

# A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## ***Okay, what exactly is a vexillologist?***

**By Dotty Rector**

Dennis Zymboly's interest in history began in childhood. When Denny and his wife Rhonie bought a colonial style house in Illinois in 1971, he thought a Betsy Ross flag would look nice flying in front of their new house.

A neighbor noticed it and showed him a Bennington flag, flown in 1776 to celebrate the bicentennial of our country. That's where it all started.

Since then, Denny has collected some 60 flags, all representing particular times in the history of the United States.

Denny has developed a program representing his interpretation of the history of U.S. flags. He stresses this is *his* interpretation since a



Dennis Zymboly with one of his many flags. (Jamie Federick photo)

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## **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 Summer Book Club**  
9 a.m. in Library



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



# General Assembly meeting in St. Louis

Many of you are aware that the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (USA) will be gathering June 16-23 in St. Louis.

Some 2,500 persons, including commissioners elected in each of our denomination's 173 presbyteries, as well as other observers and youth advisors, national and international delegates, will assemble.

This continues a tradition begun in 1789 with the first General Assembly in Philadelphia.

The General Assembly is our highest governing body and represents the "connected" nature of our synods, presbyteries, Sessions and congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Presbyterian congregations are not "lone ranger" churches, independent of each other. Instead, we are, all of us, connected to and accountable to each other.

This year's Assembly will be full of activities: Business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services and mission tours sponsored by the local churches.

As in previous years, there are a number of overtures that have the potential to unite and/or divide church members.

The overtures will provoke a great deal of discussion and energy. It is important to remember the Assembly is not just the national staff in Louisville, Ky.

## The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



It consists of clergy and elder commissioners from local churches all over the country – people just like you and me. And like us, they do not always agree on theology and what is best for the church.

The Assembly's pronouncements are intended to speak *to* the church, not necessarily *for* everyone in the church.

Let us continue to pray that God might grant all of us "wisdom and courage for the living of these days." As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us seek to discern common ground as well as where God is leading us together in mission and service.



## Sign up now for June 6 church picnic

Our annual Kirk picnic is right around the corner, so don't forget to make a reservation.

We'll be gathering at the Balboa Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6.

Clampits is catering and tickets are \$8 for each person. You can sign up before or after the Saturday or Sunday worship services through June 3.

Our theme this year is "Favorite Baseball Team," so wear your favorite team's T-shirt or cap and come join the fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions, call Vicki Rosenquist at 706 371-2877.





# Search is on for new Session members

The Nomination Committee has begun its search for candidates to fill four positions on the Session.

If you know someone who would make a good Session member, contact a member of the Nomination Committee, which is composed of Barb Henry, Pat Hightower, Jim Hess, Vicki Rosenquist and Jerral Johnson.

Do not make direct contact with the individual you'd like to recommend. That should be done by members of the Nomination Committee. The committee will consider everyone recommended.

The committee also is looking for persons to serve on next year's Nomination Committee. If you know of someone, let the committee know.

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It is with sorrow we report the loss of two members in the recent weeks:

**Judy Pogemiller's** passing was April 1, 2018, in Hot Springs Village. There will be a private interment June 17 in the Kirk in the Pines Memorial Garden. The Rev. Leah Pogemiller, Judy's stepdaughter, will officiate.

## The Clerk's Corner

**Jerral Johnson**



**Mary Beal** passed away May 6, 2018, in Hot Springs. No service is planned at this time.

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Madelyn Young has requested a Letter of Transfer be sent to Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 323, Franklin, TN 37065-0323.

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Church Statistics as May 18, 2018:

- Members – 332
- Family Units – 224

### By Judy Carroll

Fifteen years ago, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines began honoring its Scottish heritage with the Kirkin' o' the Tartans.

Every three years since then, the Kirk has celebrated on a Sunday in September with bagpipers, tartans, and a high tea with traditional Scottish treats.

This year the tradition continues on Sunday, Sept. 16, as Kirk members carry family tartans from Scotland, Ireland and Wales escorted by the Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band.

Presbyterians began celebrating Kirkin' o' the Tartans in 1941 when the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., held the first ceremony at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

This isn't an ancient ritual transported to the United States from Scotland, as many

assume. It does have its roots in the clan system which ruled the highlands of Scotland for centuries.

Every year, the different clans would gather and dedicate the family (clan) to God for the coming year. After the battle of Culloden in 1746, the clan system came to an end. Bagpipe music was banned by the English, and wearing or displaying the tartan was punishable by death.

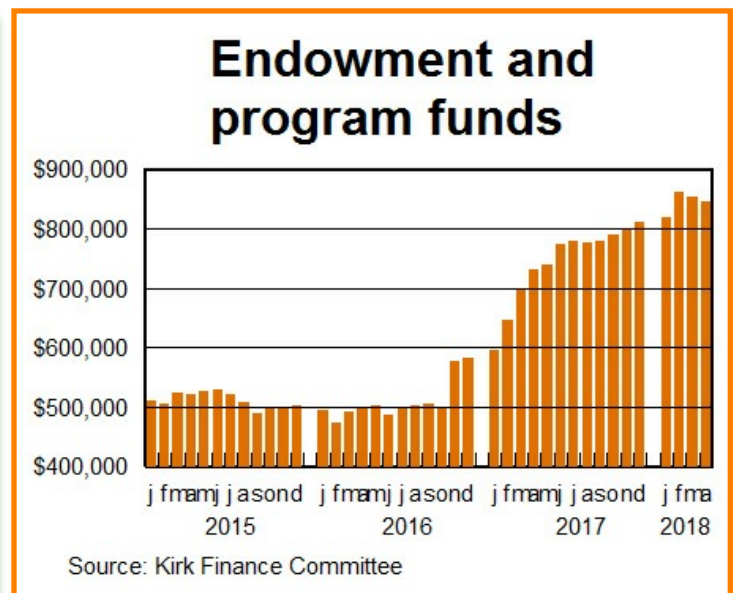
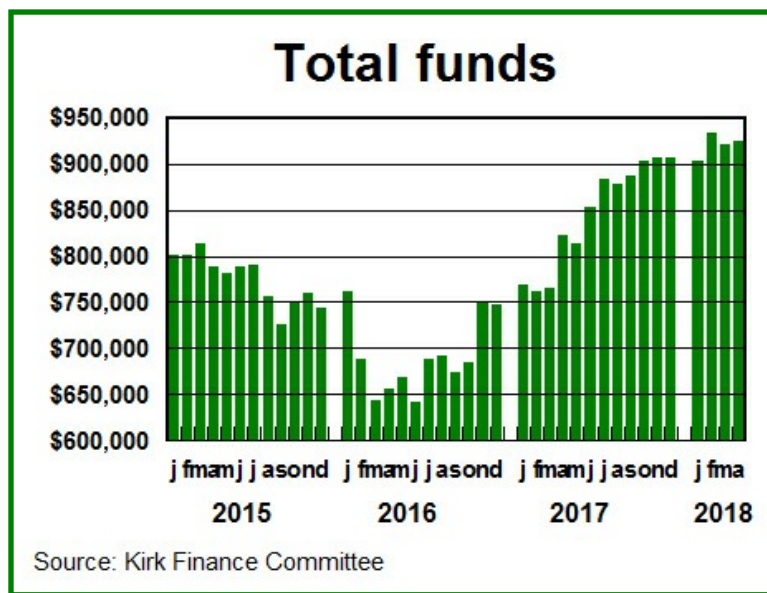
After abolition of the tartan in Scotland, clansmen took to carrying swatches of the material to church concealed on their person. At some point in the service, the clergyman would touch their bit of tartan. Thus, with no overt signal given, an underground kirkin' would take place.

***Judy Carroll is former Moderator of the Communication Committee.***

## Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

### Year to date as of April 30, 2018

|   | Month         |               | Year to date  |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
| <b>General Fund:</b>                    |               |               |               |               |
| Receipts                                | \$ 36,311     | \$ 48,781     | \$ 145,243    | \$ 161,645    |
| Disbursements                           | \$ 36,311     | \$ 29,345     | \$ 145,243    | \$ 117,077    |
| <b>Building Fund:</b>                   |               |               |               |               |
| Receipts                                | \$ 4,543      | \$ 8,163      | \$ 18,172     | \$ 22,223     |
| Disbursements                           | \$ 4,543      | \$ 4,626      | \$ 18,172     | \$ 32,876     |
| <b>Total all funds:</b>                 |               |               |               |               |
| Receipts                                | \$ 40,854     | \$ 56,944     | \$ 163,415    | \$ 183,868    |
| Disbursements                           | \$ 40,854     | \$ 33,971     | \$ 163,415    | \$ 149,954    |
| Checking and Money Market Funds Balance |               |               |               | \$ 76,745     |
| <b>Special funds:</b>                   |               |               |               |               |
| Memorial fund                           |               |               |               | \$ 44,083     |
| Luke 12:48 fund                         |               |               |               | \$ 114,744    |
| Programs fund                           |               |               |               | \$ 87,782     |
| Endowment fund                          |               |               |               | \$ 601,077    |
| <b>Total special funds</b>              |               |               |               | \$ 847,586    |



## ***\$630 for Mission***

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$630** was collected in April.

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.

# Alice Sparks doesn't miss the big city!

By Jamie Federick

Alice Sparks was born in Los Angeles and lived there through kindergarten. She calls Dallas her home. She has lived in Hot Springs Village for two and a half years.

After 50 years of marriage, Alice lost her husband, Jerry, in August 2017. Their two sons live in North Dakota and Arlington, Texas. Her sister and two brothers are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Alice has an extended family, including seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Traveling to keep up with their activities and celebrations keeps her calendar full!

Coming from a long line of Baptist ministers, Alice considers herself "genetically Baptist." However, in the early 1990s, Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving, Texas, became the family's church home.

Her husband was an elder in the church. Three of their grandchildren were with them frequently and were blessed by the youth ministry and attending Sunday School, summer camp and other activities.

Alice loves the beautiful state of Arkansas and does not miss the big city one bit!

She was so glad to find the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines with its warm and welcoming congregation. As a new member, she looks forward to getting to know everyone and worshiping and serving together.

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



New member Alice Sparks used to live in the Dallas area.

**New members**

***New-member photos by Robert Sonnen***





New member Susan Unger moved to Hot Springs Village from the Little Rock area.

## ***New member Susan Unber is a ‘Get Fit’ leader***

**By Barbara Worthley**

As residents of Little Rock, Susan Unger and husband, Ken, were looking for a weekend home. In 2012, they purchased a home in Hot Springs Village. They became full-time residents in 2014 and Susan began searching for a church home.

She attended several churches in the area looking for the proper fit ... a friendly place offering service and educational opportunities.

Susan found the Kirk’s website and Facebook page. She checked the activities calendar and listened to Pastor Bill Bailey’s sermons on line.

Having a Scottish background, the Kirk seemed like a perfect fit!

As a certified yoga instructor and a “Get Fit” leader, Susan follows her passion for spirituality, balance and healthy living. Prior to attending a church service at the Kirk, she attended the weekly Tai Chi classes in Hoffius Hall and met some church members.

Originally from New Jersey, Susan lived in California and South Carolina before moving to Arkansas. She and Ken have two grown children and a grandson living in the Little Rock area. Being only an hour away allows them to be involved with lots of family activities.

While Susan considers raising a family her “career,” she’s had

several jobs outside the home.

Probably the most interesting was working in a real-estate office as a licensed assistant.

Since becoming a member of the Kirk, Susan has attended a PW Circle meeting and the Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Pastor Bailey. She has been invited to a Shepherd Group and asked to join a committee, and is considering which opportunities are a fit for her.

When you see Susan at church, be sure to welcome her and let her know how happy we are to have her join our church family.

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

# Daughter's push led Sharon Hogue to Kirk

By Arnie Holtberg

Hailing from Piggott, Ark., independent, kind and caring as well as a lively conversationalist, Sharon Hogue found her way to Hot Springs Village with her now deceased husband, Bill, many years ago.

Bill was in the Army National Guard and stationed in Hot Springs when a friend invited him to play golf on one of the Village courses. He fell in love with the community. So did Sharon.

They began renting vacation condominiums. This led to buying their own condo and, eventually, a home where Sharon now enjoys the quiet and measured pace of living.

Sharon is a retired, self-employed CPA who settled in the Village seven years ago. Her daughter, who lives in Sherwood, Ark., was responsible for convincing Sharon to make the Village her permanent home.

Sharon also has two sons, one in Arkadelphia and the other in New York City. She loves her sojourns to New York to take in shows.

She says she feels fortunate to have been able to explore beyond the small towns where she has lived. This was true because of her husband's military service.

After 45 years, Bill retired from the Army National Guard as a Command Sergeant Major. That rank led to him to be deployed to Egypt after 9/11. This let Sharon visit him for a most memorable week. Her



New member Sharon Hogue.

exploring also has been enabled by her son living in New York.

Another of Sharon's true blessings is her "Granny's Room" at her daughter's home in Sherwood, as are her two grandchildren and her five great grandchildren.

Growing up Presbyterians, Sharon and Bill chose to attend a Methodist church for a while because its youth group afforded opportunities for their children. Sharon belonged to another church in the Village after first moving here.

However, during a visit her daughter said she would like to worship at a Presbyterian church one Sunday. That's how Sharon discovered Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

She enjoys the Kirk because it is welcoming and comfortable. Pastor

Bailey's sermons are stimulating and good. Sharon visited the Kirk for several years and felt so comfortable she was continually drawn back to the fold.

Among Sharon's interests are crafts and things floral.

**Arnie Holtberg is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.**

## ***Batik art class on July 26***

Do you enjoy art projects with a unique twist or something brand new?

Reserve the morning of July 26 between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. Wendy Gage will be conducting a Batik class, a method combining dying rice paper and fabrics.

Look for more details in the July newsletter.

## ***Larry Stewart's family thanks Kirk***

The family of Larry Stewart wishes to offer their heartfelt thanks to the Kirk extended family for their loving thoughts, prayers and kind acts of loving encouragement and support during Larry's extended illness and recent passing.

*Judy Stewart*

# ***Bon Voyage! They're off to France, Switzerland!***

**By Joyce Leeming**

Up, up, and away!

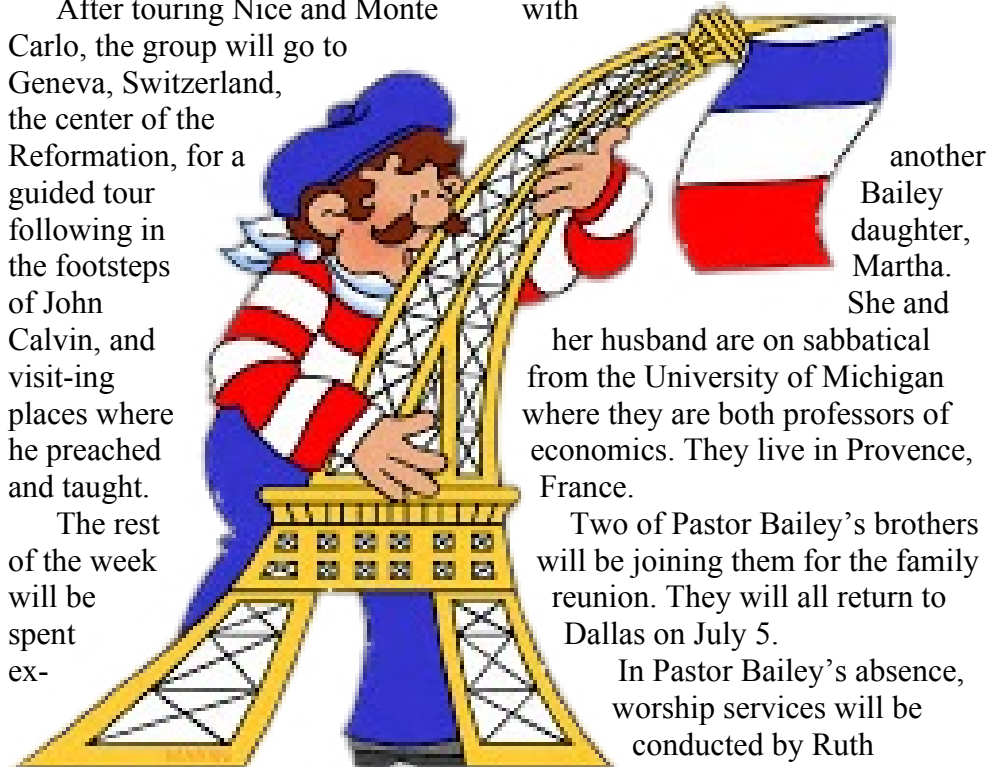
On June 11 Pastor Bailey and his tour group will depart from Dallas on British Airways for their 12-day trip to France and Switzerland, flying overnight, and landing in the resort town of Nice on the French Riviera.

After touring Nice and Monte Carlo, the group will go to Geneva, Switzerland, the center of the Reformation, for a guided tour following in the footsteps of John Calvin, and visit-ing places where he preached and taught.

The rest of the week will be spent ex-

ploring French cities, villages and historical sights, shopping, and enjoying fine French cuisine and local wines.

Pastor Bill and Anne Bailey, daughter Hannah and grandson Elijah, and sister-in-law Taryn Bailey are staying an extra week to have a long-awaited reunion with



her husband are on sabbatical from the University of Michigan where they are both professors of economics. They live in Provence, France.

Two of Pastor Bailey's brothers will be joining them for the family reunion. They will all return to Dallas on July 5.

In Pastor Bailey's absence, worship services will be conducted by Ruth

Hamilton on June 17, the Rev. Stewart Smith, Executive Presbyter, on July 1, and the Rev. Garland Garlington, retired Presbyterian pastor from North Little Rock, on June 24 and July 8.

Kirk members signed up for the tour are Sharon Collar, Jean Fisher, Priscilla and Tom Hayek, Jan and Arnie Holtberg, Ron Lovett and Ruth Richards, Shirley Siska, Sharon Swan and Carol Sue Williams.

Out-of-towners accompanying them are Debbie Cordell, Houston; Jean Fisher's twin grandchildren, Brianne and Jim Harper from Florida; Marilyn Miller and Patricia Moon of Farmington, Utah, and Kitty and Cliff Reddin of Hot Springs.

We wish them all an exciting and safe journey. We shall look forward to their return, seeing pictures and hearing all about their trip.

Bon Voyage, everyone!

*Joyce Leeming is the Kirk's tour coordinator.*

## **This shepherd group enjoys a good ball game**

**By Ed Baldwin**

Shepherd Group 6 is considered "Traditional," meaning its activities vary throughout the year.

Known as the "Sixers," the group kicked off last year with a trip to Little Rock for an Arkansas Traveler's baseball game, complete with "peanuts and crackerjacks," and possibly some beer. The Travelers lost to some team from Texas.

Last fall, the Sixers enjoyed a feast prepared by students at the Culinary Institute, an Arkansas technical college south of Little Rock.

The Sixer's Christmas Gala was at the Baldwin's home and included some potential new Kirk members.

February saw the Sixers brunching after church at



### **From the flock**

***Reports about our Shepherd Groups***

the Desoto Club and hosting Donna Mahurin, CEO of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Services at Monticello.

This summer, the Sixers are planning an exhibition by the Woodworker's Club, again with food and drink. Another Traveler's game will be part of the summer mix.

*Ed Baldwin is leader of Shepherd Group 6.*



# ***Dennis Zymboly loves talking about his flags***

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lot of the history is lost or replaced by myth.

His presentations in Hot Springs Village began as a kind of a fluke.

He belonged in the Village Genealogical Society. When a program presenter cancelled, he volunteered to put together a program on flags.

From there it mushroomed, becoming more and more popular.

Denny has given dozens of programs in the Village, Hot Springs and even Texas. Nursing homes, patriotic groups, churches and schools are popular venues. His most recent program was April 14 at Good Samaritan.

An illustrated, organized notebook he has developed is taken to each presentation and forms the basis of his talks.

"There wasn't much interest in the American flag until the Civil War began," Denny says. Prior to that, interest was in local flags.

After the Betsy Ross flag, Vikings, Columbus and French flags were all flown here. When the Revolutionary War began, we had no official flag so many flags were put together by families and groups.

Some were representing battles. The Navy had its own flag.

When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, we had no official flag. So in June, 1777, the Flag



Act was adopted, where 13 stars and 13 stripes were required. However, the pattern was not described, so there were many designs.

It was 1912 before there was a specific design decreed by executive order. There is a star for each state and thirteen stripes, representing the thirteen original colonies.

Denny enjoys giving the flag presentations as a community service.

"We honor our flag," he says, "because it represents our history and our heritage."

By the way, a vexillologist is a person who studies flags.

*Dotty Rector is a member of the Communication Committee.*



**The Kirk  
in the  
Community**

## **The bus is full for trip to Marlsgate, Heifer**

On June 28 a full motorcoach of passengers will leave Hot Springs Village for a fun day trip to tour and have a gourmet lunch at the historic Marlsgate Plantation in Scott, Ark. Coming home they will stop in Little Rock to tour Heifer International's Exhibit Museum and Green Building Headquarters.

Many people were involved in making this trip a reality. It was Kirk member Jim Koller's idea. Pat McPheters is the Kirk's representative and escort, and handled many of the details and reservations through Vacation Valet. The



Kirk newsletter and congregation helped spread the word in combination with publicity throughout the Village.

By mid-May all 40 seats had been reserved. The trip is sponsored by the Kirk Education and Member Outreach committees. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

Now we'll wait for news about another interesting trip being considered for the fall.



Members of the Lumos Wind Quintet are (from left) Georgina Silverton (Flute), Harriet Brown (Oboe), Benjamin Garalnick (French Horn), Hugh Woolley (Bassoon) and Jacob Perry (Clarinet).

## Talented quintet from England will perform June 10 at the Kirk as part of music festival

By Donna Toney

The Lumos Wind Quintet will play at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10, in the Kirk sanctuary as part of the Hot Springs Music Festival. A reception will follow in Hoffius Hall.

The Quintet was formed in 2014. The group plays a variety of musical styles with arrangements allowing each player to be featured as a soloist.

Members of the quintet are Georgina Silverton (Flute), Harriet Brown (Oboe), Benjamin Garalnick (French Horn), Hugh Woolley (Bassoon) and Jacob Perry (Clarinet).

They are all students at the Birmingham (England) Conservatoire where they are taught by world-renowned instructors.

They have also played with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, performed at The Royal Albert Hall, and in concert halls abroad.

Because of their exceptional talents, Quintet has been invited to serve as the first Outreach Ensemble for the Hot Springs Music Festival.

In addition to their performance at the Kirk, the Quintet will perform at the festival's opening at 6:45 p.m. June 3 at the Arlington Hotel. They also will play a short pre-movie

concert on Thursday, June 14, at the Farmer's Market in Hot Springs and will present the premiere performance of *The Ugly Duckling*, a musical fable created in collaboration with their Festival Mentor, Joseph Salvalaggio, at the Garland County Library at 10:30 a.m. on June 15.

They will all participate in the Festival finale concert on June 16, playing Mahler 1.

Single adult tickets for the Kirk concert are \$15. Students under 17, or of any age with a valid student ID, may attend for \$5.

*Donna Toney is the Kirk's organist and pianist.*



# Kirk prayer shawls offer much comfort

**40 new shawls  
were dedicated  
on May 13**

**By Jan Holtberg**

Forty beautifully crocheted or knitted prayer shawls were dedicated May 13 in the sanctuary.

For more than 10 years, beautiful prayer shawls have been made by eight to 10 dedicated and talented Kirk women. More than 50 shawls are lovingly made each year and given to individuals whose life circumstances have rendered them in need of the warm and comforting overture.

The names of those in our congregation experiencing distress from things like hospitalization, loss of a spouse, separation from family members, or who are homebound and otherwise in need of comfort, are collected by Pastor Bill Bailey, Elder Leader Sylvia Tate, Congregational Care Committee Moderator Sally Fink, or Visitation Coordinator Janie Smith.

The Kirk also gives shawls to hospices in the area. The shawls dedicated last month, for example, will be delivered to Arkansas Hospice, CHI St. Vincent Hospice and Dierksen Hospice by Carolyn Kane and Barbara Keegan.

If you have knitted or crocheted and have a desire to get involved in this caring, comforting ministry, look no farther. Your contribution would be most appreciated.

Creating a prayer shawl is a great use of leftover yarn, a good rehabilitation for carpal tunnel surgery and a stress reliever. It provides the satisfaction of giving a gift of your time and talents to someone who is in need of solace.

Jane Garrison created shawls for the church a few years ago. She



40 new prayer shawls were dedicated at the worship service on May 13.  
(Jan Holtberg photo)

already knew how to knit and thought knitting shawls for people in need sounded like an interesting project. She was told she only needed to know three stitches, "Father, Son and Holy Ghost." She made five or six shawls.

Sissy Wilson is a self-taught crocheter who enjoys crocheting to relieve stress. She has been the most prolific of our contributors. She says it's her way of giving back to the Kirk. Sissy collects her yarn from resale stores, garage sales and former knitters.

If anyone is questioning the value of this ministry go no further than reading testimonies from recipients.

Pat Hightower said the prayer shawl given to her late husband, Tom, was greatly appreciated by him for its warmth of temperature and the warmth of compassion expressed by the Kirk member who crocheted it.

Ned Wilson received a prayer shawl several years ago. Ned's wife, Martha, remembers the touching

## Behind the scenes



moment when he received it. She said it was very meaningful that it had been created by a church member. The shawl is being saved for their first great grandchild.

Each shawl is given with a card that reads, "Please accept this prayer shawl. It has been made especially for you to warm and comfort you through this difficult time. It comes to you along with the prayers of the whole congregation."

***Jan Holtberg is a member of the  
Kirk Communication Committee.***





The Rev. Georgia Senior delivering the Spring Lecture in Hoffius Hall. (Lowell Gardner photo)

## God's presence can embolden our lives

By Lowell Gardner

Like the lemon fragrance of the lighted candle emanating from one of her telling illustrations, the Rev. Georgia Senior's presentation April 26 at the Spring Lecture Series in Hoffius Hall, entitled "The Sacred Is Now," delightfully engaged the minds and spirits of the participants.

Her genuine smile and open acknowledgment of an honest, yet insightful, awareness of God's presence in simple human experiences, was contagious.

The Rev. Senior's extraordinary discovery of the thought-to-be waste of Frost-weed along Lee Creek in the Boston Mountains brought to her mind Ezekiel's "dry bone" vision in Chapter 37.

With her assistance, listeners were able to envision the apparently discarded, emboldened with meaningful life.

Then *Romans 8:28* reassures us that, emboldened with God's presence and purpose in our lives, his ongoing good is revealed in varying times and manners.

Following a delicious lunch of warmed corn beef and cheese sandwiches, fruit, chips, desserts and beverages, graciously served up by our own Greenhorn Ladies, we reconvened.

The Rev. Senior revisited a topic she shared at the Kirk four years ago, pointing out to previous and new participants the extended dimension of her topic, namely

"Encountering God in Everyday Life Even as We Continue Our Journey Home."

While reviewing *John 13-21*, the Rev. Senior helped listeners understand sharing God's constant presence in service to others enriches the server as well as the one served.

The Rev. Georgia Senior's words demonstrated her point. Thank you, Georgia!

*Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.*

## PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, June 17

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.



# Zacchaeus to appear June 16 and tell his story

By Lowell Gardner

Zacchaeus, the *publicani* of diminutive stature who once resided in Jericho, the nation of Israel, will make a guest appearance at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in Hoffius Hall as part of the regular informal worship service.

This Jewish collector of taxes for the Roman military, occupiers of his nation, will share with those in attendance his life-altering experience one afternoon over 2,000 years ago.

Zacchaeus (aka Norm Martin) will describe his background and the early years leading up to the fateful day when, hoping to see a local traveling celebrity, he climbed a sycamore-fig tree and went from infamy to eternal life.

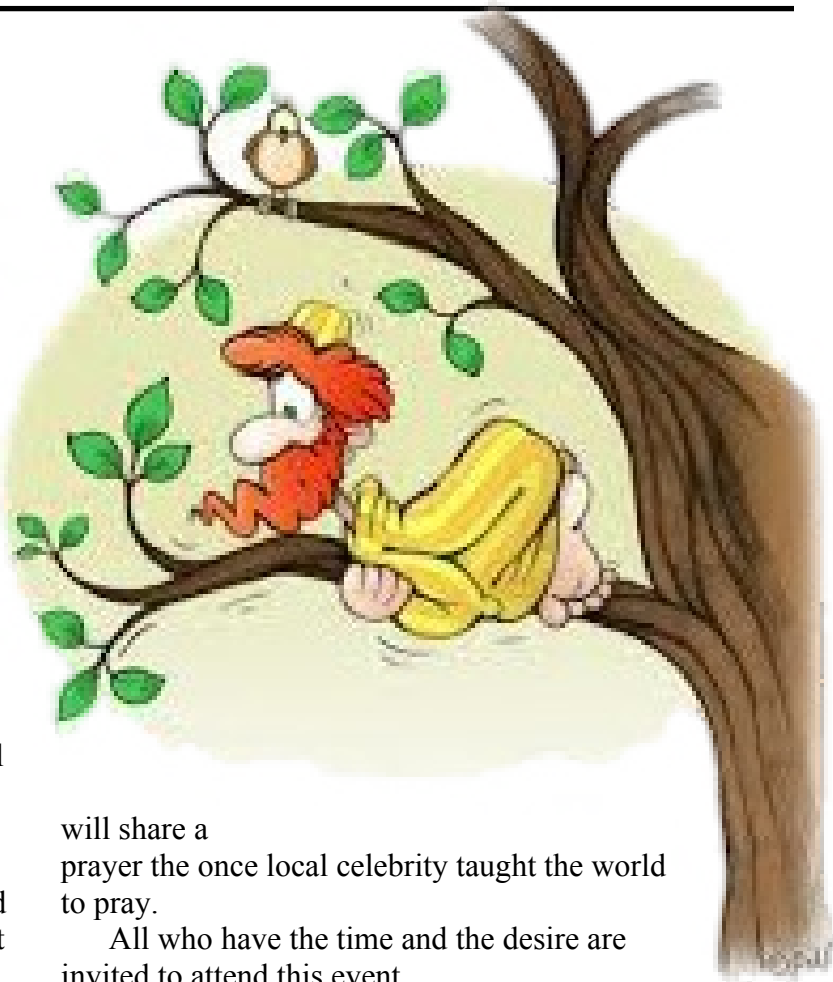
He will explain how, in a desire to earn the love and respect of his earthly father, he uncovered a loving trust in the heavenly one.

Accompanying him in his revelation of the meaning of real hope will be Clark Mowry, a local tenor, who

will share a prayer the once local celebrity taught the world to pray.

All who have the time and the desire are invited to attend this event.

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



## Treble in the Village will sing May 27

Treble in the Village, the Sweet Adeline regional award-winning quartet, will be singing as part of the Sunday worship service on May 27.

## Potter's Clay getting help from Food Basket

During June, 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.



The group, which is part of Little Rock Top of the Rock Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, will sing three numbers.

For the Introit, the four ladies have chosen *My Voice*, a testimony to the unity with which we need to approach the worship of God.

The anthem is a celebration of gratitude for all our gracious God provides, entitled *My Tribute*.

At the close of the service, they will harmonize on *Music Speaks Louder Than Words*, one of their signature melodies.

Treble in the Village includes Kirk members Patty Van Cleave, lead, and Sharon Gardner, bass. The other members are Kathy Allison, tenor, and Kay Crews, baritone.

These musically matched ladies live Hot Springs Village. At the recent spring regional Sweet Adeline Contest, in which nearly a thousand were in attendance, Treble won the Audience Choice Award.

# Two books on tap for Summer Book Club

The arrival of summer means various things. To some, it means visits to exotic places. To others it envisions spending more time with children and grandchildren. For the lover of the out-of-doors, there is gardening, parks, band shells or biking and hiking trails.

For those who wish to keep the body cool and hydrated and the mind hot and active at the Kirk, there is the annual Summer Book Club.

This year the club will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays from July 11 through Sept. 5 in the Kirk library.

Under the sponsorship of the Session Education Committee, the club will discuss two books – the novel *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini and the pragmatically philosophical *The Thirteen American Arguments* by Howard Fineman.

*The Kite Runner* is a story of relationships between friends, parents and children, cultures, social stratus and child to adult choices. It is the tale of Amir, a young Afghani boy, his father Baba, his friend Hassan, the son of his Father's servant, Ali, and Amir's growing up on the eve of the Russian invasion of his already complex country.

Though first published in 2003, *The Kite Runner* remains relevant to America's present-day place in the Middle East and on the world stage.



**Carnegie  
Corner**  
*By Lowell Gardner*

The United States was built out of debate: The Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress, The Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers.

It is not just a shouting match or name calling, but the interaction or "clash" of ideas. In *The Thirteen American Arguments*, political journalist Howard Fineman proposes debate is the "urgent, almost neurotic need to do so ... (which) makes us unique and gives us our freedom, creativity, and strength."

This book is not a platform for a political party. It is a set of questions to be debated and defined, regardless of whether we are conservative or progressive, red or blue, just as long as we ultimately and thoughtfully are red, white and blue.

Accept the fun and the challenge and join us. Tea and crumpets will once again be served.

## ***Dotty Rector, Woodie Barefiled are top golfers***

**By Jim Hess**

Five foursomes of Kirk golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at our Magellan course on May 13. Dotty Rector and Woodie Barefield were the Golfers of the Day.

Bragging rights belong to Dotty Rector for winning both the Woman Closest to the Hole award at 42 inches, and the Longest Putt honors at 41 inches.

In an historic first, the Man Closest to the Hole and Longest Putt awards also went to the same golfer, namely Woodie Barefield, at 44 feet, 5 inches, and 30 feet, 7 inches respectively. As a result, both golfers went home as a Golfer of the Day.

Dotty Rector made a killing on this occasion when she also received the Wolf Traveling Trophy.



All the accolades were given and enjoyed at dinner attended by 32 members of our group at the El Jimador Restaurant here in Hot Springs Village.

Our next event will be on Sunday, June 10. Sign up information will be e-mailed to all members. Save the Day!

If you are 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 of each month. Dinner, following golf, is enjoyed at one of our Village restaurants, April through October. If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or send me an email [jimobhess@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimobhess@suddenlink.net)

***Jim Hess runs herd  
on the Kirk Golf Group.***





# Happy dates



## ***Birthdays***

|        |                 |         |                   |         |               |
|--------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------|
| June 1 | Lynn Wallace    | June 12 | Ellie Elsenheimer | June 22 | Char Martin   |
| June 3 | Nadean Cannon   | June 13 | Anne Bailey       | June 24 | Chuck New     |
|        | Ted Hommema     |         | Shirley Siska     | June 26 | James White   |
|        | Anne Sara       | June 14 | Jan Holtberg      | June 27 | Norm Fisher   |
| June 3 | Sylvia Tate     |         | Bob Wessel        | June 28 | Bill Wiard    |
| June 5 | Ginnie Hastings | June 18 | Nancy Otto        | June 30 | Ed Baldwin    |
|        | Diana Milligan  | June 20 | Sherry Bingham    |         | Barbara Booth |
|        | Joe Perryman    |         | Linda Wessel      |         | Martha Wilson |
| June 9 | Carol Burpo     | June 21 | Jackie Herbst     |         |               |

## ***Anniversaries***

|         |                         |          |         |                            |          |
|---------|-------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------------|----------|
| June 2  | Nancy and Lu Otto       | 56 years | June 17 | Beverly and Fred Raskin    | 41 years |
| June 4  | Ruth and David Hamilton | 54 years |         | Janette and Bill Wiard     | 18 years |
| June 5  | Ro and Dick Easter      | 63 years | June 19 | Charlotte and Dick Massey  | 36 years |
| June 6  | Anne and Joe Sara       | 37 years | June 20 | Martha and Wayne Copeland  | 31 years |
| June 8  | Jean and Heinrich Eiler | 67 years | June 22 | Norma and Steve Stevens    | 33 years |
| June 10 | Merilyn and Mike Seitz  | 56 years | June 24 | Wendy and Barron Gage      | 35 years |
| June 11 | Lorna and Dean Kerr     | 68 years | June 27 | Marjorie and Gene Carlisle | 65 years |
| June 12 | Becky and Ed Baldwin    | 51 years | June 28 | Patricia and Ken Poole     | 60 years |
| June 14 | Barb and Daryl Henry    | 46 years |         |                            |          |

## **Rosalyn Halbert is PW's 2018 Woman of Faith**

**By Becky Wakefield**

On the Education Committee, Rosalyn Halbert has taken the nursery under her wing. She organizes and recruits volunteers. She, along with those volunteers, manages to serve and staff our Kirk nursery during every worship and memorial service.

Rosalyn also serves on the Building, Grounds/Memorial and Library committees. Her plant expertise is enjoyed and appreciated by all who enter our Kirk grounds. Most of the beautiful reception center-pieces are marked with her signature.

She has been a cheerful, neighborly worker during the sometimes-tedious reorganization of the library for its future computerizing.

Rosalyn is on the Search Committee and is the Circle 2 leader in our PW group. As a Circle leader, she recruits volunteers to serve in the Jackson House thrift shop once a month.

A large, needy family is adopted for Christmas gifts and food. Rosalyn supervises as the gifts are wrapped and delivered.

Filled stockings are provided for the Pettus House at Vera Lloyd in Monticello. This is another way Rosalyn seeks to serve the needs of others.

You can now begin to understand why Rosalyn Halbert was selected as our 2018 Woman of Faith.

***Becky Wakefield is Moderator of the Kirk's Presbyterian Women.***

## ***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.

Our florist, The Arrangement on Park Avenue, delivers free of charge.

If you would like to provide flowers for worship service, please sign up on the 2017 Flower Calendar in Hoffius Hall. It's a lovely way to remember a loved one or special occasion.

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

## ***Something unique in Hoffius Hall this month***

### **By Lowell Gardner**

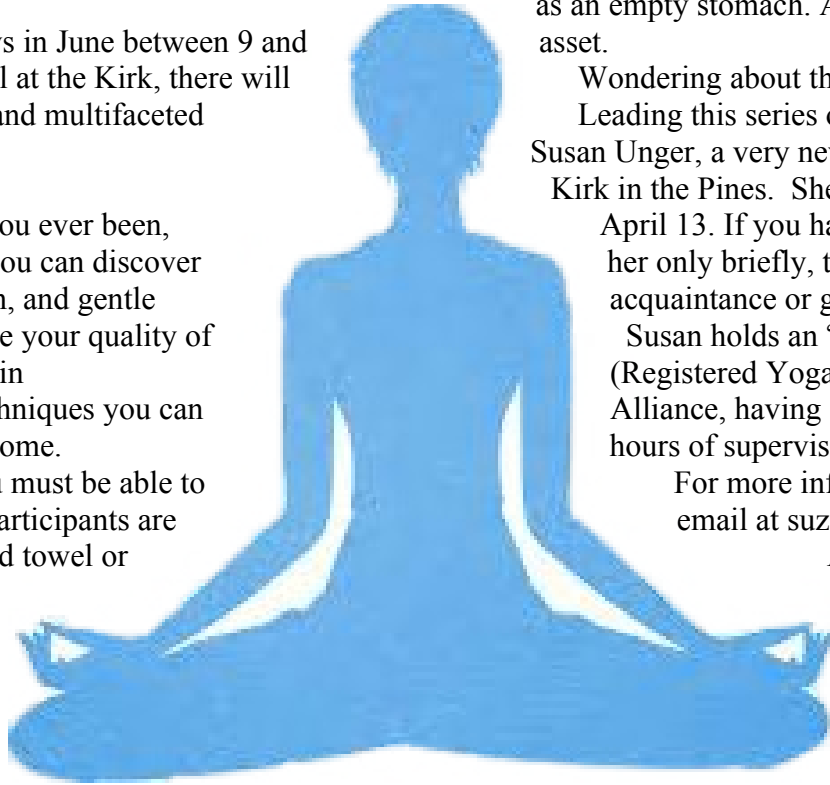
On the Wednesdays in June between 9 and 10 a.m. in Hoffius Hall at the Kirk, there will be available a unique and multifaceted experience.

Interest piqued?

Are you, or have you ever been, curious about yoga? You can discover how breath, meditation, and gentle movement can improve your quality of life. Each Wednesday in June you can learn techniques you can practice in your own home.

For this series, you must be able to get on the floor. All participants are to bring a yoga mat and towel or a small blanket.

Comfy clothes are encouraged as well



as an empty stomach. An open mind and heart are an asset.

Wondering about the other dimension?

Leading this series of discovery sessions will be Susan Unger, a very new member of Presbyterian

Kirk in the Pines. She met with the Session on

April 13. If you have not yet met Susan or met her only briefly, this will allow for an extended acquaintance or growing friendship.

Susan holds an "RYT 200" certification (Registered Yoga Teacher) with the Yoga Alliance, having completed no fewer than 200 hours of supervised certified instruction.

For more information, drop Susan an email at [suzanunger@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanunger@yahoo.com)

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

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**Randy Toney** – Director of Music

**Donna Toney** – Organist/Pianist

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