "Forgiving the Unforgivable" with Kathy Sanders, a resident of Hot Springs Village.

Plans are being formulated for a fourth Summer Book Club and Randy and Donna Toney are considering a musical instructional series on Felix Mendelssohn's Oratorio "Elijah" taken from I and II Kings of the Old Testament.

The Educational Committee is committed to providing multiple opportunities for each of us to experience an ever growing and enriching faith journey.

Pat Kuntz is Moderator of the Education Committee.

Concert at Kirk funded singing scholarship

Thanks to the Kirk members for supporting the Top of the Rock Peggy Gram Scholarship Benefit on Feb. 10! Your generosity is so appreciated!

Special thanks to Clark and Jean Mowry for making the homemade ice cream. What a gift!

Thanks also to Robert Sonnen for doing sound and video and to those who helped set up Hoffius Hall.

Our first scholarship recipient will be performing a recital at 3 p.m. June 2 at the Kirk. I hope you will come and encourage her. She is at Bowling Green University getting her Master's Degree in Vocal Performance.

Along with the encouragement of the Kirk, the Little Rock Top of the Rock Sweet Adeline Chorus will be able to give another scholarship this year. In gratitude,

Sharon Gardner,

Top of the Rock Singer and Kirk Member

It takes a 'Village' to make a great party

Thanks to all who participated in planning and staging the Mardi Gras Party!

It was an evening enjoyed by all with the music of the Spa City Stompers and the King Cake served by the Fellowship Committee. Thanks to Vicki Rosenquist and her committee for their work with the refreshments and decorations, Chip Johnson for setting up Hoffius Hall, the Communication Committee for the advertising and for our office staff for selling tickets!

It takes a Kirk "Village" to get done all we do!

**Sharon Gardner,
Event Coordinator**

Kirk continues to fund, support Potter's Clay

By Harry Wakefield

Founded in 1984, Potter's Clay Ministries serves as an outreach to women and children in crisis.

While the clients have changed over the years, they continue to seek a haven from drug or spousal abuse, poverty and homelessness.

Following in his parent's footsteps, Mike Brakebill has worked with Potter's Clay for 24 years, and is its executive director.

Potter's Clay Ministries serves to meet the needs for shelter and food and focuses on Christian growth as a path to recovery and renewal.

Clients work to complete a six-month program consisting of anger management, parenting and financial management.

In addition to the Thrift Store, the property contains a building with eight apartments and bathrooms. Clients share one of the four kitchens.

The first floor houses the office and classrooms. After completing the recovery programs, clients can apply for space in two houses, which have a capacity of 12 persons.

Potter's Clay does not receive any federal, state or local funds.

They rely on donations and proceeds of the new Thrift Store.

Kirk in the Pines is one of the donors. In addition to financial support, Kirk members put non-perishable foodstuffs in the food boxes in Hoffius Hall and the hall across from the Kirk office.

Potter's Clay welcomes inquiries from anyone interested in volunteer opportunities. For more information, call 501 624-1366 or visit online at claypotters@yahoo.com.

Harry Wakefield is Moderator of the Missions Committee.



The Mail Corner

Kirk picnic will be May 15 at Balboa Pav.

The annual Kirk picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Balboa Pavilion. The theme this year is "Hometown Picnic."

The Fellowship Committee is planning this fun event. Sign-up will begin Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, after church services in Hoffius Hall. Our own church grillers will be cooking up hamburgers, hot dogs and brats.

More information will be in the church bulletin. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16.

**– Vicky Rosenquist, Moderator
Fellowship Committee**

Golf column takes a time out for illness

Jim Hess, who regularly writes the monthly golf article, is on antibiotics and little else. We are assured by him (with a groan and a whizz) he will return bright eyed and computer keys in hand for the May edition.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Time of grief can crystallize how we see life

“It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad ... This is the whole of Christianity.”

– From *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

How are we nourished spiritually, or in the words of Lewis, how are we hatched? For me, the Thursday morning study group led by Pastor Bill Bailey is one source of spiritual nourishment.

One among this group of fellow seekers mentioned that notable theologian, author and Episcopalian pastor John R. Claypool (1930-2005) had been a guest speaker at the Kirk in the past and was even considering moving to Hot Springs Village.

That comment piqued my interest and motivated me to go to our church library in search of books by the Rev. Claypool. I found we have a representative sample of his work.

One of the earliest and most important of his works, *Tracks of a Fellow Struggler*, is a compilation of sermons given over a three-year period after his daughter's diagnosis of leukemia when she was 8 years old, and her remissions and subsequent death 18 months later when she was 10.



In this heartfelt collection of sermons, Claypool claims to be our fellow struggler and writes with penetrating clarity and disarming honesty as he deals with the trauma of overwhelming grief.

“There is more honest faith in an act of questioning than in the act of silent submission, for implicit in the asking is the faith that some light can be given,” he wrote in *Tracks of a Fellow Struggler*.

The book is not yet available in the Kirk library but can be found on Hoopla from the Garland County library.

Several of John Claypool's books have been set aside in the library for you. Whether it is the writing of The Rev. Claypool or study with our very own Pastor Bailey, may you find spiritual nourishment that ultimately allows you to “hatch” and to fly.

Kirk is compiling a Lend-A-Hand helper list

By Susan Unger

The Congregational Care Committee is compiling a list of Kirk members who would like to lend a helping hand now and then to other members of our church.

We ask that you prayerfully consider offering your time and talents by allowing your name to be added to the Lending-A-Hand list. When thinking of ways you might be of assistance to someone in need, please consider those things that come easily and naturally to you.

Areas of need can range from suggestions for organizing mail and/or paperwork, setting up bill-paying schedules, including online bill payments.



It may be climbing a ladder to change indoor light bulbs or giving a few instructions to a recent widow/widower on simple cooking skills.

It could involve assisting someone with putting together a car-maintenance schedule.

These would mostly be one-time tasks that would help by offering someone direction and tips on how to move forward at a time when things may feel overwhelming for them.

If you are interested in participating in the Lending-A-Hand program, you may reach out to any member of the Congregational Care Committee or directly to Sally Fink, Congregational Care Moderator at sallyfink18@gmail.com

Susan Unger is a member of the Congregational Care Committee.



Happy dates



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

April 3	Sandy and Jim Adams	26 years	April 15	Bev and Charles McFadden	13 years
April 4	Cindy and Frank Morgan	46 years			

How does church operate in partisan times?

“Being a Church in a Partisan Culture: Finding Our Common Ground” will be discussed at a day-long workshop May 15 sponsored by the Kirk Education Committee.

Peg Falls-Corbitt, the Virginia A. McCormick Pittman Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Hendrix College, will be the guest speaker at the workshop.

Professor Falls-Corbitt, among her many areas of responsibility, is director of Hendrix Miller Center for Vocation, Ethics and Calling as well as director of

Marshall T. Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from Rhodes College and her masters and doctorate degrees from Vanderbilt University.

Workshop sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with a noon break for lunch to be served by the Kirk Greenhorns. Snacks will be available throughout the day. The only cost of the day will be \$5 for lunch. The event is open to all.



Peg Falls-Corbitt

PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, April 14

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.

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

Potter’s Clay getting help from food Basket

During April, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Potter’s Clay. They need canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew, Spam, chili, pasta and pasta sauces, dry boxed dinner helpers, macaroni and cheese, dry rice, beans, and milk, dry hot and cold cereals and canned milk and juices.

We thank Potter’s Clay for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them.

Five-week seminar

Planning to give loved ones your ultimate gift

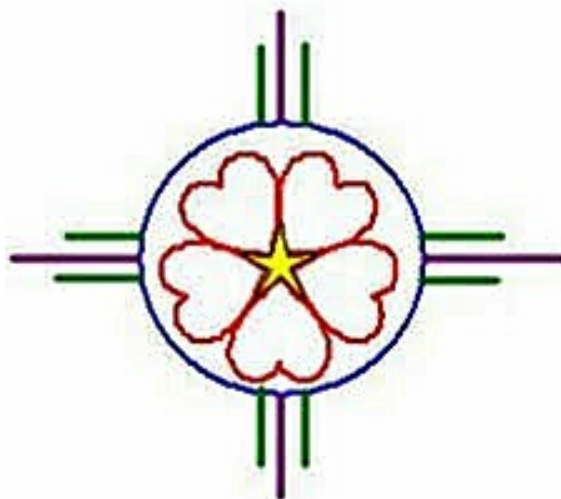
By Arnie Holtberg

In June, the Education Committee is sponsoring a five-week seminar to help us develop plans to prepare for the end of this life.

It's easy to put off creating a "going-away" file.

Getting your affairs in order can be daunting, but can also allow you to live the rest of your life with the confidence that your loved ones will be relieved of the burden of guessing what you want to happen when you die.

What can give you better peace of mind than to know your family will have the necessary information to carry out your final wishes?



These offerings are planned with everyone in mind. You will be guided to record information

relating to your affairs and their final disposition.

We'll show you how to make your last wishes clearly known in a thoughtful and intentional manner.

No one is more qualified to do these things than you, so consider the gift you will give to those you care about most.

Please plan to join us as we prepare to face life's final challenges.

Details about these Wednesday morning opportunities will be published in the May edition of the Kirk's *A Voice in the Pines*.

Arnie Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.

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