

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Mission Committee channels Kirk funds to help others

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"
— Acts 20:35.

By Jan Holtberg

The Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines congregational community has wholeheartedly embraced this biblical sentiment. It seems every one of the Kirk's committees is either totally committed to giving care and support to Kirk members or has some committee responsibility which entails a caring facet.

The Mission Committee takes this caring and support one step further into the local, national and international arenas.

Session at Work this month highlights the Mission Committee. It is led by Moderator Harry Wakefield. Its members are Ed Baldwin, John Davis, Emily Faulk, Tom Fink, Daryl Henry, Gloria Pickett, Shirley Siska, Helen Van Stone, Becky Wakefield, Ken Wolf and Secretary Judy Rosenthal.

The Committee meets the second Thursday of each month and is responsible for the Kirk's outreach and benevolence.

The Committee fulfills its purpose in part by implementing a program of education about local, national and international missions so the congregation is aware of our denominational mission ministry.



Mission Committee members include (from left) Shirley Siska, Ken Wolf, Judy Rosenthal, Gloria Pickett, Becky Wakefield and Moderator Harry Wakefield. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Traditionally, between 22 and 25 percent of the Kirk's annual budget is earmarked for mission work.

The money funds twenty-seven different missions. The money comes from one or more of six funds set up by the committee and approved by the Session.

The six funds are Congregational Mission, \$1.00 Mission, Endowment, Luke 12:48 Endowment, International Mission and Special Projects Fund.

In addition to creating an annual budget for those benevolences, the committee:

Maintains a direct relationship with the mission projects or persons we support.

Considers requests from congregants for funds or support for the church's missionary outreach.

Promotes and interprets to the congregation all

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When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
Begins at 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



Let's never forget the importance of the little things

Methodist Bishop Will Willimon once told the story of a University professor who firmly declared he was absolutely committed to non-violence and peace-making.

The only problem? He was so belligerent and rude in defending his views he ended up nearly alienating the entire faculty. Maybe you have met people like this.

A number of years ago I ran across something the satirist-journalist P.J. O'Rourke once wrote. If my memory is correct, it went something like this: "Everyone wants to work for world peace but few of us are willing to help with the supper dishes!"

These are but two examples of how easy it is for us to get caught up with grand moral causes, and yet become indifferent to the day to day equally moral duties of everyday life.

For most of us, most of the time, life consists, not of great causes, but a series of seemingly small opportunities.

Most of us will not discover a cure for cancer. Most of us are not going to negotiate a lasting peace in the Middle East. Most of us will not find a way to end world hunger or fix global warming, or stop war or gun violence.

We must certainly do what we can. These coming weeks for most of us will present opportunities for much smaller challenges – to write a kind note or visit a

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



friend. Perhaps we will make a phone call or read a story to a grandchild or feed our neighbor's pet.

We might even get bold and decide to increase our giving of time, talent or treasure at the Kirk.

Still, for most of us, we can seek faithfulness in small things.

Two thousand years ago, our Lord made a similar point when he said: "Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much." (Luke 16:10)

Our Lord calls us to a life of Christian discipleship. This means faithful attention to everyday tasks.

Let us strive for great faithfulness in all things, be they great or really quite small. This adds up to faithfulness in all of life, however small or insignificant they may seem at the moment.

Small acts of charity and compassion can make a big difference – for others, for the kingdom, for our own growth and moral development.

Kirk's outreach efforts directed by Missions Comm.

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special offerings such as One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter) and Joy Gift (Christmas).

As in previous years, the committee's focus has been on food, shelter and drug rehabilitation. This year, in response to record-breaking floods, we experienced a dramatic increase in the need for disaster relief. The committee responded with support to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Congregational volunteers responded by generously filling disaster relief buckets.

The Kirk supports at least 28 missions. We've highlighted some of them in articles in this newsletter. More are coming.

Monetary support is not the only assistance given to our mission partners. Kirk members also provide assistance through volunteer opportunities such as:

- Cooking monthly evening meals for Samaritan Ministries.
- Collecting and delivering food to Potter's Clay and Jackson House.
- Preparing meals for special functions and for delivery to shut-ins.

- Helping at special events at Vera Lloyd and Ouachita Children's Center.
- Driving members to medical appointments
- Planning and co-hosting special events and receptions such as: Top of the Rock Scholarship Benefit Concert, Mardi Gras Party benefitting Vera Lloyd Children's Home; a potluck dinner featuring Donna Mahurin, chief executive director of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, and, most recently, a potluck dinner with a presentation by Chris McRae from Solar Under the Sun.

To quote Lowell Gardner: "Knowing, understanding, and appreciating incites more generous and gratifying backing."

Pastor Bill Bailey wishes none of us "ever passes up an opportunity to experience the joy of giving."

And Jerral Johnson hopes we, as a congregation, continue to "seek avenues of service to maintain our goal of being a church that cares."

Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.

Four new members join Kirk; elections set for Oct. 13

Members Lost Due to Death:

Arthur "Art" Crone passed away on May 10, 2019. A memorial service was on Aug. 31 and he was interred the same day in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Leona "Lee" Hess passed away on May 26, 2019. A memorial service was on June 7.

Dorothy "Dottie" Montgomery passed away on April 20, 2019. A memorial service was on June 9 and she was interred the same day in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Larry Clowers passed away on June 27, 2019. A private service is planned at a later date in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden.

Cynthia Chaffin passed away on June 25, 2019. A memorial service was on June 29 at Westminster Presbyterian in Hot Springs.

Mary Ann Wood passed away on July 6, 2019 in Albuquerque, N.M. Interment was Aug. 26 in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden. A reception followed in Hoffius Hall.

Wendell Jones passed away on July 17, 2019. A memorial service was on July 22 at Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church. Interment was at the Cedar Vale Funeral Home and Cemetery in Hot Springs Village.

Margaret Van Buskirk passed away on Sept. 3, 2019 in Hot Springs. A memorial service was Aug. 7 at Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at a later date.

Friends of Kirk members who have passed away:

Larry Gardner, son of Lowell Gardner
Alan Messmann, son of Helen Sheehan
 Our sympathy and prayers go out to all members who have lost loved ones.

Members who have moved away and requested their membership be moved to another church:

Fred and Barb Kalsbeek requested their membership be transferred to First Presbyterian Church in Tyler, Texas.

Jane Harless requested her membership be transferred to First Presbyterian Church in Washington, Ill.

Lois Dykstra requested her membership be transferred to Wheaton Christian Reformed Church in Wheaton, Ill.

We hope they will be happy in their new church

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



homes. In the case of Jane, she will be returning to a church she attended before moving to the Village.

New Members:

Lesley Case joined the Kirk by Reaffirmation of Faith on Aug. 21, 2019.

Edith (Edie) Loveday joined the Kirk by Letter of Transfer of Membership on Aug. 21, 2019.

Marilyn Rabideau joined by Letter of Transfer of Membership on Aug. 21, 2019.

Kathy Martin joined by Letter of Transfer of Membership on Sept. 15, 2019.

When you see these new members, take time to say hello and tell them we are glad to have them as members of the Kirk.

Church Statistics as of Sept. 13, 2019:

Members – 305
 Family units – 205

Results of 2019 Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has been searching for Kirk members willing to serve on the 2022 Session Class and the 2020 Nominating Committee. Following is a list of their recommendations:

2022 Session class nominees:

Harry Wakefield – Mission Moderator
 Arnie Holtberg – Finance Moderator
 Tony Booth – Administration Moderator
 Ruth Richards – Fellowship Moderator
 Arnie Holtberg – Trustee (one-year term)

2020 Nominating Committee nominees:

Carol Clark (Session representative)
 Gail Salmen (Congregation representative)
 Bill Reynolds (Congregation representative)
 Vicki Rosenquist (Congregation representative)
 Jerral Johnson (Clerk of Session)

These individuals will be presented to the Congregation in a Called Congregational Meeting immediately following the Oct. 13 service. They will be voted on by the congregation at that time.

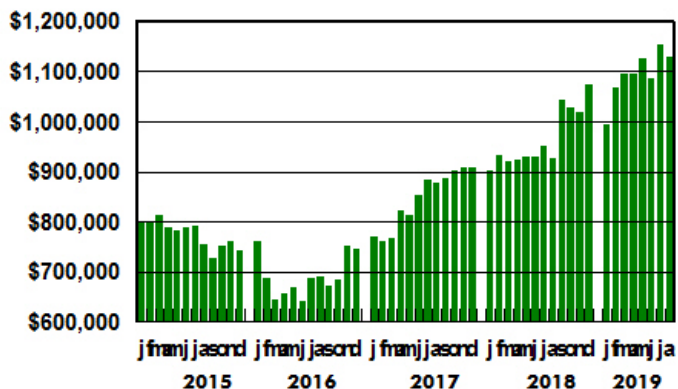


Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of August 31, 2019

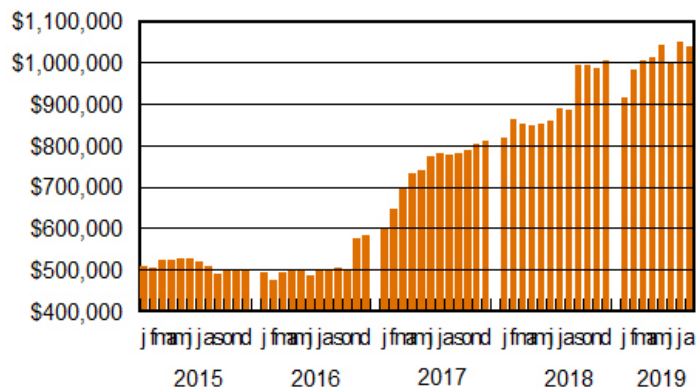
	Month		Year to date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 35,496	\$ 27,592	\$ 283,964	\$ 294,952
Disbursements	\$ 36,529	\$ 40,687	\$ 292,233	\$ 241,649
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,246	\$ 2,298	\$ 33,969	\$ 32,291
Disbursements	\$ 4,246	\$ 3,336	\$ 33,969	\$ 31,599
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,742	\$ 29,890	\$ 317,933	\$ 327,873
Disbursements	\$ 40,775	\$ 44,023	\$ 326,202	\$ 273,248
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 90,699
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 58,534
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 242,891
Programs fund				\$ 51,512
Endowment fund				\$ 625,981
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				<u>\$ 58,374</u>
Total special funds				\$ 1,037,292

Total funds



Source: Kirk Finance Committee

Endowment, program funds



Source: Kirk Finance Committee

\$621 for Mission

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

A total of \$621 was collected in August.

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.

Time to build on what the Kirk's founders left us

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

– 1 Peter 4:10

By Dennis Zymboly

Over the years, how have we met Peter's ancient challenge here at the Kirk? How do we begin to effectively express what has been accomplished and yet needs to be?

Let us first review our heritage.

The last of our founding fathers and sisters are now in Christ's eternal care. They have left us with a beautiful building and grounds completely debt free.

They also left us with a culture of giving and supporting the Presbytery, ministering to the needs of the poor and seeking to meet the needs of others as our Lord guides. They have further left us with an endowment that is even now beginning to help us maintain our current giving levels.

They, of equal importance, created a culture of inclusiveness and fellowship and a commitment to the functioning of the daily life of this Kirk. They have left us with their own lingering challenge of maintaining that same culture of giving and welcome.

Let us now look at where we stand today.

Over the last 10 years, 2009 through 2018, our commitment per family unit grew by 46 percent. We have maintained a relatively flat level of total giving through pledge, non-pledge and loose plate in the face of decline in membership.

We may be justly proud of that increase, but be not fooled that all is well.



Dennis Zymboly

We have a debt-free, 35-year-old building which brings its own financial challenges. We have dealt with these through emergency fundraising, good financial management and member support.

We have been able to maintain and improve the building and grounds in spite of a 17-percent decline in the value of the dollar as a result of inflation.

We have a declining membership. Due to our increased pledge commitments and beginning to use a



small percentage of the endowment funds, we have been able to maintain our giving to the various charities we support.

Where do we go from here? How would you define our way forward?

Is it a “Commitment to Mission” or a “Mission of Commitment?”

Either way, the following is clear: We each need to be committed and we must each acknowledge we have a mission.

What is that Mission and our Commitment to it?

Our Mission is to be assured all thoughtful, needed and effective Kirk programs continue and grow through our participation in and with the various committees of the Kirk. It is to be assured we continue to support the charities we now support and remain open to others seeking our help.

Our Mission is to support the Presbytery and all of its programs like Ferncliff and Disaster Relief. Our Mission is to build our endowment by including the Kirk in our wills so we assure the ability of the Kirk to continue its ministry beyond our days.

Our Mission is our assurance – our Commitment – to giving all we can in response to the challenge given by The Spirit today through the anciently penned phrasing of 1 Peter 4:10. We do this so God’s words will continue to echo throughout the Village from our beautiful mountain-top Kirk in the Pines.

Dennis Zymboly is the Kirk’s Stewardship Chairman.



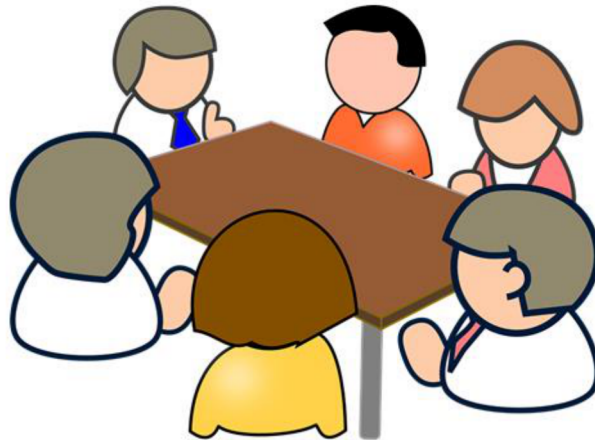
"Who's on First"

Finance Event October 9, 5:30 p.m.



Beverly & Judy
Who's on First Ladies!

Session will hold court and educate you in a fun way about Kirk Finances!



Treble in the Village

POTLUCK!
Baseball Attire
Welcome



Former member of the Peace Corps and nurse already busy in the Kirk

By Robert Sonnen

Lesley Case has long been part of the Kirk community and is now formally joining the Kirk membership.

You may have met her in Thursday’s Discussion Group led by Pastor Bill Bailey, or in Yoga classes led by Susan Unger, or in the Saturday night or Sunday morning Worship Services. She says she most enjoys the people, the pastor and the edifice of the Sanctuary.

Lesley came to Hot Springs Village in 1990 from Illinois where she worked as a nurse.

Before beginning her nursing career, Lesley spent a year in the Peace Corps in South America. There she learned to speak Spanish and taught home skills.

When her parents moved to Hot Springs Village, she moved here to care for them and has stayed.

Her nursing career continued in Arkansas with work at both National Park and St. Joseph’s Hospitals. She says her favorite part of nursing is the opportunity “to teach patients and get to know them personally.”

Though she has been retired for eight years, her nurturing focus has shifted to her canine companion, a “demanding” dachshund mix. She openly admits she is devoted to her dog.

When Lesley is not doting on her dog, she takes time to participate in Wings of Hope, a charity sewing project run by Village Bible Church. She also enjoys knitting and crocheting projects most of which she says she gives away.

We are delighted Lesley has chosen this Kirk as her spiritual home. When you meet her – and you will



New member Lesley Case. (Susan Morrow photo)

New member

because she is already busily involved in the Kirk – please welcome her to our community.

Robert Sonnen is a member of the Communication Committee.

Dust Bunnies sweep in to clean Kirk sanctuary

By Judy Corwin

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, the “Dust Bunnies” appeared in our Kirk sanctuary to help Chip Johnson, our sexton, with a fall cleaning.

The group took upon themselves the multiple tasks of removing some pew scratches, tidying up of the Bible/hymnal racks, sharpening pencils, removing candle wax – Bill tells you on Christmas Eve not to tilt your candle – ah, well.

Anyway, we dusted, waxed a little, chatted a little and did a

tediously fine job of making sure the ribbon markers were neatly out of the hymnals and hanging in uniform style up and down the pews.

Whew!! Those “Dust Bunnies” did a hopping-good job! (Sorry! Couldn’t help myself.)

Many thanks to Lucy Allen, Bev Bullard, Sally Fink, Ruth Hamilton, Joyce Hayek, Edie Loveday, Sue New, Martha Nielsen, E.J. Pangle, Nancy Patton and Sissy Wilson.

Later, a Subway lunch was

enjoyed by some of these hungry busy bunnies.

Judy Corwin is a Kirk freelance writer and talented dust bunny.



Session nominees

Four who have agreed to serve in leadership roles

Tony Booth

Administration Moderator

By Lowell Gardner

This year's Session Moderator of Administration candidate Tony Booth and his wife, Barbara, were drawn to Hot Springs Village on an introductory tour and stay sponsored by Cooper Development. They made several additional visits prior to moving in 1995 to the Village from the Dallas area.

Tony had been a Presbyterian his entire life.

On the recommendation of then-Kirk Pastor Mike Seitz and the location of their home in the Village, the Booths joined the then fledgling Woodlands Presbyterian congregation. They chose to be a part of our Kirk faith community in November 2013.

The Booths are both singers. The Kirk Choir and the ministry, speaking and teaching of the Rev. Bill Bailey, clarify for Tony and Barbara alike why the Kirk is the best location for worship and service.

In addition to their many ways of serving, they have been members of the Voice in the Pines mailing crew since they joined the Kirk.

Tony Booth grew up near Providence, R.I., and has been associated with The Boy Scouts of America for his entire professional career. This has, as Tony himself phrased it, "taken me nearly everywhere."

His training, experiences and administrative skills reveal him a marvelous choice for Kirk Administrator. When asked his goal if elected to this post, his immediate response was "keep Bill Bailey."

On further reflection he added, "I would strive to keep the business end of the Kirk functioning smoothly and effectively."

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Tony Booth

Ruth Richards

Fellowship Moderator



Ruth Richards

By Barbara Worthley

As a member of the Fellowship Committee for the last nine years, Ruth Richards is certainly capable of taking over the role of Moderator of this committee.

She looks forward to the continued help and support of the other

committee members in holding the annual church picnic, fish fry and chili cook-off. The Lenten lunches and other functions are also the responsibility of this committee.

Born, raised and educated in western New York in the Buffalo area, Ruth also lived in Houston where she worked for Exxon as an X-ray technician. On

retirement from Exxon, she moved to Bella Vista, Ark., where she lived for several years before moving to Hot Springs Village in 2007.

She was widowed shortly after moving to the Village and it was then that Clark and Jean Mowry encouraged her to visit the Kirk. Although Ruth was raised in the Catholic Church, she decided to "get a second opinion" and joined the Kirk in 2010. Gary Clark immediately recruited her for the Fellowship Committee.

Ruth married Ron Lovett in Jerusalem in 2017. Rev. Bill Bailey performed the ceremony when they were there on the church-sponsored journey.

Together Ron and Ruth enjoy playing golf three times a week. They also participate in the church's "Love Lunches" program.

And finally, Ruth is a director of the Exxon Mobil Retirees Club.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.

Arnie Holtberg

Finance Moderator and Trustee

By Sharon Gardner

The Kirk Nominating Committee is recommending Arnie Holtberg be elected to a three-year term as Moderator of the Finance Committee beginning in 2020.

Arnie and his wife, Jan, purchased a condominium in Hot Springs Village in 1996 after taking a Cooper tour. They visited the Village periodically until moving here from Dallas in 2014 and building their home on the shore of Lake Balboa.

Arnie does educational administrative consulting. They have lived in many parts of the U.S. as well as in Hong Kong for six years in the 1980s. While in Hong Kong Arnie served as principal of the International School.

After attending a Lutheran seminary after college, Arnie chose not to be ordained. Instead, he turned to education as a profession.

Arnie has done budgeting, fundraising, managed endowments and scholarship funds. Arnie is a perfect

fit for the Kirk because of his love for the Lord and people along with his professional training, experience and skills.

He also has been serving very effectively as a member and writer for the Communication Committee.

Sharon Gardner is the current Moderator of the Finance Committee.



Arnie Holtberg



Harry Wakefield

Harry Wakefield has agreed to serve an additional three-year term as Moderator of Missions on the Kirk Session.

Many may remember he initially vacated his position as Member Outreach Moderator to serve the incomplete term of the late Gary Clark.

A native Arkansan and graduate of the University where he met his wife, Becky, Harry is uniquely suited for this post.

He, along with Becky, worked with inner-city

churches in Dallas, dealing with the plague of drugs and violence.

They participated in developing the Gaston Christian Center, providing space for minority congregations, a health clinic and refugee resettlement program for folks from as diverse a group of countries as Africa, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal and Mexico.

Harry has also taken mission trips to Thailand and the Dominican Republic.

After moving to Hot Springs Village five years ago, the warm welcome of the Kirk congregation and a visit with Pastor Bill Bailey convinced Harry and Becky they had found the appropriate place to worship and serve.

We at the Kirk are grateful for Harry's availability and willingness and the friendship and dedicated service of both he and Becky.

Harry Wakefield

Mission Moderator

Popular Cuatro Claviers return to Kirk on Oct. 27

By Bob Morrow

If you attended the first Cuatro Claviers concert at the Kirk in August, 2018, you will be excited to hear the second concert is coming soon. And if you missed this amazing event last year, your chance has finally come!

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, in the Kirk sanctuary, Cuatro Claviers will present a unique program of music arranged for piano quartets.

Cuatro Claviers (translated: four pianos) is a group of four talented musicians from Hot Springs Village – Ruth Clemens (organ and piano), Martha Smither (piano), Fran Stroud (piano) and Donna Toney (piano).

They will present an afternoon keyboard experience that will amaze and delight you.

The program will feature music for two pianos, including selections from Peer Gynt Suite by Edvard Grieg, Waltz from Faust by Charles Gounod, Champagne Toccata by William Gillock, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and Spanish Dances by Moszkowski.

Ruth Clemens is organist at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. Ruth's educational background is in organ and piano. She has been accompanist for many Hot Springs Village musical groups, including the Cedar Mountain Singers, Village Strings and PEO Singers.

Martha Smither is a talented pianist active in many Village activities, including the Village Community Foundation, Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild and Arkansas Learning Through the Arts (ALTTA).

Martha is a founding member of ALTTA, an organization that brings cultural arts experiences to over 9,000 Arkansas students.

Fran Stroud is the piano and



Cuatro Claviers are (from left) Martha Smither, Ruth Clemens, Donna Toney and Fran Stroud. (Randy Toney photo)

organ accompanist at Village United Methodist Church and choral director of the Hot Springs Village choral group "Voices Rising."

Donna Toney, our own organist/pianist at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, is also a board member of the Hot Springs Music Festival Board, HS/HSV Symphony Guild Board, and Arkansas Learning Through the Arts (ALTTA). With a Masters degree in Piano Performance from LSU and a career of piano teaching, Donna has earned numerous career awards recognizing outstanding performance in teaching.

The concert is free with goodwill donations accepted to benefit Kirk ministries in our community.

There will be a reception after the concert in Hoffius Hall and all are invited.

Don't miss this one of a kind musical event in Hot Springs Village.

Bob Morrow is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

PW Coffee Closet open on Oct. 13

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.



Della Reimers, Helen Van Stone and Ruth Richards at last year’s chili cook off. (Jamie Federick photo)

Chili Cook Off

Only 12 slots available for Oct. 31 showdown

By Vicki Rosenquist

Thursday, Oct. 31, is the date for the second annual Chili Cook Off at the Kirk.

Spicy fine dining and all other planned activities will commence at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall, although the headlining competitive concoctions will have been simmering for hours outside the doors.

This Kirk Fellowship Committee is again sponsoring the event, which was so well received last

year. It is definitely picking up steam as an annual affair.

Whether you want to be part of the heated competition or plan to just enjoy the succulent dining, reservations are a must to be assured a seat at the table or a spot in the serving line for your own “unbeatable” recipe.

There are only 12 cooking-serving slots, and seating in Hoffius Hall is limited.

Sign-up sheets are available for both diners and chefs before and

after Saturday and Sunday services beginning Oct. 5 and 6.

Reservations for this free event may also be made through the church office.

In addition to the unparalleled selection of wonderful chilies and warm, welcoming fellowship, Jake Wilson of Texas Presbyterian Foundation will make a presentation of significant value.

Y’all come, ya hear!

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.

Jackson House leader always looking for partners

By Jamie Federick

Last month an article in our newsletter described the history of the Eleanor Klugh Jackson House in Hot Springs. Leadership of this interfaith community crisis-intervention service is in the able hands of the daughter of the founder and first director of this service organization.

Janie Woodall Smith assumed the position when the previous leader June Smith suddenly passed away. Janie intended to come on board for only three months. However, Katrina came through and Hot Springs was inundated with people in crisis. Janie has been there ever since.

Janie graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1984. At a young age she was chosen executive director of a program for the disabled in Brinkley. She also worked on the state level with legislators advocating for the needs of the disabled.

She has mathematics in her background as well as degrees in psychology and sociology. This background has given her expertise in stretching finances and finding programs in other states she can adapt at Jackson House.

She is filling notebooks with everything it takes for future leaders to run this program.

Jackson House maintains about 12,000 charts. They represent about 25,000-plus people. That is nearly one in three in



Janie Woodall Smith leads Jackson House in helping persons in crisis. *(Jamie Federick photos)*



Notebooks contain 12,000 charts on 25,000 persons who have been helped at Jackson House.

Garland county. Janie believes in partnership with other people and agencies working collectively to find better avenues of improvement.

They work on a shoestring budget. The programs need monies to function and provide food, clothing and many other basic needs. Volunteers, mission dollars and pantry items are always welcome.

Married with two children, Janie works tirelessly at Jackson House to reach the many needy people in the area. Normally five or six workers would do her one job.

It has always been her goal to improve what is available for others and utilize present resources in better ways. By doing this, Jackson House can make a difference in the lives of others by providing guidance and by meeting their needs.

Jamie Federick is a member of the Communication Committee.

Next PW Gathering will be a potluck lunch on Oct. 14

By Carol Sue Williams

The Gathering on Oct. 14 will be a potluck luncheon in Hoffius Hall following the 11 a.m. lesson given in the sanctuary by the Rev. Bill Bailey. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share.

The Fall Cluster Meeting hosted by the Kirk PW on Aug. 24 was a local success. I am personally disappointed it wasn't better attended by members of other church's PW groups.

Our salad luncheon made a big hit for all those attending. We took a selection of the salads to homebound members of the congregation.

September opened our PW monthly meetings. New handbooks were handed out. There were some updates involved, so I do hope all members received their copy.

If you are not in a Circle and would like to be, I encourage you to contact me at 922-6182 or send me an email at bilcarwill@att.net

Carol Sue Williams is PW Moderator.

Jackson House getting help from Food Basket

The Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House in October.

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

We thank 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 ministry.



Edie Loveday's name misspelled

The continuation of Edie Loveday's profile in last month's newsletter inadvertently misspelled her last name in the headline. We sincerely apologize for this error.



Gift reports being sent, check them for errors

Contribution Reports for January through September 2019 are being sent out. Please contact me if you did not receive yours and I will provide you with one.

Review the report and let me know of any discrepancies so I can make necessary corrections prior to year's end. Thank you.

Beverly Schaumburg
Business Administrator

Margaret Van Buskirk family says thanks to all

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and other expressions of support during the recent illness and eventual passing of Margaret Van Buskirk, a wonderful mother and sister.

Calls, cards, hugs and kind words were appreciated. We thank God every day for the wonderful Kirk family, their warmth and love.

The words and music of the Memorial Service were very moving. We thank you for this and for those who set up and served an excellent reception after the service.

We also thank the Games Shepherd Group who provided an excellent meal for family and friends.

We thank each of you for all that you do. With deep appreciation,

Sabrina Penney (daughter)
Marilyn Johnson and Sissy Wilson (sisters)

Support for Gardners was much appreciated

Dear Kirk Family:

Sharon and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the multiple cards, calls, personal words of sympathy, prayers, hugs and added acts in support during the time of grief at the loss of our son, Larry.

When I'm asked how I am doing, I reply, "When passing through hell, just keep moving." I reassure you that's made possible with God in the person of Bill Bailey and the Kirk family.

Sharon and Lowell Gardner

The Second Mountain is a book you might really like

Read any good books lately?

When that question was thrown out in a recent meeting I attended, the unison chorus of two replied “Yes!” David Brooks’s *The Second Mountain*.

At first I was caught off guard by the immediate enthusiastic reply and then because the book was doubly endorsed. I sat up and paid attention especially with the credible recommendations coming from both Arnie Holtberg and Dotty Rector.

So why the resounding recommendation, and what is the story of *The Second Mountain*?

Arnie said the book “is illuminating in various respects as it provides the reader with insight into a life fully lived.

“The metaphor of mountain seems particularly apt. Does not this life’s journey often feel like an uphill climb? That is not necessarily negative or problematic. It seems simply our time on this earth is not meant to be easy or without burdens. Yet, we do find meaning in our different ways and at our own pace.

“Climbing the first mountain is much about defining ourselves through occupation and practical matters of living. How do I want to be remembered? How can I establish my reputation? I need to make progress and be successful.

“And often, after coming down this mountain, people find frustration and disappointment.

“Those who traverse the second mountain are joyful, serene and giving. Like all of us, they experience



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troubles and are imperfect, but they find and exhibit joy by focusing on those things at the core of our humanity.

“These individuals have an outward perspective, making others feel important and valued. They are not only attached to their communities; they are the holding the whole together.”

As Arnie said: “The first-mountain response is to see your job as cleaning room ... The second-mountain response is to see your job as serving patients and their families.”

What a beautiful shift in paradigm!

If David Brooks’s *The Second Mountain* is as moving and thought-provoking as Arnie’s synopsis, then maybe this book should be your next good read.



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Happy dates



Birthdays

Martha Nielsen	Oct. 1	Dean Kerr	Oct. 9	Bill Durbin	Oct. 23
Charlotte Massey	Oct. 3	Charles Bradley	Oct. 12	Frank Morgan	Oct. 24
Clark Mowry	Oct. 3	Jim Erickson	Oct. 16	Jerry McAnarney	Oct. 25
Howard Baldwin	Oct. 4	Marianna Adams	Oct. 17	Janette Wiard	Oct. 25
Sharon Collar	Oct. 5	Gene Carlisle	Oct. 16	Randy Toney	Oct. 27
Hellen Sheehan	Oct. 6	Rowena Easter	Oct. 20	Woodie Barefield	Oct. 29
Jean Eiler	Oct. 7	Sissy Wilson	Oct. 21	Keith Brown	Oct. 31
Don Loveday	Oct. 7	Lorna Kerr	Oct. 22		
Jim Reimers	Oct. 8	Marilyn Olson	Oct. 22		

Anniversaries

Oct. 8	Linda & Bob Wessel	42 Years	Oct. 20	Linda & Ted Hommema	46 Years
Oct. 10	Cheryle & Stanley Dean	55 Years	Oct. 24	Helen & Norm Fisher	60 Years
Oct. 17	Cindi & Jim Erickson	38 Years	Oct. 28	Joyce & Frank Leeming	46 Years

Those happy faces really enjoy singing songs for you

The Kirk choir season is well underway. You may see on our faces how much we love to sing.

Music Director Randy Toney has chosen a wonderful mix of familiar and new pieces for our October Sunday morning anthems.

One of the anthems will display both the old and the new. It is entitled HYFRYDOL (The Welch word for Cheerful.)

How can it be both old and new, you may ask? The tune will be familiar to you. It is typically sung with the text "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." However, we will sing it with a new text, one written by a Presbyterian cleric, Dr. Louis Benson.

Another anthem is by Dan Forrest, one of the choir's favorite composers. The anthem is entitled *We Believe*. It will affirm our faith and be presented during the traditional Stewardship season.

My Hope is in the Lord, a new work by Marianne Forman is also planned. You should hear the sounds of Americana in this statement of faith and hope.

Randy feels a familiar hymn, *Take My Life and Let It Be*, arranged by Jay Rouse, will become a congregation favorite. It includes a hauntingly beautiful violin obbligato.

October will bring to us and to the community another Four Piano concert by Donna Toney and friends. Be sure



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

to read the more detailed article in this newsletter concerning the musical event at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27.

Looking ahead to the holiday season, the choir will present a Christmas Concert comprised of Christmas hymns and carols. This will be at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the sanctuary as a special gift to the Kirk congregation.

Please mark your calendars now for these two upcoming concerts.

Is your email address up to date?

Important notices from the Kirk are sent by email. Check your email address in the membership directory so you don't miss a thing.

Current directories are available outside the Kirk office and in the narthex.

Gary Brod, Ed Russell played all 18 in 96-degree heat

By **Jim Hess**

Seventeen Kirk golfers descended on the Balboa Golf Course in 96-degree heat on Sept. 8. The supposed heroes for the day were Gary Brod and Ed Russell who both played the full 18 holes.

During dinner later at the El Jimador Restaurant, neither Gary nor Ed were awarded prizes so it is assumed they just needed the added practice!

“Bragging Rights for the Day” were awarded at dinner attended by 29 golfers, spouses and friends.

Lady Winners for the evening were Jan Holtberg, Closest to Pin on #14 and Mary Ann Reynolds, Long Putt on #16 at 8 feet, 7 inches.

Winners among the gentlemen were John Davis, Closest to Pin on #17 and Ron Lovett, Long Putt at 10 feet, 5 inches. All winners were reminded and encouraged to tape their winning card to the refrigerator door at home.

Our last game of the 2019 season will be Oct. 13. Make plans now to play the Ponce de Leon Golf Course with dinner to follow at The Saint Restaurant @ Isabella. **SAVE the DAY.**

If you are new to our Kirk, or looking for a friendly golf game, and would like to join our Kirk Golf Group,

we welcome you. We are a group of single and couple golfers of all skill levels playing either 9 or 18 holes – your choice.

We play our Village courses the second Sunday of each month in April through October. Dinner follows golf at various Village restaurants. If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email jimobhess@suddenlink.net

Jim Hess is the Kirk golf coordinator.



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