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Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Gary Rector really enjoys his two 'jobs'

Kirk member Gary Rector enjoys two volunteer "jobs."

For 13 years, he has volunteered from 7:30 a.m. until noon Tuesdays at National Park Medical Center. He begins his day by delivering the newspapers to patients, waiting rooms and staff.

"Since my first job as a teenager was delivering newspapers, some say I haven't made much progress," he jokes.

Gary loves this because it gives him the opportunity to meet and greet most of the hospital's patients and their families. He also works at the information desk and escorts patients to destinations for procedures and discharge.

His hospital volunteering helps Gary satisfy his need to help those who are hospitalized relieve their stress. He also enjoys interacting with other volunteers and the caring hospital staff. He feels he has received many blessings in his effort to "give back."



Gary Rector at the information desk at National Park Medical Center. (Rick Federick photo)

Gary's other volunteer job is with the AARP Tax-Aide program. He begins by being trained and qualified through testing in January. Tax preparation is a seasonal opportunity involving two half-days each week in

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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 Bible Study 9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall.

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



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Christ is risen, we don't have to be afraid

Along with Christians all over the world, we sang Charles Wesley's 1740 hymn this past Easter – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

It reflects the joy and celebration of all we hold dear in our faith – that sin and death do not have the last word and that the power of death cannot keep Christ, or us, in the grave. This is certainly something worth celebrating.

However, the Gospel of Mark tells us that at the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning, the witnesses were "seized with fear and amazement and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid!" (Mark 16:8)

While some versions of Mark continue for another 12 verses, most scholars believe Mark intended his Gospel to end with fear and silence. Why would Mark want such a strange ending to his Gospel?

No doubt this ending bothered others through the years. The editors of the NRSV and NIV Bibles add footnotes indicating verses 9-20 are most likely later additions by some scribes who felt Mark's Gospel needed sprucing up a little. The other Gospels have resurrection appearances by Jesus, why not Mark?



Pastor Bill Bailey, on guitar, accompanied Randy Toney in a haunting folk melody, *The Robin and the Thorn*, at the Maundy Thursday service April 13. (Robert Sonnen photo)

The Pastor's Corner
Bill Bailey



But suppose Mark 16:8 is the ending Mark wanted to his Gospel – not with a celebration but with mystery?

Fear and silence are appropriate responses given that the followers of Jesus only encountered an empty tomb and a stranger's promise that Christ would see them in Galilee.

These first disciples still had to ask the difficult questions about their own safety. If the cross was God's way in the world, what next would be asked of them?

Small wonder these first disciples were silent and afraid. They knew, all too well, that the God who raised

Jesus was the same God who called them to follow. Discipleship can be a risky venture. The recent bombings of churches in Egypt remind us discipleship is still risky.

While we are relatively safe here in the Village, there are still places where our brothers and sisters in Christ pay dearly because of their faith.

We should also remember there may be times when we, too, are called to a costly discipleship. Christ still calls us to follow, obey and risk our lives in this needy world.

Christ is risen, indeed, and because he is, you and I do not have to be afraid of risking our lives and reputations.

Rector uses numbers skills to help taxpayers

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February and March and the first half of April.

He will finish his fifth year of doing this at
McAuley Center at no charge. Since Gary is a
"numbers guy," this intense work is one of his passions.

Many members at the Kirk do selfless volunteering

like Gary, and our gratitude goes out to all of them.

- Jamie Federick



The Kirk in the Community

Kathryn Edwards transfers from Woodlands

New Member:

Kathryn Edwards was approved by the Session at its April 10 meeting. Kathryn joins by Letter of Transfer from Woodlands Presbyterian Church. When you see her at the Kirk, take time to visit with her and let her know how happy we are to have her as a new member. You will find her very pleasant and easy to talk with.

Loss of Member:

It is with great sadness I report the loss of longtime Kirk member, Bruce McIntosh.

Bruce died April 16, 2017, in Hot Springs. A memorial service was April 22 at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Interment was in the Kirk's Memorial Garden following the service.

When you see his wife, Margery, take time to visit with her and tell her we all miss Bruce and are praying for her and their family.

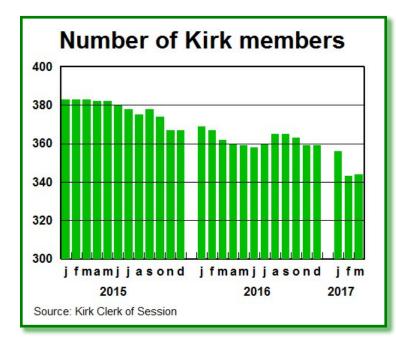
Church Statistics as of April 10:

Members: 344 Families: 231

2017 Nomination Committee Goes To Work

The committee will began its search for candidates for Session. These members will be leaving Session at the end of December after serving their three years:

- Judy Carroll (Communication)
- Katy Hill-Hancook (Member Outreach)
- Tom Havek (Grounds)
- Martha Nielsen (Congregational Care)



The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



These four have served the Kirk in an outstanding manner during their term on the Session. Take time to thank them for their many contributions to the Kirk.

Members of the 2017 Nomination Committee are Woodie Barefield, Nancy Patton, Betty Reece, Dennis Zymboly and Jerral Johnson.

If you know someone who would make a good Session member and could fit into one of the positions being vacated, let a member of the Nomination Committee know. Do not contact the individual about the position. Let a committee member make the contact.

Hearing Loop

A new hearing loop has been installed in the sanctuary. This will improve the efficiency of most hearing aids. We will have a training meeting to instruct individuals how to set their hearing aids so they can best use the new loop.

Annual Picnic

The Kirk's annual picnic will be June 14 at the Balboa Pavilion. The meal will be a catered barbecue. Dennis Zymboly will present a program on the many flags that have flown over the United States.

Financial Review

A team has been asked to review the financial records of the Kirk. The team is composed of Darell Fisher (Chairman), Jim Adams and Jim Hess. This is not an audit but a financial review, which is done annually.

Volunteers

The Kirk is blessed with a large number of individuals who volunteer for the many jobs that must be done if the church is to function properly. I can't imagine the Kirk without its core group of active members, willing to step up and take on a job.

Thank you!

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Beverly
Schaumburg
keeps an
eye on Kirk
comings and
goings with a
new security
monitor on
her desk.
(Joyce
Leeming
photo)

Kirk security gets a major new look

Knowing when people are in the church is important for security, as well as being able to evacuate the building should an emergency occur.

With Session's approval, the Building Committee, under the direction of moderator Barron Gage, has upgraded the surveillance system at the Kirk. Better cameras and enhanced lighting were installed in March.

The discreet cameras allow Kirk business administrator Beverly Schaumburg and secretary Joyce Leeming to monitor activity in the building with live and recorded video while sitting at their desks. Persons entering the administration wing and Hoffius Hall are now easily identified.

Another camera clearly shows the east parking lot on Palma, and the parking area in front of the office entrance. Any of these views can be enlarged to full screen with just a click of a mouse button.

"Beverly and I don't have to leave our desks to see who's entering the building or the office door," said Kirk secretary Joyce Leeming.

"What used to be seen on our monitors as dark silhouettes are easily identified with the new system.

When we're the only ones in the building, it creates a more secure feeling."

The front entry doors are kept locked and are not under surveillance. When entry is necessary during the day, the staff unlocks the doors. Those who meet regularly after hours are issued a key.

Interior office doors are also locked after hours.

Upgrading and maintaining equipment in the church is an on-going responsibility for the Building Committee. Two old air conditioner/heating units for the sanctuary gave out and had to be replaced this spring. Money carried over from the 2016 budget covered the repair cost.

In April, a sound loop was installed in the sanctuary so members with hearing aids can "connect" directly to our sound system providing much clearer listening for them. Training will be offered to help those that need to adjust their hearing aids for the best connection.

Kirk member June Moore graciously paid for the sound loop. Thank you, June. A professional technician will be analyzing our existing system and adjusting as needed to help balance the sound throughout the room.

Original comedy debuts May 11 at the Kirk

Good friends Bev Bullard and Judy Corwin will perform an original play, *Laugh Lines*, at 7 p.m. May 11 at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

The Kirk's Mission Committee asked Judy to come up with a fund-raising event to benefit Safe Haven Shelter in Hot Springs. That was all she needed to get Bev on board to challenge their comedic minds in working up this amusing play.

Bev played Gwendolyn in *The Odd Couple* and Blanch Wiggams in *Bagful of Miracles*. She is also a writer of short skits for stage and readers' theater. *Are We Safe Yet*? was performed last summer at Grove Park in the Village.

Judy has written and performed in two plays – *I'm Not Makin' This Stuff Up!* and *Erma, We Miss You*, a remembrance of the late Erma Bombeck. Last year, she appeared at Coronado Community Center in *The Guys*, a tribute performance commemorating the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers.

These talented ladies have been seen in many roles performed with the Hot Springs Village Players, but they have never had a chance to use those talents acting off each other in the same show. So *Laugh Lines* is a first, and they look forward to sharing the fun they have had in rehearsal when it comes to fruition on stage.

The comedy is based on the concept of two elderly ladies who host a daily talk show for a small-town radio station. Those attending can prepare themselves for a farce of what such a talk show might be like.



Bev Bullard, left, and Judy Corwin will appear as Melvis and Mabel in their original show. (Bob Corwin photo)

These gals will transform themselves into Melvis and Mabel for one performance only. So mark your calendars for an hour of laughs. No tickets are needed, but a free will offering will be taken for Safe Haven Shelter

Safe Haven Shelter helps women, children

Thanks to Safe Haven Shelter in Hot Springs, homeless women and their children – Garland County's most vulnerable population – have a safe, temporary residence while they look for work and find a permanent place to live.

Last year, Safe Haven was brought under the administrative umbrella of Quapaw House, Inc., so today the shelter also serves as a transition home for women who have completed drug and alcohol abuse recovery programs.

"Our goal is to see the women we serve gain the skills and confidence they need to find jobs and prosper in the community," says Dian Glover, director of community relations for Quapaw House.

"We hope to get each woman on the right path to a place that's safe and healthy for herself and her children."

Safe Haven seeks to address the root problems perpetuating the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

They provide comprehensive services like savings accounts for residents and assistance with GED and other educational programs.

Classes in parenting, nutrition and self-improvement are offered, as well as assistance with public aid and medical needs.

On-site job training programs

help the residents learn or brush up on skills needed to get back to work and become self-supporting.

The women pay for their own groceries, if they are able.

The Safe Haven Thrift Shop, at 3907 Central Ave. in South Park Shopping Center, is operated by volunteers and helps defray the cost of the shelter's ministry.

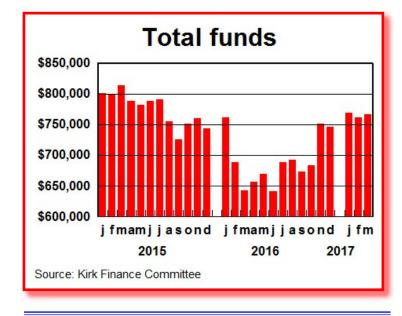
The Kirk Mission Committee includes Safe Haven in its annual budget and is pleased to sponsor the "Melvis and Mabel" benefit to raise additional funds for the shelter's operation. A love offering will be collected at the May 11 event.

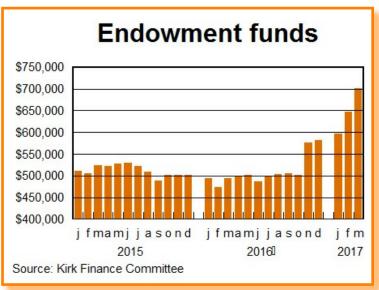
- Madelyn Young

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Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to date as of March 31, 2017

		Month			Year to date			te
	Ī	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:								
Receipts	\$	35,755	\$	31,516	\$	107,264	\$	106,573
Disbursements	\$	35,755	\$	28,902	\$	107,264	\$	84,071
Building Fund:								
Receipts	\$	4,148	\$	6,875	\$	12,445	\$	26,114
Disbursements	\$	4,148	\$	6,025	\$	12,445	\$	25,819
Total all funds:	_		_		_		_	
Receipts		39,903	\$	38,391	\$	119,709	\$	132,687
Disbursements	Ф	39,903	Þ	34,927	Ф	119,709	Ф	109,890
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance Special funds :							\$	65,559
Memorial fund (new)							\$	40,000
Luke 12:48 fund							\$ \$	79,091
Programs fund							\$	52,949
Endowment fund							\$	528,324
Total special funds							\$	700,364





\$555 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 \$555 was collected in March.

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

Send us the news!

Have some news you'd like to share?

Send it to us at this email address:

kirkvoice@sbcglobal.net

Or put it in the Communications mailbox in the hall outside the church office.

Our deadline is the 15th of each month for the next month's publication.

We'd love to hear from you.

Anne and Joe Sara moved back to the Village and found the Kirk

Looking for a milder climate after living in the "cold states" – Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin – Joe and Anne Sara moved to Hot Springs Village about four months ago.

They considered Florida and a few other places but finally decided on the Village. They had owned a home here previously, so they were familiar with the area.

Joe and Anne both have a Roman Catholic background but were married 36 years ago in a Presbyterian church.

For the last 21 years, they lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and belonged to a Disciples of Christ church, which they loved.

Joe spent most of his career in the brass and copper industry. The U.S. Mint was his biggest customer for copper. Casket manufacturers bought a lot of brass.

Flower calendar

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

Bouquets are \$39, rose buds \$10. Our new 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.

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



The Kirk's friendliness was all Anne and Joe Sara needed when they were looking for a new church. (Robert Sonnen photo)

New members

Anne spent the last 20 years working with financial advisors in a credit union.

They raised two sons. One lives in Des Moines with his wife and their two children, ages 3 and 18 months. The older son and his wife live in the Dallas area, and he is the father of the Saras' almost 14-year-old granddaughter.

On a recent trip to the Dallas/Fort Worth area to visit their son, the Saras attended their first rodeo, and Joe bought a pair of western boots.

The Saras are definitely "dog people." They have two small dogs – a teacup poodle and a Yorkshire terrier. They have been active in dog rescue and fostering programs and have personally enjoyed providing a foster home for numerous dogs over the years.

Anne also has a background in child care, and she and Joe were foster parents for young children in Illinois.

When they retired and moved to the Village last December, they intended to visit several churches before making a commitment. The Kirk was the first and only church they attended.

They were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the congregation and decided to look no further.

"Pastor Bill's sermons are great, and that sealed the deal," they said.

Anne will be having knee surgery in June, and after that she is looking forward to getting involved in church activities and committees. Joe wants to be involved, too, and is especially interested in the Kirk's beautiful gardens and landscaping.

Please welcome Joe and Anne Sara, our newest members.

- Barbara Worthley

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Members of the Bell Choir performing April 9 are (from left) Cindi Erickson, Pat Bellamy, Martha Nielsen, Helen Van Stone, Madelyn Young, Donna Toney, Norm Martin, Gary Clark, and Mel Kuntz. (Robert Sonnen photo)

PW meets May 8 for lunch

To honor the Greenhorns and our wonderful Kirk staff, PW's May Gathering will be a potluck salad luncheon in Hoffius Hall. We hope you will come, bring a salad, and help us celebrate.

We will begin at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with Pastor Bill leading our Bible study using the Apostle Paul's final words to the young church in Philippi.

We will also collect the 2017 Birthday Offering, which will go to mission projects selected by our national Presbyterian Women organization.

After lunch, we will announce our 2017 Woman of Faith. Our honoree will share her "faith journey" with all of us. During April, individual PW members voted for an outstanding member of the Kirk's PW who has not only been active in the life of PW, but who has also shared her gifts and talents in the life of the church and community. It's always exciting to learn who will become the new Woman of Faith.

Mark your calendar, and we will see you on May 8.

The Kirk's sanctuary was filled with color and joy on Easter Sunday.

(Robert Sonnen photo)



Hosting singers was a delightful experience

My husband, Rick, and I were recently given the opportunity to host two members of the 21-voice Chamber Singers Choir from the University of the Ozarks here tto perform at the Kirk.

These gifted musicians are part of an auditioned choral ensemble selected from a student body of approximately 675 in Clarksville, Ark. The university is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Chamber Choir performed at the Kirk's Saturday night worship service. Church members joined them for a delicious pizza supper. At this point, the hosts and hostesses were introduced to the students who were chosen to be guests in our homes for the evening.

What a delightful experience it was to interact with these talented young ladies! Our conversations were very interesting as new friendships were formed and life experiences were shared between two generations.

Our guests are planning to tour Italy in the coming months, and Rick, being a second-generation Italian, shared information about their destinations.



Jamie Federick and Bentley with Aubrey Seiss (center) and Molly Linthicum. (Rick Federick photo)

When we first met them, we said we had a dog and hoped it was not a problem. They responded that they had been discussing how they hoped their hosts would have a dog. Bentley loved them too!

On Sunday morning we returned the young ladies to the church for a huge breakfast provided by the Men's Association.

Later our congregation was

blessed by their lovely vocal talents during the worship service. Our Kirk choir joined them in the choir loft to blend our voices in the benediction.

This entire weekend was a treasured blessing.

Arrivederci to Aubrey and Molly.

- Jamie Federick



The Kirk tour group in front of the Dome of the Rock, an Islamic shrine on the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem. (*Cindi Erickson photo*)

See and hear about The Trip on May 18

The Cave of Quanran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Tabgha, site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jacob's Well where Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water.

These are just a few of the places visited by a group of Kirk members who toured the Holy Land in March with Pastor Bill Bailey.

Pastor Bailey, Tom Hayek, Cindi Erickson, and other travelers will share photos and highlights from their trip at a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. May 18 in Hoffius Hall.

Bring your favorite dish to share and get ready to travel to the Holy Land.

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66 Kirk members delivered Meals on Wheels in March

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with Meals on Wheels in March.

We had 66 persons representing the Kirk who helped deliver more than 600 meals to approximately 25 residents of Hot Springs Village. Several teams volunteered to deliver every week during the month which really helped with scheduling. Others took more than one day.

This is such a worthwhile project. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

If you didn't get a chance to help this year, please keep it in mind for next March.

Vicki Rosenquist
 Meals on Wheels coordinator

Mark Smith (top left) was one of 66 Kirk members who volunteered to deliver meals in March. (Ralph Greene photo)

The Kirk's Meals on Wheels program was coordinated by Vicki Rosenquist, who worked with Stevie Woods at the McAuley Center. (Frank Leeming photo)

Still time to sign up for bridge luncheon

All Marathon Bridge players and substitutes are invited to our end-of-theyear Awards Salad Luncheon at noon Monday, May 22, in Hoffius Hall. We will be playing bridge after lunch.

Each couple is asked to bring a deck of cards.

If you didn't RSVP at the April bridge game, you can still sign up to bring salad or dessert by calling Becky Baldwin, 915 -8573, or Doris Simmons, 922-4597, by May 15.

We will be taking signups for next year's Marathon Bridge at the luncheon, and we are also looking for a couple to take over the leadership for next year.

Hope we see you all there.







A beautiful spring in the Kirk garden



Photos by Madelyn Young Page 12 May 2017

Dennis Faulk has an eagle at Magellan to open Kirk golf group's new season

Our first outing of the 2017 golf season was Sunday, April 9, at Magellan Golf Course. Twenty-four players enjoyed a warm, spring day of golf.

Dinner at Last Chance restaurant was attended by 30 golfers, spouses and friends.

Bragging rights for the day were shared by five players:

Women

- Closest to the Hole, Number 3, Jane Harless.
- Longest Putt, Number 8, Wendy Gage, 9 feet

Men

- Closest to the Hole, Number 6, Ron Lovett. Ron missed a hole-in-one by 26 inches!
- Longest Putt, Number 2, Gary Rector, 6 feet.
 - Play of the Day: Dennis Faulk shot an EAGLE on

Number 12. Congratulations, Dennis!

Our next event will be May 14 at DeSoto Golf Course, followed by dinner at the DeSoto Club. Save the

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, playing 9 or 18 holes, your choice.

We play 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.

- Jim Hess

20 gamers gather for monthly fun and food



Standing (from left) are Bill Rich, Barbara Fuquay, Gary Clark, Marjorie and Gene Carlisle, LuDean Walston, Lois Dykstra, Jerral Johnson, Bob Huff, Margaret Buskirk, Marilyn Johnson, Vianne Huff, Sherry Bingham and JoAnne Rich. Seated (from left) are Bill Worthley, Walter Fuquay, John Dykstra, Beverly Raskin, Stanley Dean and Cheryle Dean. (*Barbara Worthley photo*)

Twenty fun-lovin' people gathered April 4 in Hoffius Hall for some Mexican Train and Hand & Foot.

Snacks and goodies were provided by Bev Raskin and the Mattinglys, Ruth and Burle. The centerpiece was a cute Easter Bunny basket filled with chocolate eggs.

The Games Night Shepherd Group meets on the first Tuesday night of each month, and the next meeting will be May 2.

Everyone is invited to join the fun and games

- Barbara Worthley



Judy Sonnenburg enjoyed prayers, food

Duane and I want to thank Kirk members and friends for all the prayers, cards and food during my recovery from knee surgery.

Although we haven't been able to attend, we have been blessed with your concern and caring.

Blessings,

- Judy Sonnenburg

Thanks for helping serve Ozarks singers

Thank you to all who prepared and served the most excellent breakfast in Hoffius Hall for the University of Ozarks Chamber Singers on Sunday morning, April 2. Also for break down/set up, thank you so much.

We will do it again down the road. Such a wonderful group of boys and girls, and they added so much to our worship service.

Thanks.

- Gary Clark

Many helped make Lenten six lunches work this year

A big thank you to all who brought soup and bread during Lent this year.

We had many different, delicious soups and a variety of breads and cornbreads to complement the soups.

Each Session committee volunteered to take a Wednesday during the six weeks of Lent, and members of that committee helped with set up and clean up as well as with soup and bread.

Because so many people volunteered their time, this year's Lenten Lunches were a great success.

- *Vicki Rosenquist*Moderator, Fellowship Committee

Jackson House getting help from food Basket

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

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

If you can't bring food to the Kirk, you can leave an offering in the pew envelopes marked "Food Basket."

We thank Jackson House for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them.

PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, May 14

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.



Need a ride?

If you need a ride to church, call the Kirk office at 922-1333, or Janie Smith at 922-7548. We will happily have someone give you a ride.

Please wear name tag

Let's wear our name tags to each service. We ask our visitors to wear one, and we should do as much for them. Thank you.

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Passing seasons mean arrival of Book Club

How do you traditionally acknowledge the passing of the seasons?

Many step out on a lovely morning, draw a deep breath and think, "Ah, spring [summer, winter, autumn] is in the air."

It may be the fragrance of magnolias, a blast of suffocating heat or chilly wind, or the radiant tapestry of blazing leaves that catches our attention.

We may mark the calendar on the wall, circling specific dates depending on where you live.

If you were in Australia or New Zealand, September would usher in spring. The Irish begin spring on Feb. 1 to celebrate St Brigid's Day.

Astronomically, you can note the June Solstice to the September Equinox, September to the December Solstice, December to the March Equinox and March back to June.

Specific dates vary with the years. In North America, the "Yankees" win! We in Arkansas check the first day of March, June, September and December meteorologically.

At Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, we welcome spring with the annual Spring Lecture Series.

On April 27, the Rev. Dr. Debra Carl Freeman entertained and inspired us concerning the Spanish Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage. A copy of *The Way*, the movie featured at the lecture, is available for check out in our church library.



During the summer, Pastor Bill will suspend the Wednesday morning Bible Study class, and for the second year, the Education Committee will sponsor the Summer Book Club.

Those who are interested will read a selected book, and on Wednesdays in July and August, we'll gather from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Kirk library to discuss the ideas and impact of the book on each of us.

The two books selected for this year are James Baldwin's *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, and *Creation Untamed* by Terence E. Fretheim.

The first is a semi-autobiographical novel telling of a 14-year-old adopted boy's discoveries concerning himself, his family and his faith while growing up in Harlem. The second is a Princeton Seminary professor's discussion on the Bible, God and Natural Disasters.

Come join us. Tea and crumpets will be served.



Rosalyn Halbert, Kirk Circle 2 leader, riding around campus with one of the Vera Lloyd residents at a Pink Hat Day celebration. Circle 2 sponsored the girls in Pettus House this year and continue to support the girls with small gifts and prayers. (Madelyn Young photo)

Pink Hat Ladies will gather May 6 in appreciation of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Services

Presbyterian Women and the Kirk Mission Committee – along with many others in the Kirk – are long-time supporters of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services.

On Saturday, May 6, Vera Lloyd will host its 2017 Donor Appreciation and Pink Hat Day on the Vera Lloyd campus at 745 Old Warren Road, Monticello. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

This unique and fun celebration includes lunch, tours of the children's home, visits with youth, a

parade of women (and men) showing off their embellished pink hats and recognition of outstanding service by individuals, churches and organizations.

The youth look forward to greeting their many visitors and showing off their homes. We hope many of you will plan to attend. Remember to bring your embellished "pink hat" to be part of the Pink Hat Day Parade!

Contact your Circle leader for information about carpools.



Birthdays

May 1	Marci Drews	May 11	Jack Huebner	May 22	Bob Hebert
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May 2	Gary Clark		Dotty Rector	May 25	Harry Lester
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	John Dykstra	May 14	Ruth Smith	May 26	JoAnne Rich
May 4	Dick Easter		Sheila Stanley	May 28	Don Trent
May 5	Ellen Weber		Donna Toney	May 29	Cynthia Chaffin
May 7	Barbara Worthley	May 15	Dan Gruben		Millie Croson
May 9	Helen Valentine	May 18	Ruth Lauther		Kenneth Rhodes
May 10	Dottie Montgomery	May 18	Nita Sloma		

Anniversaries

May 12	Sherry and Jerry Bingham	16 years
May 14	Betty and Charles Reece	57 years
May 15	Martha and Jay Nielsen	18 years
May 27	Ann and Bruce Hill	65 years
May 29	Bev and Mike Carpenter	52 years
May 31	Janie and Ted Smith	65 years



We believe in the power of all kinds of music

Do we believe music enhances our worship experience?

Of course we do!

We so appreciate our fine choir, director and pianist/organist.

Do we enjoy bell choir's addition to our service? Yes, yes, yes!

What about the flute, horn, trumpet and timpani? We will be graced on May 7 with a violin and cello. The music is just beautiful!

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The choir will soon be on summer vacation.

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If you want to continue to hear music enhancing your worship experience, consider helping out.



Choir Notes

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We will need singers and instrumentalists to fill the summer months with joyous music. The choir can provide a few of these groups.

Now is your opportunity to contribute your voice or instrument to our worship services. Talk it over with Randy. You can get help.

To God be the glory!

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Use Facebook to share the Kirk with friends

Wouldn't it be fun to have your friends come visit the Kirk and sit next to you?

Obviously, we all like the Kirk, Pastor Bill Bailey's sermons, our choir, and the warm, friendly people in our congregation. An easy way to spread the word to your friends is by using our Facebook page. Here's how:

- 1. In Facebook, go to our Kirk Facebook page ... "Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines."
- 2. Click either the "Like" or the "Share" button. That's all there is to it! Thanks for helping the Kirk grow.

- Ralph Greene

Put June 14 on your calendar for Kirk picnic

Mark your calendar for this year's summer picnic: June 14 at Balboa Pavilion. That's also Flag Day, and what better time to gather as a church family for some fun and celebrate our country.

Smokin' in Style BBQ will be catering the event.

More information will be in next month's newsletter as well as in the weekly church bulletins.

- Vicki Rosenquist Moderator, Fellowship Committee

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