

# A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## ***Kirk security***

### **Changing times mean a new look at safety**

**By Barron Gage  
and Susan Morrow**

We are in the midst of a changing landscape for institutional safety.

In response to this changing environment for community safety, a Kirk committee – a Risk Assessment Team – has been formed to monitor current legislation for institutional safety, aid in awareness of issues and implement actions to increase safety for everyone using the Kirk facilities.

Here are some highlights of what the committee has been studying:

• **Facility Access** – During Sunday's 10 a.m. worship service, the outside office door and two entrance doors to Hoffuis Hall will be locked to limit facility access. An emergency exit bar has been

installed on the outside office door. As always, the front doors will remain open during worship

• **Emergency Evacuation Plan** – An evacuation plan has been made in the event of an emergency such as fire or tornado. In the event of fire, exit the building in an orderly

emergency training and communication will take place.

• **Grounds safety** – Sidewalk repair, increased signage and parking-lot pavement resurfacing will be implemented to decrease risk for falls around the Kirk grounds and facility.

• **Legislative changes** –

Arkansas recently passed a law allowing properly trained people to bring a gun into church. The Risk Assessment Team is aware of this new legislation but at this time there is no session policy.

The team is working to keep the Kirk facility safe for all. They remind all of us to be vigilant and aware of our surroundings for everyone's safety at the Kirk.

**Barron Gage is Moderator of the Building Committee and Susan Morrow is a member of the Communication Committee.**



manner.

In the event of tornado proceed to a safe area of the Kirk. Further

## **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)



# Nothing wrong with being wrapped in the flag

By Lowell Gardner

In a recent conversation with a friend, he parenthetically noted a conversation he shared with a mutual friend of ours by saying, rather derogatorily: "He always wraps himself in the flag."

I knew what he meant and understood the tone in which he expressed it. There were two reasons why.

The first reason is one of which you, the reader, may be aware. The person about whom we were discussing, was a "mutual friend." I've had similar conversations with that same friend myself. I am guessing you also have such a friend.

The other reason was the phrase used – "wraps himself in the flag." It belongs in the same category as "everybody knows" or "it's common knowledge" or "all the experts say."

It's like the sexton, while tidying up the church following the service, noticed the pastor's sermon inadvertently left on the pulpit.



Hastily scribbled in the margin of his notes was the exhortation "doctrine weak, shout louder."

To deflect possible diverging points of view, people often seek to call upon a weightier force to give greater strength to their own.

When did the phrase my friend used take on so negative a connotation?

Before refrigeration, when a seaman lost their life at sea, their bodies were draped with the flag of their nation during burial. It was an act of honor and respect. We express honor in much the same way today.

When did sharing varying points of view in civil conversations require bigger guns in place of critical thinking and compromise?

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Roman believers (13:14), encouraged them to "clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ." The focus of those who study this whole passage (11-14) too often center on sexual immorality (the flesh) but Paul's focus is much broader – the entire self-absorbed life.

Earlier in verse 10, he reiterates what he declares in a great deal of his correspondence. "Love does no harm to a neighbor."

On this 4th of July, patriotism has its place. For we, as believers, wrapped in love for our Lord and our neighbor as ourselves, we should work together for the common good in our world-wide neighborhood.

**Lowell Gardner, Moderator of the Communication Committee, is filling in for Pastor Bill Bailey, who is traveling in Europe.**

## Kirk opens its doors to community groups

By Arnie Holtberg

"My Father's house has many rooms..." (*John 14:1-3*)

Sometimes, reaching out is as simple as opening your door. So it is with an important part of the Kirk's outreach program.

Church buildings are often underutilized. But as Clerk of the Session Jerral Johnson says: "We encourage people to use us. Opening the Kirk to various groups brings people into the church and creates a positive feeling about the congregation. It's just good for us and is part of our ministry. And just maybe, we may attract new members because of our welcoming nature."

How do organizations identify the Kirk as a place to meet? Often, it's because one of their members belongs to the Kirk. Or word has spread regarding our desire to host meetings, rehearsals and other gatherings.



**The Kirk  
in the  
Community**

Once a relationship is established, it persists. While our newest guest has been with us for three years, others have met at the Kirk for 20 or more years.

Who are the organizations? Al-Anon, Alcoholics Anonymous (Evergreen Group), Focus, Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild Board, Tai Chi, Treble in the Village Quartet, the Village Big Band, and the Village Chorale.

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# Kirk will help host state meeting at Ferncliff

## Church Statistics:

As of June 8, 2018:

Members – 332

Family Units – 224

## 138<sup>th</sup> Stated Presbytery Meeting, Conway, June 2, 2018:

Sally Fink and Nancy Patton attended as Commissioned Ruling Elders representing the Kirk.

## 139<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting, Ferncliff, Oct. 19-20:

The Presbytery Coordinating Committee has extended an invitation to the Kirk to be a co-host for



## Woman of Faith

Rosalyn Halbert, affectionately known as “The Plant Lady,” was recently presented the Woman of Faith award by Presbyterian Women. The award acknowledges outstanding leadership and service throughout the Kirk community. Rosalyn’s service extends from the Education Committee and its library subcommittee to the Building/Grounds and Search Committees. As a leader within the Presbytery, and the Kirk community at large, Rosalyn seeks to serve. *(Robert Sonnen photo)*

## The Clerk's Corner

**Jerral Johnson**



the 139<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting at Ferncliff. The Kirk would be responsible for the Friday night meeting.

We would also serve as greeters and general host for the Stated Presbytery Meeting.

The Session voted to approve the request. It is hoped a large number of Kirk members will attend and help with the meeting.

## New Mission Committee Moderator:

Ruling Elder Harry Wakefield has moved from Moderator of the Member Outreach Committee to Moderator of the Mission Committee. The opening resulted with the death of Ruling Elder Gary Clark. Gary was an excellent Mission Moderator and will be missed. We wish Harry a successful tenure as Moderator of the Mission Committee.

The Nomination Committee is searching for an individual to serve as Moderator of Member Outreach. Until a new moderator is named, Harry Wakefield will help both committees.

## Spring Lecture:

The Spring Lecture was a success. The Rev. Georgia Senor, Associate Pastor from the First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville, Ark., presented an excellent and challenging program. The Greenhorns prepared a delicious meal for those attending the Lecture.

## Greenhorns:

Our church is extremely lucky to have an organization within its membership that regularly serves excellent meals for special occasions within the church.

They also prepare and store soups and casseroles for members of the Kirk and their friends who need a good meal but are not able to prepare it. If you see one of the Greenhorns, tell them how much you appreciate all they do to make the Kirk such a friendly, caring church.

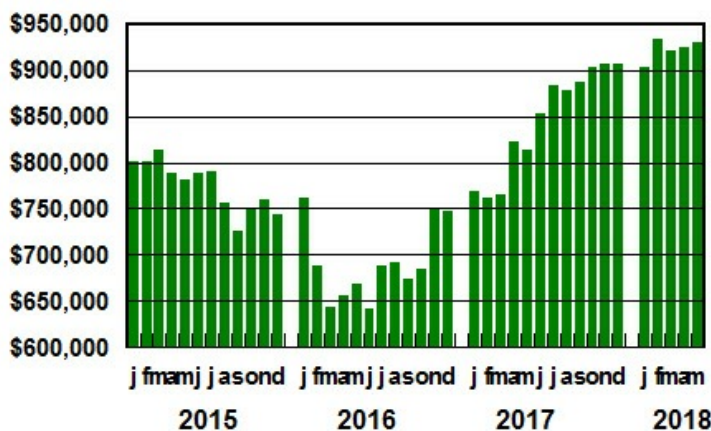


## Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

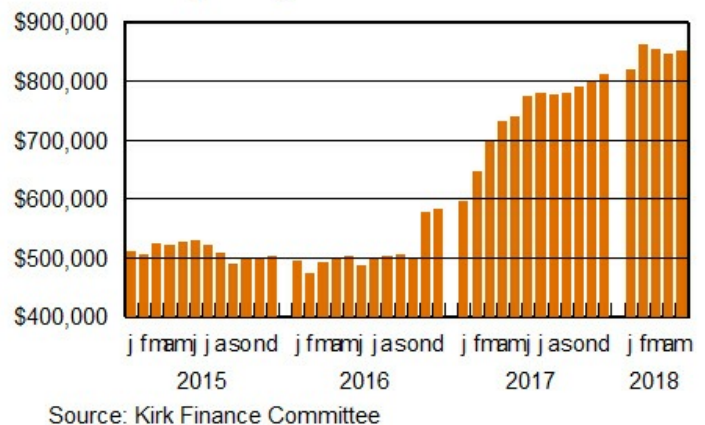
### Year to date as of May 31, 2018

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 36,311	\$ 31,152	\$ 181,553	\$ 192,797
Disbursements	\$ 36,311	\$ 27,687	\$ 181,553	\$ 144,764
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,543	\$ 6,007	\$ 22,715	\$ 28,229
Disbursements	\$ 4,543	\$ 7,141	\$ 22,715	\$ 40,017
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 40,854	\$ 37,159	\$ 204,268	\$ 221,026
Disbursements	\$ 40,854	\$ 24,827	\$ 204,268	\$ 184,781
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 78,781
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund				\$ 44,253
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 115,186
Programs fund				\$ 87,817
Endowment fund				\$ 603,444
<b>Total special funds</b>				\$ 850,700

### Total funds



### Endowment and program funds



## ***\$730 for Mission***

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$730** was collected in May.

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.

# Our church is aging and needs some repairs

**By Sharon Gardner**

This year is going by far too fast! We are nearly half way through 2018 and are, so far, on track for giving this year. Our members obviously love the Kirk and continue to support all its programming and mission efforts.

We will again use income from our Endowment Fund to support local missions. Thanks to members who have gone before, we are able to continue these gifts each year. You might think about remembering the Kirk in the same way.

Another good way to give each year is through a direct withdrawal from your retirement account. You don't pay taxes on these amounts. Your financial advisor can help you with that.

We have had some unexpected expenses this year. The church has reached an age where things start needing added attention.

We knew we had one air conditioner we would have to

replace. Another appeared to, at least, need repairing.. The one needing repairs actually needed to be replaced as well.

We were told we could wait six or eight months to fix it but that would put us into the middle of summer. No one wants to have the air conditioner go off when the temperature outside is 90 degrees!

So we felt it expedient to replace both air conditioners. This cost \$19,000.

The parking lot is being evaluated for slip and fall exposure. There has been one

incident already. (Please watch your step, especially when it's wet.)

We're determining if re-sealing is needed. If it does, the cost would be around \$15,000.

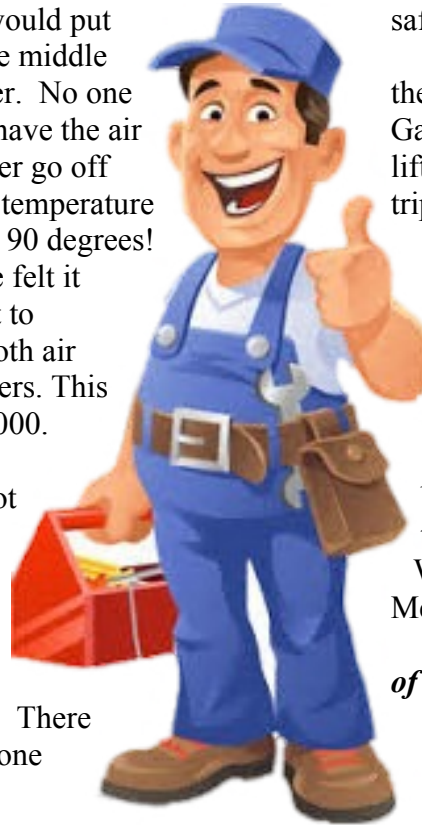
We want to make our grounds as safe as possible.

Sidewalks by the street side of the church and in the Memorial Garden need repair. Tree roots have lifted the cement, making it a tripping hazard.

Three trees were removed at a cost of \$1,000. Repair of the sidewalks will be another \$3,000. Caution signs have been placed in the dangerous places until repairs are made.

These items were not budgeted but need to be addressed. We want to keep the Kirk family advised. We are addressing these issues. Meanwhile, be careful as you walk.

**Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.**



## The music continues while choir takes a break

**By Randy Toney**

It's tradition for the Kirk Choir to take a break each summer from singing every week in worship. It's a well-deserved break for this hard-working group of singers.

Summer allows us to present groups we don't typically have – a madrigal group, a trio, or a blues-y spiritual.

The tenors and basses sang a rousing arrangement of *Rise Up, O Church of God*. We were fortunate to welcome our former music director, Blake Smith, to sing in worship.

For the rest of the summer we'll hear the quartet of Patty van Cleave, Sharon Gardner, Norm Martin and Clark Mowry singing *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, arranged by Norm Martin.

A larger mixed ensemble will sing a jaunty

arrangement of *Wade in the Water* and the trio of Susan Morrow, Patty, and Sharon will sing the beautiful *In Paradisium* by Gabriel Faure.

The Kirk is honored to welcome a very special guest, Diane Kesling, mezzo-soprano, on July 15. Ms. Kesling has a distinguished career in opera, singing in leading Metropolitan Opera roles for 14 years.

Now a resident of Hot Springs, she has an active singing schedule while maintaining a vocal studio at UALR. You won't want to miss hearing Ms. Kesling!

Continuing into August, we will hear from one of the University of Ozarks singers, Megan Ahne, as well as Andrew Lloyd Webber's duet *Pie Jesu*, sung by Susan Morrow and Randy Toney.

Even though the full choir is taking a break, we thank the volunteers who just can't keep from singing!

**Randy Toney is the Kirk's Director of Music.**



Greenhorns Judy Rosenthal, Donna Toney, Ellen Marshall, Wendy Gage, Becky Baldwin, and Carol Clark enjoy a light moment in the kitchen. (Photo by Judy Corwin)

## ***Greenhorns will offer up a bit(e) of royal class at the Kirkin' celebration on Sept. 16***

**By Judy Carroll**

Thanks to this spring's Royal Wedding, the British – and Scottish – custom of high tea has enjoyed a new vogue.

It's a custom the Kirk celebrates every three years as part of the Kirkin' o' the Tartans, with an elaborate spread of scones, finger sandwiches, and an array of delectable treats that would make the Queen proud.

At the first Kirkin' in 2003, the Kirk's gourmet caterers, the Greenhorns, were tasked with coming up with a menu for a high tea for 300. Greenhorns Ellen Marshall and Doris Simmons had both lived in England, so they knew

scones and cucumber sandwiches were essential.

Shortbread was a Scots tradition, so they added it to the menu.

"I think we had scones, three different finger sandwiches and shortbread," recalled Ellen, the only Greenhorns member from the 2003 Kirkin' still cooking with the group.

The menu has evolved since then to include a variety of sandwiches and sweets, and one or two hot-finger foods.

With this year's Kirkin' just a couple months away, the Greenhorns are making preparations for another lavish spread.

At their June meeting, the chefs set a tentative menu which they will

firm up at this month's meeting.

Along with the usual shortbread, scones and finger sandwiches, the line-up includes salmon and sweet lemon-curd tarts.

With the exception of the scones, which are purchased from a Hot Springs woman – originally from England – who bakes them to order, all the food is prepared from scratch in the Kirk kitchen with ingredients purchased locally.

The chefs use recipes from a variety of sources. "Some we've found and some we've fixed at home and found they work well," said Ellen.

The Greenhorns will spend all day

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## ***Special foods are a hallmark of Kirkin' event***

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Friday and Saturday prepping and cooking, and arrive early Sunday to begin plating and setting dishes out on tables. While guests are serving themselves, the crew keeps an eagle eye on the dishes and replenishes them as needed.

Along with Ellen Marshall, Greenhorns members are Becky Baldwin, Marcia Bauer, Carol Clark, Gay Crone, Wendy Gage, Jane Moore, Sue New, Judy Rosenthal, Donna Toney and Becky Wakefield.

"All 10 of us will be involved at some stage," said Ellen.

The result will be a delectable high tea that will be a fitting finale to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans. Mark Sept. 16 on your calendar and plan to bring your friends – and a hearty appetite.

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



Sue New (above) and her fellow Greenhorns go all out to make the Kirkin' celebration an event to remember.



## **Groups have high praise for Kirk's hosting**

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What do they have to say about the Kirk and our staff? Some comments:

"Our experience has been problem-free. The staff has been accommodating in all situations. The space is wonderful and the staff is very helpful. The facilities are great. Perfect – spotless and always set up just right. A wonderful relationship. Everything is in order when we arrive. Feels like a second home. So welcoming."

As a community rooted in God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ, extending ourselves to others while exercising our fiduciary and stewardship responsibilities is important, even critical, to our mission.

That these diverse organizations make good use of our facilities is evidence we are reaching out to the community.

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





Lay Pastor Sylvia Tate (center) was honored in Hoffius Hall for her service to the Kirk. (Photos by Jamie Federick)

## **Sylvia Tate honored for 13 years of service and how she helped many at the Kirk**

**By Jamie Federick**

Sylvia Tate has served the Kirk well in the last 13 years.

As a Lay Pastor, she was the worship leader at the Saturday night worship service. In 2011, on Pastor Don Trent's retirement, Sylvia became the preacher for this evening informal worship.

In June, Sylvia moved back to her home in Jonesboro, Ark., to begin the next phase of her life.

She will be greatly missed for her service at the Kirk. She has been a friend and counselor to many and a large part of the Presbyterian Women at the church.

She had the distinction of being selected as Presbyterian Woman of the Year for all she'd done for that important group. She also sang in the choir and participated in several other singing groups.

At her final Saturday Night Worship Service after her message, Yvonne Jones presented Sylvia with a money tree and cards from the congregation.

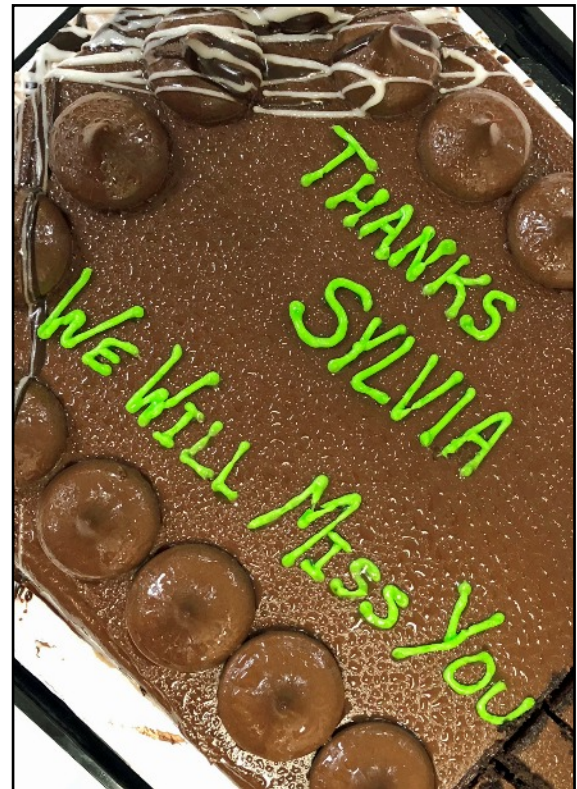
Walter Fuquay graciously made a wooden cross placard to be hung in Hoffius Hall for Sylvia's service. Many came to express their feelings toward Sylvia and the impact she had made in the Village.

A church-wide reception for Sylvia was given the next day after the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A beautiful cake was served to the crowd that came to bid her farewell.

Sylvia was honored with cards and gifts and heartfelt messages from the pulpit from close friends. She will truly be missed!

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





Pastor Bill Bailey (above left) was one of many well-wishers praising Lay Pastor Sylvia Tate at receptions honoring her service at the Kirk. Walter Fuquay (left) made a wooden plaque marking her service, which was placed on the wall in Hoffius Hall. Those honoring Sylvia shared a special chocolate cake.



The “mail crew” (from left) Tony and Barbara Booth, Barbara Kalsbeek and Barbara Worthley assemble, fold and prepare the Kirk newsletter every month. (Lowell Gardner photo)

## ***‘Mailroom crew’ puts final touches On Kirk’s monthly newsletter***

By Lowell Gardner

Traditionally, on the fourth Friday of every month, in the Kirk library at 10 a.m., the Moderator convenes the regular meeting of the Communication Committee, known to most as ComCom.

Following a review and critique of the current month’s *A Voice in the Pines* newsletter, the committee plans the next month’s edition.

This is followed by the reporting, interviewing, research, writing, rewriting, editing, proof reading, picture taking, feature choices, page-capacity evaluation and numbering, layout, final proof reading(s), printing, website and electronic posting.

Now what?

Earlier, on that same fourth Friday of the month, with the church office closed, the doors locked and few, if anyone else, around, the “mailing crew” begins its work.

Like a Las Vegas headliner – featuring “Anthony and the Three Barb’s” – ComCom member Barbara Worthley brings together Barbara Kalsbeek and Barbara and Tony Booth, the Kirk newsletter “mailing crew.”

This is, as some would say, “where the rubber meets the road.” It is the responsibility of these four (sometimes with supplemental assistance) faithful and diligent laborers to pick up the color and the black-and-white copies of the newsletter printed by church

### **Behind the scenes**



secretary Chris Taylor-Wilmoth, and prepare them for distribution to members and visitors to the Kirk.

The crew folds and stuffs newsletters to be addressed and mailed to Kirk members and/or friends of the Kirk who don’t receive their copy by email, or are unable to get their copies due to mobility problems or distance from the church.

The crew puts the assembled newsletters in display areas in the narthex and hall leading to the office/choir room. They prepare two posters to alert people to pick up their copies before or after Saturday night or Sunday morning worship.

Finally, the crew delivers these properly prepared copies to the post office for mailing. Some take it on themselves to hand deliver copies to shut-ins.

All of this is done in the joy of serving, at and for the Kirk and their Lord, behind the scenes.

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





Friends of Small Group Therapy and Kirk members Jamie Federick, Joyce Leeming, Sally Fink, Gail Salmen selling crafts at Grove Park. (Jamie Federick photo)

## Raising money for Christmas giving

**By Joyce Leeming**

At 7:30 on Thursday morning, June 14, lovely handmade items were being set out for display beneath the trees at the Green Market in the Grove on DeSoto Boulevard.

By 8 a.m., Kirk members Sally Fink and I, plus volunteers and members of Friends of Small Group Therapy (SGT), were showing shoppers adorable little bearded Razorback and seasonal gnomes, gnome bottle toppers, fabric microwave bowl cozies, and decorated wine bottle lights.

Jamie Federick and Gail Salmen took a turn manning the booth and sales were brisk. Their next big sale will be on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the annual crafts and holiday fair at Coronado Center. More Kirk members who volunteer with the Friends will be assisting customers.

The unique items being sold were handmade and donated by Friends' talented volunteers, Jan McInerney and Linda Green. These two ladies worked for more than two months to compile a large inventory for the sale at the Market. More items will be added for the crafts fair.

The gnomes make cute hostess gifts and stocking stuffers for friends, family, and Razorback fans. The popular microwave cozies are better than potholders and safer to use.

Proceeds from the sales go to the Friends' Gift Fund and are used to buy Christmas gifts for residents at Small Group.

Small Group Therapy is a residential-care facility in Hot Springs for adults disabled by severe mental illnesses. It is one of the Kirk

mission projects and supported by many Kirk and Villager Friends.

Make a note on your calendar to visit the Friends' display at Coronado Center on Nov. 18, say hello to these dedicated volunteers, and help support this worthy project.

**Joyce Leeming founded Friends of Small Group Therapy and is a former secretary at the Kirk and a former Moderator of the Communication Committee**

***PW Coffee Closet will be open July 15***

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.

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





## ***Sign up now to design batik Christmas cards***

**By Wendy Gage**

Would you like to learn a new creative skill this summer?

As part of the education ministries of our church, I will be teaching a class in batik art to Kirk members and other Village residents. The class will be from 10 a.m. to noon July 26 in Hoffius Hall. Participants will learn how to prepare a batik Christmas Card or cards if time permits.

Batik is a method of dying rice paper and fabrics in which some areas are covered with wax to keep watercolor pigment from penetrating the paper.

I use Ginwashi rice paper to paint my watercolor batiks.

Typically, the wax is laid down in a pattern, and then the paint is applied and allowed to dry. I do this

several times to achieve the depth in the painting. The wax is then removed.

The area under the wax keeps its original color with an occasional line of color giving it a somewhat crackled look. I never know what it will look like until I remove the wax. It is always a surprise.

I will supply the rice paper, watercolor paint, wax, newspapers, wax paper, parchment paper and a suggested project for the day. We will learn to apply the project layout to the rice paper, watercolor paint the design, and rewax the pattern.

When we are ready, each person will remove the wax and apply the finished work to a card that will be ready to mail to his or her favorite friend.

Over the years, I've taken art

courses from Cosumnes Community College and Fresno Community College in California, and attended many workshops led by national and local artists. I'm a member of Artist Workshop Gallery in Hot Springs and teach watercolor classes each week. I'm pleased to share my love of art with you.

The class is limited to 20 persons. Deadline for registration is July 19. Registration forms are in the church office. There will be a \$15 fee for art supplies. Checks should be made payable to Wendy Gage.

We are pleased to offer these classes to you and to our community. Don't delay. Register today so we have enough supplies for everyone.

**Wendy Gage is an award-winning artist and member of the Kirk.**



# Pat Hightower sang all the right notes in her years of service at the Kirk and in the Village

By Judy Corwin

Pat Hightower has been "on the go" since the day she and her late husband, Tom, retired and moved to Hot Springs Village. The move from Baton Rouge was just a pause from her work teaching music in the public schools as well as supervising Music Student Teachers at LSU.

The Hightowers were life-long Methodists and joined Christ of the Hills. Then after they met Phil Hisey, music director at the Kirk, and Mary Ann Krieger, the Kirk's organist, they joined our Kirk.

Right away, Pat was hired to direct the Village Men's Chorus. Soon Tom was singing bass and playing his trumpet while Pat sang soprano, even serving as Interim Director through the years.

She didn't stop there. Pat said "yes" to such projects as organizing the Kirk's Christian Kids Choir with a musical production for the community. It was "yes" to a PW Circle Bible leadership. She sang solos in the choir for 20 years, and served the Lord by playing the piano for the Saturday night informal service for 10 of those years.

Most people couldn't keep up with Pat's involvement in the music scene. You might have been lucky enough to see her in major roles with the HSV Players such as Truvy in *Steel Magnolias*, Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* and many others. She directed actors in *South Pacific*.

She took on her next challenge and joy for 10 years, writing, directing and accompanying the summertime grandchildren and children from the surrounding area in the Young People's Summer Theater. She took the name of "Queen Pat" and wore that label proudly.

Even after Tom joined the angelic chorus in heaven, Pat did one more youth production. Her tutoring of those kids (sometimes 80 at a time) kept this lady on the go and forever young!

Over the years she and Tom were part of the Village Big Band, with her singing solos and Tom playing trumpet. Pat squeezed in time to serve on the Symphony Guild board for two terms, as well as being an active member on the Concerts' Association for eight years.

She founded the Village Chorale with the late Jay McIntyre in 1997, continuing to be a member for 19 years.

Now Pat is "going" again, this time moving to Senatobia, Miss., to be near her daughter, Heidi, and do some family "grandmimi" stuff!



Pat Hightower has been on the go at the Kirk for many years. (Robert Sonnen photo)

She probably will not be stopping any time soon, but will find that special place for her talents, just like she always has, as she goes on with her life. We will miss her, but send her off with our blessings and prayers for her next adventure.

Judy Corwin has known Pat Hightower for many years.

## ***Food for Potter's Clay***

During July, 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.



# Kirk library has tools to help you find faith

There is an ongoing debate, in some circles, concerning the relationship between critical and intuitive thinking.

Words you may associate in such a discussion are reason and faith, or science and religion.

Others may use words like “blind acceptance” versus “careful rational reflection” or, more harshly, as “shortcuts and other rules-of-thumb” versus “analytic” thinking.

Two psychology professors, Will Gervais and Ara Norenzayan, in a 2012 University of British Columbia study, concluded that analytical thinking tended to affect negatively on people’s belief in the existence of and/or reliance on God or a god.

“What makes sense” or “seems reasonable” (intuitive) motivates or drives most people to delve into the facts (critical) to arrive at a solution. I place myself into that category and I would not be surprised to meet quite a crowd there. How about you?

I experienced needs not being met and questions not being answered in my life.

Through my own reading, the testimony of others and my own new experiences, I was brought to faith in God through Jesus, the Christ.

It didn’t stop there. It followed that I still find new, and some reoccurring, needs and questions so I continued to read and talk to people and seek new experiences which led, sometimes unevenly, to more meaningful faith.

And this goes on over and over again. I define this, for myself, as living the life of faith.

Earlier I wrote “sometimes unevenly.” For me, it is as well as confusing, aggravating and even, at moments, doubt-filled. Due to past successes, continued prayerful study and good friends having the same go-a-rounds, I hang in there.

## James Thayer dies in Plano

James Thayer, former Kirk member, died May 5, 2018, in Plano, Texas. His widow, Sue, can be reached at 4413 Wordsworth Drive, Plano, TX 75093.

## 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.

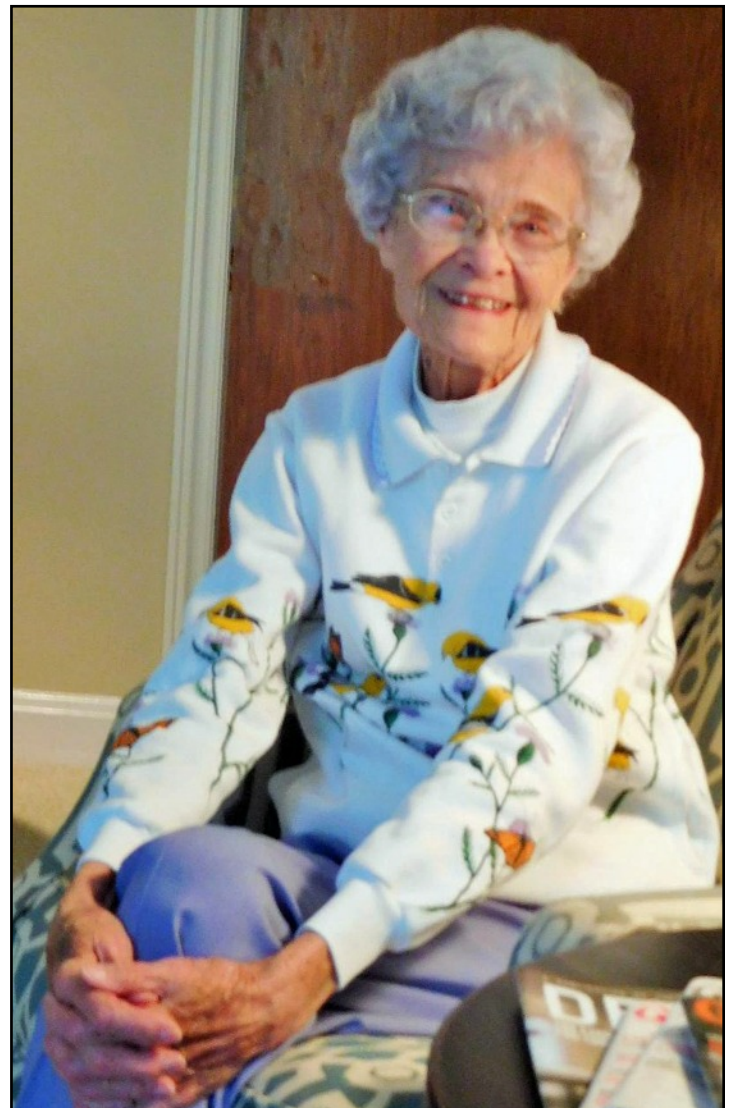


## Carnegie Corner

*By Lowell Gardner*

The Kirk library provides a great resource in your own “more meaningful faith” and/or your “sometimes uneven” moments.

There are various bible translations, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, devotionals, testimonials, DVD’s, Cd’s, movies and more. You are not alone. With our God’s help, check it all out.



97-year-old Dottie Montgomery smiles for Judy Corwin’s camera when Judy visited her in Fort Wayne, Ind., and said: “Hi, to all my friends in the Village!”





# Happy dates



## ***Birthdays***

July 3	Katherine Edwards	July 11	Barbara Keegan	July 24	Gay Crone
July 4	Ted Smith	July 12	Horace Shankwiler	July 25	Sally Fink
July 5	Margaret Boschetti	July 13	Deanna Kincheloe		Sharon Gardner
	Paul Burpo	July 15	Bob Morrow	July 27	Jay Nielsen
	Lowell Gardner		Patty Van Cleave	July 28	Bill Drews
July 6	Hannah Bailey	July 17	Dottie Isaacson		Richard Massey
July 8	Ralph Greene	July 18	Helen Van Stone	July 29	Carolyn Starr
July 9	James Knox	July 19	Harry Wakefield	July 30	Nell Moss-White
	Jean Mowry	July 21	Mary Carol Throckmorton		Gerry Wright

## ***Anniversaries***

July 1	Halene and Ivan (Bud) Strautman	68 years	July 18	Ruth and Mark Smith	48 years
July 6	Anne and Bill Bailey	45 years	July 20	Barbara and Tony Booth	55 years
	Pat and Jim Koller	61 years	July 22	Jean and Clark Mowry	51 years
	Diana and Joe Milligan	34 years	July 25	Deanna and Jim Kincheloe	43 years
July 10	Darlene and Bernie Slater	37 years	July 29	Vicki and David Rosenquist	40 years

## **Shepherd Group 4 meets every month**

### **By Nancy Patton**

Shepherd Group 4 meets at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday each month at Home Plate Café to share breakfast and fellowship. We can have a group as large as 20 or as small as 10, depending on health and weather and travel.

We begin with Janie Smith sharing updates on our members who need our prayers. Co-leader Ted Smith shares the birthdays and anniversaries occurring in the month. Because we have a number of choir members,



### **From the flock**

#### ***Reports about our Shepherd Groups***

Happy Birthday is always beautifully sung.

As is the case with all Shepherd Groups, we are honored to assist in providing a meal after the loss of a family member. We also are delighted to host coffee hour in Hoffius Hall twice a year.

If you are interested in joining us for breakfast, please call me or Ted Smith. There is always more room at the table.

**Nancy Patton is a co-leader of Shepherd Group 4.**



Shepherd Group 4 meets every month at the Home Plate restaurant. (Nancy Patton photo)

# ***Joyce Hayek wins longest-putt honors***

**By Jim Hess**

A small group of Kirk golfers enjoyed a warm, sunny June 10<sup>th</sup> at our Desoto Course.

Bragging rights were earned by Joyce Hayek. She sank the Women Long Putt at 9 feet, 7 inches. Men Closest to the Hole award went to Bill Reynolds at 47 feet and Long Putt Award, at 2 feet 10 inches, went to Gary Rector.

The Wolf Traveling Trophy was awarded to Bill Reynolds.

Eighteen members of our group attended the dinner at Charlie's Pizza Pub.

Our next event will be by Sunday, July 8. Sign-up information will be e-mailed to all members. Save the day on your calendar.

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 who play either 9 or 18 holes, your choice.

We play our Village courses the second Sunday of each month. Dinner follows golf at one of our Village restaurants. This goes on April through October. If you



would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email [jimobhess@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimobhess@suddenlink.net)

**Jim Hess organizes the monthly Kirk golf game.**

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