

# A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## Dedicated team prepares for Kirk's Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday of every month, the Lord's Supper – Communion – is celebrated at the Kirk's morning worship service.

Nancy Patton, moderator of the Worship Committee, has assembled a dedicated preparation team: Sandy Adams, Barb Kalsbeek, Sue New and Gail Salmen. Each has been serving in this capacity for years.

The Communion wafers, symbolizing the body of Christ, are prepared and baked quarterly by Jane Moore. Becky Baldwin and Carol Clark each had this responsibility for many years before Jane took over last year.

On the Saturday morning before Communion, two or three members of the team meet in the Communion preparation room to assemble the "bread and wine" on serving trays. After the cups are placed in the tray, a special device is used to fill each cup with grape juice, symbolizing the blood of Christ. Then they are stored in the refrigerator.

Then the table in the sanctuary is set with the proper tablecloth and accessories for the Sunday service.

Early Sunday morning, the team completes the preparation by setting the table with the prepared trays of "bread and wine." The round loaf of bread, which is broken by the pastor during the service, is placed on the table along with the chalice and pitcher, which has been filled with grape juice.

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Sue New and Barb Kalsbeek prepare the ingredients for Sunday Communion. (Barbara Worthley photo)

**Behind  
the scenes**



## 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



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



# ***In divided times, show tolerance in church***

Years ago, I ran across something Harvey Cox once wrote. Dr. Cox was a professor at Harvard Divinity School until his retirement in 2009. He remains an inspiring writer and a committed American Baptist in his theology.

The piece that interested me was about the difficulty of staying in the small church where he worshiped. Cox described the struggle in this way:

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

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

How often have I been tempted to jettison this all-too-human freckle on the Body of Christ and stay home Sunday with better music (on the stereo) and better theology (on the bookshelf).

But I do not. A voice within me keeps reminding me that I need these fallible human confreres, whose petty complaints never quite overshadow the love and concern underneath ...

This precious little local church is where the Word becomes flesh. I do not believe any modern Christian can survive without some grounding in a local congregation.

We are all familiar with this "freckle" we call the church. All of us know how difficult it is to love people "warts and all," especially when we think they're dead

## **The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey**



wrong! It takes great patience to tolerate another's politics or their ideas about worship or music or their theology.

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

This is never easy, but it is a consistent practice for the church through the ages. This means we have to learn how to be patient with one another, even when we don't agree. This means we have to be tolerant of one another, even when it is not convenient.

It means we do not always get things our way.

I believe this is one of the most important challenges facing the church today. In a culture and country so deeply divided about almost everything, we must try to make the church a place where patience and tolerance is taught and practiced.

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

**Clip & Save**

## **Phone numbers**

### **For help:**

Kirk office.....922-1333  
Prayer needs (Della Reimers).....915-8235  
Communion at home.....922-1333

To be assigned a Christian friend  
(Janie Smith).....922-7548

For meals, transportation, minor house repairs,  
have someone sit with a spouse:  
Martha Nielsen.....922-0672  
Janie Smith.....922-7548

To be assigned a phone buddy:  
Judy Pogemiller.....915-0062

For other congregational-care needs:  
Martha Nielsen.....922-0672  
Kirk office.....922-1333

### **For staff (home numbers):**

Pastor Bill Bailey.....984-0445  
Elder leader Sylvia Tate.....870-219-3260  
Visitation Coordinator Janie Smith.....922-7548

## **Email addresses**

Pastor Bill Bailey.....kirkpastor@sbcglobal.net  
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Kirk business administrator  
Beverly Schaumburg.....kirkfin@sbcglobal.net

## **Website**

Kirkinthepines.org



# Our church needs you to share your talent

## Loss of valued member:

We are saddened by the death of Ruth Naggs on July 16, 2017, in Hot Springs Village. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Kirk.

## Church Statistics:

Members – 337      Family units – 228

## Time and Talent Commitments:

Members will soon be receiving a request to fill out a Time and Talent Commitment sheet. These are used by Kirk committees to identify members who have interests in particular areas of service within the church. Like most churches, the Kirk depends on volunteers to carry out its many functions.

Sometimes, we hear a person say he or she has retired and is no longer interested in serving on a committee. Most of us have retired from one or more jobs in our other life, but God still has more for us to do.



Rosalyn Halbert watches over two-year-old Nicholas Rosenthal and six-year-old Adam Rosenthal in the Kirk nursery during their great grandfather's memorial service. (Barbara Worthley photo)

## The Clerk's Corner

**Jerral Johnson**



Many jobs need to be done, if a church is to be a viable instrument of God's work.

Some of our members can't get around as well as they once did, but that does not keep them from using a telephone to stay in contact with members who are unable to attend church. A call means a lot to someone who is not able to get out. The Time and Talent report is a good place for you to indicate those areas where you might want to become involved.

If you are not on a committee now, take time to look over the Kirk's committee list and identify one or more that interest you. Call the moderator and indicate you would like to serve, either on a regular basis or on special projects.

Committees have changed with time. Originally, they met once a month, but now many meet only when there is a need.

## Ferncliff:

We recently received a letter from Ferncliff, thanking us for our support of their summer youth programs. There is seldom a period during the summer when the camp is not being utilized by one or more groups. Our money helps make that possible.

## Disaster Buckets:

With the unusually heavy spring rains in some areas, flooding has caused serious losses to property and, in some cases, loss of lives.

The disaster buckets, along with a list of supplies needed to fill the buckets, are in Hoffius Hall. You can either take a bucket and fill it, or donate money to the fund used to fill the buckets.

Money should be placed in an envelope and deposited in the offering plate, or drop it by the office. It will then be placed in a Disaster Fund. Periodically, it will be collected and used to buy supplies in bulk to fill the buckets.

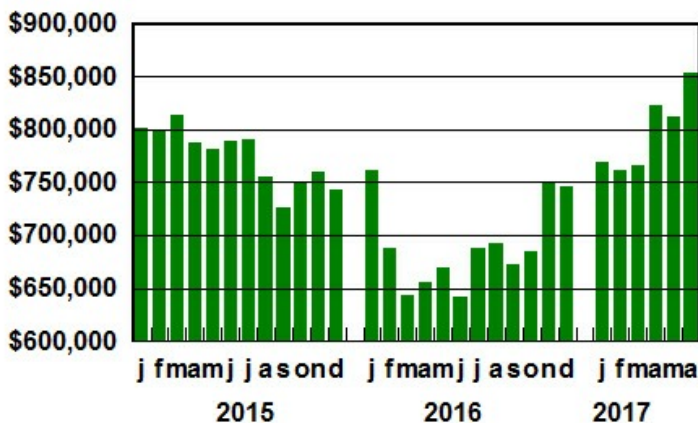
When several buckets are filled, they will be taken to Presbytery Disaster Center at Ferncliff. They will then be delivered to the areas where they are needed.

# Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

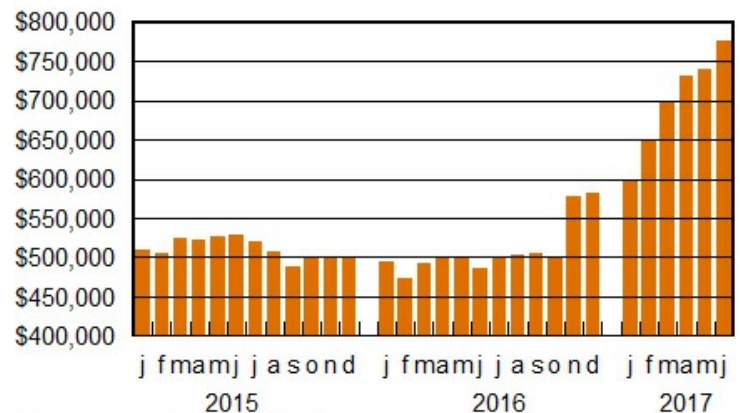
## Year to date as of June 30, 2017

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 35,755	\$ 28,393	\$ 214,528	\$ 203,620
Disbursements	\$ 35,755	\$ 22,980	\$ 214,528	\$ 177,007
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,177	\$ 24,890	\$ 44,125
Disbursements	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,363	\$ 24,890	\$ 40,257
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 39,903	\$ 31,570	\$ 239,418	\$ 247,745
Disbursements	\$ 39,903	\$ 26,343	\$ 239,418	\$ 217,264
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 77,696
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund (new)				\$ 40,056
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 107,042
Programs fund				\$ 67,378
Endowment fund				\$ 560,633
<b>Total special funds</b>				\$ 775,109

### Total funds



### Endowment funds

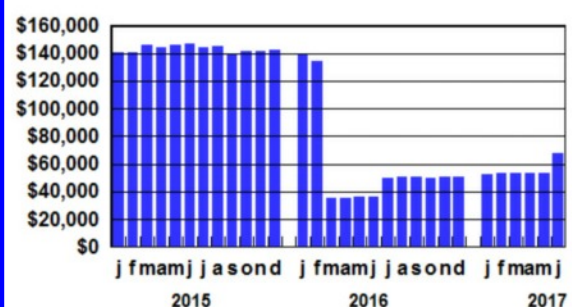


## \$742 for Mission campaign

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$742** was collected in June.

If you wish to give more than a dollar, please use the envelopes in the pew racks. We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

### Program funds





Dotty Rector and fellow volunteer Tiger Bienstadt at Potter's Clay Thrift Shop.



## Many ways to spread your wings as volunteer

A friend told me he enjoys many things – golf, for instance. But what gives him joy is another thing.

He volunteers as a leader of an exercise group in one of our care facilities. He claims there is a difference between “enjoying” and “joy.” Serving others is what gives him joy.

My friend gives a direct service, which perhaps provides more joy than working behind the scenes. However, both direct and indirect services are important.

When I moved to Hot Springs Village, I knew of Arkansas’ status as one of the poorest states in the nation. Our living in Hot Springs Village, however, insulates us from much of the poverty and hardship endured outside our gates.

I wanted to contribute in a tangible way.

Right away, Kirk member Dot Stroupe recruited me to work at Potter’s Clay Thrift Shop, a fund-raiser for the Potter’s Clay Shelter. I have volunteered there once a month for 23 years. I really enjoy it.

Yet, I searched for another way to use my energies in the community. I was hoping to use the skills I had honed over a professional lifetime. I loved my former career as a psychotherapist and assumed I could use these skills as a volunteer. Well, it wasn’t that easy.

I first contacted Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, then the American Red Cross, then Charitable Christian Medical Clinic. I couldn’t volunteer professionally



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Community**

anywhere unless I re-licensed myself (at considerable effort and expense) in Arkansas.

Not willing to do that, I searched for something else.

I went back to the Charitable Christian Medical Clinic, a service I greatly admire, and volunteered to do whatever was needed. For 10 years now I have worked behind the scenes, co-ordinating a program where I solicit dinners for the volunteer medical staff.

This involves phoning churches, selling them on the concept, and keeping a schedule of food providers. Then, I remind them a few weeks ahead and send a thank-you note afterwards. I have enjoyed interacting with the clinic staff, with church volunteers, and knowing that I fulfill a needed service.

So, in one instance I was recruited, and in the other I sought out an opportunity.

There is no “one way” to approach meaningful volunteer work. There are so many possibilities out there. All we need is a willingness to share.

– Dotty Rector

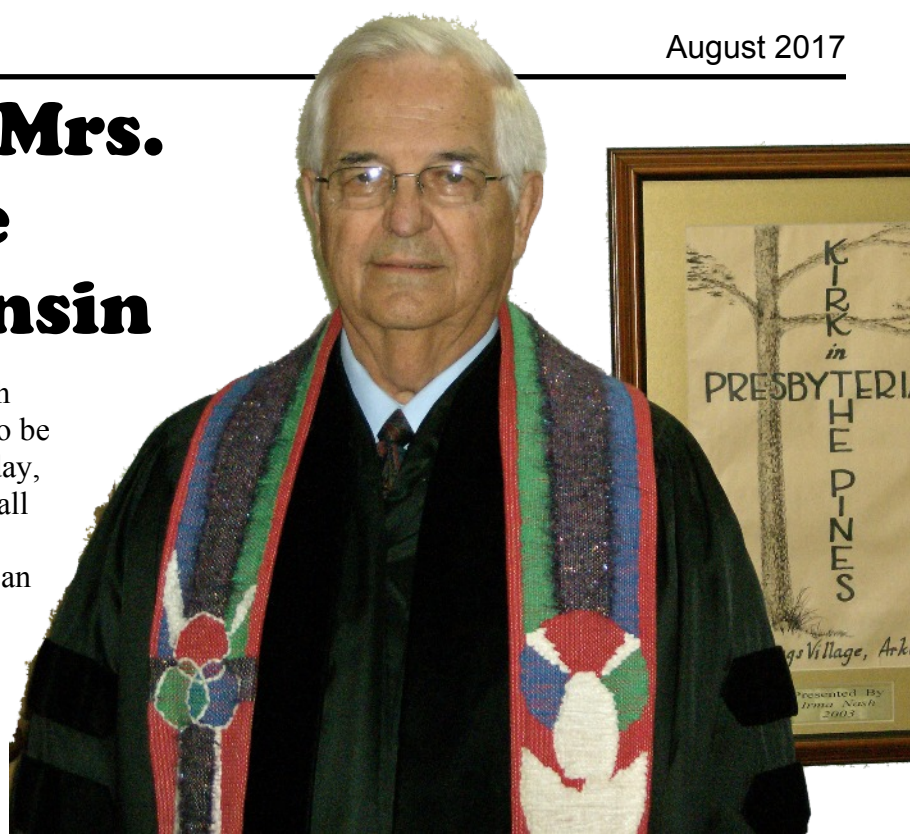
# The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henrich Eiler are moving to Wisconsin

After 23 years at the Kirk, the Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler and his wife, Jean, are moving to Wisconsin to be closer to family. The Kirk will honor them on Sunday, Aug. 27, with a going-away reception in Hoffius Hall immediately following the worship service.

The Eilers moved to the Village in 1994 from San Antonio, Texas, where Heinrich served for seven years as interim executive presbyter for Mission Presbytery. Jean joined the Kirk in May 1994, and Heinrich became an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Heinrich has been active in the presbytery, first serving as interim pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith and as mentor to new ministers beginning in 1995.

He served as interim associate executive presbyter for congregational development and social ministries from 1998 to 1999 and as chair of the subcommittee for the Lay Academy/Commissioned Lay Pastor program of the Christian Education Committee and Dean of the Lay Academy of the presbytery from 2001 until Oct. 2011.



He continued as mentor to several Commissioned Ruling Elders.

At the Kirk, Heinrich often served as pulpit supply, and Jean has been active in Presbyterian Women and other activities.

Please join us in bidding farewell to these dear friends who will be greatly missed.

— Judy Carroll

## Many helpers make light work of Saturday Communion preparation

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at the Kirk's Saturday Informal Service in Hoffius Hall with Communion by intinction on the evening before Communion Sunday.

Della Reimers, whose husband, Jim, is one of the worship leaders for the service, brings round loaves of King's Hawaiian bread and grape juice to Hoffius Hall and sets them up on the Communion table before the service.

A platter for the bread and a pottery pitcher and chalice for the juice are kept in a storage closet at Hoffius Hall, along with a tablecloth and napkins.

After the service, the leftover bread and juice is carried into the kitchen, and everything is put into storage for the next month.

"We have many willing helpers," said Della. "Many hands make light work."



Della Reimers, with "many willing helpers," prepares Communion for the Saturday Informal Service. (Jamie Federick photo)

## Team handles Communion Sunday

*Continued from page 1* Nancy and Jim Patton and Pat Bellamy are the "clean-up" committee. They gather the trays, empty them, and prepare them for storage until next month.

Many thanks to all the participants mentioned above for their many years of dedicated service.

— Barbara Worthley





# Maintaining the grounds

Maintaining the Kirk's grounds is a big job, and the reward is something beautiful for all to see. Here Dick Massey trims the grass while Vicki Rosenquist works in the flower bed outside Hoffius Hall. The Kirk Grounds and Memorial Committee's next workday begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4. Everyone is welcome to join. Thanks to all the volunteers who brave the summer heat to keep the Kirk grounds and gardens looking so beautiful. *(Ralph Greene and Joyce Leeming photos)*







Music by Voices Rising, a new Village vocal ensemble, filled the Kirk sanctuary on June 25. (Robert Sonnen photos)

## ***Full house thrilled by Voices Rising, talented new Village music group***

Voices Rising, a new Hot Springs Village vocal ensemble, filled the Kirk sanctuary with the gift of music on Sunday afternoon, June 25. They also packed the pews with an enthusiastic audience.

And what a gift it was! The ensemble of 12 singers, a percussionist, pianist, and harpist are unquestionably top-notch musicians. In various combinations of soloists and groups, they performed 15 numbers.

Many pieces were Gospel. There also were classical numbers in Latin, show tunes and patriotic offerings. A show-stopper was the rendition by tenor Marc Bremer of *Send in the Clowns*.

This was a benefit concert, with donated canned goods going to a local food pantry, and a freewill offering to be used to purchase new music. This was the group's first concert.

Voice Rising also announced a Christmas performance to be on Nov. 27. We will look forward to that!

– Dotty Rector





## Art classes at the Kirk

Award-winning artist Wendy Gage will teach four art classes this summer at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Antonio Drive.

Sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon on four consecutive Thursdays, July 25 through Aug. 15. Participants will learn how to prepare a batik design.

Batik is a method of dying paper and fabrics in which some areas are covered with wax before dyeing. The wax is then removed by hand, leaving the dyed areas in various shades of color.

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Artist Wendy Gage in her studio.



## Ten years together at the Kirk

On Sunday, Aug. 14 - 10 years to the day - the Rev. Bill Bailey celebrated his 10th anniversary at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. His sermon, "Trusting in Things Not Seen," reminded his listeners that we never know what is ahead, but we trust in God. Pastor Bailey, clerk of session, presented a love gift to Rev. Bailey from the congregation. In his hand following the service, the congregation provided a delicious brunch buffet, a beautiful cake, a love gift and cards. Many have said this church is just what you need. Bailey said, "I think you do. I'm grateful to be part of this community" (Robert Soenen photo).

## Presbyterian Kirk welcomes new members

The Slators are active in the community. The couple met in an interesting way - through Match.com - and they have some fun stories to tell.

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## Kirk Saturday night informal service celebrates 10 years

The informal service of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines celebrated its 10th anniversary on Saturday night, July 29. Pastor Bailey led the service, which was held in the sanctuary. The service was a celebration of the church's growth and the dedication of its members.

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Pastor Bailey will be honored at the Kirk's 10th anniversary service.

## Husband and wife partnership enhances Kirk's music ministry

Randy has sung in school and church choirs since his teens. He earned a bachelor's in vocal performance and a master's in music education. He worked 33 years with Liberty Corporation, but remained active in choirs in Richmond, Va., and now sings with the Village Chorus.

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Randy Toney, director of music, accompanied by his wife, Donna, performs a song for an upcoming church service at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. (Donna photo)

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# MEMORIES

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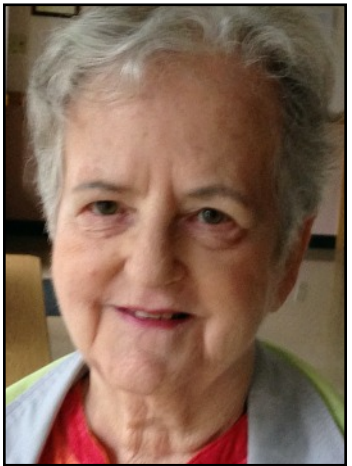
## Memories on display in August

Thanks to the hard-working Communication Committee, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is regularly featured in our local newspapers.

Madelyn Young sends articles and photos to the *Hot Springs Village Voice* and the *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record* about new members, special events and services, and other comings and goings at the Kirk.

When the articles are published, JoAnne Rich clips them and puts them in the Kirk's official scrapbook - which adds up to quite a few scrapbooks over the 10 years JoAnne has been in charge of the task.

The latest scrapbooks will be on display at the Saturday Night Service in Hoffius Hall on Aug. 12, and in the narthex before and after the Sunday worship service on Aug. 13. Stop by and take a look at the names in the news - one of them just might be yours.



JoAnne Rich has been keeping track of newspaper articles about the Kirk for the last 10 years. (Ralph Greene photos)



# SUPPLIES NEEDED

Your help is needed to make sure boys and girls at Vera Lloyd's children's home in Monticello, Ark., are ready for the first day of school. Below is a list of supplies needed. Please bring your donation to the Food Basket collection box in Hoffius Hall by Aug. 14.

## School Supply Wish List

- 3-ring binders - ½ inch and 1 inch
- Art supplies, including colored pencils, crayons, markers, glitter, paint, stickers, cardstock colored paper and construction paper
- Composition notebooks, no wire-bound spiral notebooks
- Fabric backpacks, unisex, no rollers

- Facial tissues
- Folders with brads and pockets
- Hand-held or electric pencil sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Pens and #2 pencils
- Poster board
- Small pencil/supply boxes or zippered pouch type that fits in binders
- Staples and staplers
- Walmart gift cards for school clothes and shoes

Thank you for your help. Please contact Gary Clark, 915-8497, with any questions.

– **Gary Clark**, Moderator  
Mission Committee



## 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.



# ***Ladies Marathon Bridge resumes Sept. 25***



A sign-up sheet for the Kirk Ladies Marathon Bridge 2017-18 is on the bulletin board in Hoffius Hall.

Please note your names together if you already have a partner.

Play days are the fourth Monday, Sept. 25, 2017-April 23, 2018, except December. Our salad luncheon is in May.

Place: Hoffius Hall

Time: 12:30 to about 4 p.m.

Refreshments: Suggest finger foods, dry snacks etc. Paper supplies, coffee, tea and water are provided.

Hostesses for the month are responsible for cards, score pads, pencils, food/service and clean-up for your two tables.

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

– Margery McIntosh

## **July heat no problem for intrepid Kirk golfers**

Sixteen hardy Kirk golfers played Cortez Golf Course on a hot July Sunday. Bragging rights for the day went to:

### **Women**

Longest putt on #3 – Barb Kalsbeek, 26 ft. 3/4 inches

Closest to the hole on #6 – Dotty Rector

### **Men**

Longest putt on #5 – Woodie Barfield, 4ft. 1 inch



Closest to the hole on #8 – Ron Lovett

Dinner after golfing at Raffaella Rose Restaurant at Cortez was attended by 26 golfers, spouses and friends.

Our next event is Aug. 13. After very little discussion regarding August heat, we decided our August event would only be nine holes. We are scheduled to play Ponce Golf Course, and dinner will follow golf at 5:30 p.m. at Mulligans at Ponce. Save the date.

If you are new to our Kirk, or looking for a friendly golf game, we welcome you. We are a group of single and couple golfers of all skill levels.

We play our Village courses the second Sunday of each month, April through October. If you would like additional information, please call 915-0134, or email [jimobhess@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimobhess@suddenlink.net)

– Jim Hess

## ***Coffee Closet open Aug. 13***

The PW Coffee Closet is open the second Sunday of each month with a great selection of Fair Trade regular, decaf and flavored coffees. We also carry single-serve cups in three flavors, as well as many varieties of tea.

Fair Trade products are natural and delicious, but the best part is each purchase helps a family farm across the world and helps support a community's economy.

Call Carol Clark, 915-8497, for information about special orders.



## ***Summer Book Club opens on a sweet note***

The Kirk Summer Book Club is off to a great start. The group is meeting from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday during July and August in the Kirk Library. In July, they've been reading James Baldwin's first major work, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*.

At the club's first meeting, discussion of Baldwin's book was lively. The author's protagonist – 14-year-old John – is a fictional character, but Baldwin's portrayal reveals much about his own life growing up in an African American family in Harlem during the '30s.

All of the novel's characters struggle with the fundamentalist “hellfire and damnation” religion dominating their lives.

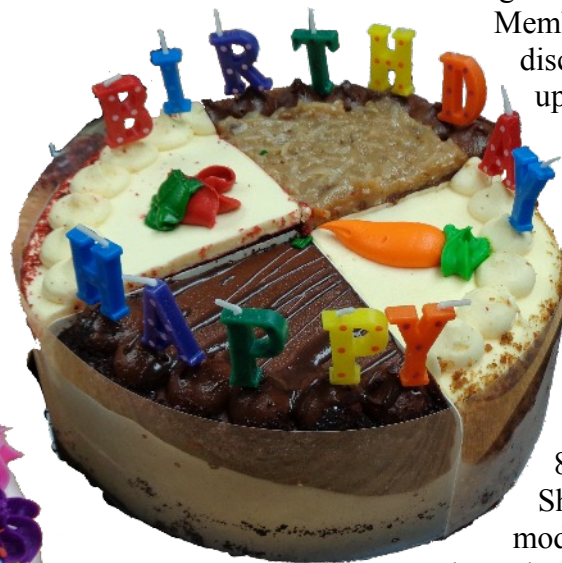
Members of the Book Club discussed their own upbringing, some relating similar backgrounds in strict, conservative families and churches.

On July 5, participants also enjoyed another special event. Their leader, Lowell Gardner, celebrated his 82nd birthday. His wife, Sharon, and Education moderator Pat Kuntz each

brought cakes to share, and Lowell served one of his delicious herbal teas. That was a fun treat!



The Kirk Summer Book Club members (above) enjoyed their first session on July 5. Pictured right are Pat Kuntz, moderator of Education (left), and Sharon Gardner (right) with club leader, Lowell Gardner. Lowell modeled his new “literary” T-shirt, “Synonym rolls, just like Grammar used to make.” Two birthday cakes for Lowell were shared at the meeting.



**Story and photos by  
Madelyn Young**



# The world may not be perfect, but it's good

Weather is often the topic of casual conversation. In times of turbulent storms, Christians, as well as nonbelievers, engage in speculation as to whether God or an unnamed force is involved. Just such quizzical or more meaningful deliberation is addressed in the second of our Summer Book Club reading selections.

*Creation Untamed*, by Terence E. Fretheim, headlines this topic spelled out in the subtitle: *The Bible, God and Natural Disasters*.

Dr. Fretheim, the Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, plunges headlong into the subject. In the first five pages of the first chapter, he postulates his primary idea: "God created the world good, not perfect."

To fully comprehend his premise, it is necessary to read the entire book. However, it is well to understand that the writer does not tiptoe around the various concerns readers might have. He outlines clearly his thoughts on the subject. He then tests them in the context of the Genesis stories of creation, the biblical account of the great flood, and the experience of Job with his counselors before tackling modern day events.

The Summer Book Club meets each Wednesday morning from 9 to 10:30 in the Kirk library. Delicious iced teas and "crumpets" are served at each session.

Copies of Dr. Fretheim's book are available in many local book stores or through Amazon, where Kindle, hard cover or paperback versions may be ordered.

Read the book and join us as we accept the challenge and discuss the implications of *Creation Untamed: The Bible, God, and Natural Disasters*.

– Lowell Gardner

## Games group adds 'golf' to its lineup

The Games Night Shepherd Group gathered July 11 in Hoffius Hall for games, goodies, and fellowship. We normally gather on the first Tuesday night of the month, but in July that was the Fourth, so we met a week later.

Eighteen members played either Hand & Foot, Mexican Train or "Golf" – a new game played with cards!

Refreshments and snacks were provided by Norma and Steve Stevens and JoAnne Rich.

The next Games Night will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 1. All are welcome.

– Barbara Worthley



## The Mail Corner

### Rich family blessed to receive Kirk's support

Words cannot express how much our family appreciates the love and compassion expressed to us during our time of sorrow.

I want to thank Pastor Bailey for his prayers and concerns at a time when I needed it the most, and for all the food, phone calls, and cards. I feel blessed to be a part of this congregation.

God bless each of you.

JoAnne Rich and family

### Shirley Wilcoxon dies at 92 in Oregon

It's been a while, but there might still be some members who remember my dad and my stepmother, Ralph and Shirley Wilcoxon.

They were married at the church and were involved with church activities. Dad served as an elder, and they especially enjoyed coffee time downstairs after the service. My dad's memorial service was at the Kirk, and his ashes are there at the church.

Shirley Wilcoxon died unexpectedly on June 26, 2017, in Woodburn, Ore. She was 92 years old. She is survived by her daughter, Pam, and step-daughters, Barb and Linda.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end – they are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness!" Lamentations 3:22-23.

Linda Sebastian

### Anne Sara says thanks

I'd like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, including the special one from the whole church, and the lovely lunch brought over for Joe and me!

What started out as a routine knee replacement changed due to a complication afterwards, so my recuperation is taking longer. I so miss coming to Sunday service, and hopefully, will be able to come again soon. Thanks again so much!

Anne Sara

# ***May fortune be found in every little cookie***

Chinese fortune cookies may be able to supplement my sorely lacking storehouse of great wisdom.

Each diner at a nearby restaurant receives one upon payment of the bill. The logic seems sound. After all, their civilization is centuries older than ours here in the good old USA.

*"Happiness is not an outside job. It's an inside job."* Profound!

*"If it seems fates are against you today, they probably are."* A bit depressing, but it does often appear to be true.

Then I gleaned an interesting historic fact. Fortune cookies originated not in China but in Japan. They were served as part of a New Year's celebration in a Shinto shrine.

In the 1890s, Makoto Hagiwara, a Japanese immigrant, introduced a dessert called *trujillo ura senbei* at Golden Gate Park's Japanese Tea Room.

Then in 1918, a rival modern version of a cookie with a saying inserted was made in Los Angeles by David Jung, founder of the Hong Kong Noodle Company.

In 1983, a federal judge of the Court of Historic Review ruled



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in favor of Hagiwara. In America, everything seems to end up in court!

One recently received "fortune" I believe bears noting. *"The usefulness of a cup is in its emptiness."* When empty, a cup or any container has full capacity for greater richness.

This is true of an individual. No matter what our age, if we are open to learning, the opportunities never cease. The scriptures often speak of being empty in order to be filled. (Eph. 3:16-17, Phil. 1:9-11, 2: 5-7, 2 Cor. 5:7)

Our own church library can be a source of that filling. Bibles in various translations, Bible dictionaries, commentaries and encyclopedias fill the shelves.

There are movies, CDs, DVDs and devotional books to enhance your faith and challenge your mind. Open yourself up to what our God through our library has for you.

## **PW Circles**

### ***Meetings will resume in September***

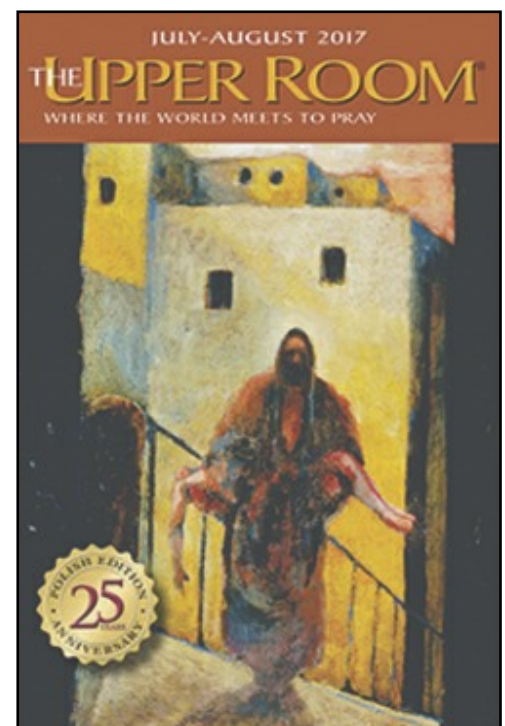
I would like to invite you to come check out our Presbyterian Women this year. We will be using *The Upper Room* as our devotional guide. Christ is among us in fresh ways when we gather together, listening to God and each other.

You may pick up your copy of the Sept./Oct. *Upper Room* toward the end of August. They will be in

the narthex and downstairs on Sundays. There is no cost.

Our fall PW Cluster meeting is Thursday, Aug. 17, at Barr Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norman. It is at Main St. and Water Tower Rd. Registration is from 9:15 to 9:45. The cost is \$8.50. Let's go support our sisters in Norman.

– **Becky Wakefield**







# Happy dates



## ***Birthdays***

August 1	Earl Mulley	August 8	Judy Stewart	August 25	Betty Powell
August 2	Janna Lyndon	August 10	Frank Leeming	August 27	Tom Fink
	Sue New	August 11	Barb Henry		Kari Florey
	Theresa Nottrott	August 13	LuDean Walston		Cindy Morgan
	Bob White	August 14	Bev Carpenter	August 28	Jim Hess
August 3	Barbara Guenther-	August 18	Shirley Freeman-		Pat McPheters
	McAnarney		Stollsteimer	August 29	Bill Reynolds
	Stephenie Hebert	August 23	Carol Clark	August 30	Barbara Harris
August 7	Jean Dillon		Pat Koller	August 31	Mary Anne Wood
	Art Volkema	August 24	Cora Jane Pope		

## ***Anniversaries***

July 29	Vicki and Dave Rosenquist	39 years	August 18	Ellen and Harry Marshall	60 years
August 1	Donna and Randy Toney	36 years	August 19	Nancy and Jim Patton	39 years
August 4	Beth and Ted Sampsel	61 years	August 23	Marilyn and Jerral Johnson	60 years
August 6	Ellie and Don Elsenheimer	57 years		Judy and Duane Sonnenburg	58 years
August 7	Vel and Jack Huebner	54 years	August 25	Judy and Larry Stewart	61 years
August 8	Madelyn and Robin Young	59 years	August 26	Mary Ann and Bill Reynolds	55 years
August 10	Joyce and Paul Hayek	59 years	August 30	Emily and Dennis Faulk	59 years
	Gloria and Hep Hepner	59 years		Barb and Earl Mulley	30 years
August 11	Doris and Carl Simmons	50 years			

## **Potter's Clay getting help from Food Basket**

During August, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Potter's Clay. 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 Potter's Clay 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.

– **Gary Clark**, Moderator  
Mission Committee

## ***Deadline is Aug. 1 for PW Retreat***

There will be a two-day PW Retreat Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12, at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center.

The retreat's theme is "Women's Place as Defined in Scripture: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The \$100 registration fee includes the workshop, crafts, a room for one night and four meals. If going for only one day, your \$25 fee includes lunch.

Sophia Said will be the workshop leader. To make reservations, call Ferncliff at 501 821-3063 by Aug. 1.



# ***Let's plan to get to know each other***

It's still hot outside, but believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about fall activities.

Several new members have joined the Kirk since last spring, and it's time to help them get to know others in the congregation,

This only works if seasoned Kirk veterans sign up for the Dinners for Six program, along with new members. So if you're ready to start your fall schedule, please use the sign-up sheets available the first two Sundays in August or call the Booths at 922- 6475.

Each couple, or pair of singles, will host one time during the September-to-December period. They will

provide the main course. The others will bring companion dishes. Then each group decides the dates they

will meet and if they would prefer breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Remember, it's the fellowship that counts, not the meal.

Please sign up no later than Aug. 15. If you have any comments or questions, give us a call at 922-6475 or email us at [tb4booth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tb4booth@sbcglobal.net).

*– Barbara and Tony Booth*



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