

A Voice in the Pines

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Kirk celebrates the holiest week of the year

By **Bob Morrow**

On the heels of a worldwide pandemic and in the shadow of a horrific war in Ukraine, members and friends of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines entered into a time of reflection, prayer, and worship during the holiest week of the Christian year.

In our lifetimes this is a Holy Week to remember.

The week began, as always, with Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at Passover time.

Even as we celebrated Jesus' coming, in his message "A King Who Serves," Pastor

Bill Bailey drew a sharp contrast between the entry of Pilate and his



The seven extinguished candles of the Tenebrae service represent the darkness of the human world revealed when Christ was crucified. (*Robert Sonnen photo*)

legion into Jerusalem on horseback with Jesus' entry on the back of a

donkey, in effect mocking Roman and worldly power.

The point, poorly understood at the moment, was our King and our Lord is a different kind of lord, and his Kingdom is a different kingdom.

We gathered on Maundy Thursday to reflect on Jesus' last meal with his disciples and the highly symbolic washing of the disciples' feet. We heard from Pastor Bailey the new commandment from Jesus (Maundy meaning command), that "we love one another, even as I have loved you" (*John 13:34*).

And we heard the Passion

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Newsletter will begin publishing obituaries

As a service to our members, *A Voice in the Pines* will begin publishing obituaries of members and their spouses beginning with the June issue.

Obituaries of up to 600 words received by the 18th each month will be featured in a designated section.

An article on how to write an obituary is on page 5. Members are urged to save the guidelines. They are

also urged to write their own obituaries now so they will be as accurate as possible and include what is most important to the writer.

Obituaries written in advance may be sent to the Kirk office where they will be saved digitally. They can be updated whenever necessary.

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. Hoffius Hall



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



The Spirit sometimes comes silently, unnoticed and then the light will come shining in

Our Christian calendar and lectionary remind us Easter is more than simply one day in the year. In fact, Easter day marks the beginning of an entire season, the Great Fifty Days, concluding with the Day of Pentecost, which will be June 5 this year.

But in a deeper sense, Christians celebrate Easter every day. We celebrate God's promise that Christ is alive and still at work in this world. This gives us the courage, faith and hope to continue to witness in his name.

Christ is no longer physically present with us but is present through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Fourth Gospel reminds us Christ is a living presence in our lives, whether we can see or feel this or not.

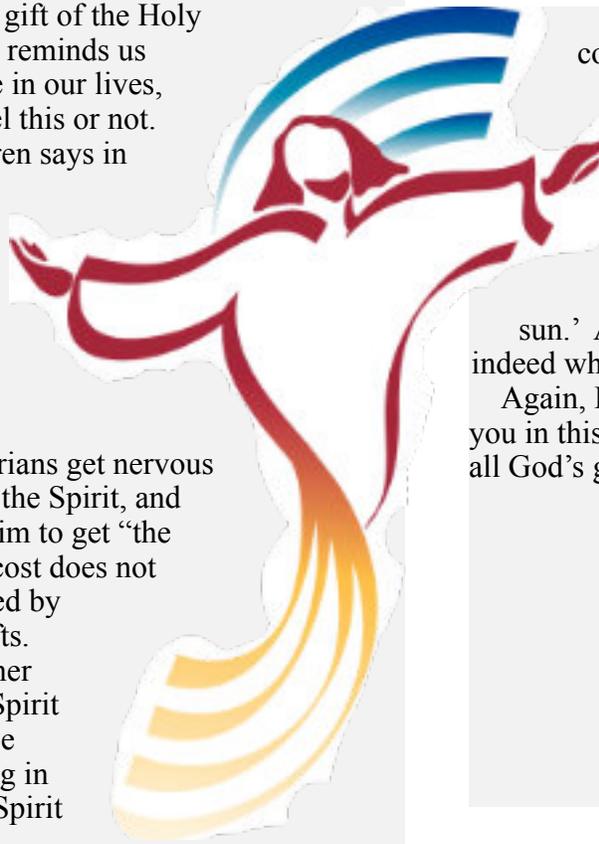
As the author Brian Wren says in one of his hymns:

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Though some Presbyterians get nervous when people speak about the Spirit, and especially when some claim to get "the gifts of the Spirit." Pentecost does not always have to be followed by dramatic, supernatural gifts.

Theologian Emil Brunner once observed that, "the Spirit does not always have to be flames of fire and speaking in tongues. Sometimes the Spirit



The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



comes silently and unnoticed. Quite softly, the door to God can open, and when it opens, God's light flows in without a sound and yet powerfully.

"Peace with God – that is, the first opening of the door; joy in God – that means that it has opened wide so that, as the poet says, 'your room becomes full of sun.' And this opening of the door to God is indeed what alone matters in life."

Again, Happy Easter! May our Lord richly bless you in this season, filling you with joy and peace and all God's gifts.

Ladies' restrooms at the Kirk set for remodeling

A much-needed update of the three ladies' restrooms at the Kirk is about to begin.

Bill Worthley, Moderator of the Building Committee, said work will first begin on the restroom off the narthex. The downstairs restroom

will remain fully functional during the remodel and is just a short elevator ride away.

"The ladies on the committee have been hard at work," Bill said.

"Selections for new flooring, counter tops, and paint colors have

been carefully made with our budget in mind. I think the Kirk ladies and visitors will certainly appreciate the new look."

Submitted by Barbara Worthley, a member of the Communication Committee.

No changes following review of covid guidelines

“Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the birdies is.”

This little doggerel comes to me every spring. It’s also the time when we worship through the Lenten season with enlightened messages from Rev. Bill and enjoy wonderful fellowship with the Lenten lunches.

We lost member James (Jim) White and a Memorial Service is scheduled for May 10.

The Session approved a concert on Dec. 17 by Treble in the Village and Changed 4 Good.

Also approved were some minor changes to the

The (Interim) Clerk’s Corner Tony Booth



Congregational Care Coordinator’s position description.

Finally, the current Covid 19 policy guidelines were reviewed and left as is for now.

Listen to moving Holy Week services on website

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narrative from the Gospel of Luke and took part in a communion meal in remembrance of his last meal and the giving of his body and blood for our salvation. This was the first Holy Communion by intinction the Kirk observed since the pandemic began.

Following the scripture describing how Jesus was rejected by the leaders of the Jews (*Luke 22:63-71*), the choir sang *O Sacred Wondrous Love* an arrangement of the familiar hymn *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*.

As each of the scriptures was read and hymns were sung, seven candles were extinguished representing the scriptural progression toward the darkness of the crucifixion. This moving Tenebrae service closed with silence as we departed to consider the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday.

On Easter morning we awoke as a church to celebrate the defeat of death by the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

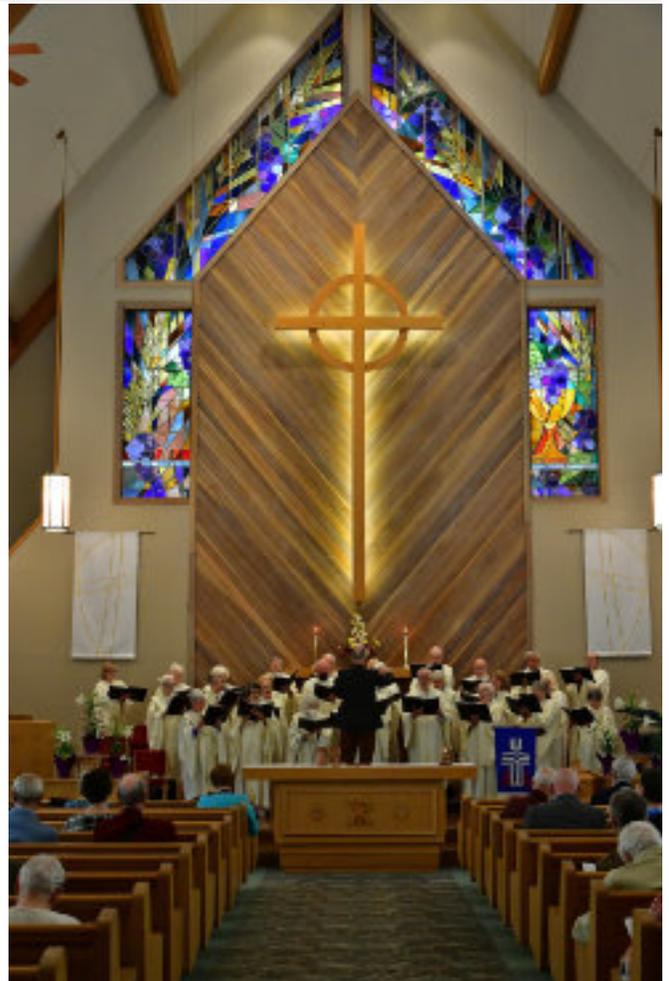
In the words of Bible scholar N.T. Wright: “This sequence of events – from the intimacy of the foot washing to the horrible violence of crucifixion, through to the new life of Easter morning – all this is the fulcrum around which world history now turns, the yardstick by which the rulers of the world are to be judged.”

The music was gloriously capped by the choir anthem *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* and *Cross Medley* played by Donna Toney.

Pastor Bailey read the resurrection account in the *Gospel of Mark (16:1-8)* and reminded us that as the mysterious young man at the tomb proclaimed, “Don’t be afraid.”

“He has risen, he is not here” and “He goes before you into Galilee. Then you will see him.” For Christians the main thing, according to Pastor Bailey, is and always will be that Christ rose bodily from the dead and that every day, not just Easter day, is a day for celebrating Jesus’ bodily resurrection and our resurrection hope.

If you missed any of these moving services, you may hear



Robert Sonnen photo

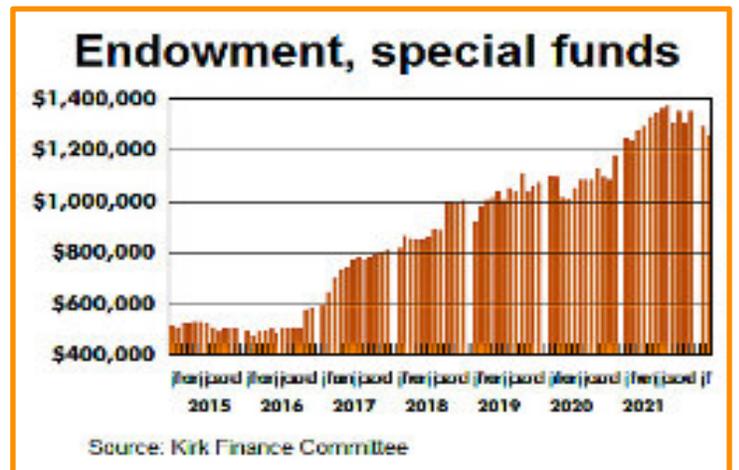
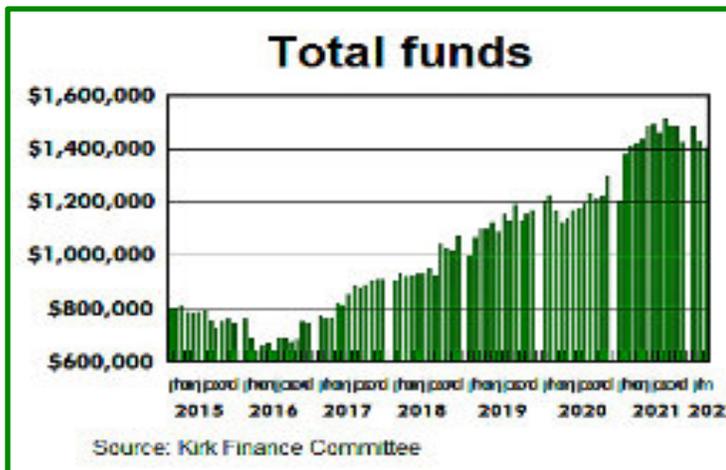
audio recordings by going to kirkinthepines.org and clicking on the sermons tab.

Bob Morrow is Moderator of the Communication Committee.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of March 31, 2022

	Month		Year to date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 37,974	\$ 32,665	\$ 113,922	\$ 127,009
Disbursements	\$ 37,974	\$ 28,102	\$ 113,992	\$ 77,127
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,848	\$ 3,280	\$ 14,544	\$ 13,957
Disbursements	\$ 4,848	\$ 4,090	\$ 14,544	\$ 16,530
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 42,822	\$ 35,945	\$ 128,466	\$ 140,966
Disbursements	\$ 42,822	\$ 32,192	\$ 128,466	\$ 93,657
Checking balance				\$ 147,556
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 74,505
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 295,491
Programs fund				\$ 37,674
Endowment fund				\$ 784,708
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 63,973
Total special funds (as of Feb. 28, 2022)				\$ 1,256,351



\$254 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of \$254 was collected in March.

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.

Here are key elements for preparing an obituary

This is a list of topics usually included in an obituary. Not everything on the list might be relevant to your specific situation, so feel free to omit items as you and/or family see fit.

NAME / ANNOUNCEMENT

- Full name of the deceased, including nickname, if any.
- Age at death.
- Residence (for example, the name of the city) at death.
- Day and date of death (include the year).
- Place of death.
- Cause of death.

LIFE

- Date of birth.
- Place of birth.
- Names of parents.
- Childhood: siblings, stories, schools, friends.
- Marriage(s): date of, place, name of spouse.
- Education: school, college, university and other.
- Designations, awards, and other recognition.
- Employment: jobs, professional organizations (if active), stories, colleagues
- Places of residence.
- Hobbies, sports, interests, activities of particular enjoyment.
- Charitable, religious, fraternal, political, and other affiliations; positions held.
- Achievements.
- Unusual attributes, humor, other stories.

FAMILY

- Survived by (and place of residence):
 - Spouse.
 - Children (in order of date of birth, and their spouses).
 - Grandchildren.
 - Great-grandchildren.
 - Great-great-grandchildren.
 - Parents.
 - Grandparents.
 - Siblings (in order of date of birth).
 - Pets (if appropriate).
- Preceded in death by (and date of death):
 - Spouse.
 - Children (in order of date of birth).
 - Siblings (in order of date of birth).

SERVICE

- Day, date, time, place.
- Visitation information if applicable: day, date, time, place.

A sample obituary for John Q. Doe

John Q. Doe, an electrical engineer for more than 30 years, died Feb. 30, 2022, of cancer at his home in Hot Springs Village. He was 81 years old.

John, a member of the Kirk in the Pines for 17 years, was the son of the late Mary and Sam Doe. He was born in Madison, Wisc., and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in engineering.

After graduating, John served the U.S. Army for four years, using his engineering talents to help build Army facilities in Europe and on several bases in the United States.

In 1973, John married Joan Smith and the couple settled in Denver where John worked for a large engineering firm and Joan pursued her career as a physical therapist.

The Does had two children – son Henry and daughter Claire – and were active in First Presbyterian Church in Denver.

John and his wife were avid golfers and found Hot Springs Village the ideal place to move to when they retired in 2004. The Does also enjoyed playing bridge and traveling.

At the Kirk, John enjoyed working on the building and grounds committee and helping to maintain the church's facilities.

Surviving are his wife, Joan, son Henry of Los Angeles and Claire of Chicago, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled later.

Friends may donate to the \$9 million John Doe Memorial Fund set up to build a large indoor swimming pool in the woods on the Kirk's western property.

- Reception information if applicable: day, date, time, place.
- Other memorial, vigil, or graveside services if applicable: day, date, time, place.
- Place of interment.
- Name of funeral home in charge of arrangements.
- Where to call for more information (even if no service planned).

OTHER

- Memorial funds established.
- Memorial donation suggestions, including addresses.

New handrails add to safety in all parts of the Memorial Garden

By Priscilla Hayek

A new handrail was installed March 28-29 to provide safe and full access to our beautiful Memorial Garden.

Joey Ault was recommended to us by a contractor who came out to give us a bid to replace some of the sidewalk with stairs leading to the burial portion of the garden.

I don't believe he has an official company name and works out of his home in Hot Springs Village. He has a small operation and has his son working with him. We received a second bid from a big landscape contractor which was almost 3 times higher than Joey's.

We liked Joey and like supporting the "small" business. When Joey bid the project last fall we told him that we could not have the work done until after the first of the year. He told us he



Joey Ault (in the photo on the left) and his son did a wonderful job installing new handrails in the Memorial Garden. The rails are a perfect match to the existing rails. All major walkways in the garden have safety rails giving complete access to the garden for all. *(Priscilla Hayek photos)*



could not guarantee his bid that far ahead as the material costs were going up.

However, when I contacted him in early March, he indicated he would stand by his original bid. They were very professional and polite. I am very happy with how it turned out and hope folks attending services as well as visiting the garden will find it useful.

Priscilla Hayek is Moderator of the Memorial Garden/Grounds Committee.



Shepherd Group 6, the "Traditional" group, had their first meeting of the year to socialize and discuss plans for the year. Members (from left) are Sheri Swan, E J Pangle, Ken Wolf, Ro Easter, Dick Easter, Barbara Booth, Tony Booth, Gloria Pickett, Martha Nielsen, and Jay Nielsen. (Kelle Wolf photo)

Two shepherd groups still need new leadership

By Vicki and David Rosenquist

Shepherd Groups serve an important and meaningful purpose in the Kirk. Not only do the groups give members a chance to socialize and meet new people, they also provide essential communication, support, and ministry to their members in times of need, such as during health issues, emergencies, accidents, or deaths.

Shepherd Groups also play a vital role in keeping Pastor Bailey and the office aware of problems that might require attention. This is why every Kirk member is placed in a Shepherd Group.

All but two Shepherd Groups have leaders

and are beginning to meet. Leaders are still needed for Group 1 – “Games,” and Group 4 – “Breakfast.” If you are in one of these two groups and would volunteer to lead, please contact Vicki Rosenquist at 706 371-2877.

Leaders for the other Shepherd groups are:

- Judy and Bob Corwin: Group 2 meets for lunch on the 3rd Friday.

- Katy Hill, Stan Luczkowski, Mary Ann, and Bill Reynolds: Group 3 meets on the 3rd Tuesday for dinner.

- Barb and Daryl Henry: Group 5 meets on the 2nd Tuesday night for dinner.

- Kelle and Ken Wolf: Group 6 called “Traditional.” The Traditional group plans outings that don’t necessarily fall on a specific day each month. They are planning a Sunday trip to Little Rock on May 22 for an AA baseball game. More information on their planned events will follow in upcoming newsletters.

- Pat and Richard McPheters: Group 7 meets on a Thursday night for dinner.

Updated lists of each Shepherd group are in the breezeway of the Narthex and in Hoffius Hall. If you want to change to a different group, please contact the church office or Vicki Rosenquist at 706 371-2877.

We hope to have leaders for all Shepherd Groups soon, so this important, worthwhile ministry of the Kirk can continue uninterrupted.





Spring cleanup

On April 15, a small but joyful group worked under blue skies to prepare our Memorial Garden for Easter weekend. The included (from left) Tom Hayek, Vicki Rosenquist, Priscilla Hayek, Dennis Faulk, and Daryl Henry. Not pictured: Bob Morrow, Barb Henry, and Rosalyn Halbert. *(Bob Morrow photo)*



A tiger swallow tail butterfly among the pink azaleas. *(Barb Henry photo)*

A Prayer in Spring

By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard
white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts
by night;
And make us happy in the happy
bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect
trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in midair stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.





Food pantry box can be used for donated goods.
(Bob Morrow photo)

More food donations needed to help Jackson House, Potter's Clay

By John Davis

Thanks to all who contributed to the food pantry in the first quarter. Your contributions help make a difference as we serve those in need.

A total of 399 food and beverage contributions were received or purchased in the first quarter. There were also 116 hygiene and miscellaneous items donated.

January and March donations were delivered to Potter's Clay. February donations to Jackson House were delivered in early March due to a weather delay. In all, 515 items were delivered to these two agencies.

Sadly, each month saw a decrease in food box donations. An increase in household costs for food, fuel, and utilities may have contributed to these decreases. Food banks also witnessed a decrease in donations.

In *Matthew 25* we find a passage of scripture we are all familiar with: "For when I was hungry you gave me something to eat ..."

I ask each of us to consider the scripture and pray our hearts would lead to increase food donations so vitally needed by these two agencies so they may continue serving "the least of these."

John Davis is a member of the Mission Committee.



Sue and Chuck New say thanks for all the cheer

Dear Kirk family:

Chuck and I want to thank our Kirk family for their support and prayers during my recent illness. A special thanks to Circle 2 and the Greenhorns for all the wonderful meals, cards and phone calls.

We are truly blessed to be part of the Kirk family. Thank you again and keep us in your prayers. God Bless,

Chuck and Sue New

Jean's hip replacement went well; thanks for all of your prayers

Dear Kirk family:

I can't thank you all enough for your prayers. The surgery for a hip replacement was a success, and I am at home doing rehab and practicing the golf swing (a little). It is comforting to have so many friends praying for me.

God's blessings to each of you.

Jean Mowry

Visit the Coffee Closet for special 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!



Here's a list of upcoming Christian Education events coming to the Kirk

Sharing Your Faith

9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Hoffius Hall, April 20-May 25.

Pastor Bill Bailey will lead a weekly discussion based on scripture, theology, and practical experience.

Lend a Hand, Bring a Can Lunch & Learn

11:30 a.m. Thursday May 19, in Hoffius Hall.

Mike Brakebill, executive director of Potter's Clay, will speak. A brown-bag lunch will be provided. A food-pantry donation is requested along with \$6 love donation for lunch. Sign up at the Kirk or contact Martha Nielsen, Christian Education Committee Moderator, at 501 922-0672, or mgentrynielsen@gmail.com.

Summer Book Study Lunch & Learn

Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World by N.T. Wright

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays July 6-27 in Hoffius Hall.

Presenters will be Elder Bob Morrow, Elder Arnie Holtberg, and Presbyterian minister and former Circuit Court Judge Marion Humphrey.

Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship

Applications are being accepted through June 30. Scholarships will be awarded in the fall. Applications will be received from members/employees or family members of members/employees of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Membership/employment must be for a minimum of three years. The applicant must have proof of registration at an accredited state university or college, Presbyterian Church USA university/college or an accredited trade school before the fall academic semester.

Applications and more information may be obtained from the church office or by contacting Susan Morrow at 501 231-5541 or susu2morrow@gmail.com.

Submitted by Susan Morrow, Member, Christian Education Committee



Lend a Hand, Bring a Can

Come to the Lunch & Learn program at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 19, in Hoffius Hall and discover how your mission dollars are helping women and children in crisis.

Mike Brakebill, executive director of Potter's Clay in Hot Springs will speak.

Your admission fee for the program is a food pantry item for the Potter's Clay Food Pantry Box. A brown bag lunch will be provided and a love donation of \$6 for your meal would be appreciated.

Please let us know how many lunches to provide by putting your name on the sign-up sheet in Hoffius Hall or the Kirk narthex.

This program is presented in coordination with the Kirk Missions Committee and the Christian Education Committee.

Let's lend a hand and all bring a can to fill the Food Pantry box for Potter's Clay.

For more information, contact Martha Nielsen, Christian Education Committee Moderator, at 501 922-0672, or mgentrynielsen@gmail.com

Flower calendar

Providing flowers for worship service is a lovely way to remember a loved one or special occasion.

Bouquets are \$39 and rose buds are \$10.

A sign-up sheet is in Hoffius Hall for those wishing to provide flowers for one or more Sundays in 2022.

Once you've chosen the date, call Sandy Adams, flower coordinator, at 915-9006, with your dedication.





Happy dates



Birthdays

May 1	Marci Drews Dennis Zymboly	May 11	Dotty Rector	May 26	JoAnne Rich Alice Sparks
May 4	Dick Easter	May 14	Ruth Smith Sheila Stanley	May 29	Millie Croson Kenneth Rhodes
May 5	Ellen Weber		Donna Toney		
May 7	Barbara Worthley	May 24	Eve Hampton-Webb		

Anniversaries

May 15	Martha and Jay Nielsen	23 years	May 31	Janie and Ted Smith	70 years
May 29	Beverly and Mike Carpenter	57 years			

Earl Wilde is one very well-trained musician

Meet Earl Wilde: one of our talented musical “pinch hitters”

Earl Wilde has been our substitute organist/pianist several times in the past. He once again accompanied our hymn singing and anthems and played duets with violinist Kathy Ogilvie at a worship service in March.

Earl says he only plays keyboards, but we have good information he also has a wonderful baritone voice.

Earl began piano lessons when he was five years old, studying with a private teacher. At age 11, he began pipe organ lessons. At age 16, he began studying with a professor at the University of Akron in Ohio where he grew up. He continued those studies for the next five years. He has played for churches since that time.

In college, Earl majored in sociology but had a career in information technology. He and his wife both worked for Alltel and moved to West Little Rock for their jobs.

The Wildes retired in 2006 and moved to Hot Springs Village. Earl plays piano for the mid-week service at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. He accompanies the Village Men’s Chorus and the Village Big Band. He substitutes for three churches: the Kirk, First Presbyterian in Benton, and Christ of the Hills.

Earl has an interesting story to tell of his time as an organist and choirmaster for Temple Israel. The organist was not in the sanctuary area but was screened



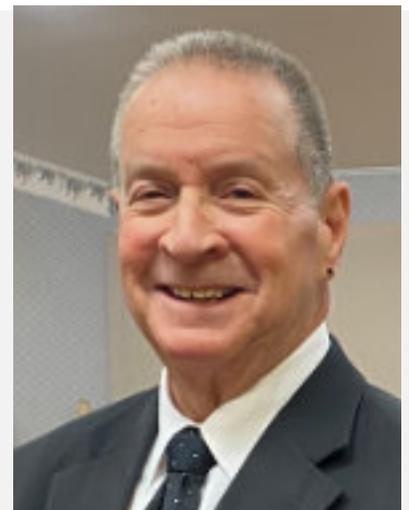
Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

off and communicated through lights and closed-circuit television. He is not sure why this is the case but guesses it is a liberalizing compromise from the orthodox temples which do not use music at all.

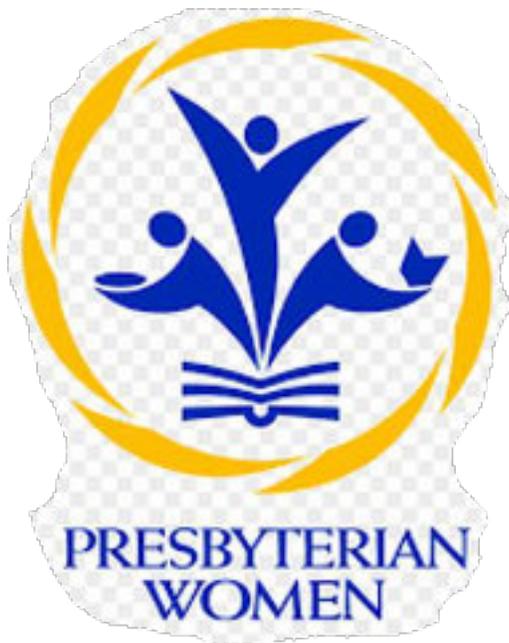
Another interesting fact about Earl is that his email address is “wildearlwilde.” It makes one wonder.

Earl likes playing for the Kirk. That’s nice, because we like him too.



Earl Wilde. (Bob Morrow photo)

PW Women will wrap up their year on May 9



By Vicki Rosenquist

Monday, May 9, marks the last gathering of the PW year. We begin in the sanctuary for worship at 11 a.m. followed by a salad buffet in Hoffius Hall.

The Rev. Carol Clark from Little Rock will be our guest speaker. A variety of delicious salads will be provided by attending PW ladies in honor of our very own Greenhorns.

The Woman of Faith recognition will be announced at the luncheon.

We encourage all women of the Kirk to come and enjoy the fellowship and Rev. Clark's message. It doesn't matter if you are a circle member or not, we invite you to attend and check out what PW is all about. Just let the office or your circle leader know, so there will be enough tables set up.

Mark your calendars for May 9, and bring yourself, a friend, and a salad to share to our final PW gathering before we take a break for the summer.

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of Presbyterian Women.

Kirk staff

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