

# A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## Patriot Day celebration to mark 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sept. 11 will be presented at Woodlands

By Rick Federick

Who knows what Patriot Day (which is marked on our calendars) is all about? Well, it is not about a New England football team!

Patriot Day was established by President George W. Bush to honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

This day has slipped by for many years in "small-town" America. Yes, we see pictures on television of the planes flying into the Twin Towers played over and over by the television networks on 9/11 each year.

But what about Hot Springs Village? Because of the pandemic, 2020 subdued so many iconic celebrations that we Americans looked forward to. We promise this year is going to be different and it has to do with Judy Corwin. She alone is tackling the task of remembering those lost on 9/11.

In 2012, the Corwins drove to Shanksville, Pa. At the time of their visit, there were only granite markers for the passengers of Flight 93. They marveled at the beauty of the site in the middle of a field out in nowhere.

No museum was built – no 93-foot Tower of Voices existed. Only the sound of the birds, and the wind



Judy Corwin is preparing a community tribute to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. (*Jamie Federick photo*)

whistling through the surrounding fields could be heard.

Judy and Bob started supporting the Friends of Flight 93 and efforts to raise money to develop the magnificent Memorial National Park it has become.

In 2016 (the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack), Judy purchased the rights to perform the play, *The Guys*, written by Anne Nelson.

She and fellow actor Jack Iafrate, played the writer and New York Fire Department captain who worked together to help him give eulogies for nine of his men lost in the Twin

Towers.

It was well received by more than 350 villagers in attendance at the Coronado Center. All proceeds went to our local firemen.

In 2018, a poem written by Judy was sent to Governor Tom Ridge, who formerly was the head of Homeland Security under President Bush. He was then honorary co-

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## When we meet

Sunday worship service  
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service  
5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall

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



For more meeting times see  
[www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar](http://www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar)



## Yes, it's time to come back to church on Sundays

Not too long ago, I met two of our Kirk's members in the aisles at Walmart. I had not seen them in person since the early days of the pandemic in March 2020, so it was good to catch-up a little.

When I mentioned that most of us were now vaccinated and many Kirk members are coming back to the Kirk, I was surprised when they said, "I guess we just got out of the habit. It has become so easy to just grab a cup of coffee and TV surf on Sunday mornings in our pajamas!"

Then they added, "there are some wonderful preachers on the TV on Sunday morning."

I smiled and agreed. There are some very gifted preachers as well as talented musicians on television. Thinking about this later I was reminded about something Harvey Cox wrote.

Dr. Cox was a professor at Harvard Divinity School until his retirement in 2009. He remains an inspiring writer and a committed American Baptist in his theology. The piece that interested me was about the difficulty of staying in the small church where he worships.

Cox described the struggle in this way:

"... the struggling little church in my neighborhood is a place where I must contend with younger and older people, some of whose views I appreciate and others whose ideas I find intolerable.

"The music is often stirring, sometimes off key. The preaching is uneven. There is never enough money for the oil, despite numerous pot-luck dinners.

"How often have I been tempted to jettison this all-too-human freckle on the Body of Christ and stay home Sunday with better music (on the stereo) and better theology (on the bookshelf). But I do not.

"A voice within me keeps reminding me that I need



these fallible human confreres, whose petty complaints never quite overshadow the love and concern underneath ... This precious little local church is where the word becomes flesh. I do not believe that any modern Christian can survive without some grounding in a local congregation."

All of us probably know about this temptation to stay home. The pandemic has taken its toll on all of us.

And yet, we do need each other. We need the love they share with us, and we need to give of ourselves to help them in their time of need.

St. Paul knew about this, too – he uses the language of "bearing one another's burdens." (*Ephesians 4:2*)

This is never easy, but it is a consistent practice for the church through the ages. This means we must be tolerant of one another, even when it is not convenient. It means we do not always get things our way.

I believe this is one of the most important challenges facing all the churches after COVID.

With Dr. Cox, might it be possible for us to hear the Spirit's voice calling us to be a place of hospitality and welcome. Perhaps the Kirk could be a beautiful freckle where Christ's love might be visibly present in the way we bear with one another.

## Judy Corwin staging Patriot Day remembrance

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chairman of the Flight 93 project and Judy thought the poem might be used to support fundraising.

Instead, her poem, *A Field of Honor Forever*, was given to the families of the passengers and crew who tried to prevent that plane from being taken over.

What is Judy up to this year?

She learned nothing was planned for the 20th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. She decided to produce a 90-minute program at 2 p.m. that afternoon at Woodlands Auditorium.

The program will include music, local speakers and performers, student artwork from the Jessieville School District, some wonderful videos and will provide an outlet for our patriotic community to show that "Village"

Patriot Day should be observed every year in some form or another.

Tickets are required to fill the 625-seat Woodlands Auditorium and are available free at the Ponce de Leon office.

A free-will offering will be taken at the time of the program with all proceeds going to the three memorial sites – The National 9/11 Memorial & Museum, the Pentagon Memorial Fund, and Friends of Flight 93.

Let's get together and show our patriotism by attending and filling the memorial offering plates.

**"WE WILL NEVER FORGET"**

**"GOD BLESS AMERICA"**

*Rick Federick is a member of the Communication Committee.*

## Session re-opens Kirk for use by outside groups

Judith Rosenthal was ordained and installed during the July 11 Sunday church service. Judith has been active in many of the Kirk programs. She will be serving as Moderator of the Mission Committee and will be filling the remaining months left when Harry Wakefield resigned for personal reasons.

I would like to express my appreciation to Harry for a job well done while serving as Moderator of the Mission Committee. A full story is on page 5.

### Loss of member

It is with regret I inform you that **Norm Fisher** passed away on June 17, 2021, in Hot Springs. He was interred July 2 in the Kirk's Memorial Garden.

Helen Fisher has moved to Beauford, S.C. She will keep her membership in the Kirk for a period of time. We hate to lose Norm and Helen; they were long-time Kirk members. Helen and Nell Moss-White were instrumental in guiding the Kirkin O' the Tartans for many successful years. We wish Helen a happy life in South Carolina.

### Death of Philip Gardner

Philip Gardner, son of Lowell Gardner passed away July 8, 2021. He was buried in Minnesota on July 16. Lowell and Sharon are in our prayers during this period of personal loss.



## Kirk Picnic/Fish Fry

**Save the Date: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

**Location: Balboa Pavilion**

**Cost: \$12 per person**

**All-you-can-eat catfish and chicken**

**Catered by Riverside**

**Sign-up to reserve your spot.**

**For more information, contact Ruth Richards:**

**email: [rmrichards@suddenlink.net](mailto:rmrichards@suddenlink.net)**

**or phone: 922-5421**

## The Clerk's Corner Jerral Johnson



### Church statistics as of July 9:

Members – 279; Family Units – 190.

### Use of Kirk by outside groups

The Session has approved re-opening Kirk facilities for use by outside groups. The Session requested group members follow Kirk guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing.

Masks and social distancing are optional for vaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks and observe social distancing.

### Update on the office restoration

Barron Gage and his committee reported repairs of the water damage are nearly finished. If you have not been back to see the area, I would suggest you take time to see the office, conference room, offices, and the choir room. Barron and the committee have done a great job and deserve a vote of thanks.

### Sidewalk repaired on north side of Kirk

The sidewalk on the north side of the Kirk has been repaired. Electrical lines had to be repaired requiring removal of some of the old sidewalk.

### 2nd Mile giving program continues

The Mission Committee considered stopping the program, but, given that there have been significant gifts this year and continued interest in the program, it was decided to continue at least until the end of the year and then reconsider.

### Serving the Servants

Carol Clark and the Outreach committee will take over the "Serving the Servants" program.

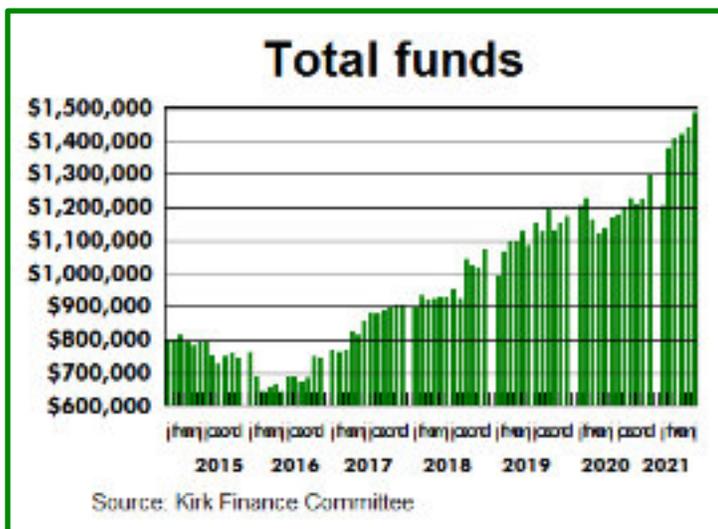
It will recognize members of the Hot Springs Village Police Department by taking them treats (cookies, etc). Six churches in the Village will participate in the program.

Each church will take 2 months a year. Each church will do something to 'treat' the police force the month they are responsible. The Kirk will be responsible for August. Carol and the committee will decide what they will prepare in August.

# Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

**Year to date as of June 30, 2021**

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 36,670	\$ 27,018	\$ 220,022	\$ 228,664
Disbursements	\$ 36,670	\$ 24,541	\$ 220,022	\$ 177,853
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,412	\$ 49,802	\$ 26,470	\$ 75,261
Disbursements	\$ 4,412	\$ 18,361	\$ 26,470	\$ 89,291
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 41,082	\$ 76,820	\$ 246,492	\$ 303,925
Disbursements	\$ 41,082	\$ 42,902	\$ 246,492	\$ 267,144
Checking balance				\$ 140,025
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund				\$ 77,407
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 314,817
Programs fund				\$ 68,121
Endowment fund				\$ 810,648
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 74,133
<b>Total special funds (as of May 31, 2021)</b>				<b>\$ 1,345,126</b>



## Water-damage repairs led to budget variances

Thanks to the generosity and faithfulness of our congregants and the disciplined stewardship of the Session, its moderators, and the Finance Committee, the Kirk's financial position continues to be very sound.

However, as you will note on the statement above, we have recently spent more of the building fund than we have taken in. This is because the cost of repairing damage cause by last winter's water damage exceeded what we received from our insurance. This is normal.

The good news is we can easily absorb the temporary shortfall and knowing the work being completed meets our very high standards.

If you have any questions, call Arnie Holtberg, Moderator of the Finance Committee, at 214 893-5695.

## \$306 for Mission

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

A total of \$306 was collected in June.

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.

## Judith Rosenthal installed as Moderator of Missions Committee

By Bob Morrow

Judith Rosenthal was ordained Sunday, July 11, as a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and installed as Moderator of the Missions Committee. Judith will complete the term of Harry Wakefield following his recent resignation.

Pastor Bill Bailey said, "We are very grateful to Harry for his service to the Kirk on the Missions Committee and the many significant contributions he made to service of our Lord in his role as Moderator."

Judith became a Presbyterian and joined the Kirk 24 years ago when she and her husband, Bob, moved to Hot Springs Village. She had been a



Judith Rosenthal was installed July 11 by the Rev. Bill Bailey as Moderator of the Kirk's Mission Committee. (Jamie Federick photo)



### Worn out!

Naomi Holtberg helped her grandparents, Jan and Arnie, greet worshipers and hand out bulletins at the Kirk's Father's Day service. Naomi worked so hard greeting congregants that even the scintillating sermon delivered by Pastor Bill Bailey, "Who is My Neighbor," couldn't keep her awake. (Jan Holtberg photo)

life-long Baptist, but was moved to join the Kirk by the warm welcome she received as a visitor and by the no-nonsense preaching of then-Pastor Mike Seitz. She has actively served the Kirk since.

An active member of Presbyterian Women, Judith has served as secretary of the Coordinating Team. She became an Honorary Life Member in 2006. She was named Woman of Faith in 2011.

Originally attracted by the opportunity for hands-on service, she has served on the Missions Committee almost since joining the

Kirk. She has been committee secretary since 2008.

Judith led the Kirk's Memorial Reception group for many years and, speaking of hands-on service, is an active "Greenhorn."

Judith has two sisters and a brother living in Arkansas, as well as four stepsons, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren in Missouri and elsewhere.

She shares that she loves the Kirk and says, "it is the most wonderful church I have ever attended." We are very grateful to Judith for continuing her long service to the Kirk as Moderator of the Missions Committee.

**Bob Morrow is Moderator of the Communication Committee.**

## Show support on Labor Day to all who serve us

By Lowell Gardner

It gives identity to such diverse activity as erecting steel girders to raise tall buildings, planting and harvesting the food we consume, and giving birth to our children. It can be accompanied by both pain and joy, aching muscles and smiling countenance, or singular and corporate achievement. It can be decried as extreme and praised as indispensable.

We celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September with a downtown parade, picnic in the park, brew and brats in the back yard, or a long afternoon nap.

It is a national holiday but is it a religious or spiritual one?

As we make plans or labor to swallow that last bite of potato salad, chew on this.

*Leviticus 19:13* says, "Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker

overnight." [NIV] This is reinforced in *Deuteronomy 24:15*, adding "Otherwise ... you will be guilty of a sin."

This sentiment is quoted by Jesus in *Luke 10:7* and

*Matthew 10:10*. In King James language, Apostle Paul exhorts Timothy in his first letter, "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

As we acknowledge the practitioners of meaningful labor and their achievements, hold on to this reality. When and how we labor, with whom we labor, or with those who labor on our behalf, there is a spiritual dimension.

Provide adequate compensation monetarily, in physical and/or moral support or personal appreciation. In so doing we worship and serve our Heavenly Father. The

Father labors on our behalf heavenly.

*Lowell Gardner is a former Moderator of the Communication Committee.*

# HAPPY LABOR DAY!

## Glorious Pursuit

The radiant sky enlightened my early autumn morning as I ratified deep yearnings to glimpse the face of God.

I packed a savory light lunch, wisely adding cooling beverage, knowing not how far afield I'd stray in my gloriously grand pursuit.

I sought out the stain glassed silence, being told He did abide there but was stopped by a tattered stranger resting near my traveled path.

Having known both thirst and hunger, I shared with this chanced, sagging soul, portions of my packaged stores and marched on in search of God.

Being apprised He often homed there, midst the beauty of His creation I advanced on nearby wooded glens to view His countenance.

Huddled in one passing doorway,

scantly clad with flushed, spiked fever, I spied a poorly coiffured lass totally alone, no companion to assist.

Several sips to dampen parched lips, two aspirin from my pocket and, since once chilled morning was now warming, jacket wrapped her shivering need.

As I reviewed my lingering options to track my growingly allusive longing, I recalled a wayward workman now constrained in unwise legal breach.

I stopped by, sharing brief encouragement, reassured my frequent revisiting.

As I viewed the fading evening sky determined best to turn homeward, bent on tomorrow's renewed inquiry.

– Lowell E. Gardner



This poem was written several years ago immediately after hearing Bill Bailey deliver an erudite Sunday message on Matthew 25. Service to and for the needs of others, with perspective, brings us face to face with God.



Kirk golfers ready to go on their Sunday outing are (from left) Dennis Faulk, Jamie Federick, Paul Hayek, Emily Faulk, Rick Federick (yes, that's a golf ball in his mouth), Joyce Hayek, Woodie Barefield, Ruth Richards, Doug Forry, Ron Lovett, Eve Webb, Becky Wakefield, and John Davis.

## **Kirk golfers enjoy lush Magellan, catfish at Cortez**

**By Jim Hess**

After rain forecasts during the week for our Sunday outing, the day turned out to be perfect for golfing.

Sixteen golfers played our Magellan course, which was in wonderful condition. Talking about their games, no one had a hole in one or an eagle, but double bogies were not mentioned either.

Dinner was at Raffaella Rose Restaurant at Cortez and was attended by 27 golfers, spouses, and friends.

Iva Duncan, restaurant operator, and crew set up tables for four or six, which was great for after-golfing fellowship. Iva offered a special for our group, a very enjoyable all-you-could-eat catfish dinner, which was ordered by several, including me.

Several of the group wanted to be sure we return to Raffaella Rose Restaurant. Yes! We will be back, definitely when we play Cortez Course.

Our next outing will be Sunday Aug. 8. The course and restaurant will be announced. A sign-up request will be emailed soon.

The Kirk Sunday Golf Group is for single and couple

golfers of all abilities, playing 9 or 18 holes on the second Sunday of the month, through October. If you are a new Kirk member who would enjoy a friendly game of golf and would like more information, feel free to call me at 922-2326.

*Jim Hess is the Kirk's golf coordinator.*



Dennis Faulk tees off on the first hole at Magellan. (Jamie Federick photos)

# “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over!”

– Yogi Berra

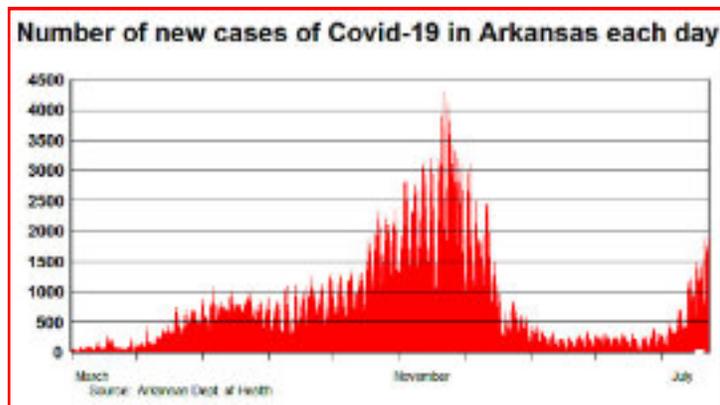
By Dr. Bob Morrow, M.D.

While some are surprised, it was predictable. The resurgence of COVID infections across the country was, in fact, predicted to occur if not enough people were vaccinated and protective measures were eliminated too early.

The appearance of new variants of the virus, also predicted, has contributed to the increase in cases. In Arkansas there was a 351-percent increase in weekly cases over six recent weeks.

The delta variant, which is about 50 percent more contagious than the original strain, accounts for many of the new cases. More than 80 percent of new cases infected those under 50 years old. In other words, it ain’t over.

Epidemiologists know vaccinations may be effective for individuals. Vaccination protection of whole communities – known as herd immunity – is usually only reached when 70 percent of the population is



immunized (or is protected by natural antibodies following infection).

As it stands, only 49 percent of adults are fully vaccinated nationwide. In Arkansas, the number is 35.7 percent, one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country. State officials said the figure would have to reach 80 percent to suppress the virus’s spread.

Studies show the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are phenomenally effective in preventing serious illness and death with few relatively minor side effects.

According to new estimates from researchers at Yale University, by June’s end, “there would have been about 279,000 additional deaths due to Covid-19 – about 46 percent more than there were – and as many as 1.25 million additional hospitalizations if there were no vaccinations.”

Also, so far these vaccines are almost as effective against the Delta variant in terms of preventing serious illness and death (95 percent effective).

Despite this, many people, mostly younger adults, are



not taking advantage of the wide availability of “free” vaccination and are thereby putting themselves and others at risk.

There are many reasons for this reticence to be vaccinated, but one stands out: A perception the pandemic is over.

This is partly because restrictions and mandates for protective measures have been loosened. Understandably, folks are celebrating this as a return to “normal” life after a year of isolation and restrictions.

For those who are unvaccinated, that celebration is premature.

So having painted this troubling picture, it is important to share a few recommendations from those in the know about how we should be dealing with the pandemic today.

First, those who are fully vaccinated are very well protected against the pandemic.

Among the 154 million fully vaccinated individuals in the U.S., there have been only 4,427 break-through infections leading to hospitalization (0.003 percent). The chance of a vaccinated person dying from COVID, based on current U.S. statistics, is 0.0005 percent.

“When fully vaccinated, individuals have more freedom not to wear masks and not to do social distancing in certain situations,” according to Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, medical director of the state health department.

Nevertheless, you can still acquire the infection asymptotically and pass it on to others, although this is uncommon.

For this reason, masks and social distancing for the fully vaccinated are no longer required. They are recommended in large gatherings of people of unknown vaccination status.

The Kirk’s Session has determined that due to the high rate of vaccination among our congregation, masks

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## Almost every new case of virus involves those who aren't vaccinated

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and social distancing are optional for vaccinated individuals during Kirk activities.

For the unvaccinated it is, as Yogi would say, "like de'ja vu all over again."

99 percent of infections causing serious illness and death in the U.S. are among unvaccinated adults.

Dr. Anthony Fauci said of the roughly 10,000 COVID deaths recorded in June in the U.S., over 99 percent involved those who were not vaccinated.

The Session asks if you are not vaccinated, wear a mask and practice social distancing at Kirk events.

You should strongly consider being vaccinated, if not to protect yourself, to protect your neighbor and help reduce further spread of the virus.

While it is correct to say "it ain't over," for those who are vaccinated, life can and should be very normal. Yogi was also heard to say, "The future ain't what it used to be." Fair enough. But the future is bright, the end of the pandemic may be in sight and will come sooner as vaccination status increases.

**Bob Morrow is Moderator of the Communication Committee.**

## 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.

## Free weekly Tai Chi classes will resume Aug. 3 in Hoffius Hall

Two of the biggest fears of growing older are falling and losing our memories.

Older people are more likely to fall and be seriously injured. Falls among the elderly can be caused by muscle weakness, poor balance and vision, lack of confidence at moving about and the effect of medication.

Many studies show Tai Chi as being one of the most effective approaches for preventing falls. The CDC recommends the Tai Chi for Arthritis program to help prevent falls.

After a forced cancellation due to the pandemic, Oaklawn Center on Aging will offer Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, along with Ageless Grace, a seated neuroplasticity program which uses chair movement to help increase brain function.

The class will meet at 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Hoffius Hall beginning Aug. 3. There is no charge to attend these classes.

Wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring your water. Both programs can be done while seated or standing. Join us for an hour of fun, laughter, and fall prevention!

If you have questions, send an email to [kathy@oaklawncenteronaging.com](mailto:kathy@oaklawncenteronaging.com) or call 501-623-0020

*Contributed by Kathy Packard, executive director, Oaklawn Center on Aging.*

## Open the Coffee Closet and honorably select a favorite brew or tea

The Coffee Closet is open in Hoffius Hall!

You will find a variety of products including organic ground and whole bean regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea.

Prices are posted on the back of the closet door. We are using the honor system for your purchase, so please

place your payment in the mug on the shelf in the closet.

Enjoy good coffee!

Read good books!



Members of the Communication Committee are (from left, back row) Jan Holtberg, Bob Morrow, Susan Morrow, (front row) Dotty Rector, Jamie Federick, and Barbara Worthley. Members not in the photo are Linda Hommema and Rick Federick. (Jamie Federick photo)



## Many hands needed to produce Kirk newsletter

**By Barbara Worthley**

Have you ever wondered who produces *A Voice in the Pines*, the monthly newsletter for our church?

Well, of course it takes a committee to plan, write, and publish the newsletter each month. Anyone will tell you it would be impossible without Frank Leeming, editor and publisher. Frank's career was in news and publishing and he was featured in an article in the *Voice in the Pines* in March 2018.

Bob Morrow, Moderator of the Communication Committee, puts in many hours planning each issue, writing articles, and collaborating with Frank to bring you an informative and interesting newsletter.

Other members of the committee are Susan Morrow, Dotty Rector, Jan Holtberg, Linda Hommema, Ralph Greene, Jamie Federick, Rick Federick, and Barbara Worthley.

Responding to a brief survey, members of the committee all agree the newsletter is an excellent form of communication for our congregation. Kirk members want to know what is happening in the church and the Kirk's *Voice* keeps us apprised of the workings of the various church bodies.

Upcoming events are promoted and past events are reported on. Each member of the committee contributes by interviewing people, gathering information, writing articles, proofreading, taking photos, etc.

Linda Hommema said, "I think our committee has a very good group of writers and we produce a high-quality newsletter."

Dotty Rector said, "I like to craft articles which I hope are interesting to read and informative. Maybe I can best serve the church in this way."

Jan Holtberg said it is "gratifying to interview and get to know old and new members of our very interesting and highly accomplished congregation, and then compose enjoyable articles." Jan, who had no prior experience with writing, encourages others to consider joining our committee.

Rick Federick, who was instrumental in producing the Kirk video shown on the Kirk's website, sums up the feelings of other committee members when he said, "I have truly enjoyed working on this committee, most recently under the direction of Bob Morrow, and hope to continue serving in this capacity."

Jamie Federick and Susan Morrow pointed out that the newsletter has been especially appreciated during the past year of the pandemic.

Quoting Susan "While other Kirk community connections were shut down during COVID-19, monthly publication of *Voice in the Pines* and the periodic Kirk Voice email blasts were and continue to be one method of strengthening the bonds of community among our congregation."

Jamie, who enjoys taking photos of events, said, "So much can be communicated through photographs, and our congregation is an active and fun group to follow."

Everyone on the Communication Committee agrees connecting the Kirk community is important work. There are many ways for others to contribute to the effort to keep lines of communication open at the Kirk. If you are interested in joining this very active group, contact Bob Morrow at [kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com](mailto:kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com).

**Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.**



# Happy dates



## Birthdays

Aug. 1	Earl Mulley	Aug. 10	Frank Leeming	Aug. 23	Pat Koller
Aug. 2	Janna Lyndon	Aug. 11	Barb Henry	Aug. 27	Cynthia Morgan
	Suzanne New	Aug. 12	Edie Loveday	Aug. 28	Jim Hess
	Barbara McAnarney	Aug. 13	LuDean Walston		Pat McPheters
Aug. 5	Debbie Brod	Aug. 14	Beverly Carpenter	Aug. 29	Bill Reynolds
Aug. 7	Art Volkema	Aug. 18	Shirley Freeman-	Aug. 30	Barbara Harris-Chambliss
Aug. 8	Sharon Hogue		Stollsteimer		
Aug. 8	Judy Stewart	Aug. 23	Carol Clark		

## Anniversaries

Aug. 1	Donna and Randy Toney	40 years	Aug. 19	Nancy and Jim Patton	43 years
Aug. 4	Teresa and Samuel Arant	42 years	Aug. 23	Marilyn and Jerral Johnson	64 years
	Beth and Ted Samsel	65 years		Judy and Duane Sonnenburg	62 years
Aug. 6	Eleanor and Donald Elsenheimer	61 years	Aug. 26	Mary Ann and Bill Reynolds	59 years
Aug. 10	Joyce and Paul Hayek	63 years	Aug. 30	Emily and Dennis Faulk	63 years
Aug. 11	Doris and Carl Simmons	54 years		Earl and Barbara Mulley	34 years

## Two special music concerts set for the Kirk

Two Sunday musical events are fast approaching.

The first is the Afternoon Hymn Sing, for which our very own Pianist/Organist Donna Toney and David Easley are preparing with gusto. Refer to the July *Kirk Voice* for all the details.

If you have a favorite hymn you wish to sing, let Donna Toney know (225 247-8340) to be sure the hymn will be included in the program. We look forward to seeing you in the Kirk sanctuary at 3 p.m. on Aug. 29. And bring a friend! Donations for this musical event will go to Meals on Wheels.

The second special Sunday musical event will be at 3 p.m. Sept. 26 when we will sit back and be treated to music played or sung by Donna Toney, Kirk choir member Susan Morrow (soprano), and our featured guest, Kathy Hendricks, on the clarinet.

Many of you will recognize Kathy Hendricks as she has performed in several of our recent worship services. She moved to Hot Springs Village in 2017 after retiring from Shelby County Schools in Memphis. After working three decades in education as a teacher and assistant principal, she culminated her career as principal of the International Baccalaureate Primary Program at the World School in Memphis.

Prior to her education career, Kathy performed with

the Memphis Symphony and with the Memphis, Dallas, and Texas Wind Symphonies. She is currently principal clarinetist in the Hot Springs Concert Band and enjoys playing saxophone in the Village Big Band.

Kathy attributes her love of music to her parents, who played the clarinet. She says one of the many blessings she experienced since moving to the Village is meeting her husband, Terry, as they sat next to each other in the clarinet section of the Hot Springs Concert Band, much the same way her parents met each other.

Susan Morrow and her husband, Bob, moved to the Village in 2018. She will be the soprano for the piece by Schubert. Susan holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Texas San Antonio. She is grateful to be part of the Kirk in the Pines music program and Communication Committee.

For this second concert, come as you are – in other words, casual. This concert is open to the public, so invite a guest or two. Donations will be accepted to fund Project Hope, our food bank mission. A reception will follow in Hoffius Hall.

*Contributed by Jan Holtberg, member of the Communication Committee.*

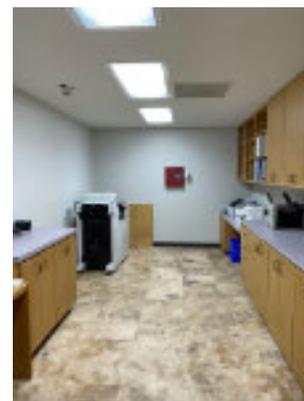
## Looking good! Repairs of water damage complete



The entrance hall to the Kirk office is now an inviting professional space to welcome visitors. (Bob Morrow photos)



Replacing the choir room's aged carpet with new plank vinyl flooring (above) was a beautiful upgrade and provides better acoustics. The copy room (right) was the epicenter of the water-pipe rupture and flood. Today it shows no signs of damage and is fully functional.



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