

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Judy Corwin is a woman in constant motion

For more than six years, Judy Corwin made the one-hour drive back and forth to the Malvern Correctional Facility.

There she was locked up with 20 to 30 male inmates in their barrack. This adventuresome lady was known as “Miss Judy” and taught such varied subjects as creative writing, haiku and other forms of poetry.

She also enjoyed working with the men on the presentation of their works and encouraged them to express themselves through Readers Theater. They did improvisation acting with her own crazy situations playing out for the “captive audience” of other inmates.

There were many changes in the program over the years, including three different wardens, so in December 2016, Judy put away her composition books and retired.

Since “retirement” is only a word, Judy was asked to continue



Judy Corwin and Havana in a rare moment when not in motion.
(Bob Corwin photo)

her work with other members of our incarcerated society by working twice a month at the new Garland County Detention Center in Hot Springs.

“This was like moving from Motel 6 to a Marriott,” said Judy.

Where she once had too many men and no desks, she now has a classroom and only some six men at a time.

She is experiencing, once more, the thrill of unlocking

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When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service
5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall



Sunday children’s class
10 a.m. in the Journey Room

Wednesday Bible Study
9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall.



Thursday Discussion Group
9 a.m. in Hoffius Hall



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



World Communion Sunday is 84 years old

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday every October – Oct. 1 this year. We will join with Christians from all over the world as we come to our Lord's Table and celebrate our unity in Christ.

The tradition originated in 1933 in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Shadyside was then under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, who served from 1913 through the end of WWII.

Since that humble beginning, the observance has been adopted by the National Council of Churches and has spread to churches throughout the world. It is worth remembering what the world looked like in 1933.

The Great Depression was in full swing. Storm clouds of National Socialism hovered in Germany and fascism was on the rise in Italy and Spain. We sometimes look back with nostalgia and remember the "good ol' days," but this was a time of hardship and great anxiety about the future.

As a response to those fears, Dr. Kerr and some courageous elders at Shadyside Presbyterian decided to do something both real and symbolic. They set aside the first Sunday in October to celebrate the providential care of God and our Lord's call to Christian unity.

What if all Christians would gather on one day,

The Pastor's Corner Bill Bailey



around one table, and proclaim our unity to the world? They decided to move forward, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now, 84 years later, Christians all over the world continue to gather around one table – the Lord's Table – to be reminded we are one in Christ. Whatever our differences – theological, political or otherwise – we all belong to one Lord, and we must always seek to treat each other with dignity and respect. We will receive our annual Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday as well.

Let us strive to be faithful and remember what our Lord said: "You are light to the world ... So let your light shine that others may see your good works and give glory to God." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

Judy and Havana make others feel good

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some of these men's minds and allowing their own writing to fill composition books which she provides.

A standing assignment is to "write a letter to a first offender." She feels this may be a way these men can give back to society by preventing someone from making the same mistake.

Meanwhile, since Judy thought she was retiring from her work with the inmates, she took her dog, Havana, to be trained and approved by the Hot Springs Pet Therapy Group.

Havana passed the test for being around other dogs, wheel chairs, walkers, and loud or strange noises. Now, both owner and dog visit at Village Springs Health and



The Kirk in the Community

Rehabilitation, McAuley Senior Center, and Mt. Carmel Memory Unit in Benton several times each month.

"This experience is time consuming," said Judy, "but I love seeing those eyes light up when a resident pets Havana or gets a lick on the hand. Even stroke victims and people with Alzheimer's respond to the touch of a dog.

"Two things people should know about Havana, though: she lied about her age six years ago, when we adopted her from Garland

County Humane Shelter. She was certainly older than one and a half years old ... and she can't hold her 'licker.' But everyone who meets her falls in love with her!"

Additional facts about our dear friend Judy:

- Married to Bob for 58 years.
- Raised a son and daughter.
- This is their 11th home after moving around the United States.
- Moved to the Village 21 years ago.
- Cancer survivor of 23 years.
- Led an ACS cancer support group in the Village for nine years.
- Enjoys bowling.

Judy will never retire as long as she can share her humor and see people smile.

– Rick Federick

Many ways to help hurricane victims

We regret that two faithful members of the Kirk have passed away:

- **Adair Atkinson** passed away Aug. 8, 2017. Her memorial service was Aug. 13 at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Interment was in the Kirk's Memorial Garden.
- **Jerry Hancock** passed away Sept. 4, 2017. His memorial service will be Sept. 23, 2017, at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Please keep each of these members and their families in your prayers.

The Session has received the following persons into the Kirk's membership:

- **Gary and Debbie Brod** were received in a Special Called Session meeting on Aug. 13, 2017. They were received by Affirmation of Faith.
- **Sam and Terry Arant** were received in a Special Called Session meeting on Sept. 3, 2017. They came by Letter of Transfer of Membership from Trans Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Texas.
- **Bob and Susan Morrow** were received in a Special Called Session meeting on Sept. 3, 2017. They came by Letter of Transfer of Membership from Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.

**The
Clerk's
Corner**

Jerral Johnson



As you meet these families in church or other areas, we hope you will tell them how happy we are to have them as members. We look forward to their involvement in the many activities of the Kirk.

The Session received a request from **Martha Parry** to have her name removed from the Kirk roll. Martha lives in Good Sam and finds it easier to attend church there. She is a charter member of the Kirk. We hope she will visit whenever possible.

Church Statistics as of Sept. 6, 2017:

- Members – 337
- Family units – 232

Disaster in Texas and Louisiana; What can we do?

Many of us have watched the daily news reports, showing the extent of damage and suffering people and animals are experiencing on the Gulf Coast. We want to do something to help!

Many of our friends and family members have gone to the coast with their pickups and boats and helped rescue families, pets and what goods they could carry out.

Now as the water recedes, the needs continue. Maybe we did not have a boat or pickup, but now we can give money and goods to help with the recovery. Members of the Presbytery of Arkansas have organized to get assistance to the area.

If you wish to give money, you may write a check or give cash to the



Pastor Bill Baily welcomed Sam and Terry Arant (left) and Susan and Bob Morrow as new members on Sept. 3. Watch the November issue of *Voice in the Pines* for profiles of these two couples. (Robert Sonnen photo)

October is month to pledge our support

October is when we must decide how we will support the life of our wonderful Kirk. Stewardship Weekend is Oct. 21 and 22.

In last month's newsletter, we said our theme would be Mission. We are very proud of our past history of supporting the many organizations serving the poor, the homeless and the sick.

But we cannot be too satisfied with our past giving. We need to increase our giving so we can continue to provide the help that is so needed.

We must also remember we have a responsibility to the Kirk itself. The dollars we provide are only a part of our responsibility.

Our commitment of time and talent is essential to



maintaining our building and programs as well as supporting the Kirk members in need.

With that in mind, we ask you to fill out the time-and-talent forms which will come with the stewardship letter you will receive the second week of this month.

Making your commitment on Stewardship Weekend is very important because the Finance Committee needs the results as soon as possible to prepare the budget for next year.

The time-and-talent forms are vital for the elders in organizing their committees and assuring there are people to perform the various tasks needed to fulfill our mission to the Kirk.

—*Dennis Zymboly, Stewardship Chair*

Presbytery ready to help storm survivors

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Presbytery. This can be done through the Kirk. Write a check to the Kirk and indicate at the bottom of the check if you wish the money to go to the Gulf Coast Disaster. These will be accumulated, and a single check will be sent to the Presbytery.

If you give cash, place it in an envelope and again indicate on the envelope that the money is to go to support the Gulf Coast Disaster. If you wish to send the donation directly to the Presbytery, the address is:

Disaster Response
Presbytery of Arkansas
9221 N. Rodney Parham
Little Rock, AR 72211

We have all seen families dragging out the rubble and scrubbing their floors and other areas to get rid of the mud and mold. You may want to help in this way. In Hoffius Hall, we have disaster buckets and a list of

items to go into them. These buckets will be given to families to aid them with their clean up.

Pick up a bucket and the list of items needed to fill the bucket. When the bucket is full, bring it back, and when several have been collected, they will be taken to Ferncliff, the collection point.

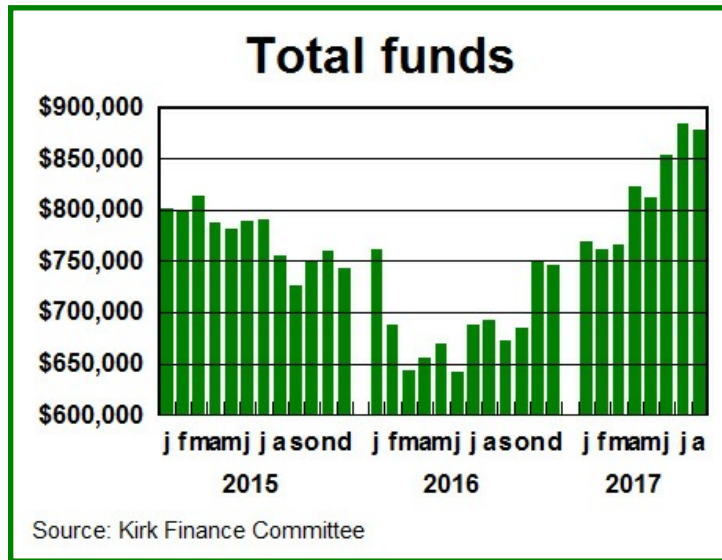
Some members may prefer to give money and have someone purchase items in bulk to fill the buckets. If you wish to do that, make the check out to the Kirk but indicate on the bottom of the check that the money is to be used for disaster buckets. The same procedure can be done if cash is given.

One thing we all need to do is pray for those individuals who have suffered so much during this time and also for the many volunteers who have given their time and energy. As I sit here composing this Clerk's Corner, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and some Caribbean countries are facing yet another disaster, Hurricane Irma.

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of August 31, 2017

	Month		Year to date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 35,755	\$ 27,515	\$ 286,037	\$ 284,092
Disbursements	\$ 35,755	\$ 29,219	\$ 286,037	\$ 234,220
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,657	\$ 33,187	\$ 50,895
Disbursements	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,266	\$ 33,187	\$ 45,432
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,903	\$ 31,172	\$ 319,224	\$ 334,987
Disbursements	\$ 39,903	\$ 32,485	\$ 319,224	\$ 279,652
 Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 101,964
Special funds:				
Memorial fund (new)				\$ 40,100
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 107,471
Programs fund				\$ 69,089
Endowment fund				\$ 559,500
Total special funds				\$ 776,160



Jackson House getting help from Food Basket

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

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

Madelyn, Robin are leaving

Madelyn Young and her husband, Robin, are moving to Tennessee to be closer to their children.

Madelyn has been a very active member of the Kirk since she joined 14 years ago.

Come say goodbye and thanks at a reception in Hoffius Hall after the service on Sunday, Oct. 15.

\$587 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 \$587 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.

Hallelujah! Classes on Messiah and the Bible

Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah, a series of classes about the Advent portion of Handel's *Messiah*, will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 in Hoffius Hall.

A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, the four-part class led by Donna and Randy Toney explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* based on Isaiah 40, beginning with the original historical setting, then focusing on the coming of Jesus.

Following a course written by Carol M. Bechtel and published



by the Kerygma program, the class will discuss and analyze Handel's musical settings of the scripture and the selection and organization of the texts by Charles Jennens.

"We will listen to selections of *Messiah* by the Chicago Symphony

Orchestra and discuss musical styles, Handel's merging of the lyric and melodic lines, and related stories about *Messiah* and its colorful history," said Donna.

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!

For more information, please call the Kirk office or contact Donna at 225-247-8340 or Dhtoney@gmail.com.

Interest in Kirk media sites keeps growing



As you probably know, kirkinthepines.org is the church's website. From mid-August through mid-September, there were 226 visits to our site, about the same as the previous 30-day period.

The most popular pages were the Home page, Newsletters, and the News & Happening page. It's interesting to learn what our visitors find interesting. Have YOU visited our site lately?

We also checked our Facebook traffic ([click here](#)) activity for the same period. Our reached 443 folks. People clicked, liked, shared or commented on posts **3,590 times**. WOW!!

The most popular post was about the Eilers' reception in Hoffius Hall. There were 245 people who saw that post and 1,300 who clicked on the photos (there were 56 photos).

If there are events or photos YOU would like to see posted, we would like to hear from you. Email your ideas and suggestions here: Mail: kirkhsv@gmail.com

– Ralph Greene



Kirk helps Vera Lloyd Services

Mission Committee Moderator Gary Clark presenting a check to Donna Mahurin, chief executive officer of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services. Mahurin gave a Minute for Mission on Aug. 20, thanking Kirk members for their generous support and sharing several stories of young men and women whose lives have been turned around thanks to Vera Lloyd.

Christmas Elves prepping for the holidays

Friends of Small Group Therapy's Elves are geared up for their 16th year of providing Christmas gifts for more than 80 adults disabled by severe mental illness. Of the 25 volunteer Elves, nearly half are Kirk members.

Every October, letters requesting donations are mailed to more than 250 persons in the Village and Hot Springs area. Many of the donors are annual supporters, and a number are generous Kirk members.

Small Group Therapy is one of the non-profit agencies supported by the Kirk Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women.

By the first of November, SGT's residents have filled out "wish lists" for holiday gifts. Most of the residents are indigent, so the most

frequently requested items are new clothing, shoes, toiletries, bus passes, postage stamps and gift cards.

The Elves use the wish lists to shop for gifts which are paid for with the donations. Early in December, the Elves gather to wrap the gifts, making them festive with pretty paper and beautiful bows. These are the only gifts a majority of the residents receive.

Contributions in any amount are gratefully accepted and are tax-deductible. A donation of \$25 buys one gift.

Checks should be made out to Small Group Therapy with the memo "Gift Fund" and mailed to 311 Whittington Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901. Those who donate

become a Friend of Small Group Therapy. There are no membership fees.

For more information, contact Joyce Leeming, Friend of Small Group Therapy coordinator, at 501 922-0810, or Holly Browning, SGT director, at 501 623-3477.

– *Joyce Leeming*





New Kirk members Debbie and Gary Brod. *(Robert Sonnen photo)*

Debbie and Gary Brod welcomed to the Kirk

In 1984, Gary and Debbie Brod moved from Houston to Hot Springs where they joined Westminster Presbyterian Church. They moved to Hot Springs Village in 2002.

“Our decision to join Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines was made easy after being warmly welcomed by all,” said Debbie. The couple attends the Saturday evening informal worship service and feels right at home.

Gary retired from Fidelity Information Services, a consulting information technology company, after 22 years of service. Debbie worked for 10 years as a classified advertising advisor with the *Sentinel-Record* newspaper.

Most days during the summer, Gary can be found in the yard, tending his garden and flower beds. He also finds time for several rounds of golf each week. Debbie enjoys zumba and yoga classes as well as mahjongg.

New members

Both are volunteers with the Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League.

These active folks have been married 42 years and have two children. Mike and his family live in Clayton, Ga., and Jenny and her family live in Bentonville, Ark. The Brods are grandparents to five and will welcome another grandbaby next February.

Gary and Debbie Brod, welcome to the Kirk family! We're happy to have you join us.

– *Madelyn Young*



Kirk has new plan for coping with sudden bad-weather emergencies

Fall is hurricane season, and though our part of the country isn't as vulnerable as others, we can get backlash in the form of severe thunderstorms, high winds or tornadoes.

If the weather is bad or a tornado alert has been issued, the best plan is to stay home.

The Kirk's policy for handling severe weather is: If a state or federal bad-weather advisory is issued, the pastor and Clerk of Session may decide to cancel services or close the church.

This decision will be emailed to the congregation, and a message will be put on the Kirk's answering machine.

Sometimes storms develop suddenly. So Session developed a plan in case a severe storm surprises us during weekday church activities or weekend worship services.

The Kirk subscribes to a severe-weather notification service. It will send an automated advisory to the Kirk's land line. The line rings in the office, the kitchen off Hoffius Hall, and the sound system desk in the narthex. The advisory will also come to the cell phones of the pastor and Clerk of Session.

If one of these advisory calls comes in during the week, the office staff will alert anyone in the building and direct them to designated safe areas. Saturday night or Sunday morning worship service attendees will be directed to safe areas by Session members trained in the evacuation procedure.

The designated safe areas are:

- **Office area:** men's and women's rest rooms, office mail room and storage room.

- **Sanctuary/narthex:** men's and women's rest rooms.

- **Hoffius Hall:** men's and women's rest rooms, library, sexton's office, nursery, storage closets and kitchen when crowded conditions dictate. Areas near windows are to be avoided.

These locations are posted throughout the building, along with evacuation directions.

The Kirk thanks Charles Reece for putting this plan together, Barron Gage for training Session members in the evacuation

procedure, and Gerald Allen for drawing the schematics posted around the Kirk.





The Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler and his wife, Jean, and Pastor Bill Bailey at a farewell reception in Hoffius Hall on Aug. 27.

Kirk bids fond farewell to the Eilers

A large crowd gathered Aug. 27 in Hoffius Hall after Sunday worship service to extend thanks to the Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler and his wife, Jean, for their 23 years of service at the Kirk.

Kirk members, staff and representatives from the Presbytery stepped up to the microphone to

express their appreciation to the Eilers and bid them fond wishes as they prepared to move to Wisconsin to be near family.

Heinrich was on staff of the Presbytery of Arkansas for many of his years in the Village and was dean of the Lay Academy of the Presbytery from 2001 until 2011. At

the Kirk, Heinrich often served as pulpit supply in the pastor's absence.

Jean has been active in Presbyterian Women, as well as other endeavors.

The Eilers are loved by the congregation and will be missed by many in the Village. Farewell and God's blessing on you both!



Hoffius Hall was filled Aug. 27 with well-wishers for Jean and Heinrich Eiler, who were greeted by the Rev. Sam Pope (above left) and Elder Leader Sylvia Tate and NiAnn Thompson from the Presbytery of Arkansas (left).

***Photos and story by
Jamie Federick***

PW to hear about Thai teaching adventure

We are delighted to welcome Claudia Stallings from Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, as guest speaker for our Fall Gathering at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9.

Claudia will share her latest mission trip this summer to Thailand. She taught English at Payap University, a Christian school, for three weeks.

You will be energized, just hearing of her experience, so mark this on your calendar. You don't want to miss this event!

Afterwards, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon in Hoffius Hall.

– *Becky Wakefield*
PW Moderator

Claudia Stallings with some of the friends she met this summer in Thailand.



Still time to sign up for Funfest on Oct. 18



If you haven't already signed up for the Kirk's October Funfest on Oct. 18, it's not too late. Reservations are being taken every Saturday and Sunday before and after church services.

Rick Federick and Jerral Johnson will grill hamburgers and hot dogs while the Greenhorns and Fellowship Committee members will help serve. Brownies and ice cream will top off the meal.

Plan to join us at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Hoffius Hall. There is no charge, but space is limited, so sign up now.

– *Vicki Rosenquist*, Moderator
Fellowship Committee

Replacing Maddie Young will be impossible

Madelyn Young is everywhere at the Kirk. Always smiling. Always positive. Always helpful.

For the few of us ink-stained wretches who labor each month to publish this newsletter, Maddie is akin to a god. She sees things no one else does. No matter how obscure a grammatical error, no matter how invisible a typo, Maddie will find it.

You would have no reason to know this, but our monthly newsletter may have as many as 10 versions before it is finally printed or emailed to you.

We wrap it up, thinking it's perfect and send it to our boss, Moderator Judy Carroll, and Maddie. Soon she will bounce it back showing our dumb mistakes in yellow highlights, mistakes hidden in plain sight until she spotted them and pounced.

So if you've been enjoying *A Voice in the Pines*, you should give a big Thank You to Maddie Young. She's a miracle worker, and we're really going to miss her.

Frank Leeming



Contribution reports being sent this month

The contributions reports for January 2017 through September 2017 will be sent to Kirk members this month. Please contact me if you do not receive yours, and I will provide you with one.

Please review the report closely and let me know of any discrepancies so they can be corrected before the end of the year.

Thank you.

Beverly Schaumburg,
Business Administrator

Robin Young shoots two under his age to win Golfer of the Day honors

In September the Kirk Sunday Golf Group played Desoto Golf Course. Although attendance was low because many of our regular players had other obligations, those who came enjoyed the beautiful Arkansas fall weather.

Player of the day was Robin Young, who scored an 82, two strokes under his

age. An ageless wonder! Way to go, Robin.

We welcomed Dick Easter and Gary Brod to our Kirk Sunday Golf Group, and Ro Easter and Debbie Brod joined the group for dinner.

Hope to see you again next month.

Ruth Richards and Ron Lovett awarded these Bragging Rights during dinner at the Desoto Club:

Women

- Closest to the hole: Ruth Richards
- Longest Putt: Ruth Richards

Men

- Closest to the hole: Ron Lovett
- Longest Putt: Gary Brod

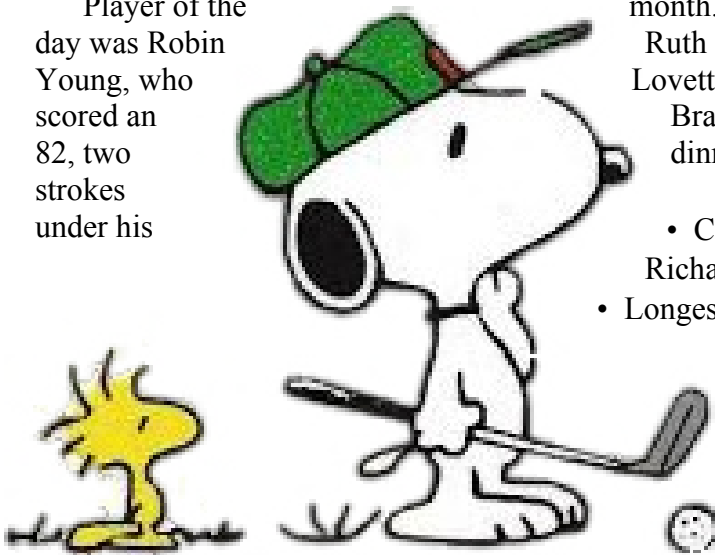
Our last event for 2017 will be Sunday, Oct. 8. We are scheduled to play our Magellan Course, with dinner following at Last Chance. Save the day on your calendar.

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

We play our Village courses the second Sunday of each month, April through October. For additional information, please call 922-2326 (this is a new number), or email

jimobhess@suddenlink.net

– *Jim Hess*



Library has special book with daily readings

On Friday, July 24, 1874, in the normal 64-degree “warmest season” of the Scottish year, a healthy baby boy was born to an Aberdeen Baptist minister, the Rev. Clarence Chambers, and his wife. The parents named their son Oswald.

For the next 15 years, the family moved from place to place, wherever Rev. Chambers served as evangelist or pastor. They finally settled in London where, at the age of 16, Oswald was baptized, becoming a member of Rye Lane Baptist Church.

Early on, Oswald demonstrated a deep spirituality centering on evangelism. Revealing gifts both in music and art, he studied at the National Art Training School, later the Royal College of Art.

However, he declined a scholarship for further studies, and he spent the next two years at the University of Edinburgh. There, under the preaching of the Rev. Alexander White, pastor of Free St. Georges Church, Oswald felt called to the ministry.

He successfully matriculated at Dunoon College, a small theological school near Glasgow. Soon he was teaching classes, taking over after an injury to the Rev. Duncan MacGregor, founder of the school.

Around this time, Oswald became involved in the Holiness movement, teaching and working on its behalf in the United States and Japan. This movement emphasized a new, deeper commitment to one's faith, sometimes referred to as a “second blessing” or a “second work of grace.”

In May 1910, Oswald married Gertrude Hobbs, whom he affectionately called “Biddy.” Biddy could take shorthand at 250 words per minute, often transcribing her husband's sermons and lectures. On May 2, 1913, she and Oswald welcomed baby daughter Kathleen.



Earlier, in 1911, the Chambers had founded the Bible Training College in Clapham Commons, Greater London. During the next five years, Oswald served as principal, and 106 resident students attended the school, 40 of them ultimately serving as missionaries.

With the start of World War I, the school closed and Oswald was accepted as a YMCA chaplain. His assignment was Zeitoun, Cairo, Egypt, where he ministered to Australian and New Zealand troops, soon packing the wooden-framed “hut” with hundreds of soldiers.

When a soldier declared, “I can't stand religious people,” Oswald replied, “I can't, either.”

On Oct. 17, 1917, Oswald was stricken with appendicitis but resisted occupying a bed meant for a wounded soldier. He underwent emergency surgery on Oct. 29, but he passed away Nov. 15.

For the remainder of her life, his widow published books based on her multiple shorthand notes taken over the years. The most successful of the 30 books was *My Utmost for His Highest*, composed of 365 selections for daily reading. Since the 1924 edition, it has never been out of print, having been translated in 39 languages.

A fine leather-bound edition is available in our own church library, courtesy of retired Kirk pastor, the Rev. Dr. Mike Seitz.

Let's have Thanksgiving dinner together

Come one, come all to this year's Kirk Thanksgiving Dinner. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Nov. 23. Chef Johnna from the DeSoto Club will cater the event.

There will be turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Two types of potatoes and two kinds of pies will round out a perfect meal.

If you would rather not bother with cooking a turkey, bring your



family and friends to the Kirk and let Chef Johnna do all the work.

Cost of the meal will be \$15. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter as well as the church bulletins.

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

– **Vicki Rosenquist**, Moderator
Fellowship Committee



Happy dates



Birthdays

Oct. 1	Martha Nielsen	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. 5	Sharon Collar	Oct. 17	Marianna Adams		Janette Wiard
Oct. 6	Helen Sheehan	Oct. 18	Gene Carlisle	Oct. 27	Randy Toney
Oct. 7	Jean Eiler	Oct. 20	Ro Easter	Oct. 29	Woodie Barefield
Oct. 8	Dave Nottrott	Oct. 21	Joe Sara	Oct. 31	Keith Brown
	Jim Reimers		Sissy Wilson		
Oct. 9	Dean Kerr	Oct. 22	Lorna Kerr		
	Bill Stanley		Marilyn Olson		

Anniversaries

Oct. 8	Linda and Bob Wessel	40 years	Oct. 24	Lois and John Dykstra	64 years
Oct. 10	Cheryle and Stan Dean	53 years		Helen and Norm Fisher	58 years
Oct. 17	Cindi and Jim Erickson	36 years	Oct. 28	Joyce and Frank Leeming	44 years
Oct. 21	Sheila and Bill Stanley	67 years			

She just showed up and sang quietly ...

Do you enjoy music? Who doesn't?

Do you hum or sing around the house? Bet you do.

The Kirk choir offers a way to expand your love of music. Best of all, it is not an auditioned choir, meaning you don't have to try out. You are just accepted as you are. In the 10 years I've been a choir member, I have never seen anyone "kicked out."

If you are like I was, you may be pretty rusty about reading music, time signatures, sharps and flats, and all that. That's okay. I had never been in a choir before. But I thought it would be fun to try and see if I could "make music" with others.

It seemed to me Kirk choir members enjoy what they were doing. So, I just showed up at rehearsal. Nobody said "What's she doing here?" They just accepted me. I sang very softly at first. In fact, I sang very softly for a long time.

As time went on, I learned more and more about music and felt more confident. I actually joined a quartet and sang in worship services with just three other persons. What an accomplishment and thrill that was!

We have a wonderful choir, and the Toney's are a



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

great leadership team. All the members are so helpful. You will never be criticized.

So, here's the challenge: Give it a try. You just may like it.

Coffee Closet open Oct. 8

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 more information.

Batik art card classes offered in October

Back by popular demand, award-winning artist and popular art teacher Wendy Gage will lead a batik art class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 5 and 12 in Hoffius Hall. Participants will make a Christmas card each week.

Batik is a method of dying paper and fabrics in which some areas are covered with wax to keep watercolor pigment from penetrating the paper.

Wendy uses Ginwashi rice paper.

“Typically, the wax is laid down in a pattern, and then the paint is applied and allowed to dry,” she explained. “I do this several times to achieve the depth in the painting. The wax is then removed. The area under the wax keeps its original color with an occasional line of color giving it a somewhat crackled look. I never know what it will look like until I remove the wax. It is always a surprise.”



Wendy has taken art courses from Cosumnes Community College and Fresno Community College in California and has attended many workshops led by national and local artists.

This talented artist has won numerous awards, and 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.

Each Kirk class is limited to 15 persons. To register, call the Kirk office: 922-1333. Participants may sign up for one or both sessions.

A \$15 fee for art supplies will be charged for each class. Checks should be written to Wendy Gage. Classes are open to the community, so invite a friend.

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