

A Voice in the Pines



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Genesis program described at well-attended potluck dinner

Kirk members and more than 30 visitors enjoyed an unbelievable potluck dinner and informational meeting on the Genesis program on Sept. 28 in Hoffius Hall.

Tables were beautifully set up in anticipation of arriving members and guests. Along the windows were long tables of entrees, salads, fruit and an assortment of breads and other dishes.

On the far side of the room was a table of desserts. People lined up, grabbed plates, and worked their way through the



Great food awaited guests at the Genesis program on Sept. 28.

tables. Everyone enjoyed the great food and conversation.

At the end of the meal, Jackie Morris of Genesis introduced herself, spoke briefly about her background and experience, then began her presentation.

She said Genesis is a willied-body program for those wishing to donate their bodies for the advancement of science.

Genesis supports the Medical Education & Research

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Story and photos by Ralph Greene



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



Oseola McCarty: A wonderful story of giving

This Nov. 1 is All Saints Day. Since it is also our stewardship season, I have been thinking about one of my favorite saints – Oseola McCarty. Up until a few years ago, hardly anyone outside of Hattiesburg, Miss., had ever heard of her. Most had no idea they were living next to a saint.

For most of her 91 years, Oseola McCarty lived a quiet, unassuming life. She never married. She dropped out of school in the sixth grade in order to help her mother's sister, who had just become disabled. She also was needed to help with her mother's backyard laundry service.

By the time her aunt recovered a year later, Oseola thought she was "too big and too far behind" to return to school.

So, she just kept working as a washerwoman – scrubbing clothes on a washboard, boiling whites in a big pot in the backyard and hanging them out on the line to dry. Up before dawn, she worked most days (except Sundays) until the sun set.

For most of her life, hardly anyone had a clue who Oseola McCarty was. And then in 1995, at age 87, she surprised everyone by walking into the offices of the University of Southern Mississippi (she did not own a car) and giving a gift of \$150,000 for scholarships to help young African American women attend college.

Except for what she gave to the Baptist church she attended, this was her entire life savings.



The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



Oseola died in 1999, a celebrity.

President Clinton presented her a Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second highest civilian award, during a special White House ceremony. Harvard University awarded McCarty an honorary doctorate.

She even flipped the switch that dropped the countdown ball in Times Square on New Year's Eve. This was the first time she had ever stayed in a hotel or flown in an airplane.

She was well into her 70s before she even indulged with a window air conditioner and TV.

Oseola McCarty said she tried to live simply and to be generous. She said she "didn't have time to watch TV!" She remains one of the most inspiring stories of giving I have ever heard.

Writers continue to tell her story. She once said that the one question she gets asked more than any other is this: "Why didn't you spend the money on yourself?"

Oseola always replied, "I am spending it on myself!"

Help decorate the Kirk sanctuary

As is our tradition, we will decorate our sanctuary this Christmas using poinsettia plants to glorify God.

You may order one or more to honor or remember a loved one, in gratitude for grandchildren, family, country, etc.

The poinsettias will be \$8 each. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning Nov. 26.

– *Priscilla Hayek*

Four new Kirk members received by Session

2018 Pledge

By now, all Kirk members should have received their pledge forms. Your pledges are important to the financial management of the Kirk. The finance committee uses them to plan what the committee will have to work with next year.

Also important are the time-and-talent forms.

Committee moderators use this information as they organize their committees and plan activities for 2018. It is also helpful to the nomination committee and other groups in the Kirk.

If you have not filled out your pledge and your time-and-talent forms, please do so as soon as possible.

Hamburger Supper

The fellowship committee, moderated by Vicki Rosenquist, recently held a highly successful hamburger supper. There were many others of the congregation who helped make the supper a success.

New Speakers

New speakers were approved by the Session for the choir area.

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



Replace Air Conditioner

One of the air conditioner units serving Hoffius Hall went down and could not be repaired. In a Special Called Session meeting, purchase of a new one was approved.

Received New Members

In a Special Called Session Meeting on Oct. 22, the following new members were received:

- Arthur and Gay Crone
- Ted and Linda Hommema

When you see these new members take time to stop and tell them how glad we are to have them in the Kirk.



Super chefs Jerral Johnson, Ted Sampsel and Rick Federick fixed hamburgers and hot dogs for the Kirk's Fun Fest dinner. (Jamie Federick photo)

Dogs and burgers part of Fun Fest

Kirk members took part in a Fun Fest on Oct. 18, hosted by the Fellowship Committee led by moderator Vicki Rosenquist.

The tables were decorated with fall leaves, and cooler weather hinted of the coming season.

Burgers and hotdogs were grilled by Jerral Johnson, Rick Federick and Ted Sampsel. They were served with baked beans, chips and a delicious array of brownies for dessert.

Greenhorns Ellen Marshall, Becky Wakefield and Sue New lent a hand by scooping ice cream.

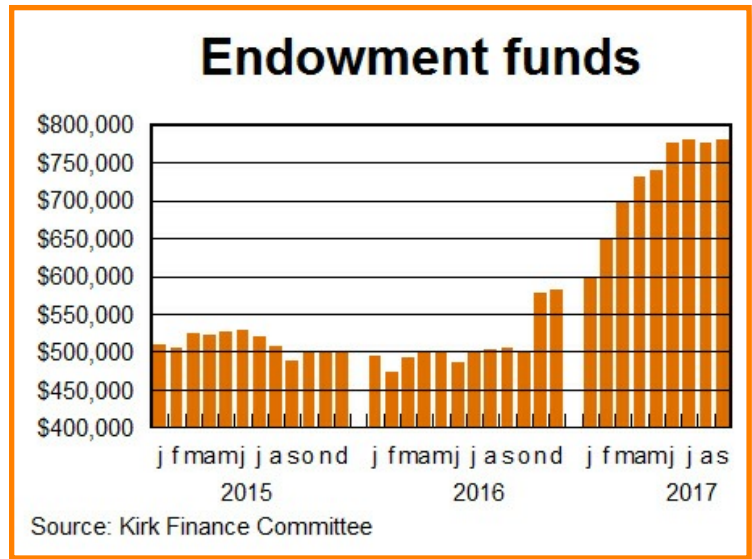
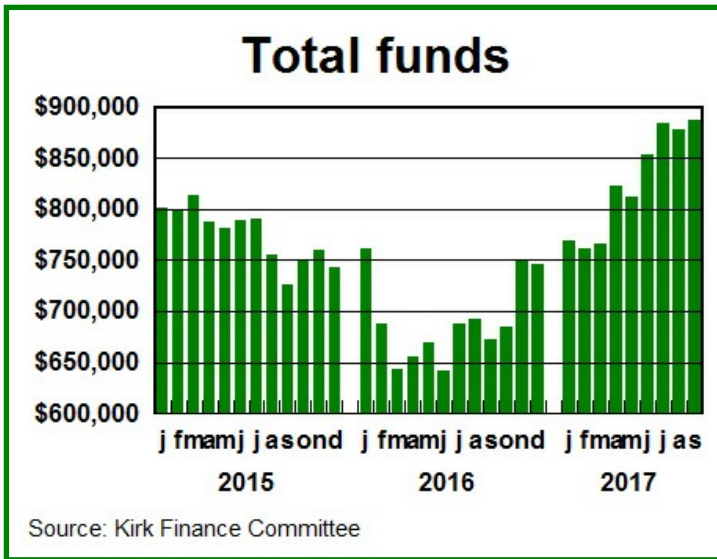
Those helping from the Fellowship Committee were Marilyn and Jerral Johnson, Mary Ann and Bill Reynolds, David Rosenquist, Betty Reece, Carol Clark, Carol Burpo, Della Reimers and Norma Stephens.

The Fellowship Committee also sponsors Thanksgiving Dinner, a summer picnic, Lenten Soup luncheons and other fun events.

– Jamie Federick

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to date as of September 30, 2017

| | Month | | Year to date | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
| General Fund: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 35,755 | \$ 32,358 | \$ 321,792 | \$ 316,449 |
| Disbursements | \$ 35,755 | \$ 26,756 | \$ 321,792 | \$ 260,976 |
| Building Fund: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 4,148 | \$ 3,853 | \$ 37,335 | \$ 54,748 |
| Disbursements | \$ 4,148 | \$ 4,611 | \$ 37,335 | \$ 50,043 |
| Total all funds: | | | | |
| Receipts | \$ 39,903 | \$ 36,211 | \$ 359,127 | \$ 371,197 |
| Disbursements | \$ 39,903 | \$ 31,367 | \$ 359,127 | \$ 311,019 |
| Checking and Money Market Funds Balance | | | | \$ 107,375 |
| Special funds: | | | | |
| Memorial fund (new) | | | | \$ 40,128 |
| Luke 12:48 fund | | | | \$ 108,012 |
| Programs fund | | | | \$ 69,437 |
| Endowment fund | | | | \$ 562,313 |
| Total special funds | | | | \$ 779,890 |



\$577 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 **\$577** was collected in September.

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.

Flower calendar

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

Bouquets are \$39 and rose buds are \$10.

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

If you would like to provide flowers for worship service, sign up on the Flower Calendar in Hoffius Hall.

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

Genesis program outlined at Kirk potluck

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Institute (MERI), a nonprofit medical teaching and training school and bioskills lab in Memphis.

MERI conducts state-of-the-art, hands-on educational courses for physicians, nurses and other medical professionals from across the country and around the world.

The medical professionals are introduced to the latest innovations in medicine and have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the most up-to-date medical techniques and technologies. Trainees come to MERI to gain invaluable hands-on experience in the latest medical techniques and technologies, taking this knowledge back to their patients at home.

MERI's Genesis donors make this critical education and training possible through the selfless and generous gift of themselves.

"At MERI, Genesis donors

are regarded as very precious," said Jackie, "and are accorded the utmost respect and dignity during their stay."

Donors are accepted from Arkansas and 17 other bordering states.

A person may become a donor by pre-signing oneself into the program. MERI typically receives 750 to 800 donor bodies a year. When a donor dies, MERI arranges to have the body transported to Memphis at no cost to the deceased's estate. It provides the family with six death certificates.

For each medical training procedure performed, MERI replicates a hospital operating room environment, treating each donor as a living patient. A donor body may stay at MERI for six to 12 months.

At the end of a donor's stay, the body is cremated and the ashes made available to the family.



Jackie Morris describes Genesis.

The families bear no expense for any of the services provided.

For more information, visit the Genesis website, genesisleadership.org/. To learn more about MERI, visit www.meri.org/

If you would like to become a donor, go to genesisleadership.org/donor-information/donor-forms/ for a registration form and additional information.



A large crowd of Kirk members and visitors learned about the Genesis program.

Susan and Bob Morrow easing into Village life

Dr. Robert “Bob” Morrow and his wife, Susan, aren’t quite full-fledged Villagers yet.

Bob, a pediatric cardiologist and expert in heart transplantation in children, will retire from his position as Chief Medical Officer of Children’s Health System of Texas in Dallas in the next year or two.

New members

He and Susan lived in Little Rock for 17 years, where Bob was Chief Medical Officer at Arkansas Children’s Hospital and a professor of pediatrics at UAMS, before moving to Dallas in 2013.

The Morrows are easing into things by spending “as much time as we can manage” in the Lake Cortez home they purchased eight years ago with an eye on

retirement. They visit the Kirk when they’re here and became members in September by letter of transfer from Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

They were drawn to the Kirk from the video narrated by Pastor Bill Bailey on the Kirk website. “This seemed like a faith community where people are encouraged to get involved and move to the next level,” said Susan.

Bob and Susan met at Baylor University and have been married 42 years. They have one son, Ross, who lives in Los Altos, Calif., with his wife, Erin, and their two children, three-year-old Ray and six-year-old Jack.

Susan has already retired and is able to spend more time in the Village than her husband. She has discovered a passion for sewing and is a member of the Hot Springs Village Quilt Guild.

Inspired by the music program at the Kirk, Susan has rediscovered her passion for singing.

Susan’s mother was a choral singer, and Susan played the piano and sang in the Baptist church as a child. She has a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree in music and taught at all levels from pre-school to college. She sang in choirs and choral groups.



Dr. Robert “Bob” Morrow with one of his tiny heart patients.

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Susan Morrow with one of her quilts in progress, a Zen Chic pattern called Octo.

Morrows believe Kirk is where they need to be

Continued from page “Then Bob, at age 42, had a heart attack and had to have open heart surgery,” said Susan. “Although Bob recovered fully, it changed the certainty of things.”

Susan went back to school to get her accounting degree and became a CPA and tax accountant. “Music lay dormant for a long time.”

But one Sunday this summer, music director Randy Toney, who had heard about Susan’s beautiful voice, came up to her and said, “I want you to do something musically.”

“I tried to explain that I had closed that chapter.”

Randy convinced her to sing a duet and encouraged her to join the Kirk choir.

“I’m happiest when I sing,” said Susan. “I can feel it bubbling up from within.”

Bob is looking forward to pursuing his passion for painting when he retires.

“He’s a very, very good artist who comes from a family of gifted artists,” said Susan.

He also has a passion for biblical theology and spirituality and finds the Kirk and the messages of Pastor Bailey especially meaningful.

“We feel like this is where we need to be,” said Susan.

– *Judy Carroll*



Sam and Terry Arant moved to the Village from central Texas. *(Robert Sonnen photo)*

Arants value Kirk's mission opportunities

New members Sam and Terry Arant (pronounced with a long A, then rant) are lifelong Presbyterian USA members. They moved here in June from central Texas.

It was so busy in Texas. They looked for a place of peace and quiet and found it in Hot Springs Village. They discovered the Village on trips to visit their son, Matt, who was attending University of the Ozarks.

Sam was trained in chemistry and held various positions related to the field. His last was as a risk manager for the State of Texas. He held that position for 15 years and liked it a lot. "He was good at it," says Terry.

Terry was trained as a teacher and taught for many years in various Texas schools. She is now a substitute teacher locally, teaching kindergarten through fifth grade.

New members

Most of the Arants' relatives live in Texas. However, their only child, Matt, is temporarily living with them as he interviews throughout the nation for a position in higher education administration.

Sam is an ordained deacon and was moderator of the diaconate in a large Presbyterian church in Texas. Both he and Terry have taught Sunday school.

They are intentional Presbyterians, liking the polity of the Presbyterian Church USA, the openness of it, the diversity of opinions tolerated. It is *Continued on page 9*

Two Arkansas programs to get PW assistance

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering is collected each fall to give women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. This year, grants will go to five international and 10 national recipients, including two worthy projects in Arkansas.

The Food for Thought Garden at College of the Ozarks in Clarksville will double the amount of fresh produce harvested last year by using the Polytunnel, a greenhouse-like structure on the college campus. It extends the growing season.



Produce from the garden goes into kids' backpacks at schools. The overflow goes to community food

banks. Did you know that one in five Arkansans has food insecurity?

The other Arkansas recipient is the Presbyterian Village in Little Rock. Ten bathrooms will be renovated to have walk-in-showers.

Won't you give with us in this worthy ministry? Mark your check, "PW Thank Offering," and place it in the offering plate.

Our PW Circles meet Monday, Nov. 13. Our December Gathering celebration will be on Monday, Dec. 11. All Presbyterian women are invited to join us.

– *Becky Wakefield*
PW Moderator

Christmas Giving Tree will again help children

Help brighten Christmas for boys and girls at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Mountain Pine Head Start.

Take a tag off the Christmas Giving Tree in the narthex and place your wrapped gift under the tree. Elves from the Mission Committee will deliver the gifts in time for Christmas.

Look for the gaily decorated Christmas tree beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The deadline for returning your gift is Dec. 10.

Tags on the tree list the age, sizes and other information to help you shop for the perfect gift to put a big smile on a lucky child's face.

Please contact Carol Clark at 915-8497 for more information.

Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit with boys and girls who might otherwise not receive a gift this year.



Carol Clark with a Christmas Giving Tree.

Online search helped Arants find the Kirk

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more democratic than many other denominations, they feel.

They had investigated the Kirk online before moving here and liked what they saw. Their visits proved the friendliness of our congregation.

With more time to serve, they especially like the

mission opportunities available through the Kirk.

"We think we've found a great place," Terry said.

Please welcome them and serve alongside them in the work of our Lord.

– *Dotty Rector*



**Story by
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Carroll.
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Leeming
and Robert
Sonnen.**

Robin and Madelyn Young enjoying their farewell reception in Hoffius Hall.

Kirk bids fond farewell to Madelyn and Robin

The Kirk said goodbye to beloved member Madelyn Young and her husband, Robin, as they move to Franklin, Tenn., “the land of the rich and famous,” said Bill Bailey as he thanked Madelyn for her 14 years of service to the Kirk.

Dick Massey, who served with Madelyn on the Village Interfaith Council, told the assembled well-wishers in Hoffius Hall: “There’s an old saying, ‘If you want to get something done, ask a busy person.’”

Madelyn has indeed been busy at the Kirk. Besides serving on the Interfaith Council, Madelyn sang in the choir, wrote and edited articles

for this newsletter and submitted articles to the *Village Voice* and *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record*.

An ordained elder, Madelyn was moderator of the Communication Committee for three years and continued to serve on the committee as its secretary. She has been a Shepherd Group leader and active in Presbyterian Women.

She taught Circle Bible lessons for many years and served as moderator for two years. In 2015, Madelyn was named the Woman of Faith, an annual award presented to a Kirk woman who is not only active in PW, but also active in the life of

the church and in the life of her community.

But what will be most missed is Madelyn’s upbeat, positive attitude and empathetic nature. Sylvia Tate thanked Madelyn for “being my mentor,” and Rick Federick said, “I will miss your smile.”

When it was her turn at the podium, Madelyn complimented the Kirk on being a place where “everyone pulls their weight. This is a wonderful congregation. I will miss you all, but know that I love you and will keep in touch.”



Make special Christmas cards using batik art

The batik art classes canceled last month have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 2 and 9 in Hoffius Hall.

Learn how to make your own Christmas cards in this fun class taught by artist Wendy Gage. Participants will make a Christmas card each week.

Each class is limited to 15 persons. A \$15 fee for art supplies will be charged for each class, and checks should be written to Wendy Gage. Participants may sign up for one or both class sessions.

Wendy has taken art courses and workshops led by national and local artists and has won numerous awards. Her work can be found in private and corporate collections in several states. A member of Artist Workshop Gallery in Hot Springs, Wendy teaches weekly watercolor classes there.

To register, please call the Kirk office, 922-1333.

Please wear your 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.



Hallelujah classes continuing on Nov. 6 and 13

Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah, a series of classes about the Advent portion of Handel's *Messiah* that began last month, continues at 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 in Hoffius Hall.

"People can join the class at any time," said Donna Toney, co-leader of the class with her husband Randy. "We are covering the advent portion

of the *Messiah* in musical order. We will use the same format weekly for the pieces of the week: music bios, Biblical references and Handel's musical use of the scripture."

The classes follow a course written by Carol M. Bechtel and published by the Kerygma program and include selections of *Messiah* by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Prepare your hearts for Advent while you learn to appreciate Handel's *Messiah* more deeply by attending this enjoyable and educational course.

There is no admission charge, and the class is open to the public. Bring your friends!



Priscilla Hayek working with the Kirk's flowers.

Grounds clean-up day will be on Nov. 16

The Memorial Garden and the grounds surrounding the Kirk provide us with a great display of colors, shapes and natural beauty throughout the seasons.

The Grounds and Memorial committee would like your help with a fall clean-up event at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. We need extra hands to help pick up, snip off, blow away, trim off and pile up some of the unwanted and unneeded plant remains.

We invite anyone who has an hour to help in this effort to come join us. Committee members will guide and direct our joint effort to keep things looking just the way we like to see them.

More information will be coming out as the date gets closer. Please mark your calendar.

– *Tom Hayek*, Moderator
Grounds and Memorial Committee

Potter's Clay getting help from Food Basket



During November, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Potter's Clay.

They need canned meat, fish, vegetables, soups, stew, Spam, chili, pasta and pasta sauces, dry boxed dinner helpers for hamburger, chicken and tuna, macaroni

and cheese, dry rice, beans, and milk, dry hot and cold cereals and canned milk and juices.

We thank Potter's Clay for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them.

– *Gary Clark*, Moderator
Mission Committee



Marcia Bauer thanks Kirk for the prayers

I wanted to thank the Kirk congregation for keeping my son-in-law, Eric Bailey, in their prayers during his hospitalization at CHI St. Vincent in Little Rock for his mitral valve repair in August.

God certainly had his hands on him through his multiple surgeries and recovery. He came home from the hospital on Aug. 25 and has returned to work, in moderation.

Marcia Bauer

Madelyn, Robin Young loved their send-off

Dear Kirk friends:

Your farewell reception for Robin and me on Oct. 15 was such a loving send-off. Thank you!

We will enjoy being closer to our children over in Franklin, Tenn., but it is still so hard to leave you and all our activities here in the Village. Please keep us in your prayers.

May God bless each one of you.

Madelyn and Robin Young

Thanks for thinking of the Hancooks

Dear Kirk Members:

I want to thank all of you for keeping Jerry and me in your thoughts and prayers this past year. Your outpouring of Kirk Family love was amazing!

You kept us strong in so many ways. I appreciate everything. The Kirk is indeed a special community.

With love,

Katy Hill-Hancock

Coffee Closet open Nov. 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.

Two pastors donate their book collections

It is recorded in history that the need, and hence the motivation, for written language came about with the rise of clans, villages and larger settlements.

It began around 5000 BCE with numbers to enhance commercial transaction. There weren't enough fingers, sticks or stones to tally up the more complex deals.

A written form of oral communication, other than numbers, was developed around 3100 BCE in Sumer in Mesopotamia.

Pictorial representations which could or could not be open to several interpretations existed earlier. What was needed were symbols representing utterances to form words which then created extended thought or sentences. These could be recorded in such a way as to be understood later.

I thought of all this when I recently found myself surrounded by a very large number of boxes containing books. These books represented a portion of the personal libraries of two learned men associated with the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

One belonged to the Rev. Mike Seitz, a former pastor of this church. The other was from the Rev. Heinrich Eiler.

Though never holding the position of pastor of the Kirk, Heinrich frequently and admirably led worship



**Carnegie
Corner**
By Lowell Gardner

from our pulpit. He also led the Presbytery's academy to train lay ministers.

Heinrich and his wife, Jean, due to declining health, recently moved to be nearer their children. Mike and his wife, Marilyn, though experiencing limiting health issues themselves, remain in the Village. Both are downsizing and are generously donating to our church library. We here at the Kirk are deeply grateful.

The Kirk is now led by an extraordinary preacher and equally gifted teacher. The Rev. Bill Bailey frequently inspires and challenges our congregation to follow the Apostle Paul's example as stated in Philippians 3:14:

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Our own church library can assist us in this goal. Think about it!

Thanksgiving dinner sign-up begins Oct. 28-29

Even though it's still warm outside and the leaves haven't started changing yet, Thanksgiving is right around the corner! This year's dinner will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 23 in Hoffius Hall.

Chef Johnna from the DeSoto Club will be catering the meal. Turkey, dressing, gravy, potatoes, green bean casserole, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, and pie will be offered for only \$15.

Sign-up begins Oct. 28 and 29 before and after church services.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy Thanksgiving together without all the hassle of cooking!

If you have any questions, please speak with Vicki Rosenquist or a member of the Fellowship Committee.

– *Vicki Rosenquist*
Moderator, Fellowship Committee





Happy dates



Birthdays

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------------------|---------|--|---------|--|
| Nov. 1 | Rick Federick Ann Walters | Nov. 14 | Larry Clowers | Nov. 27 | Linda Bates Helen Fisher Robin Young |
| Nov. 2 | Bill Naggs | Nov. 16 | Lucy Allen | Nov. 28 | Jim Koller |
| Nov. 4 | Yvonne Jones | Nov. 17 | June Stevens | Nov. 29 | Dennis Faulk |
| Nov. 5 | Walter Fuquay Tom Hayek | Nov. 19 | Bob Corwin Pat Franklin Ken Wolf | Nov. 30 | Katy Hill-Hancock Mark Smith |
| Nov. 7 | Lon Hardin Steve Stevens | Nov. 20 | Bob Huff Janie Smith | | |
| Nov. 8 | Bruce Hill | Nov. 22 | E.J. Pangle | | |
| Nov. 9 | June Moore | Nov. 23 | Mary Ann Krieger Diane Perrin Ardys Walter | | |
| Nov. 11 | Ethelee Beverly | | | | |
| Nov. 13 | Judy Rosenthal | | | | |

Anniversaries

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|---------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| Nov. 9 | Judy and Jerry Carroll | 49 years | Nov. 18 | Priscilla and Tom Hayek | 40 years |
| Nov. 14 | Sue and Charles New | 53 years | Nov. 21 | Sylvia and Dan Gruben | 45 years |
| Nov. 16 | Ellen and Jay Wilborn | 39 years | Nov. 25 | Ruth and Burle Mattingly | 53 years |
| Nov. 17 | Sharon and Lowell Gardner | 27 years | | | |

3 new voices and a 'retread' join the choir

We are pleased to announce three new women have joined the choir and another is returning from a leave of absence.

Susan Morrow is a new member of the Kirk. She says she is "grateful for God's gift of music and God's grace."

"Being a part of the choir and singing was more than something I chose," Susan said. "In a way it chose me.

"I have come to realize I need the friendship, encouragement, wisdom and support offered. Music is such a joyful endeavor with many life lessons to impart. Like the vulnerability in singing – both frightening and strengthening, but ultimately God's grace is enough."

Yvonne Calhoun says she has always been involved with music, including Sweet Adelines and church choirs.

As she sat near the front of the Kirk on Sunday mornings, "the urge just got too great," Yvonne recalled. She just had to join the choir.

Norma Stevens had been invited several times to join the Kirk choir. She wanted a break from the Fellowship



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

Committee that, as its moderator, kept her so busy. Now she's decided to accept the invitation.

Sylvia Tate calls herself a "retread." She is returning to the choir because she missed music in her life.

There is a postscript to this good news.

Director of Music Randy Toney says we still need more men's voices, especially basses. We hope to add a few of these lower register voices and achieve an even better sound.

The congregation has been very supportive of our efforts. We appreciate the complimentary comments.

Kirk golfers wind up a successful season

Our last event for 2017 was played Oct. 8 at Magellan Golf Course. We enjoyed a beautiful fall day on the course, followed by dinner at Last Chance Restaurant.

Bragging rights were awarded to:

Women

- **Longest putt** – Emily Faulk, 6 feet.
- **Closest to the hole** – none of our ladies hit and stayed on the green.

Men

- **Longest putt** – Dennis Faulk, 10 feet, 10 inches.
- **Closest to the hole** – Charles Reece.

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 either 9 or 18 holes, your choice.

We play our Village courses the second Sunday of each month, April through October. If you would like additional information, please call 922-2326, or email jimobhess@suddenlink.net

– Jim Hess



Kirk Staff

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Sylvia Tate – Elder Leader, Informal Worship
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