

A Voice in the Pines



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Session adopts new guidelines for Kirk as Omicron variant continues to spread

During the now three-year covid pandemic we have learned to remain agile and adjust to change.

The current surge in the Omicron variant coincided with our regularly scheduled Session meeting early in January. The Session reviewed again what is known about the spread of the variant and how it has affected the numbers of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in Arkansas and our community.

What was clear was the national surge in cases has affected our area and our recommendations for protecting ourselves and each other needed reconsideration.

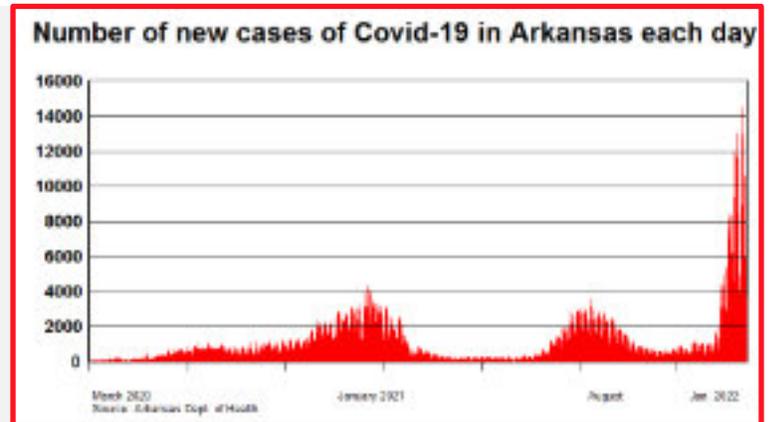
We know a few important things about Omicron, although everything we think we know is subject to revision as new information is forthcoming.

Omicron is the fastest-spreading variant of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. It also appears to be much less likely to make infected individuals very sick.

The virus seems adapted to infecting the upper respiratory tract, nose, mouth, etc., and less adapted to spreading to the lungs. Also, as with the Delta variant, Omicron can be spread to and by fully vaccinated individuals, but is less likely to make those who are fully vaccinated seriously ill.

The catch is people at high risk – the elderly, those who are immune-suppressed (from cancer treatment for instance), and those with underlying conditions (obesity, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, among others) can become very ill with Omicron.

It is unclear how effective masks and social distancing are in combating spread from Omicron. The



CDC recommends wearing a well-fitting mask in public during this surge.

After much discussion, the Session unanimously decided to change our approach to worship at the Kirk by recommending those attending worship wear masks and observe social distancing during worship.

We also decided to suspend the fellowship hour following worship, for the time being.

If you have had recent exposure to covid or are ill with a covid-like illness (fever, cough, runny nose, breathing difficulty, sore throat, loss of smell or taste), you should not participate in activities at the Kirk.

We hear the Omicron surge is already peaking elsewhere in the country. We can only hope “this too shall pass” and we will be able to liberalize these recommendations soon. Until then, as Pastor Bailey reminds us, “stay safe and be careful.”

When we meet

Sunday worship service
Begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
4 p.m. In Hoffius Hall

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



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



So many do so much to make the Kirk work

I have been thinking a lot lately, about all the things that get accomplished in the life of this Kirk. Most of this is done voluntarily and is often taken for granted. There are, literally, hundreds of hours given by church members in volunteer service almost every week.

Here's a partial list:

People serve on committees, rehearse with the choir, give their time helping with the property and grounds, preparing meals, preparing communion and helping with worship, visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, driving friends and neighbors to appointments,

sending kind notes, making phone calls, listening to someone in pain, not to mention the work that goes into this newsletter.

We know many in the Kirk also volunteer time, talent, and treasure to organizations outside our church walls – volunteering in hospitals, clinics, schools, prisons, and organizations in the community. Again, most of this goes without pay and is often unnoticed, except by our Lord.

No church could ever afford to hire others to do all this work. There simply would not be a church here without the gifts, experience, and generosity of the service you give. As your pastor, I am profoundly

grateful for all you do and am proud to share this ministry with you.

Our Lord once said, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

It reminds us most of life consists of small duties and small obligations. Most of us will not cure cancer, write a best-selling novel, or win the Nobel Peace Prize. Yet, every day offers us dozens of small occasions to serve and make a difference in the lives of others.

Perhaps this year could be a time of renewed service for you. Perhaps you could begin to find a place to volunteer your experience, your gifts, and your skills so the work of Christ might be furthered. Perhaps 2022 could be a time to "find your niche" in the Kirk.

Again, thank you for all the ways you give of yourselves. Let us continue to be faithful in small things and in all of life so that we might one day hear our Lord say "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



**DO SMALL
THINGS
WITH GREAT
LOVE**



Fall's beauty

Robert Sonnen captured this dramatic view of fall colors as seen from our sanctuary.

Pastor's call, budget, Session nominees approved

At the January Session meeting, Robert (Bob) Newlin was received into the membership of the Kirk by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Bob has been attending the Kirk for many months at the Saturday night service. He will be an excellent member. When you see him around the Kirk, take time to visit with him and tell him how pleased we are to have him as a member of our church.

Unfortunately, we lost a member in January. Martha Wilson passed away on Jan. 4 in Indianapolis, Ind. Memorial services will be at a later date in Indianapolis. You may send a card of condolence to Todd Wilson, 8 Osceola Ave., Irvington, NY 10533.

Church statistics:

As of Jan. 14: Members – 272; family units – 183

After careful and prayerful consideration, it was decided by the Session that due to declining weather conditions, the Kirk would be closed for the Jan. 16 Sunday service. The Session hopes this will not occur again, but if our member's health is at risk by dangerous weather conditions, we would again consider possibly closing the church.

January was a month filled with important Session responsibilities.

The first was to present the Terms of Call for Pastor Bill Bailey at the Called Congregation meeting on Jan. 9. It was approved by the congregation.

The next was the 2022 budget prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Session.

Both are important documents and depend on



member pledges being made and fulfilled. Funding the budget points to the importance of the funds pledged by the congregation.

Another important activity at the Jan. 9 congregation meeting was to present the new Session members, trustee, and Nomination Committee for 2022. The following nominees was approved:

Class of 2024 Session Members and the committees they will moderate:

Martha Nielsen – Education Moderator.

Susan Pendergrass – Member Outreach Moderator.

Gail Salmen – Worship Moderator. She will also serve as Trustee for the 2024 Class.

Bill Worthley – Building Moderator.

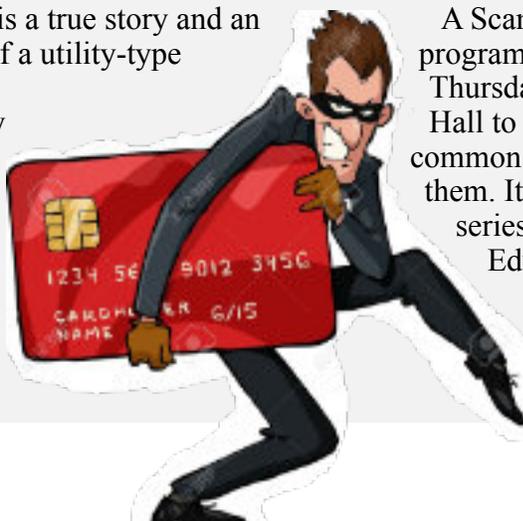
Members of the Nomination Committee for 2022 are **Emily Faulk, Barb Henry, Ken Wolf, Marcia Bauer, and Jerral Johnson.**

Scams against seniors workshop will be Feb. 17

“Hello, this is Entergy calling. Your electric bill is past-due, and your services will be cut off if you do not respond in 45 minutes. Press 1 for immediate service.”

This is a true story and an example of a utility-type scam.

Many business



transactions occur each day. Most are legitimate and happen without problems. Others are scams and require consumer vigilance and caution.

A Scams Against Seniors program will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in Hoffius Hall to provide education on common scams and how to avoid them. It is part of the LearnFest series presented by the Kirk Education Committee.

Micah Warbington, public affairs program liaison in the Arkansas Attorney General's

office, will be the speaker. He will discuss how to avoid and recognize common scams and provide handouts with contact information in case questions arise as to whether a transaction is legitimate. Micah will also answer questions you may have about scams.

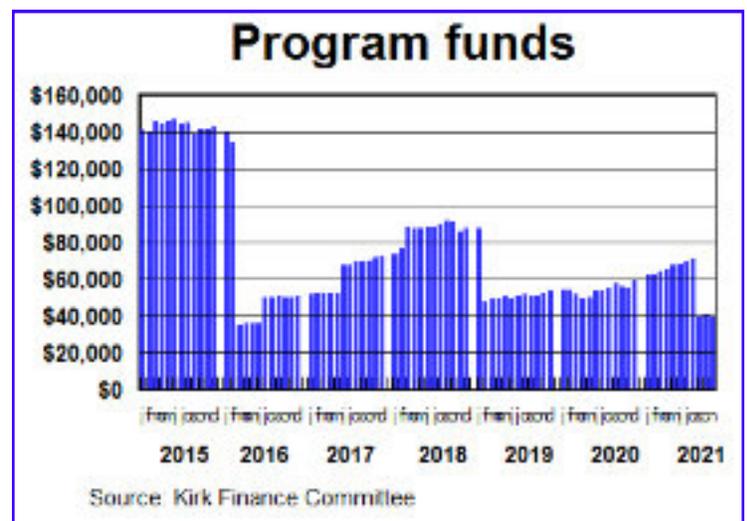
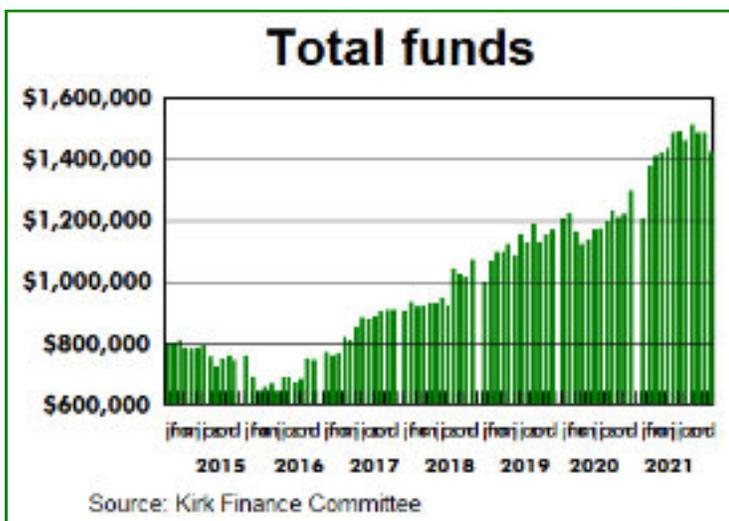
The Session recommends attendees wear a mask and observe social distancing for the safety of themselves and others.

For questions, contact Susan Morrow, a member of the Education Committee, at 501 231-5541, or at susu2morrow@gmail.com.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of December 31, 2021

	<u>Month</u>		<u>Year to date</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,670	\$ 35,885	\$ 440,040	\$ 435,282
Disbursements	\$ 36,670	\$ 57,186	\$ 440,040	\$ 440,147
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,412	\$ 4,680	\$ 52,944	\$ 128,665
Disbursements	\$ 4,412	\$ 8,674	\$ 52,944	\$ 130,365
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 41,082	\$ 40,565	\$ 492,984	\$ 563,947
Disbursements	\$ 41,082	\$ 65,860	\$ 492,684	\$ 570,512
Checking balance				\$ 114,695
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 78,066
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 306,531
Programs fund				\$ 39,475
Endowment fund				\$ 818,321
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 67,031
Total special funds (as of Nov. 30, 2021)				\$ 1,309,424



\$315 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of \$315 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 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.

Carol Clark to staff Kirk's Congregational Care



Carol Clark is the Kirk's new Congregational Care Coordinator. (*Jamie Federick photo*)

Jackson House getting help from Food Basket

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

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.



By Dotty Rector

The Kirk has a new Congregational Care Coordinator.

The Administration Committee recommended to the Session that Carol Clark fill this staff position. The Session enthusiastically accepted the recommendation. Carol will fill the position Janie Smith vacated after years of dedicated service.

Carol is pleased with her new role. She is a very caring person who, it is felt, will serve the congregation well. She becomes one of three persons who plan how to best help those congregants needing care. She is the hub of the group who generally is the first to learn of needs.

The other two persons are Pastor Bill Bailey and Congregational Care Committee Moderator Marcia Bauer. These three communicate frequently to keep abreast of needs and see no one "falls through the cracks."

Carol will meet with Pastor Bailey and attend Congregational Care Committee meetings to coordinate efforts. She will call on home-bound and those in assisted living situations and inform Shepherd groups as to needs within their group. Carol understands her position description may need to be rewritten as time goes on since it needs updating.

When a Kirk member learns of a need, Carol wants them to share this with her. She will relay the information to Pastor Bailey and Congregational Care Committee. She will share needs with the congregation so they may pray for and tangibly provide help. She also recognizes and honors the need for confidentiality for those who want their situations to remain private.

Contributing through membership in the "Greenhorns" cooking group is still important to Carol. She plans to stay with the group, though perhaps not as actively. She is thinking of ways to combine the talents of the Greenhorns to provide even more services to members. She feels a bowl of soup and some cookies are a tangible way to demonstrate the Kirk's caring for those just needing a little spiritual lift. She calls it "comfort care". This may also be a way to connect with those who cannot attend services.

We expect Carol to use her ingenuity to find ways to serve the membership of the Kirk. We congratulate her on her new position and wish her the best as she fills this very vital role.

As an indication of her enthusiasm, she asked that her phone number be added to the article. She's ready to get started! Her number is 501 915-8497.

Dotty Rector is a member of the Communication Committee.



The Munger-Wilson Chapel is one of striking features on the University of the Ozarks campus in Clarksville, Ark.

Kirk told of close ties to University of the Ozarks

By Bob Morrow

On Dec. 12, we were joined in worship by Dawn Dvoracek, director for Leadership, Gifts, and Church Relations at the University of the Ozarks. Ms. Dvoracek is an ordained Elder at 1st Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, Ark., and has served the University of the Ozarks for 28 years.

Her stated reason for visiting the Kirk was to thank the congregation – especially the Presbyterian Women – for a “long history of support for the University of the Ozarks mission of higher education.”

She also took the opportunity to stress important developments on the Clarksville campus.

By way of context, Ms.

Dvoracek reminded us the school has a covenant relationship with the Synod of the Sun, PC (USA), and hosts biennial Presbytery meetings. The Presbyterian association is a long one, dating back 187 years when the school was established by Cumberland Presbyterians who settled in Northwest Arkansas.

Nestled in the Arkansas Valley between the Boston and Ouachita Mountains, the University of the Ozarks is home to 900 students.

“The University of the Ozarks holds to our pioneering spirit; pushing boundaries, meeting unique needs of students, encouraging students to find their path in life, and having a clear mission of Presbyterian higher education,” Ms. Dvoracek said.

The university recently identified as a *Matthew 25* worship community and as a community is “economically, socially, culturally, and learning-style diverse.”

She cited two programs which fit well in the worship community agenda.

“The Walton International Scholarship program recruits international students from Central America and returns them to provide the human capital to rebuild their countries infrastructure,” she said.

Also, the Jones Learning Center Program provides “tutoring and other services to students with diagnosed learning differences.”

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World-traveling road warrior was ready to settle

By Barbara Worthley

The Kirk's newest member, Bob Newlin, is well known to many of us. He has been attending Saturday evening services since 2018. Until now he has been in an elongated process of relocating to the Village from Philadelphia, where he and his wife, Kris, and their family resided for 36 years.

Bob and Kris bought a home here that needed a major renovation. And the house in Philadelphia needed work before listing for sale. All of this took a major amount of time.

Sadly, Kris passed over during this process and her death had a major impact, including deciding whether or not to complete the move. He had many conversations with his son and daughter about this decision.

Bob was raised in Chicago in a very Irish Catholic neighborhood.

"It was so Irish Catholic that one of my little league baseball coaches was a nun," Bob said.

His church home while growing up was Bethany Union, a historic church which was founded in 1872 in the aftermath of the Chicago fire. Founding members represented six denominations displaced by the fire. They couldn't agree which denomination to follow, so they formed a non-denominational church.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in sociology, Bob began working in a computer room at Arthur Andersen's headquarters in Chicago.

Later, after graduating from DePaul University in Chicago with a master's degree in systems management, he joined a newly formed consulting practice at Arthur Andersen that was (at that time) "on the leading edge of using technology to automate business processes."

Not only did he serve clients in North America, Bob also traveled to Europe and Asia. Sometimes Kris was able to travel to wherever he was. Among other places, she joined him in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, Norfolk, Providence, Montreal, and Utrecht.

Before his eventual retirement, after leaving Arthur Andersen, Bob worked for Ernst & Young and then at local regional consulting companies as a global account partner.

As a "road warrior," Bob finally realized this type of work is for the young and he finished his career by assisting a minority, women-owned, business grow its consulting practice.

"I saw first-hand how difficult it was for a woman of color to arrange meetings with potential clients



New Kirk member Bob Newlin. (Bob Morrow photo)

New member

compared to being a white male who was a partner at Ernst & Young," Bob recalled.

When the time came to find a retirement location, Hot Springs Village was on the list of places to visit because Bob's parents had retired to the Village in the mid-1970s.

Bob and Kris planned to visit several places, but on the second day of their visit here, they "made an impulse buy on a house that just screamed our name."

The next day Bob attended the Saturday informal service at the Kirk and knew he had found his new church home. "I had a new house and I had a new church," he said.

He had attended a Presbyterian church in Philadelphia and found he "enjoyed the governance process in the Presbyterian church." He also enjoyed serving on various committees and as a substitute usher.

Bob concluded our interview by saying: "The supportive words from the Kirk when Kris passed over and when I was down with covid are just two examples of why all of us are blessed to call this place awesome. Oh, and being south of the heavy snow lines is a bonus!"

Barbara Worthley is on the Communication Committee.



The doors at Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs open at 4 o'clock each afternoon to help homeless men. (Bob Morrow photos)

3,200 homeless men have been helped by Kirk-supported Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs

By Bob Morrow

The story of the good Samaritan may be the most well-known of Jesus' parables with the story of the prodigal son being at least a close second. The parallels are striking.

In both, unexpected and extravagant love comes to the rescue of a man who is lost and dead to the world. So, it is at Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs (SMHS) where the mission is "to serve homeless men with the love and compassion of Christ."

In 2003, Jan and Chuck Laggan followed God's call and established Samaritan Ministries. Since then it has helped more than 3,200 homeless men.

The Laggans "have seen God provide the finances, the building, and the workers." It took four years to get



A look at our Missions

up and running. The doors to the shelter opened on Nov. 23, 2007.

SMHS is funded almost entirely by donations. The Kirk has provided support for SMHS over the years. Last year the Missions Committee contributed \$4,690 to the ministry, for which the ministry is very grateful.

There are two pathways for helping men who are homeless. For "overnighters" the doors open at 4 p.m. At 5:45 they close, and the men attend a Chapel service

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SMHS relies on financial and volunteer support

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and are given dinner, clean clothes, and a bed for the night.

Each person can stay overnight 15 times a month, although exceptions can be made to allow for more nights. There is space for 28 “overnighters.” The men must be sober and participate in cleaning up and doing laundry before leaving after breakfast.

In the SMHS newsletter, one “overnighter” was quoted as saying: “They kept me safe from the streets and I’m grateful for the kindness and support.”

Some men, who show progress in turning their lives around, become residents for up to 10 months. As one resident put it, SMHS “has given me a place to change my life for the better with God.”

There is space for up to 12 residents in this program. The men participate in daily Bible study and life-skill classes (taught by Jan) and work in the ministry woodworking shop.

Bible study is led by staff member Chris Downs who holds a master’s degree in theology.

Programming for the ministry is coordinated by Josh Volloton, another full-time staff member.

Men are assisted in obtaining their GED, getting lost IDs, birth certificates, Social Security benefits, and more.

Altogether there are seven on staff, (some are former residents), which helps allow for 24/7 staffing of the facility. Men who graduate from the resident program and are employed can rent low-cost apartments in the facility on a long-term basis.

Otherwise, the ministry depends on volunteers. About 75 percent of the dinners are prepared by

volunteers. Once a month members of our Kirk prepare and serve meals. This work has been done by Daryl Henry, David Rosenquist, Gary Rector, and Ed Baldwin (deceased).

Daryl says he enjoys the cooking and “the men are always so appreciative.”

Volunteers also assist in the maintenance of the facility and the Chapel meeting by providing devotional messages from the Bible or their own experience.

Jan says when covid hit they went from 150 volunteers to zero. Gradually some are coming back but more are needed.

SMHS is a non-profit with no government funding. They are debt-free and are in the process of an expansion which will include more living spaces, offices, and seven commercial rental spaces (The Shops at Samaritan Crossing).

Goods made in the woodworking shop are on sale in the Repurposed Woodworker’s store, providing income for the ministry.

Jan says there are many ways to help in addition to volunteering and financial contributions. Donations of men’s clothing are needed, especially jeans, shoes, and T-shirts as well as personal hygiene items. When asked what else is needed Jan adds, “we need prayer; lots of prayers.”

To donate or volunteer go to <https://www.samaritanhs.org/> or on Facebook @samaritanhot springs.

Bob Morrow, is a member of the Missions Committee and moderator of the Communication Committee.



The Chapel at SMHS is adjacent to the dining hall. Services are held before dinner and include music, prayer, scripture reading, and devotionals.



Men gather in the dining hall after Chapel to enjoy a warm meal prepared in a commercial grade kitchen facility.



Dawn Dvoracek from the University of the Ozarks described the school's close ties to the Kirk. (Bob Morrow photo)

University has strong partnership with the Presbytery in Arkansas

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"We want them to value diversity as a gift God has given us," she emphasized.

In 2021 a Lilly Foundation grant establishing a program to strengthen rural Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery of Arkansas was awarded to the University of the Ozarks. Also, through the Struthers Visiting Pastor Program, pastors can enjoy a pastoral study leave at no cost to themselves or their church.

It was good to learn more about the university and its strong partnership with the Presbyterian Church and commitment to Presbyterian higher education. For more, go to www.ozarks.edu.

Bob Morrow is Moderator of the Communication Committee.

Donations to Kirk's Food Basket were a big help over the last year

By John Davis

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated food, other items, or provided financial donations for the purchase of food for Potter's Clay and Jackson House in 2021. Both agencies continue supporting those in need.

November donations were enough to provide for both Potter's Clay and Jackson House. In all, Jackson House received 227 food and hygiene items, and Potter's Clay received 109.

December donations were made early to Potter's Clay due to the Christmas holiday. Donations included 68 food items, 10 fragrance items, and six books.

The Pastor's Mission Fund also donated a very generous \$500 to Potter's Clay.

Thanks again to all who made these contributions possible.

Look forward to quarterly reports in 2022 regarding your food pantry contributions. Without your help, the Missions Committee would be limited in its ability to assist these two agencies.

John Davis is a member of the Missions Committee.



Kirk's Food Basket was a big help to those at Potter's Clay and Jackson House. (Bob Morrow photo)



Happy dates



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Feb. 8	Debbie and Gary Brod	47 years	Feb. 24	Pat and Richard McPheters	32 years
Feb. 9	Christine and Michael Hoagland	48 years			

Positive reflections at beginning of a new year

By Judy Corwin

The Corwins took a driving trip to Orlando, Fla., and stayed 13 days. On Christmas Eve, we attended the church Bill and Anne Bailey had served. We saw a picture of a young youth minister and wish we had taken a snapshot.

We watched families enjoying time together, including four brothers playing putt-putt golf – ages 8 to 12 – the youngest always being given the advantage by the older boys. No bullying, but high fives when a hole in one was made.

We met Heroce, who left Haiti at 18 to work for Marriott, St. Thomas. He came (alone) to the U.S. as an employee and has worked here for 18 years.

We chatted with Marianna serving us at Denny's – yes, I'm hooked on their Grand Slam breakfast! She worked Christmas Eve until 10:30 p.m. and was

surprised by her family waiting until she arrived home to celebrate Feliz Navidad.

There was a clerk at an outlet mall who left her TV correspondent job in Kansas City to move with her husband to Orlando in pursuit of a closer relationship for both their occupations and life together.

The many people we observed seemed to share a feeling of optimism and hope.

One image of our trip remains vivid: Two small boys eating together at the pool patio – heads bowed and hands folded – saying Grace with not an adult around. Norman Rockwell would have loved it! We did!

So if you have been bewildered, confused by the news, and depressed by this pandemic, maybe call someone who might need your contact or go out on a bright Arkansas morning ... take a deep breath and rejoice in life ... not a bad outlook for 2022.



Whatever your name is, it's a season of love

By Lowell Gardner

The English bard expressed from the lips of his famous tragic heroine the haunting question which confronts nearly every parent: "What's in a name?" Shakespeare's abiding romantic tale involved young love and the family name.

Fans of Arkansas Razorback football are familiar with senior linebacker Bumper Pool. At age 16, James Morris Pool of Lucius, Texas, with his parents' blessing, legally changed his name to his frequently used monogram. He has become an award-winning defensive player in high school and college – the essence of a dedicated college athlete.

Air Force veteran Reality Leigh Winner was so named by her late father Ronald Winner to prognosticate his second daughter's future. The family assumed she would be known as Leigh, but her first name won out.

She became a linguist proficient in several Persian dialects, including Dari, which is spoken in Afghanistan.

While employed with Pluribus International Corporation under contract with the National Security

Agency, Reality became aware of Russian attempts to interfere with U.S. voting procedures and shared this with a media agency for verification.

Depending on the observer, she is labeled a courageous whistle blower, a lover of country, a mere traitor, or a crackpot with a weird name.

During the reign of Roman Emperor Claudius II, a Catholic priest – Father Valentine – defied one of the Emperor's edicts and was executed. Tradition associated several priests of that name and ultimately canonized one in the spirit of loving martyrdom.

I John 4:7 confirms:

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

However unique or traditional our name, of what or of whom we are identified, in the season of Valentine – a name associated with love – may we celebrate it in word, deed, and spirit with the God of love.

Lowell Gardner is former Moderator of the Communication Committee.

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