

A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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The popular Village Big Band will perform Oct. 23 in the Kirk sanctuary as a way of thanking the church for providing space for its weekly rehearsals. The concert is free and open to the public.

Big Band concert at the Kirk on Oct. 23

The Village Big Band brings their inimitable interpretation of patriotic songs and inspirational music to the Kirk sanctuary at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The free concert is open to the public and is the band's way of saying thank you to the Kirk for allowing the use of Hoffius Hall for its weekly practice.

The Village Big Band was organized in 1998 by the late trumpeter Tom Hightower, using a core of musicians from the recently disbanded Village Pops Orchestra. Joining Hightower as early directors were

Al Dutt and Hal Thompson. Bill Morgan has led the band since 2003. The Kirk's Pat Hightower was a featured vocalist with the group.

As the name suggests, the band replicates the instrumentation of the prominent dance/jazz bands of the 1930s-1960s. However, besides classic "swing-era" tunes made famous by such bands as Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Count Basie, the band's repertoire has expanded to include rock and roll, a



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



Wisdom often comes to those with patience

I recently heard this story. I've heard different versions of it, but this was the version that was in the movie, *Charlie Wilson's War* – starring Tom Hanks and the late Philip Seymour-Hoffman. Hoffman's character is telling this story to Hank's character:

There was this boy, and on his 14th birthday he got a horse. And everyone in the village said, "How wonderful, the boy got a horse!"

And the Zen Master said, "We'll see."

Two years later, the boy fell off the horse and broke his leg. And everyone in the village said, "How terrible!"

And the Zen Master said, "We'll see."

Later that month, a war broke out, and all the young men were made to go off and fight – except the boy who had his leg broken because he hadn't yet healed. Everyone in the village said, "How wonderful," and the Zen Master said, "We'll see."

In the movie, they're talking about whether it is a good idea for Americans to supply arms to Afghan *Mujahidin* rebels fighting the Soviets in the early '80s. Tom Hanks' character, Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson, thinks it is a good idea, and Hoffman's character is not so sure and suggests, "We'll see!"

Most of us would agree, 30 years into this conflict, it is still too soon to tell.

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



There is great wisdom in this. In fact, we all know there are times when we have rushed to judgments without listening and asking more questions.

We all know, for example, "the early bird gets the worm." But sometimes, "the second mouse gets the cheese!" There is wisdom in patience.

Faith is that way, I think.

Garth Brooks has a country song where he meets an old high-school girlfriend – a girlfriend he once prayed would marry him. But now, years later and married to a wife he adores, after seeing his old girlfriend again, he thanks God for *unanswered prayers!* It's not a great song, but I think you get the point.

Sometimes we do not get what we ask for. This is not always bad. Our Lord calls us to walk by faith, not by sight, and to trust that God's providence is still working in this broken world. Sometimes it does not seem like it, but we'll see.

Big Band concert on Oct. 23

← variety of Latin styles, a bit of country and "Christmas/Gospel jazz."

The popular group has played most concert and social venues in the Village, as well as appearances in Hot Springs at The Arlington Hotel, Pocket Theater, Quapaw Community Center, Garvan Woodland Gardens and the Hot Springs Jazz Society annual gatherings at a variety of sites.

The Kirk's own Donna and Randy Toney will be guest musicians for the concert, Donna on piano and Randy as vocalist. The program will feature hymns and anthems you'll recognize but with an upbeat, jazzy style.

"This isn't just the same old program," said Morgan.

There will be no admission charge for the concert, but baskets will be available for a love offering to benefit Village

Churches Outreach, an organization of Hot Springs Village churches that provides holiday baskets, certificates for shoes for children, and emergency, one-time financial assistance for local residents.

A reception with the musicians in Hoffius Hall will follow the concert.

Don't miss this chance to see the Village's professional big band in action. And bring your friends and neighbors.

– Judy Carroll

Session celebrates five new Kirk members

The September Session meeting was a joyful event. We received five new members. In addition, we did not lose any members during the last month. The following members were received:

Wanda Lassiter

10 Barcelona Way
 Hot Springs Village, AR. 71909
 Home Phone: (501) 922-0288
 Cell Phone: (501) 201-2108
 No E-Mail Address

Darlene and Bernie Slater

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 Hot Springs Village, AR. 71909
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 Darlene's Cell Phone: (501) 984-1240
 E-Mail: slaterdarber@live.com

Barbara and Bill Worthley

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 Home Phone: 204-4395
 Bill's Cell Phone: (817) 692-6007
 Barbara's Cell Phone: (817) 929-2969

When you see them, take time to stop and tell them how happy we are to have them in our church family.

The new members are quickly becoming involved in Kirk functions. Wanda, Darlene, Barbara and Bill Worthley were at the last Games Night in Hoffius Hall. They brought refreshments. Barbara brought an

**The
Clerk's
Corner**

Jerral Johnson



excellent Pear Salad, and she was nice enough to share the recipe with everyone.

Church Statistics as of Sept. 9, 2016:

Members – 365
 Family Units – 242

Big Band Concert:

Jim Adams met with the Session and discussed the upcoming Big Band Concert to be in the Kirk sanctuary on Oct. 23. A reception in Hoffius Hall will follow the concert.

2017 Budget Planning:

Charles Reece met with the Session and handed out worksheets for the 2017 budget.

Pictorial Directory:

Katy Hill-Hancock reported the Kirk Pictorial Directories were shipped Sept. 13 and are being distributed to the congregation.

Disaster Buckets:

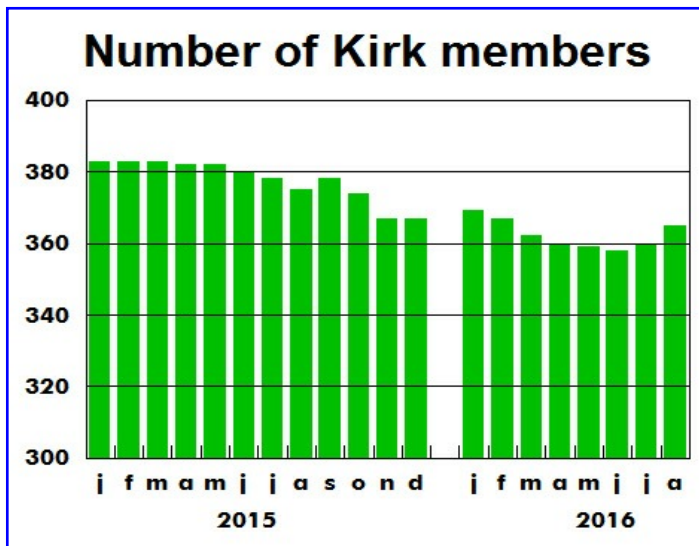
There continues to be a need for the disaster buckets. Many of our friends to the south and southeast have suffered from rising water. Ten buckets were recently taken to Ferncliff for shipment to the areas where they are needed.

If you have a bucket, fill it and bring it to the Kirk so it can be returned to Ferncliff for shipment. Ferncliff is the national collecting point for the disaster bucket program.

While I was at Ferncliff talking with David Gill about the program, I asked if he had shipped buckets to Louisiana. He said they have shipped more than 1,000 buckets to Louisiana.

Members have asked about giving money instead of purchasing the supplies. We have done this in the past, and it is another way of being a part of the program and helping those in need.

Tell Beverly or Joyce in the office what the money is for, and they will keep it until we can purchase the supplies.





Joel Gill describes Ferncliff's Solar Under the Sun training program for PW members from area churches. *(Madelyn Young photos)*



PW members Emily Faulk and Mary Ann Reynolds visit with Kathy White (center), First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs.

Kirk hosts PW members from area churches

Women from many Presbyterian churches in our area visited Kirk in the Pines on Sept. 16. Kirk PW hosted the Cluster 3 Fall Gathering, and Kirk PW Moderator Christine Hoagland welcomed 43 members and guests to the event.

After a light breakfast buffet in Hoffius Hall, the women heard from Joel Gill, son of David Gill, executive director of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Using a PowerPoint slide presentation, Gill discussed the Solar Under the Sun program, headquartered at Ferncliff and sponsored by the Presbyterian (USA) Synod of the Sun.

Solar Under the Sun began in 2009 when Chris McRae, a Living Waters for the World instructor and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, foresaw a way solar energy might become a better source for running water purification systems established by Living Waters in developing countries.

Old generators powering LWW installations were often noisy and polluting. Solar panels would be cleaner and more reliable.

Now, volunteers who plan to partner with residents in third-world communities to establish solar installations come to Ferncliff for one-week training sessions twice a year.

Not all volunteers are Presbyterians. People come from all across the country, often from other denominations and organizations, to learn how to help those in desperate need of clean power and water.

Sixty-five sites have now been established — in Haiti, Ukraine, Kenya and Honduras. The Presbyterian

Women's Birthday Offering has provided two grants to the Solar Under the Sun training program at Ferncliff in recent years.

Also visiting the PW Gathering were Melissa Hendricks and Natalie Clark, representatives of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello. Hendricks discussed the residential program for young people, mostly 13- to 17-year-olds, who now live in loving, Christian family environments in five group homes.

The youth come to Vera Lloyd via the Department of Human Services or the Juvenile Court system.

Kirk Presbyterian Women in Circle 2 have "adopted" Pettus House and provide personal items for the girls during the year.

Following the mission reports, Kathy White, First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs, gave a brief overview of the PW Horizon's Bible Study for this year, "Who Is Jesus?" Although Kirk PW is not using the Horizon's study this year, White's presentation gave interesting insights on the topic.

After the preview, the women assembled in the Kirk sanctuary where the Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, led the worship service. Gabbard's sermon, "Who Is Jesus?" encouraged all her listeners to identify with Jesus, not as a messiah who rules with power and might, but as a messiah who rules with love and compassion for others.

"We Presbyterian women serve others because we follow a suffering servant," she said.



Kirk PW women host regional gathering

← After worship, the women returned to Hoffius Hall for a salad buffet luncheon provided by Kirk PW members.

Many thanks to Carol Sue Williams, Kirk PW Cluster 3 Liaison, and Christine Hoagland, Kirk PW Moderator, and other members of the Kirk PW Coordinating Team for planning the Kirk's part in the event.

Jeanne Lloyd, Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Arkansas Presbytery, expressed her sincere appreciation to the Kirk for hosting the Cluster 3 Gathering.

– *Madelyn Young*



Kirk PW Moderator Christine Hoagland (left) welcomes the Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, First Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia.

Kirk sends financial aid to La. flood victims

At the September Mission Committee meeting, Harry Wakefield suggested the Kirk send a donation for flood relief to Baton Rouge. Harry and Becky Wakefield had just returned from there and witnessed destruction of historic proportions.

With many thousands of people homeless, the need is great. The committee discussed it and asked Harry to find an appropriate Presbyterian conduit for a donation from the Kirk.

He found two.

Ferncliff Camp has a robust disaster response mission, and Director David Gill reported they had already sent 1,500 disaster buckets like the ones Kirk members are filling with cleaning supplies. A number of volunteers from Ferncliff are already in Baton Rouge.

The Rev. Patti Snyder, pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, told me that, having learned from Hurricane Katrina, they have remodeled their Sunday school rooms and are housing five families with newborn infants and five families with special needs members who can't live in the large homeless shelters set up by FEMA and the Red Cross.

They have filled their meeting space with cots for volunteers helping with the cleanup.

Voting by email, the committee chose University

Presbyterian Church. Ferncliff has already received funding and is one of the eight charities sharing dollar bills in the collection plate. The committee agreed to send \$4,521 to University Presbyterian.

The funding comes at the expense of some of our local charities. Members wishing to backfill for the local charities could send a contribution to the Mission Committee. Those wishing to contribute to further flood relief can designate a gift, and the committee will send a supplementary check later.

– *Ed Baldwin*, Moderator
Mission Committee

Jackson House getting help from food Basket

The Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House in October.

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" for a monetary gift.



Kirk's compelling story needs support

Years ago, during a job interview for a position that would require me to raise funds, I was asked my views on development. My response to a direct question was that I very much enjoyed the work of institutional advancement. The individual who asked me the question snorted and said no one likes asking for money.

I clarified my statement by saying what I found most fulfilling in development was telling the story of our school's accomplishments and leading people to understand the clear and necessary link between doing good, being successful, carrying out our mission, and the funding required for us to serve our students well.

The Kirk's story is vital and compelling.

Yes, our membership numbers are declining for evident reasons, but where can you find a more vibrant, committed, caring and friendly congregation led by a straight-talking, biblically grounded, empathetic and compassionate pastor? We also have mission and outreach objectives that we strive to achieve.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ impels us to serve

humankind in substantial, loving ways. As my ethics professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia was wont to say, "If the Lutheran Church devolves to become nothing more than a Nordic alumni association, it ceases to be the church of our Lord and Savior."

Clearly, giving of our time and talent is much of where the "rubber meets the road."

As we head into this stewardship season (and who likes to talk about money?), let's remember the passage from Luke 21 about the poor widow who gave two small copper coins which proved to be a magnificent act of generosity noted as exemplary by Jesus.

We will bring the Kirk's story of ministry to life by humbly reminding ourselves of its importance, by living it every day and in every way, and by following the lead of the poor widow who gave freely and generously of herself.

– *Arnie Holtberg*, member
Stewardship Committee

Claire Rhodes played important role in recent General Assembly PC(USA)

Kirk member and elder Claire Rhodes recently played an important role in the General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (USA) in Portland, Ore.

Claire served on the Nomination Committee that searched for the next stated elder after Gradye Parsons

announced his retirement. The committee hosted several "meet and greet" sessions at the Assembly.

Claire represented Arkansas Presbytery well and was a visible presence at the General Assembly in June.

She and her husband, Kenneth, serve as Commissioned Ruling Elders at West End Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia.

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.



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.



Many Kirk members volunteer time to keep our Memorial Garden beautiful, including (from left) Vicki Rosenquist, Jerral Johnson, Priscilla Hayek, Beth Sampsel and Dick Massey. *(Tom Hayek photo)*

Memorial Garden offers peace and quiet

The beauty of the Memorial Garden continues to please all who visit during these early autumn days. The calm, quiet serenity is as welcoming as ever.

The Garden is there for all to enjoy, be it with a slow-paced walk or seated on a bench. Some say the early morning ambiance is especially nice. If you are

at church for a meeting, you may want to consider a few moments of peace there.

Taking care of the Garden is a gift of love shared by numerous church members. We gather once a month to plant, trim, pull out weeds and remove plants that did not survive. The effort is needed year round, so I wish to thank all who join in our group effort to maintain and enhance the elegance, charm and beauty of our Memorial Garden.

If anyone wants to be a part of the effort, it is not necessary to come every month. It is fine to come when your schedule allows.

Our next date to help in the Garden is Friday, Oct. 14. We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. Call Priscilla or Tom Hayek (226-5345) if you have questions or need more information.



**Check us out
on Facebook**

New pictures of church events are posted regularly by Jamie Federick on the Kirk's Facebook page. Be sure to "like us" when you visit.

If you'd like to join Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and choose a username and password. Then look for Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

**– Tom Hayek, Moderator
Memorial and Grounds Committee**

Kirk choir begins with new music director

The fall choir season began Sept. 10, practicing with our new Director of Music, Randy Toney. How pleased we are that Randy agreed to take the position.

We also have three new members – Eve Hampton, Linda Heitz and Helen Van Stone. We are off to a good start!

Our first anthem was entitled Offertory by John Ness Beck. It nicely complemented Pastor Bill's Sunday sermon. They both centered on Micah 6: 6-8.

During rehearsal, Randy helped us understand and feel what we were singing. He pointed out the question asked in Micah 6 is: Does the Lord require burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or 10,000 rivers of oil?



In increasing desperation the question becomes, Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression? Then, dramatically, the tenors and basses sing: He has told you, O mortal, what is

good; and what does the Lord require of you. The choir rejoins the men for the final response: But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Choir practice has changed from Saturday morning to Wednesday afternoon. We are practicing from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. We may move it up in November to 3 to 4:30 p.m., also on Wednesdays.

New members are always welcome. We are a friendly group who will help you feel comfortable singing with us. Just show up on Wednesday!

– *Dotty Rector*

Ponce was tough, but the day was beautiful

September's outing was at Ponce Golf Course, a difficult test but the players appreciated the beautiful golfing day.

Dinner followed golf at Last Chance restaurant on Lake Balboa. This time everyone played the game of his choice, so no bragging rights were awarded.

Kirk Golf Group's next event will be Sunday, Oct. 9, at Isabella Golf Course, Santa Maria and Nina rotation. First tee time will be 12:58 p.m. Dinner will

be at 6 p.m. at J K'S Grill at Isabella. This will be our last event in 2016.

Our group plays Village courses on the second Sunday of the month, April through October. We welcome golfers of any skill level for a Sunday afternoon of golf, fellowship and dinner

after golf at one of our Village restaurants.

If you would like to join our Kirk Sunday Golf Group (we have both single and couple golfers), call Jim Hess at 915-0134.

PW Coffee Closet open Sunday, Oct. 9

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.



Tell us about those serving the community

In a sermon last month, Pastor Bill Bailey talked about the importance of small things. In Luke 16: 10, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

Pastor Bailey gave an example from the movie *Gandhi*, where Gandhi cuts short a newspaper interview because it's his turn to clean the latrines. When the baffled reporter asks why Gandhi would have to do a job like that, Gandhi tells him it's a job that needs to be done.

Life is filled with opportunities to do tasks that need to be done: feed the hungry, visit the sick, clothe the poor. The Kirk is active in the community through Presbyterian Women and the Mission Committee, but our members also serve the community individually in so many ways.

We'd like to tell a few of their stories.

Please let us know about members who volunteer

at hospitals, Hospice, schools and other organizations, serve meals at Jackson House, work at charitable thrift shops, spearhead food drives, visit people in the hospital and nursing homes. You get the idea.

This is not the place for golf scores, POA appointments, board or committee positions, or other personal achievements. Those are important, too, and we congratulate you for them, but this column is concerned with services which illustrate Jesus's directive in Matthew 25:45, to "do unto the least of these."

Please drop us a line at kirkvoice@sbcglobal.net with the name and contact information of a Kirk member you'd like to see recognized. You can let us know about yourself, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

– *Judy Carroll, Moderator*
Communication Committee



Plan to join us for Thanksgiving dinner

Summer has come and gone, fall is upon us, and the Fellowship Committee is planning for the Kirk Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, in Hoffius Hall.

The dinner will be turkey with all the trimmings. Information about the cost will be coming soon. Watch for the date when sign-ups will begin.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors if they don't have a place to go for Thanksgiving. All are welcome.

– *Norma Stevens, Moderator*
Fellowship Committee



Nottrotts will remember forever

Thank you to all the Kirk family for our years of working together in Christian service, and too for the great "send-off."

We will remember y'all forever and ever!

– *Dave and Theresa Nottrott*

Gift reports sent out

Contributions reports for January 2016 through September 2016 have been sent to Kirk members.

Contact me if you did not receive yours, and I will provide you with one. Check the report closely and report any discrepancies to me so they can be corrected before the end of the year. Thank you.

– *Beverly Schaumburg*
Business Administrator

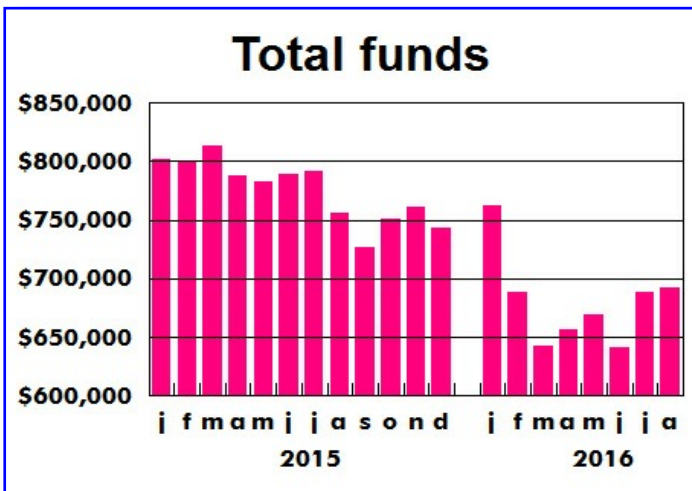
Meeting God in Quiet Places is a good idea

Summer 2016 is past at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Evenings cool as the sun sinks below the horizon. Texts we read, in preparation for Pastor Bill Bailey's renewed Wednesday morning discussions on the Gospel of Matthew, fade before our eyes.

With a sigh we switch on the lamp beside the chair. Aging often prompts the sense that days appear to melt away.

Time, however, stores extraordinary memories. The July-through-August Summer Book Club introduced nine to eighteen weekly participants to two challenging books.

We embraced Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies*. This selection, recommended by Madelyn Young and



Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to Date as of August 31, 2016

Total:

Budget: \$271,513.33

Received: \$275,193.48

General Fund Budget: \$33,939.17

Receipts: \$24,788.41

Paid: \$25,221.37

Building Fund Budget: \$4,114.17

Receipts: \$ 2,564.50

Paid: \$2,895.15

Reserve and Designated Funds: \$139,050.72

Endowment as of Sept 8: \$502,329.52

Program Fund as of Sept 8: \$50,344.55

Ceiling Giving: \$46,918.00. Goal: \$140,000

Thank you to those who continue to give!

Carnegie Corner

By Lowell Gardner

often quoted by Pastor Bill, literally laid bare the author's stagger into Christian faith and her expanding insights on learning and living its revelations.

During the five Wednesdays in August, we lived through the German 1941-1944 occupation of France and Marshal Philippe Petain's Vichy government.

We rejoiced and trembled and wept and labored and survived with the villagers of Le Chambon-Sur-Lignon, department of Haute-Loire. Under the leadership of Presbyterian Pastor Andre Trocme, this impoverished community of 3,000 was instrumental in the survival of nearly 6,000 Jewish refugees, mostly children.

Copies of these two books are part of our church library. They are available for loan along with many others for your edification and encouragement.

Another recommendation is *Meeting God in Quiet Places*. This collection of 31 "parables from nature" is written by F. LaGard Smith, a professor of law at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

He spends six months each year in the English countryside. The book is beautifully illustrated by British artist Glenda Rae. It was read and is appreciated by Millie Croson and Beverly Carpenter, members of the Kirk's Education Committee.

\$779 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 **\$779** was collected in August.

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.



Happy dates



Birthdays:

Oct. 1	Martha Nielson	Oct. 12	Charles Bradley	Oct. 23	Bill Durbin
Oct. 3	Charlotte Massey		Wendell Jones	Oct. 24	Frank Morgan
	Clark Mowry	Oct. 14	Lee Hess	Oct. 25	Mary Beal
Oct. 4	Howard Baldwin	Oct. 16	Jim Erickson		Charles Reece
Oct. 6	Helen Sheehan	Oct. 17	Marianna Adams		Janette Wiard
Oct. 7	Jean Eiler	Oct. 18	Gene Carlisle	Oct. 27	Randy Toney
Oct. 8	Dave Nottrott	Oct. 20	Ro Easter	Oct. 29	Woodie Barefield
	Jim Reimers	Oct. 21	Sissy Wilson		Ray Huntsinger
Oct. 9	Dean Kerr	Oct. 22	Lorna Kerr	Oct. 31	Keith Brown
	Bill Stanley		Marilyn Olson		

Anniversaries:

Oct. 8	Linda and Bob Wessel	39 years	Oct. 24	Lois and John Dykstra	63 years
Oct. 10	Cheryle and Stanley Dean	52 years		Helen and Norm Fisher	57 years
Oct. 17	Cindi and Jim Erickson	35 years	Oct. 28	Joyce and Frank Leeming	43 years
Oct. 21	Sheila and Bill Stanley	66 years			

400 tags have been hung on Service Tree

The Service Tree has sprung back to life, now that schools are back in session. To date, over 400 tags have been hung on the Service Tree, and we get frequent reports of givers going above and beyond what the tag calls for.

Please know that tags do not need to be returned nor their donation completion reported to anyone. However, it is often helpful to attach the tag to the donation, so the recipient is aware of its source.

The Service Tree is sometimes challenged with getting our needs providers to submit requests, but when they come, the Kirk congregation is quick and generous to respond. Thank you!



– Cindi Erickson

PW seeks Bible leader to guide discussions

Help Wanted: Bible Study Leader – Guided by Pastor Bailey – requires two hours active participation in November, January, February, March and April. One hour with other leaders and Pastor Bailey and approximately one half hour for Circle discussion. Please pray about this opportunity. The study material on Philippians by Fred B. Craddock is wonderful.

Questions? Call me at 922-4236.

There will not be an October Gathering this year, so Thank Offering envelopes will be distributed at your October Circle Meeting. Envelopes also will be available in the pews.

Circles have had their first meetings, and we are off to a great year! The study of Philippians is proving to be very interesting with stimulating discussions. Again, we invite all women to join us for study and fellowship.

On Sept. 16, Kirk PW hosted the Fall Gathering of Cluster 3 which consists of 12 churches. (See article by Madelyn Young.)

– Christine Hoagland, Moderator
Kirk Presbyterian Women

Still time to join Pastor Bill for March trip

Twenty-two Kirk members, family and friends have reservations to travel to the Holy Land with Pastor Bill Bailey next March. Reservations and deposits can be taken through October, so it isn't too late to join them.

In mid-November, the travel agency will be asking for final payment. This early date allows Nawas Travel to begin making all the reservations

and arrangements necessary for your comfort.

Cost of the 10-day tour is \$3,599 each for round-trip fare with departure from Dallas on March 20 to Tel Aviv and returning March 29. This includes \$700 in taxes and surcharges, first-class hotels, breakfast

and dinner daily, tour buses, guides, all admission fees, and portorage.

You'll get your money's worth as this price is well below that charged by most other travel agencies.

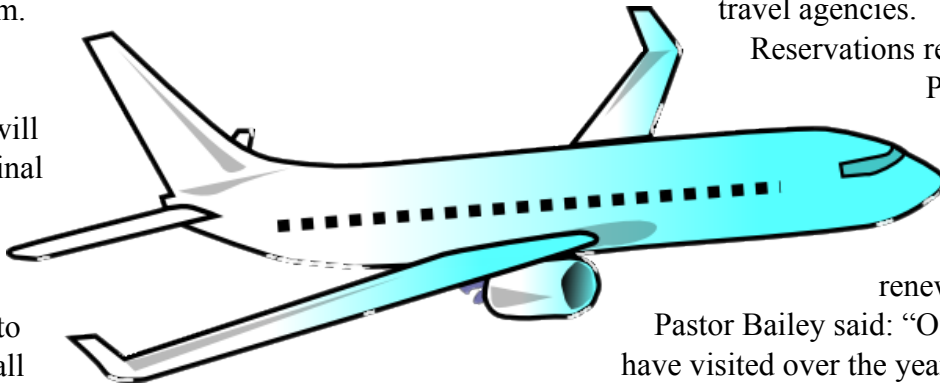
Reservations require a \$400 deposit.

Passports are necessary but reservations can still be made if you need to apply for a new one or a

renewal.

Pastor Bailey said: "Of the many countries I have visited over the years, the Holy Land continues to be the most educational and inspiring."

Now is the time to make this dream trip a reality. Brochures with reservation forms are available in the brochure stands at the Kirk or in the office. You are welcome to call Pastor Bailey and let him share with you more about this pilgrimage of a lifetime.



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