

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Financial report

Repairs increasing, 2019 budgeting underway

By Sharon Gardner

The Finance Committee is working on the 2019 budget. The generosity of Kirk members has always allowed us to support our many outreach missions. This outreach is important to our congregation, the Session and the Finance Committee.

Our internal mission includes all the committees serving our congregation, aiding them in growing their faith and the ability to provide for our external missions.

It is projected we will be able to give 20 percent of our budget to external missions in 2019, which confirms the faith-enriching caring heart of the Kirk.

The Finance Committee is happy to report two wonderful designated gifts to the Kirk.

The first is \$30,000 from Pat Ormsbee in honor of her late husband, Kenneth

Maack. This is to fund a scholarship, toward secondary education, for Kirk members, employees and their families.

The second is a \$100,000 gift given anonymously to the Luke 12:48 fund. This fund supports Vera Lloyd, Ferncliff and Kirk Education. Articles on pages 7 and 13 of this newsletter describe the two gifts.

This year we have had several unbudgeted expenses.

Three air conditioning units failed and had to be replaced. The organ needed repairs. Trees needed to be removed to pro-

tect existing sidewalks and improve safety.

Our parking lot became slippery and had to be resealed to protect the safety of all who come to the Kirk. We have had some water issues in the building; they continue to be addressed.

It cost more than \$50,000 to take care of these unbudgeted items.

Our building is at an age where upkeep and repairs and replacements are needed. The Finance Committee has been proactive. We do have reserve funds to cover current expenses.

Members who came before us provided us a beautiful building, which they paid for in record time. Now it's our responsibility to keep it beautiful and allow us to continue our ministry.

As you prayerfully think about your pledge for 2019, keep these things before you. We in finance

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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 Conference Room



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



From Shadyside to the world: A great tradition

World Communion Sunday is on the first Sunday of October. This year it falls on Oct. 7. We will join with Christians all over the world as we come to our Lord's table and celebrate our unity in Christ.

This tradition originated in 1933 at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Shadyside was then under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, who served from 1913 through the end of World War II. From the humble beginning 85 years ago, World Communion Sunday was 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. Fascism was on the rise in Italy and Spain. We sometimes look back with nostalgia and remember the "good ole days" but, in fact, this was a time of hardship and great anxiety about the future.

As a response to these 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



The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



providential care of God and our Lord's call to Christian unity.

What if all Christians would gather on one day, around one table and proclaim our unity to the world?

They decided to move forward and the rest, as they say, is history.

Today Christians from all over the world continue to gather around one table – the Lord's Table – to be reminded of our unity in Christ. Whatever our differences – theological, political or otherwise – we all belong to one Lord and 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 the light of the world ... so let your light shine that others may see your good works and give glory to God." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

Two new members helping Finance Committee

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and stewardship appreciate all who pledge each year so we can plan effectively.

Pledging is not a binding contract. You will not receive a bill for the amount you pledge. We understand things can change.

We are excited to welcome two new members to the Finance Committee.

Gloria Pickett comes with experience in stewardship.

Sam Arant will be responsible

for the Safety Ministry. In the last year we began evaluating our potential liabilities from a safety and security perspective. Sam comes to us with a vast background in safety, loss control and insurance. He will work with all committees with safety and security concerns and help them achieve their goals.

The Kirk has accomplished many things but there are still things to do and God has given us the perfect person fit for the task.

Always feel free to ask questions. Anyone on the committee will

be happy to help. If you would like to see the proposed budget we will make it available to you.

Thank you for your faithful support of the Kirk in so many ways.
Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.

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.

New Sexton, doing business at Ferncliff

Loss of Two Valuable Kirk members:

Charles and Betty Reece transferred their membership to First Presbyterian Church, 400 Jefferson, Tupelo, MS 38804. They will be missed. Charles was active on the Kirk Session as Finance Moderator, and as chairman of the Audit Committee. Betty was involved in several committees in the Kirk and in the community. We wish them well and trust they will quickly become involved in their new church and in Tupelo.

Church Statistics:

As of Sept. 14: Members – 326; Family units – 220

New Church Sexton:

Paul Stivitts resigned as our sexton to take a teaching position with the University of Arkansas at Monticello. We regret seeing Paul leave but wish him well as he takes over part of the music program at the University.

Tom Hayek and Barron Gage began a search for another individual to fill the position and were fortunate to find Arthur (Chip) Johnson. He was presented to the Session on Sept. 9 and was approved for the position. He began work two days later.

Chip recently moved to the Village from California. I hope when you see him around the Kirk, you will take time to stop and tell him we are glad to have him as part of the Kirk family.

139th Presbytery Meeting:

The Kirk will co-host the Presbytery meeting at The Ferncliff Center on Oct. 19 and 20. We need members to help as greeters, control traffic and fill other positions necessary to make the meeting successful. I hope you will respond favorably if asked to help.

The Clerk's Corner

Jerral Johnson



Session Retreat:

The Session will have its October meeting at its annual retreat on Oct. 22 and 23 at Ferncliff. It provides the Session an opportunity to discuss, in detail, items involved in the management of the Kirk business.

Christmas Carols:

Mark your calendars now for an evening of Christmas carols, cookies, punch, and coffee on Dec. 6 in Hoffius Hall.

Get Well and

Sympathy Cards:

It is important to individuals who are sick, have had an operation or lost a loved one, to maintain contact with church members. The church sends out a "Thinking of you" card each week as a reminder that we, as a congregation, care for them.

Also please send individual cards to help maintain contact with Kirk friends. Speaking from experience, I can tell you cards help one through rough times.



Please turn in your Shepherd Group choices

By Barron and Wendy Gage

Most of you have received an email encouraging you to make your choice of a Shepherd Group for the coming year. It's important to answer this request as soon as possible. This helps facilitate planning so we can be ready to kick off a new season in grand style.

Shepherd Groups are an integral part of our ministry at the Kirk.

The obvious benefit in joining a group of your choice is the frequent enjoyment of fellowship with

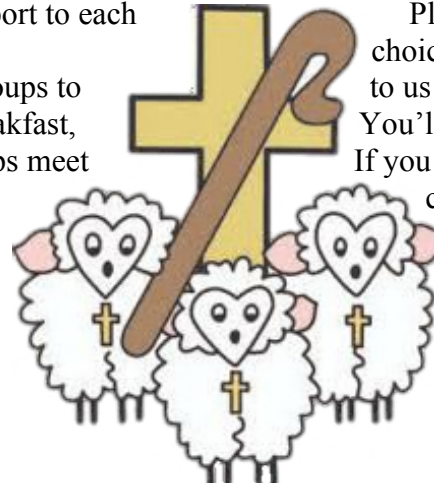
existing as well as new friends. It's also an important way for us to stay in touch and offer support to each other in times of need.

There are many groups to choose from. The Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Groups meet at various restaurants around the Village. The Traditional Group plans a wide variety of fun events throughout our area. The Games

Group meets routinely to play various board games and cards.

Please make your choices and send them to us as soon as you can. You'll be happy you did. If you have any questions, call us at 501 209-9569.

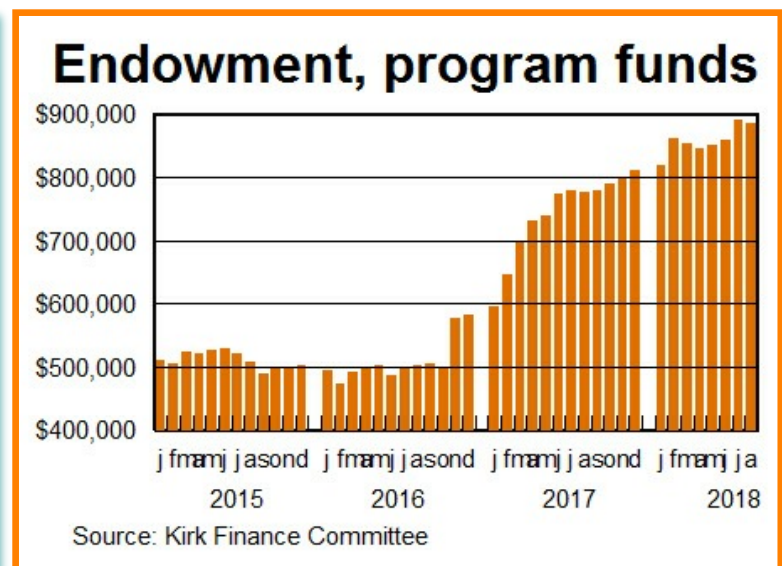
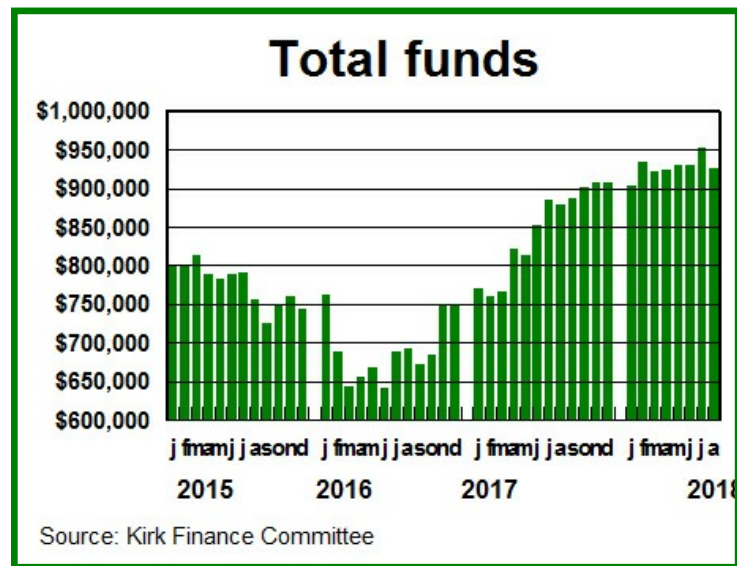
Barron and Wendy Gage are Shepherd Groups leaders.



Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of August 31, 2018

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 36,311	\$ 27,252	\$ 290,485	\$ 303,181
Disbursements	\$ 36,311	\$ 33,563	\$ 290,485	\$ 252,001
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,543	\$ 2,863	\$ 36,344	\$ 37,655
Disbursements	\$ 4,543	\$ 17,384	\$ 36,344	\$ 90,374
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 40,854	\$ 30,115	\$ 326,829	\$ 340,836
Disbursements	\$ 40,854	\$ 50,947	\$ 326,829	\$ 342,375
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 39,927
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 45,584
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 115,208
Programs fund				\$ 90,460
Endowment fund				\$ 603,797
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 30,567
Total special funds				\$ 890,644



\$588 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of **\$588** was collected in August.

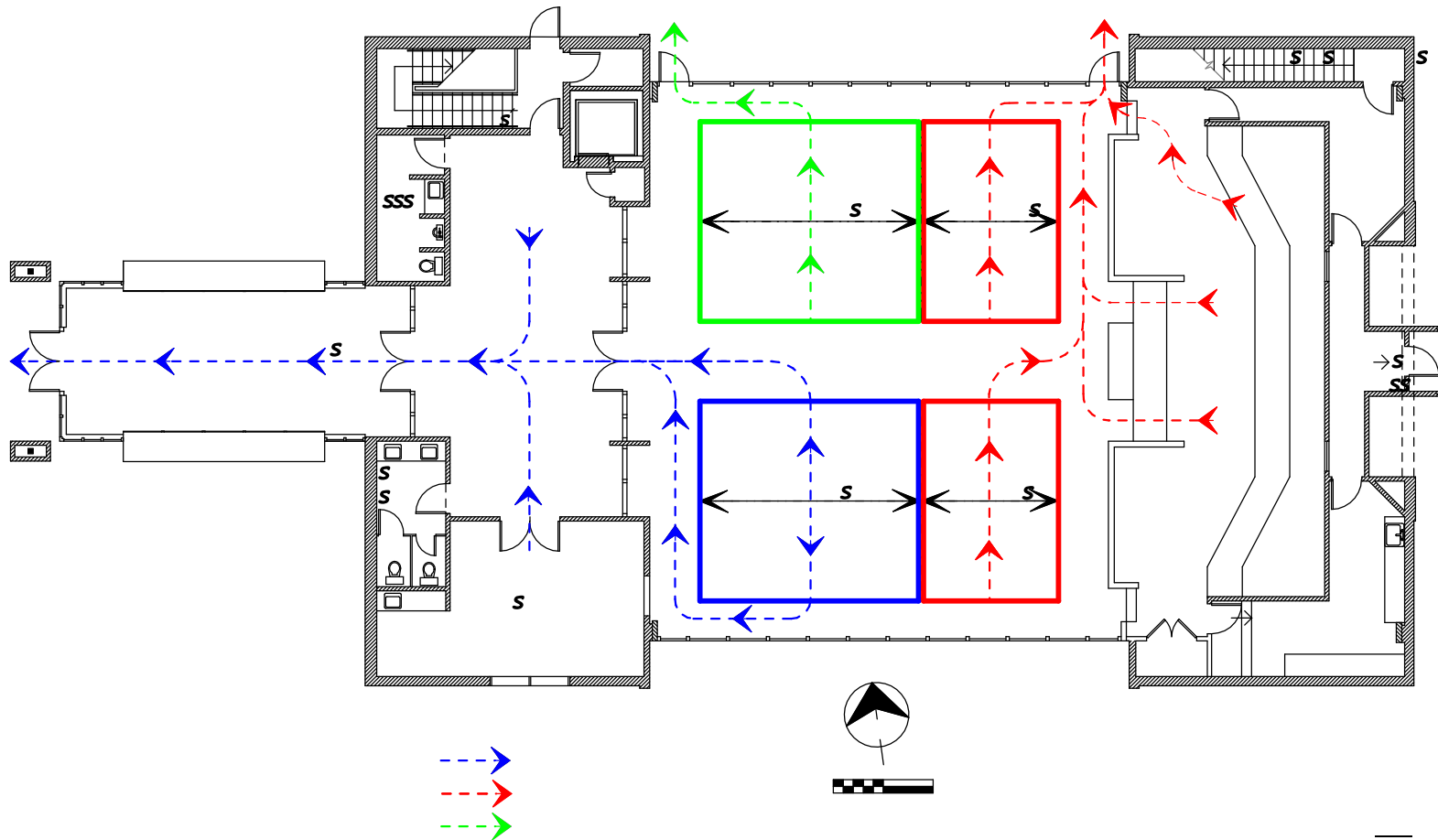
If you wish to give more than a dollar, please use the envelopes in the pew racks. We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

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.



Evacuation

Be aware of what you should do in emergency

By Darell Fisher

"In event of an emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit and depart the building."

You may have heard similar words while attending a program at the Woodlands or some other venue. But are you aware the Kirk has a recommended evacuation plan in place?

The plan, which is posted in the narthex near the sound booth, is shown above.

Study it carefully, noting the egress to follow from the different areas. Since most of us regularly sit in the same area, take special note of what route you should follow if

there is a fire or some other catastrophic event.

Remember these key instructions:

- Exits are clearly designated. Two of them are the doors on the north (Asturias) side of the sanctuary.
- Don't panic and start running. Instead walk briskly to your exit.
- Don't use the elevator.
- Be sensitive to those with mobility problems. Help them leave the building.
- Move away from the building by going to the main (west) parking lot. Remember: Emergency vehicles

may be arriving, so stay out of their way.

- Don't return to the building until cleared by proper authority.

I'm reminded of these words from the emergency procedures section of an aircrew operating manual: STOP-THINK-COLLECT YOUR WITS. Keep those words in mind if the Kirk has a crisis situation.

In future months, we'll cover such topics as "Tornado Safety." Don't fail to miss the next exciting episode.

Darell Fisher served as a member of Kirk Building Committee.

Stan Luczkowsky is a multi-talented new member and new groom

By Jan Holtberg

Stanley Luczkowsky joined the Kirk through reaffirmation of faith on Aug. 19, 2018. Before moving to Hot Springs Village from Wimberley, Texas, Stan had attended a nondenominational church.

Stan was born and grew up in Stephenson, a small town in the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan. He proudly refers to himself as a “Yoooper” as the front license plate of his pick-up truck attests.

After graduating from high school, Stan attended college for a couple of years and served in the U.S. Army for three. He then received a degree in Industrial Electronics from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

After graduation in 1964, Stan was hired by NASA and lived and

New member

worked in Houston for the next 27 years.

At NASA, Stan was involved in astronaut medical instrumentation and communication equipment for the Gemini and Apollo programs and was manager for the Space Shuttle Payload Safety Branch.

Retiring from NASA in 1991, Stan went to work as a safety consultant for the European Space Agency. After what he called a delightful five years in The Netherlands, Stan moved back to the U.S. to live in Wimberley, a small town south of Austin, for the next 21 years until moving to the Village.

Along the way, Stan received his real-estate license and sold property for 13 years while caring for an ailing spouse who passed away a year and a half ago.

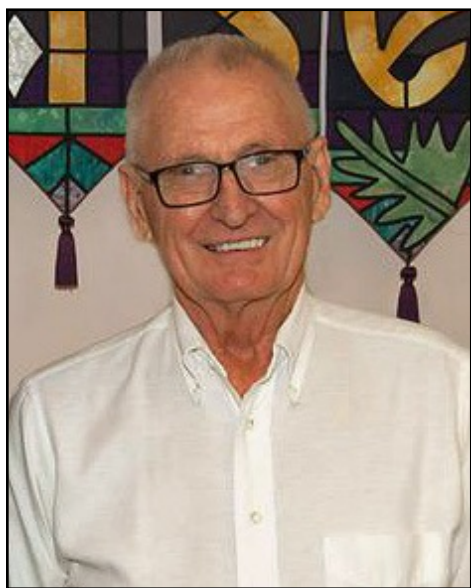
Stan has three children – a son in Virginia and two daughters in Texas.

His interests include woodworking, grilling and smoking food, and he hopes getting back into golf and fishing.

When asked what brought him to the Village, he said it was a budding relationship with Katy Hill. Katy and “Stosh” have known each other for sixty-one years. And in fact, Stan married Katy’s sister when Katy was a teenager.



Katy Hill and Stan Luczkowsky were married Sept. 1 by Pastor Bill Bailey. (Jan Holtberg photo)



New member Stan Luczkowsky. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Stan and his son (Katy’s nephew) attended the memorial service for Katy’s late husband, Jerry, when he passed away. He and Katy became re-acquainted after a 30-year hiatus. Stan helped Katy move into Good Samaritan and they talked every so often after Stan returned to the Houston area.

Not long ago, Stan decided that he really liked the Village. He sold his house in Wimberley and moved here.

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Anonymous donor gives Kirk \$100,000

By Sharon Gardner

A \$100,000 anonymous donation was made recently to the Luke 12: 48 Fund.

All money given to this fund is designated in thirds to Vera Lloyd, Ferncliff and Kirk in the Pines Education.

The total in this fund is approximately \$215,000.

Each year we historically withdraw 3 percent from the fund and from the Endowment Fund and distribute the money to the designated recipients.

The gifts mean the Kirk can

continue to support the mission of educating Kirk members and the community. The gifts insure the Kirk will have the ability to continue this ministry for many years to come.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.

Kirk's first Chili Cook-Off set for Oct. 30

By Vicki Rosenquist

The Kirk's first Chili Cook-Off will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Hoffius Hall. The Fellowship Committee is hosting the event.

The weather should be cooler and football games will be in full swing. So, if you have a special chili recipe and want to be part of the contest, sign up beginning Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7, before and after church services.



Space is limited, so don't wait too long to sign up.

Everyone is invited to come and sample the chilies and vote for your favorite. Please help us plan by signing up before or after services in October before the big day on the 30th.

Hope to see all you chili lovers there!

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.

Luczkowsky-Hill marriage at the Kirk

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One thing led to another, and he and Katy bought a home and decided to get married, exchanging vows on Sept. 1, 2018. The wedding service was performed in the Kirk (a very infrequent occurrence here, by the way) and was officiated by Pastor Bill Bailey.

Katy was walked down the aisle by her granddaughter Colleen Flynn, traditional music was played by Donna Toney, and a delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the Greenhorns.

The wedding service was well attended by family, friends and Kirk members. It was a treat to help one of our newest members celebrate such a joyous occasion with one of our long-standing members.

Jan Holtberg is a member of the Communication Committee.

Kirk's leaders prepare for annual retreat

By Jerral Johnson

The Kirk Session will hold its annual retreat Oct. 22-23 at the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. The retreat is to discuss Kirk operations for the next year.

Moderators discuss their committees' responsibilities, goals and function. There is interaction with other Session members and their committee.

The retreat also gives the Session time to discuss major management issues. Session members can study the safety of the congregation and employees. It gives members a chance to become familiar with each other goals and priorities as they serve their Lord and the Kirk. This pays dividends by improving personal and working relationships.

If you have items you think need to be addressed, let your committee moderator know. To be effective, Session members need to be aware of issues concerning their committee and the congregation. Not all these can be considered immediately but it is important the Session be aware of them and seek timely solutions.

Jerral Johnson is the Kirk's Clerk of Session.



Elijah Bailey, carrying the flag of Scotland (lower left) led the Tartan Bearers and Lyon College Pipes and Drums into the sanctuary to begin the Kirkin' of the Tartans celebration.

After a service of wonderful singing and music, the Pipes and Drums left the sanctuary (upper left) to continue the celebration in the Memorial Garden. Representing 29 Tartans leaving the sanctuary (above) were Donna Toney (McIntosh), Karen Sorensen (Sutherland), Judy Rosenthal (Scott) and Carol Sue Williams (Thompson).

The Rev, Steward Smith (right), General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and Pastor Bill Bailey led the service.



*Photos by
Jamie
Federick*



Kirkin'

The Kirk was filled Sept. 16 with the sounds of Scotland, bagpipes and drums when the Lyon College Pipes and Drums arrived in full force for the Kirkin' of the Tartans celebration.

After the Sunday service, they assembled (above) around the Celtic Cross (left) in the Memorial Garden. The Greenhorn ladies capped off the festivities with a wonderful spread (below) in Hoffius Hall.



It's time for you to make a legacy

By Arnie Holtberg

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

In my previous professional life, I regularly exhorted my colleagues to achieve their best and contribute the most they could in the near term.

At the same time, I reminded them that if all we cared about was now, the future just might not take care of itself. To do good today is vital. To ensure that the good done today establishes the groundwork for success and well-being twenty-five years from now is very important.

At this stage of my life, I want to make sure I and those around me can enjoy every day to its fullest.

I also think about what my legacy might be. Am I being near-sighted or am I considering the needs and hopes of those who follow? God's work will not cease when I pass from this earthly veil.



What should I do to pave the way for the perpetuation of the Gospel message?

Having reviewed the financial picture for the Kirk today, I am impressed by our collective commitment to sustaining ministry and fellowship.

There are many cheerful givers in this congregation. Hooray for our generosity and desire to support the Lord's work in our time. But who among us might think more boldly about the future and our legacy?

We all know the song from the musical *Godspell*: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord."

To do so requires faith, hope, courage, and a willingness to sacrifice, including in terms of financial resources. Ours is a community that makes a difference for those within and without our walls. Today is ours and so is tomorrow.

So please approach the stewardship drive commitment days on Oct. 22 and 23 with a generous heart and the knowledge that you are doing good today and into the future.

Arnie Holtberg is a member of the Kirk's Communication Committee.

Politics and the pulpit on Presbytery agenda

**By Ruth Hamilton
and Susan Morrow**

The 139th meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas will be Oct. 19-20 at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. It will seek action on Presbyterian constitutional matters and fellowship in a spirit of love toward other Presbyters (members) with the acknowledgment of God's spirit of guidance over all.

One item of business is about politics and the pulpit.

As a nonprofit organization, the church is not allowed to campaign for those seeking office, but there are nuances to this. Should the church's constitution address this

directly? As you can imagine, this should provide a lively discussion.

The Kirk in the Pines Session members along with the Pastor make the governing decisions for the local congregation within the guidelines of this PC (USA) constitution.

The Presbytery meeting opens with a worship service. An important feature of the meetings is an open worship service before getting down to business.

There are three Presbytery meetings each year, usually rotating through various churches within the region. This is the first meeting will be at Ferncliff and our Kirk congregation has volunteered to serve as co-hosts.

Our Session elects a representative from within our congregation to attend the meeting along with the Pastor Bill Bailey as representation for the local congregation.

It will take a concerted effort and a lot of volunteers to do our part for the meeting.

The Session overwhelmingly voted to support this outreach to our Presbytery, and we should be proud to be a part of a church known by all for its spirit of service to the denomination.

Ruth Hamilton is former Moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas; Susan Morrow is on the Kirk Communication Committee.

Working on the Kirk's sound board requires good ear and the right touch

By Barbara Worthley

The "Behind the Scenes" column in May featured Robert Sonnen, head of the sound board crew. Here is "the "rest of the story," as Paul Harvey used to say.

The back-up sound crew consists of four men and one lady. With Robert in the rotation, each of the crew members usually works the sound board once a month. Robert prepares a schedule annually so everyone knows in advance when it's their turn.

Nancy Patton operates the board for special events, including memorial services and PW programs. She had eight years of experience at her previous church and has been serving at the Kirk for four years.

David Rosenquist had no experience with sound equipment before accepting a position on the crew five years ago. He likes to double check the service is being recorded and saved on the computer. It can then be transferred to a CD for those who want a copy of the sermon.

Jim Erickson did have prior experience with a sound board. When asked to serve in this capacity at the Kirk four years ago, he readily accepted. When operating the equipment on Sunday morning, he is careful to what he calls "ride the line" between the volume of the speaker and feedback. If the volume is too loud, "feedback" can be unpleasant to the listener's ears.



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.

Behind the scenes



Although he missed most of last year because of a hospitalization, Bill Worthley has been on the crew for two years. Since he had no experience with sound equipment, he says with a wink the only reason Barron Gage asked him to be on the crew was because he sat next to him in church.

Barron is Moderator of the Building Committee. Managing the sound equipment is his responsibility. Last year when Bill had to take an extended leave of absence, Barron pitched in and learned to operate the equipment. Although not in the regular rotation, he continues to fill in when needed.

The job is more complicated than just "flipping switches." All the equipment was replaced two years ago with a computer and everyone was re-trained.

Robert Sonnen said the most important part of the job is to listen so you will know which button to push or adjustment to make.

Our thanks to these devoted sound crew members for making our sanctuary experiences pleasantly audible.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Kirk Communications Committee.

PW Coffee Closet will open Sunday, Oct. 14

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.



Awed by number of members who helped make Kirkin' a success

When we sit down to thank all those who helped with the Kirkin' o' the Tartans, we are always awed by the number who stood up and gave of themselves for this celebration of our heritage.

Our administrative staff was wonderful and so gracious every time we changed something or added something to an already completed task. So a big shout-out to Beverly Schaumburg and Chris Taylor-Wilmoth.

Pastor Bailey deserves a "gold" medal for putting up with all the changes we had to make.

Let's not forget the Greenhorns for the preparation of our lovely tea. Their cooking is always good, but this was exceptional. Judy Rosenthal led the parade in the cooking and setting up the tea, with the help of our ladies in the congregation: Gay Crone, Gail Salmon, Barb Henry and Barbara Worthley.

Mary Anne Reynolds and Vicki Rosenquist rose to the occasion when decorating came into play. You two should be paid for what you do.

Sandy Adams took care of the beautiful floral arrangement for the sanctuary.



As we thank our administration crew, we must also thank our stalwart male helpers – Robert Sonnen and Barron Gage. We also have a new sexton who was pulled into service as well. His name is Chip Johnson. Welcome to the Kirk, Chip.

We cannot not stop yet! We have Judith Carroll who did all of the advertising for us and held Helen's hand when she was interviewed on KVRE.

And we have another Judy to thank – Judy Corwin made the exceptional posters to hang in the church. Our "enforcer," Jean Fisher, made sure all flag bearers followed the proper path.

We are also very grateful to the Session for approving this event and in particular, Nancy Patton of Worship and Lowell Gardner of Communication, who supported us with financial support from their budgets. Thank you so much!

*Nell White and Helen Fisher
The Kirkin' Society Chairs*

Please check details on your gift report


Contribution reports for January through September 2018 are being sent out. Please contact me if you did not receive yours and I will provide you with one.

Review the report and let me know of any discrepancies so they can be corrected before the end of the year. Thank you.


*Beverly Schaumburg
Business administrator*




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Use those old clothes to help the homeless

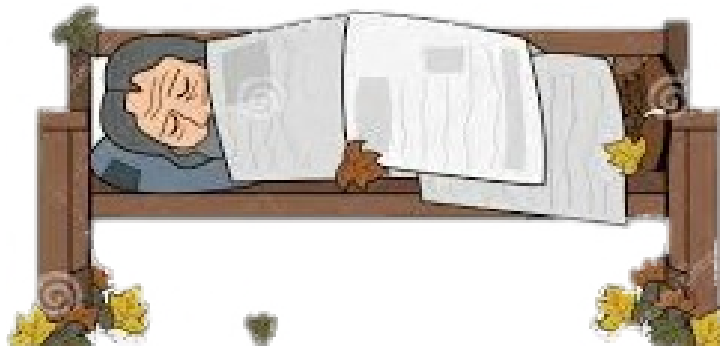
By Ed Baldwin

The Samaritan Rescue Mission in Hot Springs has seen a recent increase in the number of homeless men, and their closet of clothes is depleted.

They need everything: Shoes, underwear, socks, pants, shirts, sweaters and jackets.

The Kirk Cooking Team fed 33 homeless men on Aug. 16, up from 30 in July, and up from the low twenties that has been the recent average.

We will put a box in Hoffius Hall. Drop off all those skinny jeans you've been hoping to get back into, and that camo hunting jacket you're never going to use again. That ugly sweater could live again on the back of



some old guy down on his luck.

There are still a few openings on the Kirk Cooking Team. We usually cook red beans and rice, cornbread and a salad on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 5

p.m. We serve dinner at 7 p.m., clean up after, run the dishes through the dishwasher and are usually out of there before 8 o'clock.

Call me at 915-8573 for more details.

Ed Baldwin is a volunteer with the Samaritan Rescue Mission.

Pat Ormsbee gives \$30,000 for scholarships

By Sharon Gardner

Kirk member Pat Ormsbee recently donated \$30,000 to the Kirk in the Pines to support a scholarship program. She has designated the fund the Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship Fund in honor of her first husband, Kenneth Maack.

Pat's donation has been placed in an account at Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

Pat and Ken moved to Hot Springs Village from Wisconsin. Ken passed away a year and a half after the move and Pat later married E. Elliot "Bus" Ormsbee. They enjoyed 11 years together before "Bus" passed away.

Pat has always had an interest in helping educate young people, especially those living in Arkansas. She has funded several scholarships, this



Pat Ormsbee

being the most recent. Her philanthropy will assist a Kirk member, their children or grandchildren get an education. This includes Kirk employees, their children or grand-children as well.

An explanation of how to apply for a scholarship is available at the Kirk office.

The first of the Maack-Ormsbee Scholarships will be for \$1,200 and will be granted next spring for the fall semester. The Education Committee will evaluate applications and choose the recipient.

We appreciate Pat's love of youth and her generous support.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Kirk Finance Committee.

PW Gathering set for Oct. 8; bring a salad

By Carol Sue Williams

We will have a Gathering at 11 a.m. Oct. 8 in the sanctuary. The Rev Bill Bailey will give our lesson. We will then go to Hoffius Hall for a

salad luncheon. All are asked bring a salad to share.

We will be receiving the Thank Offering. I hope all Circles had a good crowd in September.

I visited Circle #1 and they had a good lesson and nice turnout. I will be visiting Circle #2 in November.

Carol Sue Williams is PW Moderator.

Book discusses our role with God and in society

When confirming recently that I wrote this column myself, a Kirk member indicated they would prefer I write about specific books which would guide them directly to the answers they seek.

I do, on occasion, highlight a book or books for readers' consideration.

More often I introduce a topic or idea to get the "juices flowing" and then challenge the reader to do some digging for their own answers. The theory is the result will prove more rewarding and long lasting.

Wishing to stimulate more use of our book-lined library in the southwest corner of Hoffius Hall, I am prompted to recommend a particular book. It is a book all too few Kirk readers were drawn to in this summer's book club: *Thirteen American Arguments* by journalist Howard Fineman.

Both Jesus in Matthew 22:21 and the apostle Paul in Roman 13:1 indicate the Heavenly Father encourages us to be responsible citizens, for as long as it does not dictate action contrary to God's precepts.



**Carnegie
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By Lowell Gardner

The author challenges the reader to examine 13 ideas to be considered frequently when deciding the goal or direction of a governmental policy or decision under consideration.

Of the 13, the third is: Where does one's faith come into play? That question is only preceded by who is a person and who is an actual citizen of the nation.

Those three and 10 others are addressed in the book. Our library has a copy and I have several additional copies for sale if anyone is interested.



"In times of crisis, our pastor is there to pick up the pieces." (Matthew 20:26) (Sally Fink photo)

Is your email address up to date?

Important notices from the Kirk are sent by email. Check your email address in the membership directory so you don't miss a thing.

Current directories are available outside the Kirk office and in the narthex.

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, Spam, chili, pasta and pasta sauces, dry boxed dinner helpers for hamburger, chicken and tuna, macaroni and cheese, dry rice, beans, and milk, dry hot and cold cereals and canned milk and juices.

We thank Jackson House for the work they do, and we thank you for helping them.

The generosity of the Kirk congregation never ceases to amaze. The Mission Committee appreciates your help with this worthwhile local ministry.





Happy dates



Birthdays

Martha Nielsen	Oct. 1	Dean Kerr	Oct. 9	Sissy Wilson	Oct. 21
Charlotte Massey	Oct. 3	Charles Bradley	Oct. 12	Lorna Kerr	Oct. 22
Clark Mowry	Oct. 3	Wendell Jones		Marilyn Olson	
Howard Baldwin	Oct. 4	Leona (Lee) Hess	Oct. 14	Bill Durbin	Oct. 23
Sharon Collar	Oct. 5	Jim Erickson	Oct. 16	Frank Morgan	Oct. 24
Helen Sheehan	Oct. 6	Marianna Adams	Oct. 17	Janette Wiard	Oct. 25
Jean Eiler	Oct. 7	Gene Carlisle	Oct. 18	Randy Toney	Oct. 27
Don Loveday		Rowena Easter	Oct. 20	Woodie Barefield	Oct. 29
Jim Reimers	Oct. 8	Joe Sara	Oct. 21	Keith Brown	Oct. 31

Anniversaries

Oct. 8	Linda & Bob Wessel	41 Years	Oct. 20	Linda & Ted Hommema	45 Years
Oct. 10	Cheryle & Stanley Dean	54 Years	Oct. 24	Helen & Norm Fisher	59 Years
Oct. 17	Cindi & Jim Erickson	37 Years	Oct. 28	Joyce & Frank Leeming	45 Years

Would you like to learn about solar energy?

By Becky Wakefield

"Solar Under the Sun" is a ministry of the Synod of the Sun, a higher governing body of the Presbyterian, USA in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Its purpose is to address energy poverty.

One-fourth of the world still lacks access to reliable electricity. By training people to install solar-

power systems, mission teams partner with communities in need. Ferncliff, right in our own backyard, teaches this solar school.

Our Mission Committee has been concerned about the lack of infrastructure and electricity in Puerto Rico. This mission opportunity is too worthwhile to pass. I am enrolled in solar school at

Ferncliff beginning Oct. 11. I hope to join the mission team for an installation next January.

Would you like to join me and others in doing our part to give hope where there is darkness. For more info, contact

www.solarunderthesun.org.

Becky Wakefield is a former Moderator of PW.

Kirk choir grows to 35 voices who love to sing

The choir is now in "full swing." Summers give us a much needed time off. We are now refreshed and happy to return for the fall schedule.

Perhaps you have noticed both new and returning singers:

Eve Webb returns after her prolonged illness.

Now fully retired, Bob Morrow, M.D., moved from the clinic to the choir loft.

New to the choir are sopranos Gloria Pickett and Linda Hommema.

We welcome them all.

We now have a choir of 35 singers. Wow! That's a



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

big choir for a church our size. We even learned to sing with bagpipe accompaniment for the Kirkin'.

We love to sing and we love to praise God with our voices. We hope you are inspired too.

Welcome Chip Johnson as new Kirk sexton

By Lowell Gardner

Arthur “Chip” Johnson, a very recent arrival to Hot Springs Village from Sacramento, Calif., is the new sexton at the Kirk. His name was presented for consideration by Barron Gage and Tom Hayek, Building and Ground Moderators, at a special called meeting of the Kirk Session on Sunday, Sept. 2, following morning worship.

Barron and Tom, both involved in the interview process, agreed “Chip” met all the work skills, knowledge, social skills and availability requirements to successfully perform the work required.

The Session, by unanimous vote of all present, plus two in absentia, by prior update, approved their recommendation.

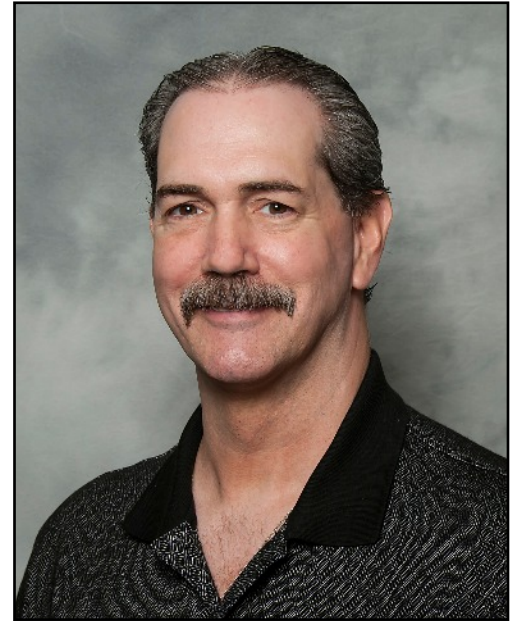
Chip Johnson began his duties on Sept. 4. He is in a traditional 90-day trial period including a training period with Robert Sonnen, acting sexton, with oversight by Barron and Tom.

Chip Johnson shares his home in the Village with his mother, Mary Amundsen. He is one of four siblings – brothers Glenn and Jim and sister, Angie. Chip is the father of daughters Rachelle-Cheyenne and Katelin, and son, Cris.

Chip Johnson’s past work experience has been in wholesale auto parts, tree service and as a hydraulic cylinder mechanic.

Let us all serve up a rich, full Kirk “Howdy! Glad to have you,” to Chip Johnson, our new Sexton

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the Communication Committee.



Chip Johnson has been hired to be the Kirk’s new sexton. (Robert Sonnen photo)

Kirk Staff

William B. Bailey – Senior Pastor
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