

A Voice in the Pines



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Important classes on planning final challenge

By Arnie Holtberg

Having well-thought-out plans your loved ones can follow and execute when you die is not only desirable but, some might say, necessary.

Giving those who survive you clear direction for the myriad items that must be addressed at the end of one's life is truly a gift. Why cause those you love the anxiety and confusion of trying to guess what you might have wanted?

As in last month's newsletter, the Kirk's Education Committee has planned a five-part series – *My Gift to My*

Loved Ones / Facing Life's Final Challenge – to help us confront the task ahead with grace and care.

Each session will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays in Hoffius Hall. The dates and subjects in the series are:

June 5 – “Preparing to Face the Final Challenge.” Speakers will address the issues of aging gracefully, caregiving, and care receiving.

June 12 – “Financial Considerations and Legal Information.” Vital and practical subjects will ensure participants come away with better knowledge of planning needs and potential pitfalls.

June 19 – “Honoring my Bodily Remains.” Topics will include developing funeral plans, the Kirk's columbarium, and an overview of Genesis, a program for donating one's body to science.

June 26 – “Creating an Ethical Will.” This will explore writing a letter to loved ones and topics such as expressing love and gratitude and what is most important to you, sharing important things you have learned along the way, explaining elements of your estate plan, and telling the story of assets that will be bequeathed.

July 3 – “The Final Challenge.” The concluding session will answer all questions and consider individual concerns and needs.

Leave nothing to chance. Take advantage of these robust opportunities and approach the end of your life with the intentionality and forethought that your loved ones deserve and need.

Arnie Holtberg is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.



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 on May 1
(Classes will resume in Sept.)



Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Conference Room
through May 30



While we can agree, we can also be fractious

One of the earliest confessions of the church is the affirmation that “Jesus Christ is Lord.” Most Christians through the years have agreed on this.

Of course, beyond that, we all know how divided and fractious Christians have been through the centuries. Our culture continues to be divided as well.

Our Spring Lectures on May 15 this year will host Dr. Peg Falls-Corbitt. Dr. Falls-Corbitt is a philosophy/ethics Professor at Hendrix College in Conway. She also happens to be a Presbyterian Elder serving the First Presbyterian congregation in that community. She knows first-hand how difficult it can be to find common ground in our divided culture.

Dr. Falls-Corbitt will be speaking on *Being a Church in a Partisan Culture: A Workshop on Finding Our Common Ground*.

As her title suggests, this will be more of a workshop and less of a lecture. She will lead us through a number of “polarities” that may seem, on the surface, to be contradictory to one another or, at least, held in tension.

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



Her hope is to help us learn new strategies for discovering the common values we can agree on.

I encourage you to be present at 9 a.m. May 15. Engage in the two sessions in the morning. Lunch will be provided by the Greenhorns for a small fee. In the afternoon, continue to participate by being a part of the final session which will finish by 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Falls-Corbitt worked with the Presbytery last year on this with great success. I hope you will make plans to join us May 15.

Several Kirk members have passed away

It is with sorrow I list the following members who have passed away in the last two months:

Diane C. Perrin, on Feb. 28 in Hot Springs Village. A memorial service was March 6 with a reception in Hoffius Hall.

Ruth Carpenter, on March 2 in Hot Springs Village. A memorial service was April 13 in the Kirk Memorial Garden, followed by a reception in Hoffius Hall.

Connie Green, on March 8 in O'Fallon, Mo. A private memorial service will be later in the Memorial Garden.

Wilson (Bill) Naggs, on March 30 in Chicago. A memorial service will be scheduled later.

Death of a former member:

Mrs. Sue Thayer, Feb. 27. Mrs. Thayer lived in Plano, Texas, at the time of her death.

On February 26, 2019, Bob and Stephanie Herbert requested their names be removed from the church rolls.

Church statistics as of April 12, 2019:

Members – 313

Family Units – 211

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



Other news:

- The annual picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. May 16 at the Balboa Pavilion.
- The Education Committee will present the following program: *My Gift to My Loved Ones/Facing Life's Final Challenge*.
- On May 15, the lecture series will feature Peg Falls-Corbitt. She will speak on *Being a Church in a Partisan Culture/ Finding Our Common Ground*. There will be a \$5 dollar charge for the noon meal being served by the Greenhorns.
- The Garden area by the office parking lot is being redone by the Grounds Committee. Everyone is encouraged to follow the progress of this project. It is another step in the beautification of the Kirk.



Members of the Grounds/Memorial Committee include (from left, standing) Moderator Tom Hayek, Vicki Rosenquist, Dotty Rector, Becky Wakefield, Mel Kuntz and Jim Adams, and (seated) Priscilla Hayek and Rosalyn Halbert. Not pictured: Gary Brod, Dennis Faulk, Jerral Johnson, Ted Hommema, Don Loveday, Richard Massey, Lu Otto and Chuck New. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Many hands keep Kirk grounds looking great

By Tom Hayek

Kirk in the Pines has an active group of members dedicated to keeping our church grounds looking nice.

The grounds need a good deal of attention. Removal of leaves and debris is a constant, year-long task, along with seasonal lawn mowing and trimming.

On the grounds and in the Memorial Garden, trees and shrubs are trimmed, pruned and thinned by a professional tree service from time to time. Dead trees are removed, as well as stumps, low hanging branches and dead logs.

Our committee members are constantly busy weeding, trimming and planting in our many landscaped gardens, including areas near Hoffius Hall, the Memorial Garden, office entrance and the main parking lot entrance.

Our new sexton, Chip Johnson, is adding much appreciated help with lawn mowing and leaf blowing.

All sidewalks in the Memorial Garden are power washed when needed. The water feature is drained, cleaned and repaired as needed. Water plants add to the attraction and ambiance the pond offers the Memorial lawn area.

A major expense last year was resurfacing the parking areas, using slip-resistant material. It had been nine years since the parking lots were last resurfaced.



There was also some removal and replacement of damaged sidewalk areas.

Additional lighting was added to the east side parking lot, brightening some dark areas.

The committee is moving forward with our newest project: Revamping the landscaping at the east entrance of the church near the office entrance. This area had plants and design from its original installation many years ago. It looked tired and needed a make-over. New plants will be installed and the stonework will be completely refreshed.

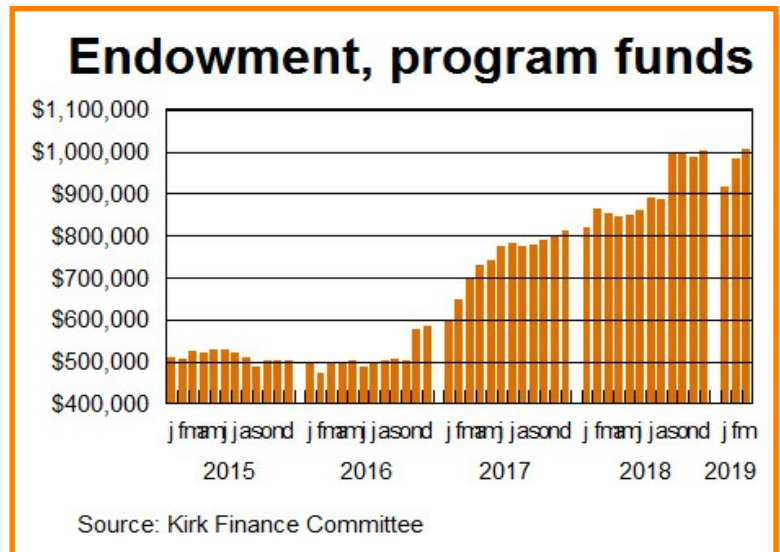
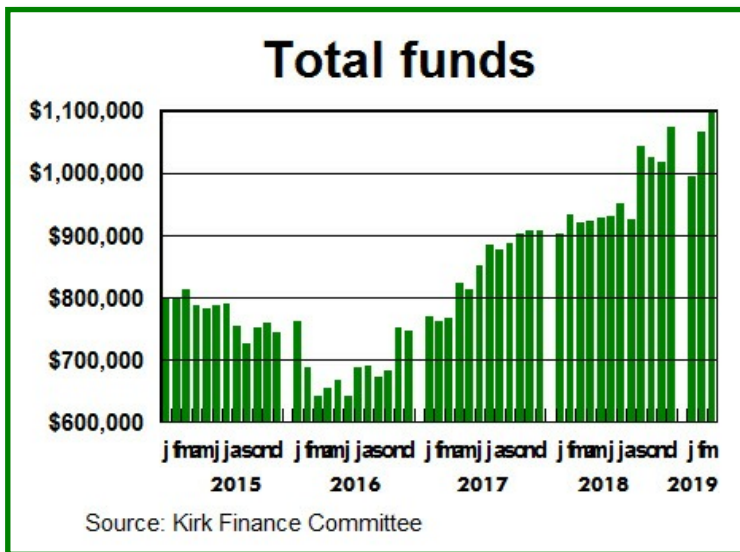
It may seem like all of this is so much work but those of us on the Grounds/ Memorial Committee consider this our baby, deserving of our attention and love. This is a feeling we all have about serving the way we do and we are happy to do it.

Tom Hayek is Moderator of the Grounds Committee.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of March 31, 2019

| | Month | | Year to date | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| General Fund: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 35,496 | \$ 34,806 | \$ 106,486 | \$ 126,314 |
| Disbursements | \$ 36,529 | \$ 26,289 | \$ 109,587 | \$ 80,218 |
| Building Fund: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 4,246 | \$ 2,264 | \$ 12,738 | \$ 16,284 |
| Disbursements | \$ 4,246 | \$ 4,481 | \$ 12,738 | \$ 11,694 |
| Total all funds: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 39,742 | \$ 37,070 | \$ 119,225 | \$ 142,598 |
| Disbursements | \$ 40,775 | \$ 30,770 | \$ 122,326 | \$ 91,912 |
| Checking and Money Market Funds Balance | | | | \$ 90,255 |
| Special funds: | | | | |
| Memorial fund | | | | \$ 55,771 |
| Luke 12:48 fund | | | | \$ 240,344 |
| Programs fund | | | | \$ 49,081 |
| Endowment fund | | | | \$ 603,373 |
| Maack-Ormsbee Fund | | | | \$ 56,821 |
| Total special funds | | | | \$ 1,005,390 |



\$649 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$649** 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.

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.

Workshop

How do we find common ground in an era when our culture is always bickering?

The workshop on “Being a Church in a Partisan Culture: Finding Our Common Ground” will begin at 9 a.m. May 15 in Hoffius Hall.

Sponsored by the Kirk Education Committee, the one-day event will run until 2:30 p.m. and include a noon lunch provided by the Kirk Greenhorns. There will be a \$5 charge to pay for the meal.

Peg Falls-Corbitt, who is the Virginia A. McCormick Pittman Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Hendrix College, will be the guest speaker. Among her many areas of responsibility, Professor

Falls-Corbitt is director of Hendrix Miller Center for Vocation, Ethics, and Calling and director of the Marshall T. Steel Center for the Study of Religion and Philosophy.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from Rhodes College and a master’s and doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University.

Come and invite a friend or neighbor. The workshop will include a question, answer and discussion period to address particular interests of participants.



There are ways to use church pledges, new tax laws, to lower your gross income, taxes

By Sharon Gardner

At the end of the first quarter we are tracking to make budget.

Several members give their full pledge at the beginning of the year. When you look at the financial report posted in Hoffius Hall, note that early in the year the numbers look better because of the early pledge giving. This balances out over the year.

With new tax laws in place, you may want to consider giving once a year. This is done by instructing your financial advisor to transfer money from your retirement account directly to the Kirk.

With the new standard deduction, many will not find the benefit of itemization for federal taxes. State taxes still benefit from itemizing.

By having your financial advisor transfer your pledge directly, you reduce your gross income.

For example, if you take the required minimum distribution and pay the pledge, you pay taxes on the money. If you transfer the money directly you don’t pay tax and it reduces your gross income by the amount you donate.

There are new tax

brackets in place this year as well.

By reducing your gross income, you may bring your income down to a lower tax rate. You can do this any time during the year

If you have already started paying your pledge yourself, you can decide to have your financial advisor transfer the balance for you. If you have a question, contact your financial advisor for explanation of how this works.

The Finance Committee will sponsor an event next Oct. 9. Some may remember the Trial of the Treasury. This time we will do “Who’s on First!”

There will be a potluck dinner and you will learn in a fun way about the finances of the church. Mark your calendar.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.





Fun at last year's Kirk picnic was shared by (from left) Gary and Debbie Brod, Sally Fink, (across the table) Tom Fink, and Lucy and Gerald Allen. (*Jamie Federick photo*)

Now's time to sign up for Kirk picnic on May 16

Sign up for the annual Kirk picnic in Hoffius Hall Saturday evening and Sunday morning following worship. This year's picnic will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Balboa Pavilion.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats will be grilled to perfection by our own Kirk grillers. The Greenhorns will provide the delicious sides. Drinks and desserts will round out the meal for only \$8 a person.

Remember, sign-up is taking place at the before mentioned times and places.

Bring your family members, friends and neighbors along to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

PW's final meeting of season will be on May 13

By Carol Sue Williams

On Monday, May 13, we will have our last gathering before the summer break. We will meet in the sanctuary as Pastor Bill Bailey leads our lesson, followed by a salad luncheon in Hoffius Hall.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad to share.

We will be receiving the annual Birthday Offering at the May 13 gathering. The envelopes will be in the bulletin for you to make your gift. Recipients of this offering will be listed on the back of the bulletin that day.

The Woman of Faith Award will be given at the luncheon. Hopefully all of you have given this your careful consideration and have placed your ballots in the box on top of the piano in Hoffius Hall.

We must receive them by April 30 so the recipient can be notified and she can prepare her presentation to us.

Carol Sue Williams is PW Moderator.

PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, May 12

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.



Learn all about your smart smart phone

By Barbara Worthley

“Are You Smarter Than Your Smart Phone” will be answered at a two-hour seminar on Wednesday, May 8.

The Education Committee is sponsoring the class taught by Rebecca Bingham. Not only is Rebecca smarter than her smart phone, she is an international travel journalist and photographer.

When not traveling, she plays cello in the professional string quartet that performed at the Kirk on Sunday, April 7. Not only that, she is the daughter of Kirk member Gloria Pickett.

Bill Bailey was instrumental in bringing Rebecca here for the class. She had shown him things he didn't know his smart phone could do. He was so impressed he asked if the Education Committee wanted to sponsor a class.

“On the road,” Rebecca said, “you'll usually see me wearing lipstick and pearls, holding a cup of coffee in one hand and an iPhone in the other.”

The class will be from 9-11 a.m. in Hoffius Hall. If you have a smart phone, or are thinking about getting one, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Barbara Worthley is on the Kirk's Communication Committee.



Rebecca Bingham will teach a class on the many features of smart phones.

**Free tickets
to lucky
few for
Muses
concert on
June 21**



The Muses Project of Hot Springs, which presented a preview performance of last year's show at the Kirk, will present a *Broadway Cabaret, Seasons of Love* concert at 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the Woodlands.

The Muses Professional Performance Troupe of nationally touring professional vocalists, instrumentalists and resident artists, will present beloved tunes from popular Broadway shows.

The music will come from these well-known shows: *Cabaret, Kiss Me Kate, Hello Dolly, My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Company, Wicked, and Rent.*

The musical classics will be performed in colorful and engaging combinations of solos, duets and ensembles along with lovely and energetic dance performances sprinkled throughout the show.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at through the POA's website www.explorethevillage.com and clicking on “event tickets” and going to June 21, or www.themusesproject.org, or by calling the Muses at 501.609.9811.

The Muses have donated five pairs of tickets to the Kirk. The first to contact Sharon Gardner at 612 803-4421 will receive the tickets.

The little things mean a lot at Vera Lloyd

By Bob Morrow

I hadn't planned on interviewing Donna Mahurin on the telephone while driving through traffic, but the pressing Kirk newsletter deadline left little room for delay. It actually went well since talking to Donna was like talking to a member of the family. In fact, as CEO of one of the Kirk's major mission interests, she is, after all, a member of the family.

Donna was recruited to the leadership position of Vera Lloyd in September 2014 after a 20-year career leading some noteworthy non-profit organizations.

Her career journey has included being executive director of the YWCA in El Dorado, United Way of Union County, American Red Cross of Longview, Texas, the Greater Longview United Way, and the Midland, Texas, United Way.

I asked Donna how she found transitioning from leadership of secular organizations to leading a faith-based organization.

"Oh, it's wonderful," Donna exclaimed.

"To be able to pray with and for staff, to be able to open meetings with prayer, and to be able to share Christ's love openly without concern for crossing a line of appropriateness is just wonderful."

As she explained, the mission of Vera Lloyd is "to share Christ's healing love with children, youth and families in crisis."

For Donna, this is all the difference.

She said "witnessing first-hand the dedication of the staff day in and



Donna Mahurin, CEO of Vera Lloyd



day out keeps me inspired and motivated."

Donna expressed special appreciation for the Kirk.

"We are so grateful for the support provided by the Kirk, one of Vera Lloyd's major church supporters," she said.

Pressing on, I asked Donna if she could share a particular story of a child or family which encapsulates her experience at Vera Lloyd.

"There are just so many it is hard to choose one," she stressed.

"Surprisingly it is the small things, the seemingly small victories that can mean the most. Like a child who brings back a report card with no "Cs" for the first time.

Or another child who has finally mastered the task of brushing his teeth every day."

Then Donna shared a particularly meaningful story.

"A young woman had been with us for a long time, as a resident, so we knew her well and loved her.

"She was a musician and worked very hard in our music program to hone her skills. As a

result, she was offered seven scholarships to college!

"This young woman shared with staff that without Vera Lloyd, none of

her success would have been possible.

She's now finished her first year of college, with a 3.0 average, and serves as a volunteer at

Vera Lloyd."

Hearing this witness reminded me of a Talmudic saying; "To save one life is like saving an entire world."

It occurred to me Vera Lloyd, with exceptional leadership and support from the Kirk, is saving many worlds, one child and one family at a time.

Bob Morrow is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

Dinner for Six program taking a summer break, will resume next fall

By Barbara and Tony Booth

We believe in the concept of Dinner for Six as a way for congregants to get to know each other better. We have enjoyed the fellowship shared with a small number of participants.

The wonderful Lenten lunches we have just enjoyed shows our church has lots of talents for providing “simple” meals. We have indicated several times that the fellowship is priority over the meal.

We have been told the Dinner for Six program traditionally takes a break in the summer and around the Holidays. We will honor that practice and resume the program in the fall.

We would welcome creative ideas regarding the promotion and participation in this enriching and enjoyable program when we begin again in September. Call us at 984-1550 with your ideas.

Barbara and Tony Booth coordinator the Kirk's Dinner for Six program.

dinner **6**



The Mail Corner

Thanks to members who delivered food

I would like to thank all of our Kirk members who signed up to and ultimately did deliver meals to those in our community who are in need of a hot meal.

Many in our congregation delivered on multiple days. Volunteering your time is much appreciated. It helps make this program such a success.

Thanks again for your participation.

Vicki Rosenquist,
Fellowship Moderator

Lenten lunches were a big, delicious success

The 2019 Lenten Season is complete along with our soup and bread lunches.

There has been a great deal of support for our delicious lunches. Many folks volunteered to bring soups, chili's and stews, as well as multiple types of tasty breads and corn breads.

Thank you to all who make our Lenten Lunches so successful by contributing your time and effort.

Vicki Rosenquist
Fellowship Moderator

Soprano soloist to sing June 2 at Kirk recital

Mezzo-soprano Megan Ahne will present a solo recital in the sanctuary of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

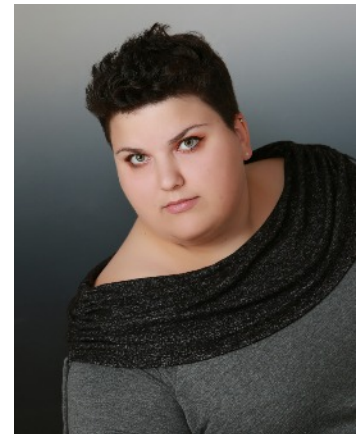
Megan is a 2018 graduate of the University of the Ozarks. She was a member of their Chamber Choir which participated during worship services at

Kirk in the Pines the last four years.

She was a soloist in the Kirk Morning Worship in the summer of 2018 after performing for Top of the Rock Chorus the previous evening as their first Top of the Rock Peggy Gram Scholarship recipient.

Megan is pursuing a graduate degree in vocal

performance at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She will be accompanied at her June 2 performance by Dr. Sharon Gorman, professor of music at the University of the Ozarks. Megan will also be providing special music for the Sunday Morning Worship the morning of the recital.



Megan Ahne

New way to read (and hear) favorite Psalms

What are your favorite Psalms – the ones that come to mind immediately?

In our church library, you'll find Leslie F. Brandt's book *Psalms/Now*. Brandt puts the Psalms into contemporary language.

As I was reading this book, I recalled the Psalms are basically songs. Here are three of my favorite Psalms set to music and the listening link below.

Psalm 8: "O God, how full of wonder and splendor You are! I see the reflections of Your beauty and hear the sounds of Your majesty wherever I turn." (*Psalms/Now*)

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name by Tom Fettke is one of the Kirk Choir's favorites. This setting of Psalm 8 uses musical restraint to slowly build to a triumphant Alleluia and then fades into a prayerful ending echoing the poetic ebb and flow of the Psalm verse.

Here's the Listening Link (just click on this if you're reading our emailed edition):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAQcdZNDgY>

Psalm 51: "Revive my flagging spirit, O God. Restore to me the joy and assurance of a right relationship with You." (*Psalms/Now*)

Psalm 51 is traditionally known as the Miserere (Have mercy) in Latin. One of the top-of-the-charts musical settings for the *Miserere* was composed by Gregorio Allegri in the 17th century. The Sistine Chapel in Rome



recognized this musical setting as a hit and kept the manuscript under lock and key.

The Listening Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3v9unphfi0>

And finally, the familiar Psalm 23: "The Lord is my constant companion. There is no need that He cannot fulfill." (*Psalms/Now*)

This most beloved of Psalms, "The Lord is my Shepherd" is set beautifully by John Rutter. Rutter's instrumentation uses an oboe which brings to mind a shepherd on the hillside playing an instrument while watching over his flock as the evening stars appear in the sky.

The Listening Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0tsuzM6h7M>

Brandt's book brings the Psalms to life. May you find comfort and solace in the Psalms as they give voice to the rejoins, complaints and pleas to our God and shepherd.

Kirk's Summer book club to resume on July 3

The 4th annual Summer Book Club will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, in the Kirk Library. Barring any late developments, the 90-minute sessions will conclude Aug. 28.

Several books are under consideration and others are being reviewed.

If you have a book or an author you are interested in and would like considered, contact Education Moderator Pat Kuntz, club moderator Lowell Gardner, or any other member of the Education Committee.

Watch future issues of the newsletters or bulletin notices for more details.

U. of Ozarks choir concert at Kirk on May 19

By Dotty Rector

Once again, the Kirk will be graced with the voices of the talented University of the Ozarks Chamber Choir. This year, the community will be invited to join us at 3 p.m. May 19 in the Kirk sanctuary. It will be the first concert of their spring tour.

This is a change from previous years, where we only heard a snippet

of their talents during a worship service. Now, we can listen to a broader concert repertoire.

As is our custom, Kirk members will be asked to host some students in their homes on Sunday evening. Following the concert, the singers will be guests at a reception in Hoffius Hall, then a pizza dinner.

Hosts are asked to provide sleeping accommodations on Sunday night, breakfast on Monday morning, and then a return to the Kirk.

It is refreshing to meet these young people, so we hope many will come to the concert and also come forward to host one or two singers.

Dotty Rector is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.



Happy dates



Birthdays

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| May 1 | Marci Drews | May 11 | Vel Huebner | May 25 | Harry Lester |
| | Dennis Zymboly | | Jack Huebner | May 26 | JoAnne Rich |
| May 4 | Dick Easter | | Dotty Rector | | Alice Sparks |
| May 5 | Ellen Weber | May 14 | Ruth Smith | May 28 | Don Trent |
| May 7 | Barbara Worthley | | Sheila Stanley | May 29 | Cynthia Chaffin |
| May 9 | Helen Valentine | | Donna Toney | | Millie Croson |
| May 10 | Dottie Montgomery | May 18 | Ruth Lauther | | Kenneth Rhodes |
| | | May 24 | Eve Hampton-Webb | | |

Anniversaries

| | | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------------|----------|
| May 15 | Martha and Jay Nielsen | 20 years | May 29 | Beverly and Mike Carpenter | 54 years |
| May 27 | Ann and Bruce Hill | 67 years | May 31 | Janie and Ted Smith | 67 years |

Two sopranos join choir; more men needed!

You may have noticed two new sopranos in the Kirk choir. Ellen Wilborn and Dale Naehr have joined us.

Ellen was recruited from the congregation because of her lovely voice. Dale was recruited from, of all places, the Silver Sneaker's class at the Fitness Center. Dale and her husband, Doug, are snowbirds from Rhode Island.

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.

We thank Jackson House for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them. The generosity of the Kirk congregation never ceases to amaze. The Mission Committee appreciates your help with this worthwhile local ministry.



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

So, our soprano section is quite robust. We do, however need more male voices. We hope some men will come forward.

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Randy Toney treated the choir to an authentic King Cake brought back from a visit to Baton Rouge during Mardi Gras.

When Randy told us a history of the cake, we learned the one who finds the baby imbedded in their piece has to treat us next year. Lucky Jamie Federick won that honor. We look forward to next year, Jamie.

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The 2018-19 choir season has flown by and the month of May is upon us. Our summer hiatus begins after the May 26th service.

We rejoice in the added voices this year as well as the dedicated regulars. As we rest, refurbish and lay plans for 2019-20, we appeal to those who love to sing to prayerfully consider joining the Kirk choir (especially, you men!).

Wet course scrubs golf, but not good food

By Jim Hess

The Kirk Sunday Golfer's play scheduled for April 14 was cancelled because the course was extremely wet with a carts-only restriction. Last year, golf was cancelled for the same conditions.

Plans are underway to select a course and restaurant for Sunday, May 12. Put the date on your calendar.

The course conditions did not interfere with dinner. Twenty Kirk Golf Group members enjoyed dinner at Raffaella Rose Restaurant at Cortez on April 14. Past and future golf games were reviewed and envisioned.

If you are new to our Kirk or just looking for a friendly golf game, we welcome you to join our Kirk Golf Group. We are single and couple golfers of all skill levels playing either 9 or 18 holes. It's your choice.

We play our Village courses on the second Sunday of each month with dinner to follow at one of our various Village restaurants. Our season is April through October. If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email

jimobhess@suddenlink.net

Jim Hess co-ordinates the Kirk's Golf Group.



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