

# A Voice in the Pines



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Members of the Congregational Care Committee are (from left) Della Reimers, Martha Nielsen, Beverly Bongard, Emily Faulk, Lucy Allen, Susan Unger, Barbara Keegan, Sally Fink and Jim Reimers. Missing from the photo were Mary Ann Reynolds, Becky Baldwin and Norma Stevens. *(Robert Sonnen photo)*

## Congregational Care: The Heart of the Kirk

By Sally Fink  
and Jan Holtberg

This month, our Session at Work feature is highlighting the Congregational Care Committee which is moderated by Sally Fink and is comprised of 12 dedicated members.

The committee provides a necessary and important service to the Kirk congregation. One might say it is the heart of the church.

Its primary goal is to remain aware of congregants' issues and provide physical, emotional and

spiritual support to them, particularly those with special needs.

Programs under the umbrella of the committee are the following:

**Monthly Meal Ministry:** The Greenhorns, a subcommittee of Congregational Care, cook meals to be

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## 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

**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](http://www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar)



## ***With Christ's help, we can live out our faith***

I recently watched *The Pianist* and was reminded of this amazing story. This older movie is based on the true story of Polish concert pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman during World War II.

Szpilman was already an internationally recognized musician when Germany invaded Poland in September 1939. He was Jewish, forced into hiding and separated from his family.

His family members were eventually arrested and deported to the death camps. Szpilman spent most of the war as a fugitive, hiding in abandoned attics in houses throughout Warsaw.

Eventually Szpilman was discovered by a German army officer. But rather than turn him in, the officer befriended Szpilman. At great risk to himself, the officer continued to provide him with food, clothing and protection.

The movie version omits this officer's identity, but he was, in fact, Captain Wilm Hosenfeld. Hosenfeld's story and portions of his diary can be found in Szpilman's book, also entitled *The Pianist*.

Hosenfeld was a person of deep faith and often put that faith into practice. After the war it was revealed he had taken an active role in saving the lives of many Jews. He sometimes defied orders or took advantage of his position and connections.

Once, when riding a bicycle near the Polish town of Pabianice, Hosenfeld encountered a young Jewish woman desperately running down the road. When asked where she was going, she could only stammer out that she was pregnant. Her husband had been taken to a local camp and she was going to the camp in hopes of getting him released.

Hosenfeld wrote down the husband's name and told the frightened young woman, "Return home. Your husband will be home in three days time." And indeed he was!

On another occasion, Hosenfeld learned the Gestapo had rounded up a number of men, including the brother-

### **The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey**



in-law of a priest who had been involved in the resistance. These men were being taken by truck to a work camp and the brother-in-law was to be executed.

The story is told that Hosenfeld spotted the truck moving through town, waved it down and told the S.S. commander he needed a man for a work detail. He picked the priest's brother-in-law as if by random selection. The man's life was spared.

After the war, Hosenfeld was captured by the Russians and eventually died in a Russian prisoner of war camp. Just before he died, he wrote in his diary, "Why did this war have to happen at all? We will not listen to the divine commandment, 'Love one another.'"

Today, Hosenfeld is remembered by many as a hero and a saint. There is a tree planted in his memory in Israel on the Avenue of the Righteous.

It is an extraordinary story. I share it with you as a reminder. All of us are called to be faithful.

Whatever our life circumstances, we are all called to do what we can.

In ways large and small, as our life circumstances dictate, there come occasions for each of us to decide where our true loyalties lie. We must

choose which Lord we will obey.

Our lives may not be nearly as dramatic as Wilm Hosenfeld's, but we must still do what we can to honor Christ and live out our faith. May Christ strengthen us with wisdom and courage for the living of these days!

In Christ's Service,

Bill

# faith

# Session approves budget, new member

## New Member:

Jerry McAnarney was received into the membership of the Kirk at the Jan. 11 Session meeting. He and his wife, Barbara, live at 31 Sosegado Lane in Hot Springs Village. Their telephone number is 922-0010.

A friendly atmosphere was one of the reasons he selected the Kirk as his church family. He hopes to become involved with the church activities. When you see Jerry and Barbara, let them know you are happy to have them in the church.

## Loss of Members:

We are sad to report the loss of the following members:

**Horace Shankwiler**, passed away Dec. 18, 2018, in Hot Springs. A memorial service was held Jan. 4, at the Kirk. He will be interred at a later date.

**Dan Gruben** passed away on Dec. 27, 2018, in Hot Springs. His memorial service was Jan. 7. He will be interred at a later date.

Horace and Dan were long-time members of the Kirk and will be missed.

**Barbara Greenman** passed away on Dec. 29, 2018, in Hot Springs. A memorial service was Jan. 11 at the Kirk. Her interment has not been established. Barb, as she was known by most Kirk members, served the church well as organist and administrative secretary.

## Church Statistics as of January 11, 2019:

Members – 322, families – 216

## Choir notes

Would you believe it? The Kirk choir had a couple of weeks off recently and couldn't wait to get back.

We all arrived early for our post-vacation practice. When choir president Clark Mowry arrived on time, he remarked he must be late. He wasn't.

There was excitement in the air. We were ready to begin singing again.

The break allowed Randy and Donna time to visit family, and smaller groups to add to Kirk worship. Susan Morrow, Patty Van Cleave and Sharon Gardner were a well-received trio.

*Dotty Rector prepares Choir Notes for the newsletter.*

## The Clerk's Corner

**Jerral Johnson**



The budget for 2019 was presented to the Session and approved.

### Mardi Gras bus trip canceled:

The proposed three-day bus trip in March to Eunice, La., for the Cajun Mardi Gras has been canceled.

The Kirk will still host the Dixieland Band on March 4 with traditional Mardi Gras Jazz music. A King Cake will be served at intermission. \$10 tickets will cover the cost and support Vera Lloyd Family Services of Monticello, Ark.

### Lenten Soup and Bread Lunches:

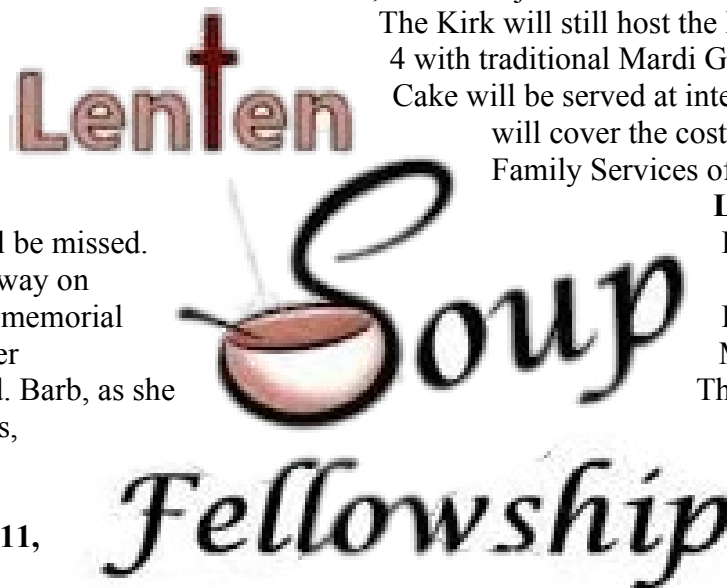
The Lenten Soup and Bread lunches begin on March 6, Ash Wednesday. The Fellowship Committee will handle the set up and planning of the lunches. If you have questions, contact Vicki Rosenquist, committee moderator.

If you have not attended this function before, we encourage you to do so. There are many good cooks in the Kirk and this gives you a chance to sample their fine soups and breads. There will also be excellent presentations by Pastor Bill before each lunch.

### Meal Delivery to Families in Hot Springs Village:

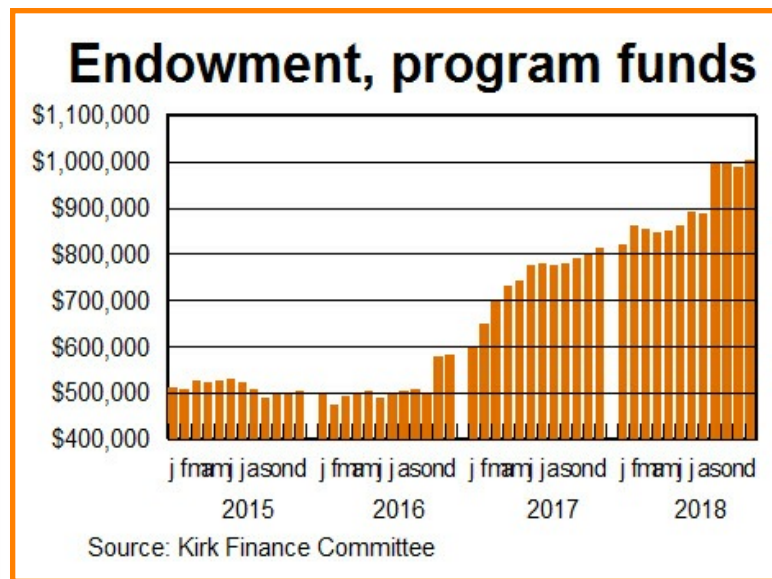
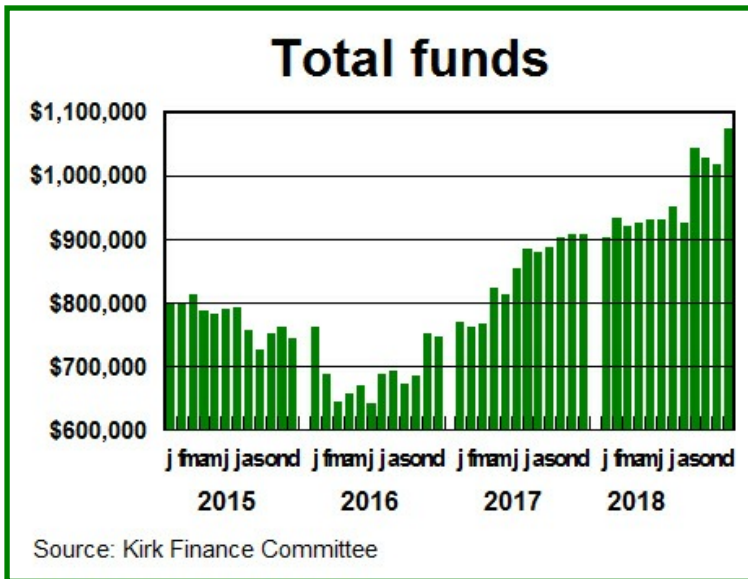
In March, the Kirk will be responsible for delivering meals to families and needy individuals in the Village. Vicki Rosenquist is responsible for lining up Kirk members to deliver the meals. Delivery will begin on March 1. Sign up for delivery dates which begin on Feb. 2 and 3.

If you have not done this before, you will find it very rewarding helping those in need, delivering the food and saying a word or two with the recipients. You can see its meaning as their faces light-up.



## Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to date as of December 31, 2018

	Month		Year to date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 36,311	\$ 37,021	\$ 435,728	\$ 428,231
Disbursements	\$ 36,311	\$ 54,122	\$ 435,728	\$ 411,745
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,543	\$ 44,722	\$ 54,516	\$ 92,683
Disbursements	\$ 4,543	\$ 4,917	\$ 54,516	\$ 109,402
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 40,854	\$ 81,743	\$ 490,244	\$ 520,913
Disbursements	\$ 40,854	\$ 59,039	\$ 490,244	\$ 521,147
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 69,299
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund				\$ 44,109
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 232,759
Programs fund				\$ 87,532
Endowment fund				\$ 584,330
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 54,980
<b>Total special funds</b>				<b>\$ 1,003,710</b>



### ***\$694 for Mission***

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$694** was collected in December.

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.

## 40 days of Lenten journey begins March 6

By Nancy Patton

Lent is a 40-day journey beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a journey of worship, prayer and study; a time to grow in faith. Lent is a season of repentance in which we meet together to praise our Savior, confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

The Ash Wednesday Service of Worship will at 11 a.m. March 6 in the sanctuary with the imposition of ashes. We will also gather at 11 a.m. on each of the next five Wednesdays in the sanctuary for worship.

Pastor Bill Bailey will give a Lenten meditation and we will close with a hymn.



Following each service we will gather in Hoffius Hall for a soup and bread lunch.

We will offer the traditional Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 18. In scripture and hymn we retell the story of Christ's journey from the last supper to the crucifixion. This somber time of reflection more fully prepares us to experience the joy of Easter and the hope in the resurrection.

Please join us on this journey of faith as we pray and study God's Word, share fellowship around the table, and encourage one another in faith.

*Nancy Patton is Moderator of the Worship Committee.*

## Vera Lloyd Family Services to be discussed at Kirk potluck dinner on Feb. 13

By Harry Wakefield

Donna Mahurin, chief executive officer of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, will be the featured speaker at a Kirk Mission's sponsored potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Hoffius Hall.



Donna Mahurin

Begun in 1910 as a child-care facility, Vera Lloyd has evolved into a full-fledged Family Service Center.

Donna will tell us about their ongoing programs and new programs designed to meet the needs of Arkansas children and families. New insights into family needs, along with changes to state agency support, is leading Vera Lloyd to exciting and challenging

opportunities to address poverty, child abuse, and drug abuse.

While the Kirk rises from a Scottish Presbyterian heritage, their potluck dinners prove to be a virtual Scandinavian smorgasbord of delicious dishes, salads and desserts. Coffee, tea and water will be available.

Examples of how our Kirk Session functions is demonstrated as Mission, Education, and Fellowship Moderators and committees work together in this event.

*Harry Wakefield is Moderator of the Missions Committee.*

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## PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, February 10

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.

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## Portugal, Spain are Bill's next destinations

By Joyce Leeming

Is visiting Portugal and Spain on your bucket list? Here's your chance to visit these two spectacular European countries with Pastor Bailey.

Fly from Dallas Nov. 4 and land in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal on the Atlantic Ocean. After a good night's rest, you will visit the Jeronimos Monastery, a Manueline Renaissance masterpiece; the Alfama, Old Bairro Alto and Baixa districts.

You will have free time in the afternoon for further exploration or shopping. Hand-knit fisherman sweaters are among the many specialties.

Then you are off to the Mediterranean coast to Barcelona,



Lisbon, Portugal, is the first stop on next fall's tour with Pastor Bill Bailey.

Spain by way of Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Toledo, Madrid, Avila, Zaragoza, and points in between.

A few of the extraordinary stops include strolling through the incredible Prado Museum in Madrid, visiting the elaborate Alcazar Palace of Seville and the

ornate cathedral with the tomb of Columbus.

In Granada, you will enter elaborate summer palaces including the famous pink granite Alhambra and its lovely gardens.

The beautiful Gothic architecture and Gaudi's unfinished, spectacular Sagrada Familia in Barcelona are among the interesting sites you'll enjoy.

There will be free time to explore the cobble-stone streets, meander along the famous avenue, Los Ramblas, with its stalls, musicians, and mime artists.

Stop in the huge Mercat de la Boqueria, Barcelona's world-famous market, and have a sample of *jamón serrano* (Portuguese and/or Spanish dry cured ham) or a made-to-order *tortilla española* (Spanish potato omelet) and a glass of local wine.

You will be busy snapping pictures on the way to these magnificent cities. There will be cork forests, picturesque ancient white villages, and fascinating ages-old terraces on steep mountain sides – some planted



Many picturesque white villages in Spain will be seen on Pastor Bailey's next trip in November. (Joyce Leeming photo)

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## ***Stompers coming to celebrate Mardi Gras***

**By Barbara Worthley**

Do you wonder what Mardi Gras means?

The French words literally mean “Fat Tuesday,” and refer to the carnival celebration beginning on Epiphany (Jan. 6) and culminating the day before Ash Wednesday. It is called Fat Tuesday because it is the last opportunity to eat rich food before the fasting Lenten season begins.

The Kirk will have a Mardi Gras Party from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 4, in Hoffius Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Spa City Stompers, a Dixieland band playing traditional jazz music.

To cover costs of the party and support the Vera Lloyd Children’s Home, a \$10 fee will be charged.

So put on your Mardi Gras beads and get ready for a toe-



The Spa City Stompers will entertain March 4 at the Kirk’s Mardi Gras party in Hoffius Hall.

tapping good time as the Stompers play favorites like *When the Saints Go Marching In* and, of course, *Won’t You Come Home, Bill Bailey*.

Traditional King Cake will be served following the performance.  
***Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.***

## **Top of the Rock concert is Feb. 10 at the Kirk**

The third annual Top of the Rock Peggy Gram Scholarship Benefit Concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 in the Kirk sanctuary.

In addition to the traditional quartets, the concert will feature soprano Megan Ahne. Miss Ahne was the first recipient of the scholarship, which is awarded annually to a woman pursuing a degree in music.

Megan is a graduate of the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. She has performed several times at the Kirk with her university choir. She has also lent her lovely solo voice to Kirk Morning Worship.

Today Megan is enrolled in a Master’s program at Bowling Green State University with a focus on vocal performance.



Megan Ahne

## ***Make your reservations for trip to Spain***

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All this before returning home on Nov. 15.

Brochures with the details, complete itinerary, and reservation form are available in the information stands in the narthex and hallway by the office. Or email [kirktour@gmail.com](mailto:kirktour@gmail.com) for one to forward on to others.

Reservations are first-come, first-serve. Cost is based on a minimum of 32 passengers so do send a brochure to

with vineyards, almond trees, or olive groves.

your family and friends as they are most welcome to travel with the group.

**Tip:** Rick Steves’ Spain and Portugal travel guide and Eyewitness Travel Guide Spain are chock full of good information. Both are available on Amazon.

***Joyce Leeming is the tour coordinator.***

## Outreach is at the heart of care committee

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distributed on the second Tuesday of

each month to Kirk members on the house-bound or declining-health list who wish to receive one. Some 355 meals were distributed in 2018.

**Every Single Person (ESP):** This program pairs people living alone to contact each other daily by telephone.

**Prayer Tree:** Prayer requests are received by phone at the church, by phone or email to the Prayer Tree co-ordinator or by prayer request cards found in the pews in the church sanctuary and placed into the collection plates.

The requests are passed on to 23 members of the Prayer Tree, who each pray daily for those on the list.

**Cards to Ill Members:** Cards are sent to hospitalized members and those recovering at home from recent illnesses.

**Thinking of You Cards:** Cards from the Kirk Konnection are signed by members of the congregation at both church services each week. The cards express our concern for Kirk members who are homebound, in a care facility or who are undergoing treatment.

**Visitation:** Area hospital and rehabilitation facilities are visited regularly by the Kirk staff, Care Committee and the Music Ministry.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer shawls are made and donated by members of the congregation and given to members who are ill, homebound or moving. Because so many shawls are made, many are donated to Arkansas Hospice and Dierksen Hospice.

**Wellness Program:** In the early stages of development, this program helps our members be aware



of how to remain healthy by offering Yoga and informational classes.

**Special Projects:** Last year's special projects included delivering Poinsettias to house-bound church members and sending Christmas cards to Kirk members who have relocated.

A special shout out goes to Janie Smith (Visitation Co-ordinator) who is an invaluable resource to the committee, providing a great deal of input regarding the needs of various church members.

If you have been the beneficiary of a Congregational Care Committee visit, meal, card, phone call, prayer shawl, prayer or class you know how appreciated and important the extension of hand and heart are to our individual and collective congregational health.

Members of the committee are Sally Fink, Della Reimers, Martha Nielsen, Beverly Bongard, Emily Faulk, Lucy Allen, Susan Unger, Barbara Keegan, Jim Reimers, Mary Ann Reynolds, Becky Baldwin and Norma Stevens.

The committee meets at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each of seven months of the year.

*Sally Fink, is Moderator of the Congregational Care Committee, and Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.*



## Jackson House getting help from food Basket

During February, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House. 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, and milk, dry hot and cold cereals and canned milk and juices.

We thank Jackson House 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 local ministry.





## ***Worship Committee needs help once a month***

As moderator of worship, I would like to thank all the members of my committee who do so much to make our worship together a meaningful experience.

This month I would like to highlight the team preparing our communion elements.

Jane Moore bakes our wafers. Sandy Adams, Barb Kalsbeek, Suzanne New and Gail Salmen set up the communion trays and prepare the table. At the end of the

## **Time to sign up for Meals on Wheels**

**By Vicki Rosenquist**

The Kirk has once again volunteered to help deliver Meals on Wheels in the Village in the month of March. Sign up will begin Feb. 2 and 3 in Hoffius Hall after church services. Bring your calendar with you to church, so you can pick a day that best suits your schedule.

Deliveries will begin March 1. Unlike the last few years, there will only be one delivery route instead of two due to the smaller number of recipients. Therefore only two volunteers will be needed

each day.

You can volunteer as a couple, go with a friend, or we can match you up with a partner. Substitutes are also needed to provide back up as well.



*deliver a difference*

This is a great opportunity to help those in need. Just ask anyone at the Kirk who has delivered the meals before and they can tell you how rewarding the experience was for them.

Directions are provided at the McAuley Senior Center outside the west gate, where we pick up the meals. Meals should be picked up at 9 a.m.

If you have questions, please call me at 706 371-2877.

*Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.*



## **The Mail Corner**

service, Pat Bellamy and Jim Patton have removed the elements, cleaned and stored the trays.

After many years, Pat Bellamy has stepped down from her clean-up task. I am looking for someone who would be willing to take her place. This requires only a few minutes after worship once a month. Anyone who would be willing to help is invited to contact me at 708 508-9754.

*Nancy Patton, Moderator  
Worship Committee*

## ***Cards and prayers helped Judy get better***

Duane and I want to thank all of you who included us in your thoughts and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization.

Thank you for your many cards. We are certain this helped with my recovery.

*Judy Sonnenburg*

## ***Peggy still smiling over Kirk's get-well card***

Thank you!

Being a shut-in can get to be depressing. However, with all the kind people at the Kirk who took the time to sign a card for me, how could I be depressed?

I received the lovely get-well card this afternoon, and I'm still smiling and thinking what a lucky person I am.

Many thanks.

*Peggy Sowers*

## **Need a ride?**

If you need a ride to church, call the Kirk office at 922-1333, or Janie Smith at 922-7548. We will happily have someone give you a ride.

## **Please wear name tag**

Let's wear our name tags to each service. We ask our visitors to wear one, and we should do as much for them. Thank you.

# Easy way to begin journey to find spirituality

I was asked to fill in temporarily for Lowell Gardner writing Carnegie Corner while he is out of town dealing with pressing family matters.

It was a seemingly simple task of writing about how the church library can be a resource for our spiritual journey. But I'm not a reader of spirituality or theological topics. Fiction with a happily-ever-after ending is my preferred genre and singing in the choir is my "thing."

Then, after a fortuitous suggestion, I picked up Macrina Wiederkehr's book *A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary*, and I could not put it down.

Macrina introduces herself as an ordinary person from Altus, Ark. She claims ordinary roots from a slightly dysfunctional yet loving family. The second home she claims is a Benedictine community – St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Ark.

As a person with no claim to mystical heights, I could relate to her conversations about ordinary folks finding our extraordinary God in the ordinary things of life.



But her hard questions were far from ordinary. I found her reflections both refreshing and jolting at the same time. Macrina writes:

"We stand in the midst of nourishment and we starve. We dwell in the land of plenty, yet we persist in going hungry. Not only do we dwell in the land of plenty; we have the capacity to be filled with the utter fullness of God (Eph. 3: 16-19).

"In the light of such possibility, what happens? Why do we drag our hearts? Lock up our souls? Why do we limp? Why do we straddle the issues? Why do we live so feebly; so dimly? Why aren't we saints?"

Macrina continues with a personal invitation to each of us:

"I invite you to look through (the) window (of your soul), see the gifts you have been given, recognize your potential to assist in the healing of our world, and become involved in a process I call *deep listening*."

If you've ever feel spirituality topics are not for you, then consider reading *A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary* by Macrina Wiederkehr.

This book and several other books on spirituality have been set aside on a "Grab and Go" shelf in the church library. Come, visit, and begin the journey.



## Garden cleanup

Dennis Faulk, Lu Otto, Dotty Rector, Jim Adams and Gary Rector cleaning up in the Kirk's Memorial Garden on a recent winter morning. Other members of the crew not pictured were Rosalyn Halbert and Priscilla and Tom Hayek. The next clean up is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, weather permitting. All volunteers are welcome. (Tom Hayek photo)



# Happy dates



## *Birthdays*

Feb. 1	Pat Bellamy Carl Simmons	Feb. 11	Rosalyn Halbert Margaret Van Buskirk	Feb. 20	Tony Booth Ellen Wilborn
Feb. 3	Pat Ormsbee	Feb. 12	Jamie Federick Beth Sampsel	Feb. 22	Ruth Mattingly Barbara Mulley
Feb. 4	Teresa Arant Art Crone Karen Mallonee Greene Don Van Stone Jay Wilborn	Feb. 13	Merilyn Seitz	Feb. 24	Carol Sue Williams Judy Carroll Sylvia Gruben Joanne Hasper Fred Kalsbeek
Feb. 5	Earlene Higgins	Feb. 15	Elijah Bailey Ruth Carpenter David Rosenquist	Feb. 27	Jim Carpenter Eiler Heinrich
Feb. 8	Burle Mattingly	Feb. 16	Fred Raskin	Feb. 28	Jane Moore
Feb. 9	Becky Baldwin Darlene Slater	Feb. 17	Richard McPheters	Feb. 29	Jim Cordell
Feb. 10	Judy Corwin	Feb. 18	Bev Bullard Margery McIntosh		
		Feb. 19	Mike Seitz		

## *Anniversaries*

Feb. 3	Ruth and Jim Carpenter	67 years	Feb. 9	Carol and Paul Burpo	46 years
Feb. 8	Debbie and Gary Brod	44 years		Christine and Michael Hoagland	45 years
	Stephanie and Bob Herbst	21 years	Feb. 18	Susan and Ken Unger	36 years
			Feb. 24	Pat and Richard McPheters	29 years

## **PW's Christmas Family donations were a success**

By Carol Sue Williams

I am sure everyone heard the good reports on our 'Christmas Family' donations. This is a wonderful thing we are able to do and should give us all a warm feeling.

In February we will have regular Circle meetings.

We will have a Gathering for the meeting on March 11. We start in the sanctuary with a lesson by Pastor Bill. Following this, we will adjourn to Hoffius Hall for lunch served by the Greenhorns.

When you make a reservation for the luncheon and find you cannot attend, please remember you are still obligated for the \$10 charge. Please get it to Norma Stevens at your earliest convenience.

I am hoping happiness and health to you all this 2019.

*Carol Sue Williams is Moderator of PW.*

## ***Shepherd groups ready for new year***

By Wendy and Barron Gage

Happy New Year.

It's time for your Head Shepherds to sit down with each Shepherd group and get things rolling for 2019.

It's important for all members to attend the meeting for your group. If you've forgotten which one you signed up for, just check out the lists of "active" members posted in Hoffius Hall. If you don't see your name it probably means you are in the "communication only" groups. Please let us know if you wish to be moved to the "active" list. Our phone number is 501 209-9569.

In these meetings we will be selecting leaders, discussing meetings and the process of establishing "Sunday Morning Coffee" teams. We look forward to meeting with all of you and getting the new year started.

*Wendy and Barron Gage are the Kirk's Head Shepherds.*

# ***Perfect time of year to practice your putting***

**By Jim Hess**

**HEADS UP:** To the Kirk Sunday Golf Group.

During the off-season, consider a few of the pointers I have read or heard of that may help you improve your game. Now I will see if I can follow them myself.

## **Avoiding the Three-Putt:**

1. Always keep your hands even with or ahead of the putter on the follow through.

2. Read your line from behind the ball.

3. Take your stance, glance at the hole and the putter blade to see that it's square to your line.

4. Take two or three practice strokes, concentrating on judging the distance. Then set the blade behind the ball and imitate your last practice stroke.



5. This system helps keep your mind on the stroke, not the importance of the putt. See you on one of our putting greens!

If you are new to our Kirk or looking for a friendly golf game, we welcome you. Our Kirk Sunday Golf Group is a group of single and couple golfers of all skill levels playing either 9 or 18 holes. It is your choice.

We play one of our challenging Village courses on the second Sunday of each month. Dinner follows golf at one of our fine Village

restaurants. Our season goes from April through October.

If you would like additional information, please call 922-2326, or email [jimobhess@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimobhess@suddenlink.net)

***Jim Hess co-ordinates the Kirk's golf program.***

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