

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Pipes comin' to Kirkin' on Sept. 16

By Judy Carroll

It's bagpipes, tartans and a high tea with scones and dainty finger sandwiches. It's the Kirkin' o' the Tartans, a celebration of the Kirk's Scottish heritage at the Sunday morning service on Sept. 16.

Pipers and drummers from Lyon College will escort a parade of Kirk members carrying the tartan of their

family clan into the Kirk for a joyous service that will include special music by the Kirk choir, accompanied by bagpipes and organ.

The service will conclude with a procession out to the Memorial Garden – accompanied by pipes, of course – followed by an elegant high tea in Hoffius Hall.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this jubilant celebration. It only happens every three years.

Judy Carroll is former Moderator of the Communication Committee.



When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall



Sunday children's class
10 a.m. in the Journey Room

Wednesday Bible Study
9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall.



Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall



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



Being retired no reason to give up good work

I remember being at one of our Bailey family reunions years ago when I was in college. Fifty or 60 members of my father's family gathered over a Labor Day weekend somewhere in Oklahoma.

I always enjoyed this time of visiting with aunts and uncles and cousins – always amazed at those strange “family resemblances.”

At this reunion, on the last evening before returning home, several of my uncles and cousins were complaining about having to go back to work. It was the usual kind of grouching about too much work and not enough time off.

I particularly remember during one pause in the conversation, my uncle Jim spoke up and quietly said, “I wish I *could* go back to work.”

It was a stunning moment.

My uncle Jim was suffering from Parkinson's disease and seldom spoke – but on this occasion he reminded us all of the precious gift of work.

My uncle Jim was on to something important.

Some of us “retirees” may not miss our old jobs. Still, all of us yearn for work that is meaningful – work that helps us stay busy as well as serves those in need. He reminded us all to cherish the time we have been given and to make the most of the time that remains.

Our Lord said something similar to this: “Work while it is day, the night is coming when no one can work.”

As people of faith, our Lord reminds us our work for him does not end in retirement. Our Lord calls us to join

The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



with him in the work of spreading the gospel, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and reconciling the world in peace.

We never retire from being disciples and there is always work to be done.

This coming Labor Day reminds us again of the importance of meaningful work in our lives. More than just a paycheck, meaningful work can give us a sense of significance and worth.

Retirement can be a time to nurture other vocations and discover gifts that may have been neglected when we were raising families and pursuing careers.

As you find your calendars filling up this fall, try to avoid just being “busy.” Make time to nurture your soul with prayer and study – this is work, too.

Give of yourselves in meaningful and helpful service. Cherish these days and give thanks you have time and talent to serve our Lord and others.

Shepherd Group hears about woodworking

By Ed Baldwin

Shepherd Group Six met July 18 at the DeSoto Club to hear a presentation by the Village Woodworkers Club and view wooden items they have made.

Dick Easter, Randy Toney and Gerald Hooker showed off their handywork, which included bowls, boxes, tables, and toys. Dick Easter showed some tools used in turning wood, which is how bowls and vases are made.

The Woodworkers create wooden toys for underprivileged children at Christmas. Last year they made

and raffled off a beautiful wooden kayak to support their Christmas giving.

They are always looking for new members and would be delighted to share their knowledge and experience with newcomers.

Before the presentation, 26 Sixers and guests enjoyed a social hour and Chef Johnna's famous Pasta Buffet. A good time was had. There are a few openings left in



Randy Toney speaking at Shepherd Group 6. (Ed Baldwin photo)

Shepherd Group Six if any Kirk members want to join.

***Ed Baldwin is leader of
Shepherd Group 6***

Kirk asked to co-host Presbytery meeting

New member:

On Aug. 10, 2018, Stanley M. Luczkowski joined the Kirk in the Pines by Reaffirmation of Faith. He lives at 33 Illescas Way. His telephone is 501 558-1612 and his email address is lucky2@austin,IT.com.

When you see Stanley, take time to tell him how pleased we are to have him as member of the Kirk.

Church losses:

We are sad to report the loss of these valued church members:

Bernie Slater – July 19, 2018, here in Hot Springs Village.

Jewell (Ardys) Jackson – July 29, 2018, in Richmond, Mich.

We also received notice of the death of a former member. Lucille “Kay” Kaiser passed away on July 16, 2018. On July 21, 2018, Kay and her husband, Herbert, were interred in Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden Columbarium.

The following members have requested their membership be moved:

Pat Hightower requested her membership be moved to First United Methodist Church, 102 West Gilmore St., Post Office Box 663, Senatobia, MS 38668.

Yvonne Calhoun asked to be removed from the membership roll. She will be moving to Bryan, Ark.

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



Church Statistics as of August 10, 2018:

Members – 328

Family Units – 221

139th Presbytery Stated Presbytery Meeting will be Oct. 19-20 at Ferncliff.

The Kirk has been asked to co-host the meeting with the Ferncliff Staff. Pastor Bill Bailey, Nancy Patton, Moderator of Worship Committee, and I will accompany Ruth Hamilton, a member of the Presbytery Coordinator Team, to Ferncliff on Aug. 27 to plan the meeting.

Several members of the Kirk congregation will be needed to help with the Presbytery meeting. If you are asked to help, I hope you will give the request careful consideration.

Stewardship campaign: An important part of the Stewardship program is the Time and Talent form. This information is used by a number of individuals and groups in their programs. When you fill out the form make sure it reflects your desires and abilities.

Yoga's back, plus new Ageless Grace program

By SUSAN UNGER

The Congregational Care Committee is offering a new Wellness Program at the Kirk. It will offer varying opportunities affecting the overall wellness of our body, mind and spirit.

To kick off the program, and back by popular demand, will be my Yoga classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday in Hoffius Hall, beginning Sept. 18. Sign up sheets will be available beginning Sept. 8 and 9 before and after services.



If floor exercise is not comfortable for you, the Wellness Committee would like to encourage Kirk Members to take advantage of the ongoing Ageless Grace program combined with Tai Chi. This is offered at 3:30 p.m. each Tuesday in Hoffius Hall.

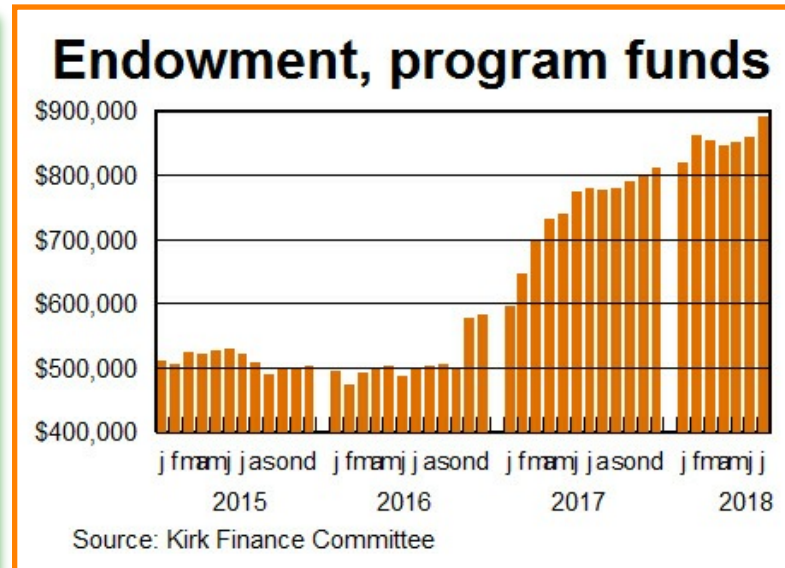
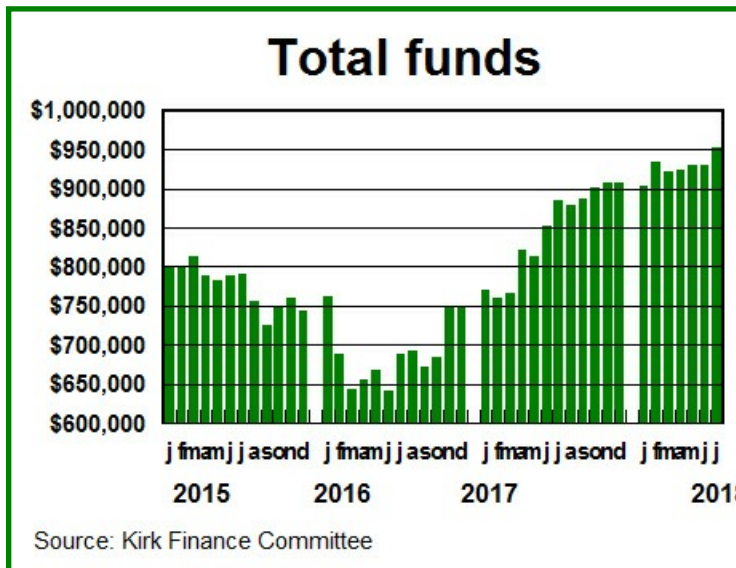
Ageless Grace is performed while seated in a chair and is a fun way to get moving. Guaranteed to get you laughing!

Susan Unger is a Kirk member and Yoga instructor.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of July 31, 2018

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,311	\$ 56,781	\$ 254,175	\$ 275,929
Disbursements	\$ 36,311	\$ 46,383	\$ 254,175	\$ 218,438
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,543	\$ 3,563	\$ 31,801	\$ 34,792
Disbursements	\$ 4,543	\$ 21,554	\$ 31,801	\$ 72,990
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 40,854	\$ 60,344	\$ 285,976	\$ 310,721
Disbursements	\$ 40,854	\$ 67,937	\$ 285,976	\$ 291,428
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 61,335
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 44,762
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 116,511
Programs fund				\$ 88,829
Endowment fund				\$ 610,505
Maack-Ormsbee Fund (new)				<u>\$ 30,016</u>
Total special funds				\$ 890,644



\$681 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$681** was collected in July.

If you wish to give more than a dollar, please use the envelopes in the pew racks.

We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

Thinking of you...

Each Saturday and Sunday the Congregational Care Committee will be asking Kirk members to sign a beautiful card to be mailed to a church member who has not been able to attend services due to illness or disability.

Please add your signature to these cards and join the congregation in wishing others well.

Thank you.

Kirk's multi- talented sexton will be teaching at U of A, Monticello



By Rick Federick

The day had to come.

We are losing Paul Stivitts to a career much more befitting his training. Although Paul and his family plan to remain in Hot Springs Village, at least for a while, he has taken a position as a full-time instructor in the music department at the University of Arkansas, Monticello.

Paul moved to the Village three and a half years ago from New York City where his musical talents were put to work in numerous clubs throughout Manhattan. That's where he met his wife, Star, who was performing as a Radio City Music Hall Rockette.

Paul has been at the Kirk, as the sexton, for more than three years and has supplemented his income to help support his growing family (children Reya and Joshua) at the Ohio Club in downtown Hot Springs.

Paul Stivitts has been a drummer since the day he saw Buddy Rich



Sexton Paul Stivitts

play the Muppet Show. A consummate professional, he's been performing, recording, teaching and composing music for more than three decades.

Paul has been a member of the World Champion Santa Clara Vanguard, and the Blue Knights drum and bugle corps. He graduated

from the University of North Texas with a degree in Jazz Studies. He's performed with Dave Liebman, Airtio, Slide Hampton and Bob Mintzer, to name a few.

Paul's exciting musical career has taken him to 48 states, 15 European nations, Brazil, Canada, England, Mexico, Nicaragua, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey and Russia.

In this boundless journey around the globe, his musical diversity has led to touring, recording and sharing the stage with jazz legend Maynard Ferguson, Lauryn Hill, and many others.

This has also produced many major and indie label recording credits as well.

We are all sorry to lose Paul, but know he will find, in the future, time to support the Kirk Choir in some of their anthems, and achieve his limitless goals. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Rick Federick is a member of the Communication Committee.

Session nominees

An election of new moderators will be at a congregational meeting on Sept. 30.

Carol Clark

By Susan Morrow

Carol Clark is this year's nominee as Moderator of Member Outreach and as Trustee. If elected, she looks forward to serving in these roles. Carol understands her duties as Trustee entail overseeing any Kirk sale or purchase of real estate.

Carol was born in Enid, Okla., but grew up in the small town of Spearman in the Texas Panhandle.

She graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in Speech Pathology and Special Education.

While in college, Carol met Gary. They married in 1967. They raised two children, Joel and Jennifer, now living in Frisco, Texas and Amarillo, Texas respectively. Carol has four wonderful grandchildren – Emily, Jake, Elena, and Easley.

Carol was a school speech pathologist for nine years. She



wanted to be in the classroom with her own students, so she became a special education teacher for the remaining 19 years of her career.

Gary and Carol retired in 2007, and moved to Hot Springs Village from Garland, Texas. When they

visited the Kirk, they knew immediately they wanted to join. Bill Bailey's sermons and the warm, friendly congregation were factors in their decision to become active members.

Carol has served as Moderator of the Membership Committee. She is active with the Greenhorns cooking group, belongs to Presbyterian Women and has served as a circle leader.

She is involved with the coffee closet and is chairman of the Christmas Angel Tree. Carol also serves on the Fellowship, Mission, and Member Outreach committees. She supports the mission statement of the Kirk, and looks forward to serving as Member Outreach moderator.

Susan Morrow is a member of the Communication Committee.

Photos by Robert Sonnen

Barron Gage

By Lowell Gardner

Barron Gage, this year's session nominee to become Moderator of the Buildings Committee, is volunteering for a second three-year term. When asked why he was motivated to make this decision, his answer was simple and straight forward.

"It takes three years to really learn this job," he said. "This next three years will allow me time to do what needs to be done while, perhaps, grooming someone to eventually replace me."

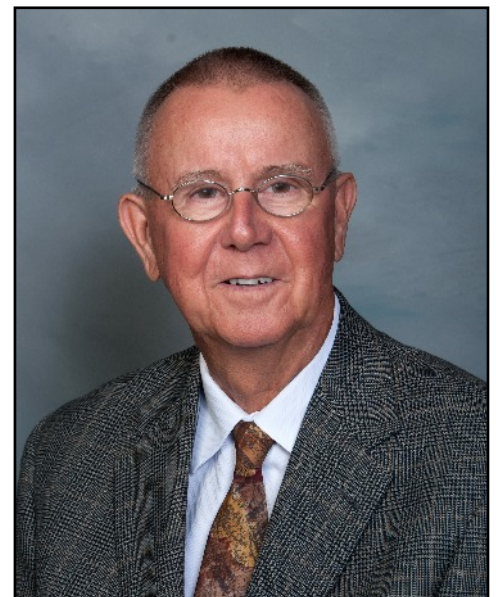
Barron came to the Kirk and this position nearly tailor-made. He moved with his wife, Wendy, from

California where he worked as a machinist. It was in California he was born, raised, educated, met and married Wendy and, with her, raised two sons and a daughter.

It was there, while grieving the loss of a coworker and friend, that he and Wendy acknowledged their need for something more. They found it in Jesus Christ at a Methodist church in the area.

Both there, and now here at the Kirk, he and Wendy, who is an accomplished artist, are led to service their Lord and His church.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Pat Kuntz

By Barbara Worthley

In the summer of 2015, Pat and Mel Kuntz moved to Hot Springs Village and began attending the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Shortly after joining our church in April 2016, Pat became a member of the Congregational Care Committee and attended the Book Club. One of the many people Pat met was Donna Toney, who was Moderator of the Education Committee at the time. Through the Book Club, the two became friends.

When Donna joined the Kirk staff as church organist, she had to resign as moderator of the Education Committee. Donna recommended Pat to Jerral Johnson.

Knowing Pat's background of service in Presbyterian Churches in Indiana and Connecticut, Jerral, in his capacity as Clerk of the Session, asked Pat to serve the remainder of Donna's unexpired term. Pat agreed.

Over several decades, Pat has served Presbyterian churches where she lived as chairman of outreach, fellowship and education. She's also been a deacon.



When asked to serve as moderator of the Education Committee for three more years, Pat agreed. Being a good leader, she gives credit to her committee members – Rosalyn Halbert, Dick Massey, Lowell Gardner, Carol Sue Williams, Millie Croson, Terry Arant, Bev Carpenter, Lorraine Berry and Pat Ormsbee.

She said they are a "good group" and everyone enjoys working together. If anyone would like to join this committee, just contact Pat.

When asked how she manages her time and energies, Pat said: "I'm a list maker."

She begins each day with a cup of tea and quiet time. Then out comes the calendar and THE LIST. Items accomplished are marked off and a new items are added.

Pat Kuntz is a very organized person, and a dedicated and willing leader, as well as being a very friendly, warm person, always with a smile on her face. We are happy she has agreed to continue serving in her current capacity.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.

Nancy Patton

By Patty Van Cleave

Nancy Patton is no stranger to members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. She has been Moderator of the Worship Committee for the last three years, and is looking forward to another three years serving the Kirk in that capacity.

Nancy and her husband, Jim, moved to Hot Springs Village in 2012 from the suburbs of Chicago. There they were active members at a United Church of Christ. They joined the Kirk in January of 2013 and it didn't take long for Nancy to start contributing her talents to the church community.

She began by joining the breakfast Shepherd Group and the Thursday discussion group. That progressed to co-ordinating volunteers who help in the office. She also volunteers to do sound for PW functions and memorial services.



Nancy has been "enormously impressed" by the spirit of community and devotion to the Kirk by the Session. Everyone works together well for the best interest of the Kirk and the congregation.

And she loves her committee.

When asked if there would be any changes to her committee in the new year she replied, "Oh, I hope not!"

For Nancy, being Moderator of the Worship Committee is an "easy way to contribute" to the Kirk – easy because of the talented and dedicated people on her committee who "quietly do their

tasks and make our worship experience come together in a meaningful way."

She looks forward to continuing to work with her committee members and the other members of the Session.

Patty Van Cleave is a member of the Communication Committee.

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An election of new moderators will be at a congregational meeting on Sept. 30.

Harry Wakefield

By Lowell Gardner

“There was a need and I wished to serve but my heart was always in Missions.”

So Harry Wakefield explained why he decided to move his volunteer energy from Member Outreach to being a nominee as Moderator of the Kirk’s Missions Committee.

Following Gary Clark’s lengthy period of deteriorating health and passing, Harry volunteered to engage in the Mission role with the added plan to be a candidate in his own right. Since Gary’s passing, Harry has worn the hats of moderator of both the Outreach and Missions Committees.



Harry and Becky Wakefield came to Hot Spring Village from Dallas where they were active in Wilshire Baptist Church. They joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pine in May 2015.

Their desire to serve was initially met when Becky became active in Presbyterian Women (PW). Last year she rose to become PW Moderator.

In addition to worshiping and serving at the Kirk, Harry’s interests are in photography, hiking, golf, cooking and travel.

Becky enjoys golf, reading, hiking, baking, yoga and gardening.

This couple is a wonderful addition to the Kirk family of faith, and Harry can be a fine Missions Moderator.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communications Committee.

Bill’s study classes resume Sept. 12 and 13

By Jan Holtberg

The excitement of a new church study year and the anticipation of obtaining new personal and biblical knowledge and insights are upon us.

Classes will be from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning Sep. 12 and 13.

The student body is drawn from the Kirk membership and includes other “eager-to-grow Village retirees.” Class size varies.

Wednesday’s Bible study draws between 20 and 50 students.

Thursday mornings cover a topical issue and average 15 to 30 students.

No sign up is involved and everyone is welcome to attend the sessions in Hoffius Hall. Attend as many classes as your schedule permits.

Classes will be led by our esteemed biblical scholar and pastor, the Rev. Bill Bailey.



Bill says class content will be more practical this year than in the past. There will be no video/lecture format as he is “getting back to the Bible.” The scripture study Bill has chosen for Wednesdays is “the Life and Letters of Paul.”

The Thursday topic for the fall is “How to Pray.” It will include selected writings by C.S. Lewis from his book “How to Pray.” As one reviewer has written, “The revered teacher and best-selling author of such classic Christian works as ‘Mere Christianity’ and the ‘Screwtape Letters,’ C.S. Lewis offers wisdom and lessons that

illuminate our private dialogue with God – prayer – in this collection drawn from the breadth of his writings.

“‘How to Pray’ offers a deep understanding of our personal tradition of prayer, our faith, and what it means to be a Christian.”

The spring topic is yet to be determined.

Bill looks forward to his classes. He says he is passionate about helping people develop skills both to interpret the Bible and to think theologically. This is one of the main reasons he pursued the ministry.

The time Bill devotes to his sermons and class preparation is obvious to us all. We are off to another exciting school year to grapple with theological concepts. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.



Among those attending the potluck dinner and show on the trip to France and Switzerland were (from left) Marilyn Miller, Jean Fisher, Ron Lovett, Ruth Richardson, Cliff and Kitty Reddin. (Joyce Leeming photos)

Trip to France, Switzerland enjoyed again by large crowd attending August potluck dinner

By Joyce Leeming

A potluck dinner Aug. 15 was a huge success thanks to the festive setting provided by the Kirk Education Committee.

Tom Hayek's slide presentation with pictures of the recent Kirk tour of France and Switzerland gave those attending a glimpse of the many beautiful sites they travelers saw.

Pat Kuntz, Education Committee moderator, counted more than 100 Kirk members and visitors who provided a vast array of dishes and desserts for the buffet.

Following a suggestion by Pastor Bill Bailey, many dishes were of French origin, including coq au vin, beef bourguignon, ham and cheese croissants, and quiche.



The balloon centerpieces were designed by Roselyn Halbert and provided a festive air to Hoffius Hall.

The 24 persons on the June tour with Pastor Bailey included Marilyn Miller of Farmington, Utah, and Cliff and Kitty Reddin of Hot Springs. They also attended the dinner.

Marilyn has joined six Kirk tours and arrived early to hear Pastor Bailey's sermon on Sunday, Aug. 12.

The Reddins have also been on several of the tours. They enjoyed circulating and visiting with friends made on these journeys.

Joyce Leeming coordinates the Kirk tours and is a former Moderator of the Communications Committee.



Charlotte Massey (left) and Rosemary Claveau keep the choir's music organized. (Robert Sonnen photo)

20 file cabinets full of music takes lots of organizing

By Dotty Rector

Do you have any idea how many anthems are in the Kirk library?

Better yet, can you imagine what it takes to keep the music organized and available to choir members at the appropriate time?

The answer to the first question is there are more than 420 anthems, plus cantatas and other special music. This music fills over 20 file cabinets.

Who keeps all this music organized? It's the behind-the-scenes choir members Charlotte Massey, Rosemary Claveau, and regular substitute Sharon Collar.

Two summers ago, Charlotte and Rosemary spent the entire summer organizing, labeling, punching holes

Behind the scenes



for loose-leaf folders, numbering and filing anthems. The files badly needed organization.

These two ladies are known affectionately as the choir librarians. The affection comes from the choir members and music director Randy Toney who are so appreciative of the organization they bring to the music.

Randy says: "They keep choir rehearsals and worship services running smoothly. At each rehearsal, choir members know their folders will have everything they need for that rehearsal. Without our librarians, we would waste a lot of rehearsal time handing out copies, turning in music, and refiling the anthems."

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Mary Magdalene coming to Kirk on Sept. 8

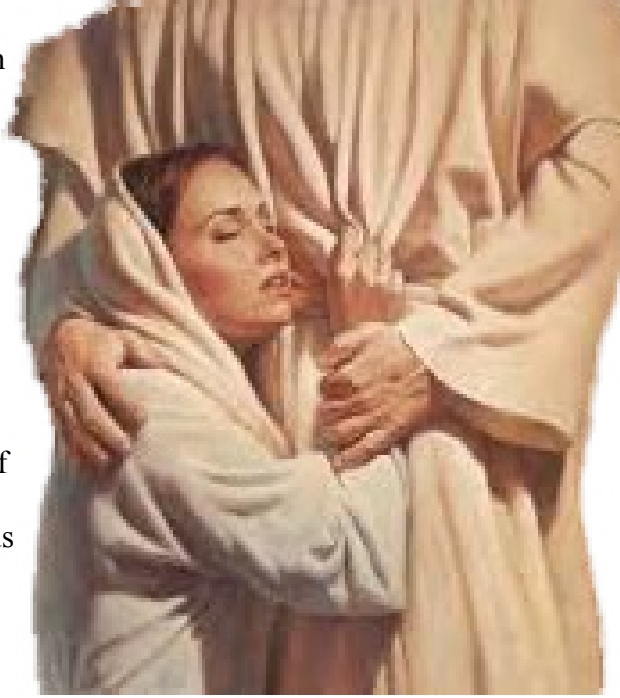
By Lowell Gardner

On Saturday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Hoffius Hall, as part of the Informal Worship, we will be visited by a member of that band of Israelites who were originally drawn to a charismatic prophet: Mary of Magdala.

Originally a resident of the fish-processing village on the northwestern shore of the Galilean Sea, Mary was one of a number of women offering support to the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Mary Magdalene, as she came to be known, was often confused with one of the lowly- viewed prostitutes who were lifted to faith and respectability in Jesus's eyes and ministry.

She was, in fact, a woman burdened with medical,



psychological, and hence, additionally, spiritual handicaps.

When Jesus offered her peace and hope, it prompted her to follow

him unwaveringly. She, along with Jesus's mother, Mary, stood near the one recorded disciple witness at the foot of the cross. She was the first to be confronted by the resurrected Lord.

Beverly Carpenter will bring our Mary to life, allowing all in attendance to envision the eyewitness experience of being touched by and draw to follow the life-altering, life-giving Son of Man, the Son of God.

Adding to the evening, Susan Morrow will singing *I Don't Know How to Love Him* from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, as we wrestle to gain a fuller understanding of this woman and the complex relationship with Jesus.

Be a part of it.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.

Four keep Kirk choir's music organized

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Readying the music is only part of their duties. The librarians also return the music after Sunday service to the appropriate files, in numerical order and marked with the date it was sung.

They are quick to point out that Norm Martin copies (legally) and distributes all the hymn music each Sunday. He, too, fulfills an unnoticed, but necessary, function.

The satisfaction of the work, say Charlotte and Rosemary, lies in the neatly organized files and knowing it saves time for Randy and the choir members.

In the process, Charlotte and Rosemary have become good friends. They chat while working, so the time passes pleasantly. As an aside, Rosemary has been a choir member since 1985. Wow!

Charlotte and Rosemary, Sharon and Norm are not showy about their work. They are content to be "behind the scenes." We are so fortunate to have these dedicated volunteers.

Dotty Rector is a member of the Communication Committee.

Fun Facts about Kirk's website

By Ralph Greene

Some Fun Facts about our Kirk website and Facebook page:

In July, 1,200 Facebook users saw a posting from our the Kirk Facebook page (Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines). Of those, 590 liked, commented or shared the posts with others.

The largest contributor was the post about the Cuatro Claviers (Ruth Clemens, Martha Smithers, Fran Stroud, and Donna Toney) – 1,150 visitors saw it. The group obviously has a very large following.

Interesting news about our website (KirkinthePines.org) as well. There were many visitors and more than 50 percent of them were from France! Why do you suppose that was? Maybe it was the group that toured with Pastor Bailey?

Ralph Greene is the Kirk's webmaster and a member of the Communication Committee.

All Kirk members invited to join in the Cancer Walk

By Vicki Rosenquist

Our Kirk Team invites you to join us on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Balboa Pavilion, for the 17th annual Village Walk for Cancer Research.

This worthwhile cause starts at 7:30 and raises funds for cancer research. All money collected stays in Arkansas and is designed for the "Seeds of Science" program at Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

Sign up before Sept. 1 for \$30, which includes a T-shirt. Later registrations are \$35. Forms are available at the church or you can sign up online at: giving.uams.edu/walkforcancerhsv.

Be sure to put the Kirk as your group name.

We look forward to having you part of our team. Remember, you can walk as far as you want, or you can just come out and support the Kirk Team.

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.



Judy Corwin (left) and Jana Knight will present a comedy special on Sept. 24 to help raise money for cancer research.

Humor can be great medicine

If you can't join our Kirk team for the Village Walk for Cancer, consider spending an hour on Sept. 24 with two breast-cancer survivors.

Judy Corwin met Jana Knight at a Baptist Women's Retreat over a year ago. Jana is a Christian humorist and travels all over entertaining audiences near and far.

"It was like we were separated at birth" Judy thought, after listening to her.

Judy is well known for her comedic mind, having performed on stage as well as talking to many Village groups about her take on life. When the idea came up

to help meet the goal of the Village Walk for Cancer Research, both agreed to put their heads together for this special.

Their stories, reflect a personal experience of dealing with this disease, and help others realize laughter is the best medicine!

This event will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at the Coronado Center. Admission is free with all donations going to the "Seeds of Science" program at Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for cancer research.

Sign up for Ladies Marathon Bridge

What: Ladies Marathon Bridge

When: 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, through May 27, 2019. No December.

Where: Hoffius Hall.

How: Sign-up sheet on Hoffius Hall bulletin board

More: Single or with game partner are needed. Play schedule will be e-mailed.

Questions: Call Margery McIntosh, 922-6316, or JoAnne Rich, 922-0254.



Johnsons appreciate all the cards and food

We'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the time Marilyn has been struggling with a severe back problem. The cards and prayers have been a real help during this stressful period.

They have also been a real moral boost, to both of us, as we recover from the loss of my sister. We would also like to thank the Greenhorns for the delicious meals brought to us.

Sometimes, during our busy lives, we forget we are surrounded by the wonderful members of the Kirk. However, during periods of illness and loss of a loved one, one realizes this church is indeed made up of a lot of caring, thoughtful people.

Blessings to you all.

Jerral and Marilyn Johnson

Jackson House getting help from food Basket

During September, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House.

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



We thank Jackson House for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them. The generosity of the Kirk congregation never ceases to amaze. The Mission Committee appreciates your help with this worthwhile local ministry.

Is your email address up to date?

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

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



The Mail Corner

Many to thank for help during surgery

Dear Kirk family:

I want to thank the Kirk family for their prayers, cards and expressions of concern during my recent hip-replacement surgery.

We especially want to thank Jean and Clark Mowry for being present during the surgery and for all the food subsequently brought to the house.

Thanks, too, to the Greenhorns for a delicious meal.

We feel blessed to be part of the Kirk congregation.

Dean Kerr

Choir to resume its weekly rehearsals

The Kirk Choir will resume its regular Wednesday afternoon rehearsals at 3 p.m. Aug. 29.

We enjoy bringing our best every Sunday in worship. If you love to sing and make music, please visit a rehearsal and stay if you enjoy it.

Randy Toney

PW Circles resume meeting on Sept. 10

By Carol Sue Williams

PW Circles will begin meeting on Monday, Sept. 10.

The circles have been reduced to four. We merged two because they were quite small. This should make for a stronger circle.

The Coordinating Team (C.T.) meeting will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, in the Kirk Library. Circle leaders: Please try to attend to pick up the 2018-19 Handbook for your members. Hopefully, everyone has saved the covers from last year's book and can replace the insides with the current year's information.

We are looking forward to a good year for all PW members.

Carol Sue Williams is Moderator of PW.

Equality, in theory, has been around a while

On June 7, 1776, as representatives from the 13 American colonies were meeting in Philadelphia, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia first proposed a resolution to declare the colonies absolve themselves from British rule.

Four days later, a so-called Committee of Five chose from among their number one Thomas Jefferson of Virginia to compose such a document.

On July 4, following 17 intense days in a rented second-floor room in the home of Jacob Graff at 7th and Market Streets, and with added revisions by the whole assembly, the finished product was read aloud to an audience outside the meeting hall.

The second paragraph of that "Declaration of Independence" said all men are created equal.

On Nov. 19, 1863, four months after a Civil War battle, Soldiers National Cemetery was to be dedicated in Gettysburg, Pa.

President Abraham Lincoln was invited by committee chairman David Mills to deliver "a few appropriate remarks." In 272 words, Lincoln delivered the now famous Gettysburg Address.

It began: "Four score and seven years ago, our



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fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Four score and seven harkens back not to the Constitution, but to the Declaration of Independence.

In the Gospel of Luke 10, Jesus was asked by a teacher of the law how to secure eternal life. Jesus inquired as to the teacher's understanding of the law which he, himself, taught. The teacher quoted Deuteronomy 6:4-5 coupled with Leviticus 19:17-18. Jesus agreed.

Not to be outdone, the teacher inquired as to the definition of a neighbor. Jesus shared the story of the Good Samaritan. Is this a story of equality? Study and decide.

Ruth Richards, Ron Lovett are Kirk golf stars

By Jim Hess

Kirk Sunday Golf Group played our Desoto course on Aug. 12. All of the 9-hole players finished their round before the rain.



The 18-hole group weathered the rain in the rest room on the back nine.

Greens and fairways filled with water so we suspended play.

Winners of our Games of Skill were:

Woman closest to the pin and longest putt – both Ruth Richards. Her long putt was 6 feet, 10 inches.

Man closest to the pin and longest putt – both Ron Lovett. His long putt was 20 feet, 3 inches.

The Wolf Traveling Trophy was awarded to Ruth & Ron for their stellar play.

Dinner was attended by 17 members of our group at the DeSoto Club.

Our next event will be Sept. 9. Sign-up information will be e-mailed to all members. Save the day on your calendar!

If you're new to our Kirk, or looking for a friendly golf game, and would like to join our Kirk Golf Group, we welcome you. We are a group of single and couple golfers of all skill levels playing either 9 or 18 holes, your choice.

We play our Village courses the second Sunday April through October, with dinner following at one of our Village restaurants. If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email jimobhess@suddenlink.net

Jim Hess is chief shepherd of the Kirk's golf group.



Happy dates



Birthdays

Beverly Bongard	Sept. 1	Bob Foster	Sept. 10	Donn Allison	Sept. 20
Norm Martin		Gail Salman		Joyce Leeming	
Mary Ann Reynolds	Sept. 3	Donald Webb		Jane Garrison	Sept. 21
Bob Berry	Sept. 4	Rosemary Claveau	Sept. 12	Barbara Fuquay	Sept. 22
Gene Heath		Jim Chaffin	Sept. 14	Peggy Trent	
Jane Vance		Gerald Allen	Sept. 15	Beverly Raskin	Sept. 23
Gloria Hepner	Sept. 8	Harry Marshall		Gary Brod	Sept. 25
Madge Martell		Barron Gage	Sept. 18	Beverly McFadden	Sept. 29
Lorraine Berry	Sept. 9	Edward Russell		Marjorie Carlisle	Sept. 30

Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Marci and Bill Drews	29 years	Sept. 19	Kelle and Ken Wolf	60 years
Sept. 4	Char and Norm Martin	63 years		Barbara and Bill Worthley	19 years
Sept. 5	Barbara and Walter Fuquay	53 years	Sept. 20	Lucy and Gerald Allen	63 years
	Pat and Mel Kuntz	54 years	Sept. 24	Nell and James White	25 years
	Patty and Eric Van Cleave	20 years	Sept. 25	Yvonne and Wendell Jones	37 years
Sept. 8	Linda and Bob Smith	28 years		Peggy and Don Trent	59 years
Sept. 11	Judy and Bob Corwin	59 years	Sept. 30	Eve and Donald Webb	2 years
	Sally and Tom Fink	53 years		Barbara and Fred Kalsbeek	46 years
Sept. 15	Rita and Tom Martick	56 years			

October Pilgrimage not just another retreat

By Martha Nielson

Your three-day Pilgrimage is not meant to be just another “retreat” – it’s a next step in your personal spiritual journey. At your Pilgrimage, your relationship with Christ will deepen – and this deeper connection is something designed to last the rest of your life.

At your Pilgrimage, you will have an opportunity to:

- Hear Christ’s voice speaking quietly to you, saying “*Remember, I am with you;*”
- Better understand Christ’s love, grace, and forgiveness;

• Become even more alive in your faith, with a renewed sense of hope and purpose.

But there’s more.

A Pilgrimage is a lot of fun! There is plenty of laughter and singing, with a chance to make new friends, eat lots of good food, sleep in a comfy bed and, if you want, have quiet time for a walk in the woods.

All of this will be happening Oct. 25-28 at Ferncliff Conference Center just west of Little Rock.

Lodging and meals are \$200, but scholarships are available, so don’t let cost be a barrier. You can register online for your Pilgrimage in five

minutes at www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org or by calling me at 922-0672.

If you want to learn more, just ask some of the many Kirk members like Carol Clark, Sharon Gardner, Patty Van Cleave, and Jim and Della Reimers who have been to their own Pilgrimage and then gone back to help staff additional weekends for others.

If you feel a pull to renew and refresh your faith journey, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join us at Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage number 29.

Martha Nielson is a Pilgrimage leader.

Take the train to see the beauty this fall

By Arnie Holtberg

What are the benefits of going on the Kirk's fall Arkansas train trip on Oct. 25?

During this splendid journey from Van Buren to Winslow, the leaf-changing season will be at its peak. The hills and valleys of our Natural State will reveal their best from the windows of your Arkansas Missouri Railroad car.

This two-hour excursion through the Boston Mountains will take you back in time as you enjoy the environment of a restored and polished passenger car. Your senses will be served as the train takes you over clear streams, through a tunnel and across trestles overlooking magnificent settings.



On board, you will enjoy a fulsome lunch and colorful stories about this lovely area.

Did you know Van Buren is home to the historic King Opera House, a Victorian-style performance hall dating back to the late nineteenth century and is part of the historic downtown area?

The Crawford County Courthouse is the oldest functioning courthouse west of the Mississippi River.

Little time can be spent in Winslow, but it is worth noting this former stagecoach stop became a resort town at the end of the 1800s for its picturesque peaks, appealing to wealthy folks from Fort Smith.

And, of course, there is Mount Magazine, where you will enjoy a buffet supper while viewing the Ouachita Mountains. This is the highest point in Arkansas and of the United States Interior Highlands, reaching 2,753 feet.

This notable landmark received its name from French explorers who observed a landslide there and remarked that the ensuing noise was so loud that it sounded like an ammunition magazine exploding.

To avail yourself of this marvelous opportunity, contact Vacation Valet at 501 984-6191 or pick up a form at the Kirk. One of Arkansas' most outstanding aesthetic and historical experiences is at your fingertips and for only \$130.

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