

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Kirk Music Director Randy Toney and Organist/Pianist Donna Toney practice music for the Easter season with the Kirk Choir. (Sharon Gardner photo).



Special music to be offered at various services during this year's Easter season

By Randy Toney

Worship services during Holy Week, as well as all of Eastertide, will include moving and expressive musical offerings by our own choir and additional guest artists.

The Holy Week special music begins on Palm Sunday, March 25, with the Kirk choir singing *Take-Up Your Cross* by Thomas Keesecker.

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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.



Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall



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

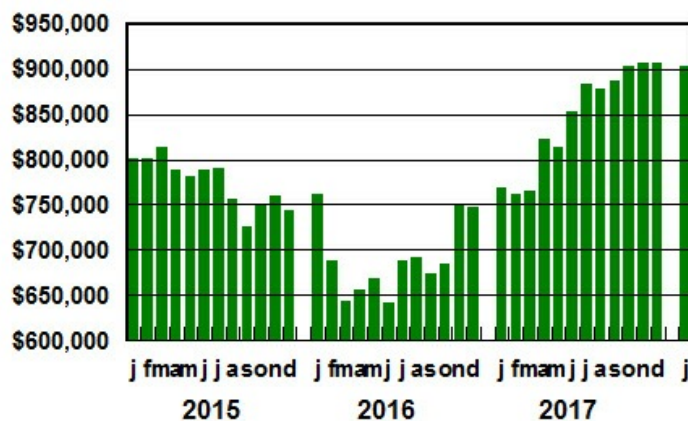


Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of January 31, 2018

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,311	\$ 52,449	\$ 36,311	\$ 52,449
Disbursements	\$ 36,311	\$ 28,079	\$ 36,311	\$ 28,079
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,543	\$ 6,883	\$ 4,543	\$ 6,883
Disbursements	\$ 4,543	\$ 2,875	\$ 4,543	\$ 2,875
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 40,854	\$ 59,332	\$ 40,854	\$ 59,332
Disbursements	\$ 40,854	\$ 30,954	\$ 40,854	\$ 30,954
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 84,579
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 40,246
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 113,747
Programs fund				\$ 73,124
Endowment fund				\$ 591,360
Total special funds				\$ 818,477

Total funds



Source: Kirk Finance Committee

There may be a glitch on giving statements

By Sharon Gardner

If you received your statement of giving from the Kirk and it shows items that say “not deductible,” please check with the Beverly Schaumburg, our Kirk Business Administrator.

There is a new computer system and a glitch was found which incorrectly marked some items “non-deductible.” Beverly will be happy to correct your document so bring it with you to the office.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee

\$492 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of \$492 was collected in January.

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.

Illness blocks two regular columns

Because of illness, Bill Bailey’s Pastor’s Corner and Jerral Johnson’s Clerk’s Corner will not appear this month.

Their popular and informative columns will return next month.

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.

Prayer Tree ministry

Would you like to be a member of our Prayer Tree ministry?

There are no meetings to attend!

All that's required is to be available to make or take a phone call and spend some time each day praying for those on our prayer list.

This is not a gender specific job. Both men and women are welcome. If you have an interested in joining in this ministry, please call Della Reimers at 915-8235 or Janie Smith at 922-5748.

Kirk choir is ready for the Easter season

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This setting of C.W. Everett's text is sung to the English tune *Danby*.

As the lyrics advance us rapidly past Jesus' tragically triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it becomes clear His fate upon the cross is inevitable. Listeners will be reminded of our Savior's words, "Take up your cross ... and humbly follow after me."

The Tenebrae service of Maundy Thursday on March 29 will again follow our tradition of readings, music and gradual diminishing of candles. This symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death, leaving a seemingly hopeless world without God.

Special music will be presented by our pianist, Donna Toney, violinist Kathy Ogilvie and saxophonist Bill Morgan.

Interspersed with the scripture readings by Pastor Bill Bailey, the congregation will sing hymns. The Kirk choir will present *Forsaken* by Dan Forrest and *Out of the Depths* by Richard Frost.

Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter

By Priscilla Hayek

We will again this year beautify our Kirk sanctuary to the Glory of God with flower plants for Easter Sunday. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletin beginning March 4. The last day to place your order will be March 18.

Flowers available will be Easter lilies, azaleas and hydrangeas. They can be purchased in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

You will be able to take your plant home after the Easter Sunday service. Or, if you wish, it can be donated to a local nursing facility. For more

information, call me at 226-5345.

Priscilla Hayek is a member of the Worship Committee in charge of Easter flowers.



Don Loveday is happy to rejoin Kirk family

By *Arnie Holtberg*

There is “no limit to what you can accomplish if you don’t care who gets the credit.”

This statement reflects greatly the philosophy of one of the Kirk’s newest members, Don Loveday.

Actually, Don is a returning member. He and his wife, Edie, belonged to our congregation for several years before moving to Village United Methodist Church.

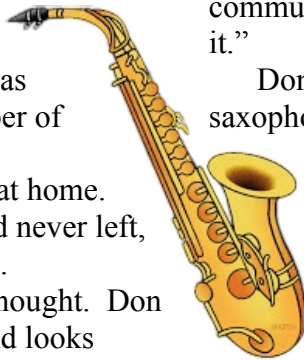
At the time that parish was seeking musicians and the Lovedays filled the bill. As it turned out, the Lovedays felt they could make a contribution to Village United’s worship life, found that they were spending much time there and eventually transferred membership.

Edie still worships at Village United and is treasurer of the United Methodist Women.

Don came back to the Kirk for two reasons. The band the Lovedays were in was disbanded and the church reduced the number of services from two to one.

On returning to the Kirk, Don felt right at home. In fact, on his first Sunday back, he felt he’d never left, remembering how many friends he has here.

Pastor Bill Bailey’s sermons stimulate thought. Don was often part of the Mission Committee and looks forward to working with the Memorial and Grounds Committee.



New member

Edie and Don discovered Hot Springs Village “quite by accident.”

While living in Denver, Don was a software engineer for an aerospace company and Edie a high-school language-arts teacher. Nearing retirement, they sought a home in the middle of the country, preferably in the Hot Springs area.

There were lakes, trees, four seasons and ample opportunity to exercise their skills as master gardeners. They visited the area, and while not seeking a planned community, took a look at the Village and said, “This is it.”

Don loves to fish and garden, and plays alto saxophone in the New Horizons Band. Edie plays the clarinet. They travel for educational purposes, taking advantage of opportunities provided by Road Scholar and Overseas Adventure Travel.

The Lovedays have a son and a daughter in Denver and a daughter in Tacoma, Wash. In all, five grandchildren round out the family.

Arnie Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.

Orders for classy Kirk shirts are being taken now

When you’re on the golf course, running errands, or perhaps at the natatorium, there’s no question which church you attend when your shirt is embroidered with the Kirk logo.

Wherever you go, the attractive green, blue, or tan polo-style, moisture-wick, short-sleeve shirts are the perfect summer wear. They’re just right for our informal church functions, too.

The Member Outreach Committee is taking orders through February, so don’t delay. See a committee member taking orders during fellowship hour.

There will be samples on display so you can see the fine quality and style.

Sizes medium through 4XL are available for men and



women, and priced according to size from \$22 to \$29.50. Make checks payable to Kirk in the Pines.

If you have questions, call Harry Wakefield, Moderator of the Membership Outreach Committee, at 922-5117 or email harrywakefield@att.net.



Get your tartan and join the Kirkin' on Sept. 16

By Helen Fisher

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 16, and plan to celebrate the Kirk's Scottish heritage with the Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band. We will have the traditional parade of tartans and high tea.

The Kirk began celebrating Heritage Sunday in 2003 and has continued the tradition every three years since then. This memorable and meaningful worship experience celebrates our covenant history as Presbyterians through traditional and contemporary music, ritual, word and prayer.

The Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band from Batesville will lead a procession of members of The Kirkin' Society carrying their tartan clan banners.

After the service, the bagpipers and banner carriers will lead

members of the congregation to the Memorial Garden for a closing ceremony. All are invited to a lovely High Tea with an array of delectable treats.

Tartans, with their distinctive plaids, represent specific Scottish clans, regions or regiments. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for a blessing.

If you wish to have a tartan made depicting your particular clan, we will order it for you from a supplier in Edinburgh, Scotland. If you're not sure of your clan, there is a display in the Kirk's narthex where books are available for research.

You can also search online through Tartans of Scotland.

Once you know your clan, call me at 922-2776 or email me at Helen399@suddenlink.net.

The deadline to order your tartan is May 15. The early cut-off is to ensure delivery in a timely fashion.

The cost of each tartan needs to be updated because we are changing suppliers. In the past, it has ranged from \$100 to \$120.

The cost of your tartan is a tax deductible contribution to the church. All tartans remain with the church for use in future celebrations.

Plan now to be part of this exhilarating celebration of the Kirk's Scottish heritage.

Helen Fisher has been an organizer of the Kirkin' for many years.



Frank Leeming at his desk working on the Kirk newsletter. (Joyce Leeming photo)

Many hands and three weeks are needed to produce each edition of the Kirk's newsletter

By Rick Federick

We at the Kirk and especially the Communications Committee are blessed to have Frank Leeming on our team. His lifetime career as a newspaper man bodes well as he structures the Kirk in the Pines newsletter each month.

Now, here is "the rest of the story."

Work on a newsletter covers about three weeks each month, Frank said. It begins when Lowell Gardner, Moderator of the Communication Committee, has the monthly committee meeting and prepares a list of stories folks will be working on for the next issue.

"I begin by going to our desktop publishing software and modifying a 16-page "master" newsletter so it has the correct date, volume number and so on," Frank said.

"As Lowell begins sending us stories and photos, we clean them up and begin putting them on the pages.

"It's important all our stories adhere to the proper 'style' so we don't confuse readers. We want the newsletter to have a consistent appearance, yet have variety and freshness as well.

"The most important thing is looking for the one special story or picture each month to put on page one. It's what draws readers in to the rest of the newsletter.

"We have some really good writers and



**Behind
the scenes**

photographers in the Kirk and they are the key to making the newsletter the best in the Presbytery.

"We enjoy using pictures big to show them off. Good clipart also helps illustrate a story.

"The deadline for getting stories and pictures in is the 15th of each month. Most of our writers are on time. Others are always late. Lowell begins badgering people on the 16th.

"As the newsletter fills up, we decide if we have enough material for 16 pages, or should we go with 12. We have to go up and down in four-page increments.

"When Version I is finished, it's sent to Lowell and to my eagle-eyed editor/wife Joyce who proof it. Judy Carroll and Madelyn Young were masters at finding mistakes. Often we have up to Version VI or VII before the newsletter is finally sent to Chris Taylor-Wilmoth at the office to be printed. Chris also sends out the email

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Here are some of the tools used to produce the Kirk newsletter

For you geeks who wonder about software, here's what we use to produce the newsletter:

PagePlusX9 is the desktop publishing software. WordPerfect X7, the gold standard of word-processing programs, is what's used to edit and write stories. Depending on what's needed, photos are edited and cleaned up with Adobe Photoshop, Affinity Photo, InPixio Photo Clip 7 or PhotoArtist 3. We have an extensive file of Kirk photos dating back to 2008, and we use Google Clipart.



It may take seven tries to get newsletter right

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version and Ralph Greene posts a copy on the website.

“Then we get ready to start all over again.”

Frank attended the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in newspaper and corporate management, graduating in 1960. He joined the news staff of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, working as a reporter, rewrite man, directing night news staff and headed the paper's special investigations team. He was twice nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

He was a correspondent for *Life* magazine covering five mid-western states. He became editorial editor for a group of five central and southern Illinois dailies based in Decatur, Ill.

In 1969, he joined *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as business editor, becoming city editor and then assistant to the executive editor. He was city editor when the paper won the first of seven consecutive Pulitzer Prizes. He became circulation sales and marketing manager for both *The Inquirer* and its sister paper, the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

He was named publisher in 1978 of the *Kingsport* (Tenn.) *Times-News*, a 45,000-circulation daily and Sunday paper. The newspaper was twice judged the best newspaper in the state.

In 1983, Frank and Joyce purchased *The Journal of the San Juan Islands* in Friday Harbor, Wash. Under his leadership the paper won numerous awards for journalistic excellence, becoming a leader in high-tech newspaper production. The paper owned the county's

largest printing firm and published books and a national newspaper.

During his career Frank was a director of the Tennessee and Washington Newspaper Publishers Associations, a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and American Society of Newspaper Editors. His work won top honors in Illinois, Tennessee and Washington. His photographs have appeared in many national publications, including *Life* magazine and *The New York Times*.

The Leemings sold their company in 1993 and moved to Hot Springs Village.

After 14 years of retirement and golf four times a week, he got bored and agreed to become editor of the *Hot Springs Village Voice*. In 2008, he won the top award for investigative reporting in Arkansas.

Frank was vice president (membership) of the Village Concerts' Association for five years, a director of the Village Community Foundation, chairman of the Property Owners' Association's publications and communications committee and a director of Friends of Coronado Center Library.

In 2013, he was elected to the POA's Board of Directors.

Joyce produced the Kirk newsletter for many years. In 2016 Frank took on the responsibility when Melissa Sonnen left the committee.

A sincere thank you to Frank Leeming for all he does “behind the scenes.”

Rick Federick is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.



Education Moderator Pat Kuntz (left) and Pastor Bill Bailey and his wife, Anne, enjoying the music and food at the All Kirk Dinner. *(Jan Holtberg photo)*

Great food and music make All Kirk Dinner a happy time at the Coronado Center

By Jan Holtberg

Every element for a splendid, convivial event was in place for a most successful All Kirk Dinner on Jan. 29.

The evening was planned by the Social Committee led by its capable moderator, Vicki Rosenquist.

Hors d'oeuvres were provided by the Greenhorns and the meal was catered by Daily Dish.

Well-deserved kudos were extended to all who contributed to the dinner's organization and to the life of the Kirk.

A crowd of approximately 140 of our best friends and partners in faith gathered at the Coronado Center.

Conversations were fulsome and energetic. Many attendees revealed their youth by dancing to the mellifluous melodies of the Village Big Band.

Fellowship nourishes our souls and prepares us to do God's work. On Jan. 29, our needs were met and we were reminded of each others' goodness. Gratitude and good cheer were in abundance. Next year cannot come soon enough.

Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.



Michael Erickson and his grandma enjoy the festivities.



Norm and Helen Fisher, Randy and Donna Toney, Jim and Della Reimers, Bob and Judy Corwin, Barron and Wendy Gage, and others enjoy dancing to the Big Band music (Jan Holtberg photo)



The Kirk Greenhorns prepared delicious appetizers (left), and Maureen Morgan, soloist, and Village Big Band director Bill Morgan (above) made the All Kirk Dinner very special. (Jan Holtberg and Sharon Gardner photos)

And how, exactly, does God talk with you?

An acquaintance of mine recently asked me, “How does God speak to you?”

The question was raised in the context of a conversation in which he acknowledged he did experience clear directives from the Lord.

Lest you form an image of someone in significant need of medication, may I quickly point out I engage in lucid and intelligent communications with this individual on a regular basis. And, yes, he sincerely believes God distinctly communicates with him.

Relying solely on I Corinthians 12, I pointed out we all have gifts and hearing the Father’s direct communiques may be his gift, but it is not one of mine.

As a believer, I am interested in how God makes known His wishes to us. I believe He does speak through His inspired communiques in the scriptures. You may approach it in many ways.

I offer two particular points of view for your consideration.

One is in a book written by Bernhard W. Anderson who is Professor Emeritus of the Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. The book is actually a study guide, originally prepared in 1952, entitled *The Unfolding Drama of the Bible*. In his 1988 edition, Professor Anderson proposes, in his own words, to “attempt to stand within the Bible and to look out at the world through the window of biblical faith.”

Beginning with the premise that the Bible is a self-revelation by God recorded, in living human language, revealing His involvement in our personal lives as well as human history.



Carnegie Corner By Lowell Gardner

Selected scriptural passages lay out a three-act play, per se, precluded and complete with prologue and epilogue. You are not to be a spectator but to put yourself into drama as an active participant.

The second point of view is in the book *Autobiography of God* by Lloyd John Ogilvie.

At the time of its writing in 1979, Reverend Ogilvie was senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, Calif. In his own personal study, he became aware that parables taught by Jesus “were all aspects of the autobiography of God being written through His Son, Immanuel, God with us.”

In 29 chapters incorporating the same number of parables, Reverend Ogilvie presents this idea in such interesting titles as “The Prodigal God,” “Before You Give Up!” “How to Be a Lover” and “A Voice from the Dead.”

Both of these books are in our own church library. Check them out.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Kirk golfers to kick off 2018 season with dinner March 11

By Jim Hess

It is time to kick off the 2018 Kirk Sunday Golf Season!

It will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. March 11 at Last Chance Restaurant. We have the upstairs room reserved for our group.

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 nine or 18 holes. It is your choice.

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

If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email jimobhess@suddenlink.net

Jim Hess has organized the Kirk’s golf group for many years.



Happy dates



Birthdays

March 2	Eric Van Cleave	March 14	Connie Green	March 19	Jim Kincheloe
March 6	Ray Bates		Bill Worthley		Nancy Patton
	Marjorie Easley	March 15	Vicki Rosenquist	March 20	Sally Lester
March 8	Dean Stanley	March 16	Ann Hill	March 25	Paul Hayek
	Joyce Hayek		Rita Martick	March 28	Vianne Huff
	Samuel Arant		Pat Poole		Bob Webster
March 9	Duane Sonnenburg	March 17	Mike Hoagland	March 30	Bud Strautman
March 11	Dave Hamilton		Kelle Wolf	March 31	Norma Stevens
March 13	Jim Adams	March 18	Mel Kuntz		
	Cindi Erickson	March 19	Hep Hepner		

Anniversaries

March 6	Bev and Jack Bullard	47 years	March 16	Jamie and Rick Federick	27 years
March 7	Gay and Art Crone	36 years		Nita and Cal Sloma	64 years
March 12	Melissa and Robert Sonnen	26 years	March 20	Della and Jim Reimers	60 years
March 14	Claire and Kenneth Rhodes	28 years	March 28	Vianne and Bob Huff	58 years

Can you host a few visiting college singers?

On April 7 and 8, the University of the Ozarks choir directed by Jonathan Ledger will once again favor us with their annual musical visit.

On this first weekend following Easter they will sing at the 5 p.m. Saturday evening informal service as well as at the Sunday morning formal worship.

Housing will be needed for up to 24 young men and women on the night of April 7. Please consider hosting one or two choristers in your home.

All-Kirk dinner was a very special event

“How about the All Kirk Dinner!”

Wasn't it wonderful to see so many Kirk attendees enjoying the wonderful fellowship, food and music specially prepared for us!

I would like to send my heartfelt thank-you to the Fellowship Committee for all the work and the preparation required to carry off such a special event.

Thank you.

Helen Van Stone



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

Anyone in the congregation may be a host. You will be asked to provide a breakfast for them and drive them to the Kirk on Sunday morning.

A sign-up sheet for those willing to host one or two singers is on the counter in the choir room. Anyone with questions may call Music Director Randy Toney at (225) 573-6493 or choir member Ro Easter at 922-3993.

Coffee Closet open March 11

The PW Coffee closet will open Sunday, March 11, 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.

Special meals showed up at our front door

Having just read about Acts of Kindness in the February newsletter, Paul and Carol Burpo took it upon themselves to “waltz into” our door on the night of the All Church Dinner Dance with “Take Home Meal Boxes.”

– *Merilyn Seitz*

Tell us about your Warm & Fuzzy story

Have you ever experienced a “WARM AND FUZZY, that marvelously warm feeling when someone, often in total surprise, does a very helpful or meaningful thing for you.

Tell us your story. We will publish them each month.

If this is a good idea and meets a need, submit yours to puffchop35@yahoo.com.

If the response is overwhelming, we on the editorial staff reserve the right to pick and choose based of space and meaningfulness.



Roses left her speechless

Within the last year my husband passed away. I recently found my phone could not be repaired but must be replaced. I ended up purchasing a new one on the very date of our 66th wedding anniversary.

While waiting for my information to be downloaded, I was engaged in conversation with the store manager. The sadness of my day spilled over to her.

As I continued to wait, she returned with a dozen red roses. I was speechless and tears rolled down my cheeks.

I eventually thanked her and promised to pay it forward.

– *JoAnne Rich*

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