

# A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## **Food Bank is a really, REALLY big operation**

**By Bruce Dale**

The Arkansas Food Bank operation is large, really large.

They procure, store, and distribute over 24 million pounds of food each year to 33 counties in central and southern Arkansas, with approximately 200 food pantries and, as gaps and coverage dictate, mobile food centers, soup kitchens, senior centers, schools, and emergency shelters.

By any standard, this is a big operation. And COVID-19 has made the need for its services even larger.

But let's stop for a minute and examine the problem it's dealing with.

Arkansas ranks second in food insecurity, second in child hunger, and in the top five states for senior hunger and severe hunger.

The present-day Arkansas Food Bank was created by a merger in 2016 of the Arkansas Rice Depot (established in 1982) and the Arkansas Food Bank (established in 1984).

The organizations had similar goals and different strengths, so the merger made sense. And, by merging, they were better positioned to deal more effectively with the enormous problem of hunger in Arkansas.

That was before the pandemic hit.

According to Rhonda Sanders, the CEO of the Arkansas Food Bank, they leveraged their size and buying power to quickly add additional output.

"Within three days of schools closing, we were geared up and had 1,500 food boxes ready to go home with kids," Sanders said.

"That quickly expanded to 3,000 food boxes, then 5,000 food boxes and now we have 8,000 weekly food



Rhonda Sanders, CEO of the Arkansas Food Bank.

boxes on order from school districts to help feed local kids who started attending school online.

"From that point, everything just exploded."

And they accomplished that with a severely reduced volunteer base, from 150 to 40, because of COVID-19 restrictions

And, so, the merger not only made sense in 2016 but it allowed the Arkansas Food Bank to better accommodate the additional need for its food product brought on by the pandemic.

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## **When we meet**

**Sunday worship service**  
begins at 10 a.m.

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
9-10:30 a.m.  
Hoffius Hall

**Saturday informal service**  
Begins at 5 p.m. in Hoffius Hall

For more meeting times see  
[www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar](http://www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar)



## Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Sept. 9

Though many of us continue to social distance during this coronavirus pandemic, some of us are beginning to venture out in public — to restaurants, stores, and churches. Recently, many Kirk members have been calling and asking about the possibility of gathering for Bible Study this fall.

With this in mind, I have decided to reconvene the **Wednesday Bible Study** after Labor Day, this coming Sept. 9. We will begin a study of the **Gospel of Mark**. We will meet in Hoffius Hall at our usual time — 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. We will also try to engage the Bible and each other as we interpret the text.

Because we will be spread out, discussion may be awkward. Hearing each other may be difficult as well. But we will do what we can while maintaining a safe environment.

As always, we will need to wear masks as well as keep appropriate social distance when we arrive and leave.

## Kirk choir looks for ways to stay in harmony

The question is: How can the Kirk choir meet and sing, when, due to the pandemic, we can't meet or sing?

Our three choir presidents, Bev Bullard, Rick Federick, and Linda Heitz met with choir director Randy Toney and consulted with our medical advisor Dr. Bob Morrow to consider a way forward.

The group decided that, with what we know now, it would be impossible to have a full choir meeting until November, at the earliest. The practice begun in April will be continued; that is to have small groups sing occasionally, add some duets and special ensembles, and hopefully have some occasional instrumentalists.

The small groups follow guidelines for performers by maintaining 12 feet social distance from one another and wear masks when entering and leaving the rehearsal and performance venue. Twelve-foot social distancing limits the size of ensembles to a maximum eight individuals in our choir loft.

Still: How can choir members meet

### The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey*



At present, we will only meet for the Wednesday Bible Study. If things go well, we may include the Thursday book discussion group at a later time.

We hope you will join us. As always, you are welcome to bring a friend.



This women's ensemble makes maximum use of the choir loft (limited to 8) while maintaining social distance. Choir members (from left) are Jamie Federick, Fran Stroud, Susan Morrow, Patty Van Cleave, Bev Bullard, Helen Van Stone, Jean Mowry, and Sharon Gardner. *(Bob Morrow photo)*

and socialize and stay connected? We miss being together. This puzzle is awaiting a creative solution.

One idea, posited by Bev, is to have a sort of chain email. She started one in August asking singers to share news in an all-choir email. Thanks Bev, that helps.



### Choir Notes *Dotty Rector*

## Precautions sufficient to allow in-church services

It was with great pleasure that the Session received Dr. Bobbie Brooks into the fellowship of the Kirk by reaffirmation of faith.

She has been attending the informal worship service on Saturday night for some time until services were suspended by the pandemic. She is anxious to begin participating in the informal worship again.

Bobbie lives at 9 Reddina Lane in the Village. The Session was very interested in her Christian journey. I hope when the coronavirus is less of a problem, everyone will have a chance to visit with her.

### Loss of a Kirk Member:

Helen Valentine passed away on July 26 in Katy, Texas. She will be interred beside her husband in the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock.

Although no longer a member of the Kirk, it is with sadness that we report the loss of Reverend Edward Holt on Aug. 1 in North Richland Hills, Texas. The Rev. Holt attended the Kirk with his wife Ann before moving to North Richland Hills.

### Church Statistics (as of August 14):

Members – 284; Family units – 195

On Aug. 14, the Session discussed continuing the informal Saturday night and the Sunday worship services. Recent data on the pandemic in Arkansas, Garland and Saline counties, and Hot Springs Village (zip code 71909) was reviewed.

Given the low number of cases, steps we're taking to prevent spreading the virus to the congregation should be effective. The Session decided worship services should continue.

Steps to prevent the spread include wearing masks as members enter and leave the church is critical. Some members also wear their mask during the service.

Another step is the use of hand sanitizers. The church has positioned a number of sanitizer containers

## The Clerk's Corner Jerral Johnson



around the church. This allows one to make sure their hands are clean when they come to church and also when they leave.

The day before both the Saturday and Sunday services, Sexton Chip Johnson cleans surfaces and doorknobs with a sanitizing solution. This procedure is repeated after services.

During the Sunday service, bulletins are placed on the pews to ensure that social distance is maintained. Family members can sit close together but should maintain a six-foot distance from others.

Offering plates are in the narthex to receive offerings. Passing the peace is now a wave or a nod.

The church was a meeting place for nine groups before the pandemic. These meetings were suspended at the beginning, but several groups have requested access to resume meeting at the Kirk.

The Session considered how hard it would be to protect Kirk members, so it was decided not to open our facilities until a later date. However, two groups have been allowed to use the facilities and these meetings will continue. They are small groups with special needs.

In time, we hope to open up to all groups. This decision will be reviewed monthly by the Session.

## September fish fry and picnic pushed to next May

### By Jan Holtberg

When one contemplates the word "fellowship," one may think of companionship, congeniality, comradery, and sociability. The Fellowship Committee plans activities throughout the year for the Kirk congregation to help meet the human need for companionship.

Intimacy and togetherness are two other descriptors of "fellowship." These two terms suggest a sense of closeness.

Ruth Richards, Fellowship



Committee Moderator, said Shepherd Group gatherings and Sunday Church services have been sparsely attended. This is because many Kirk members fear close proximity to others during the coronavirus pandemic.

Some sports teams are canceling

seasons. Some colleges are electing to begin the fall classes digitally.

Ruth and her committee thought it wise to reschedule the annual Fish Fry/Church Picnic originally scheduled for Sept. 17.

I suspect we're all longing for companionship and togetherness. The Kirk's annual picnic has been rescheduled for May 13 at the Balboa Pavilion. Better times are on the horizon.

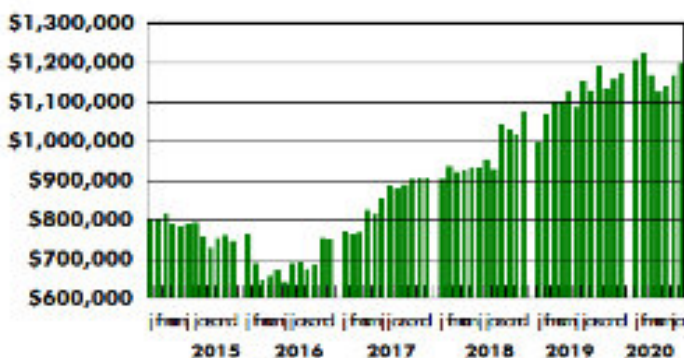
*Jan Holtberg is on the Communication Committee.*

# Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

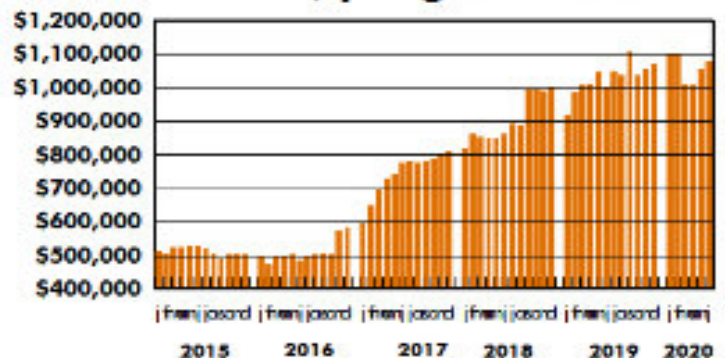
*Year to date as of July 31, 2020*

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 36,370	\$ 72,727	\$ 254,590	\$ 301,730
Disbursements	\$ 37,375	\$ 70,673	\$ 261,639	\$ 257,514
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,218	\$ 2,149	\$ 29,526	\$ 31,188
Disbursements	\$ 4,660	\$ 1,787	\$ 32,620	\$ 27,524
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 40,588	\$ 74,876	\$ 284,116	\$ 332,918
Disbursements	\$ 42,035	\$ 72,460	\$ 294,259	\$ 285,037
Checking balance				\$ 118,021
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund				\$ 60,674
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 253,960
Programs fund				\$ 53,396
Endowment fund				\$ 652,495
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 60,508
<b>Total special funds (as of June 30, 2020)</b>				\$ 1,081,033
<b>Total all funds:</b>				\$1,199,054

### Total funds



### Endowment, program funds



## \$363 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate.

A total of \$363 was collected in July.

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.

## Second Mile Giving

Thanks to all who have responded to the Kirk's Second Mile Giving initiative. As of Aug. 16, the total received since July 2 was \$10,815.

We received an anonymous offer to match gifts received after July 1. We are grateful for your generosity. If you are interested in giving to the fund, make checks payable to Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and indicate on the memo line: 2nd Mile Giving.

## Food bank touches many throughout community

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But what about its clients, the end-user of their product? How have they fared during the disruptions?

James Grimes was one of the hundreds of people at an Arkansas Food Bank mobile food distribution in Clinton recently. The biggest food pantry in his area had closed during the pandemic but Pee Dee Baptist church stepped up to distribute emergency food boxes from the Arkansas Food Bank.

“It’s such a blessing because my wife is hard-pressed with what she does for a living. We’re struggling right now,” Grimes said. “My daughter-in-law is pregnant and out of work because of the Covid-19 and the risk. Thank you for helping.”

Kadi Williams works at a nursing home and has an 8-month-old daughter at home.

“My husband has heart conditions and the doctors have already told him he won’t survive another heart attack,” Williams said.

In addition, her parents have had to stay at home because of multiple health problems.

Williams is committed to her job but concerned about the risk to her clients and co-workers as well as to her family. And the nursing home continues to receive new patients. So Williams is surrounded by clients and families with weak immune systems who are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus.



Having convenient access in her community to the mobile food distribution from the Arkansas Food Bank reduces her interaction for food shopping at the nearest Walmart (20 miles away) and allows her to minimize her family’s interactions as well.

The Kirk’s Second Mile Campaign helps local agencies that care, feed, and shelter people in need because of the pandemic.

The Arkansas Food Bank may seem like an operation that wouldn’t notice our help, because of its size. But they’re making every dollar count and every dollar we give them turns in to five meals because of their economies of scale.

And, we have a donor who’s matching every gift between now and the end of the year. So please consider how you can help.

*Bruce Dale is a member of the Missions Committee.*

## Heartprints About Ben Adhem

By Leigh Hunt

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the Presence in the room, he said,  
“What writest thou?” The Vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of sweet accord,  
Answered, “the names of those who love the Lord.”  
“And is mine one?” said Abou.  
“Nay, not so,”  
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke  
more low,  
But cheerily still, and said, “I  
pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his  
fellow men.”



The Angel wrote and vanished. The next night,  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom the love of God had  
blest;  
And lo! Adhem’s name led all the rest!

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Although my mother, Alvina White, was a staunch Presbyterian, she was a progressive and embraced this poem about a Sufi saint.

The poem’s author Leigh Hunt was a British writer and intellectual of the early 18th century. He advocated the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of Catholics. He spent two years in jail for his writings.

My mom lived into her 101st year. She memorized poetry much of her life. In her later years, she recited this poem, among many others, to me. “My head is full of poetry,” she said.

*Submitted by Dotty Rector, a member of the communication committee.*

## Dr. Bobbie Brooks brings many talents as the newest member of the Kirk

By Barbara Worthley

Welcome to the Kirk's newest member – Bobbie Brooks. Although you may not meet her soon because of the coronavirus, you will eventually meet the most interesting and highly educated individual. She is a former college professor, lecturer, counselor, and business owner.

Her grandfather raised Bobbie in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was a preacher/minister and founded a non-denominational church in North Carolina.

From her teenage years through school, college, marriage, and early career, her home was in Detroit. Bobbie always knew she didn't want to "grow old in the cold" and dreamed of a warmer climate.

In 1970 a friend took her to Hot Springs to "get well." The Arkansas climate and the hot baths helped her physical and mental health tremendously, and eventually, life brought her back here to live.

After attaining her bachelor's degree and a master's degree in occupational social work, while working towards a Ph.D., she did a lot of traveling as a lecturer to various universities and businesses.

NASA recognized her stellar reputation. In 1986, after the Challenger tragedy, the space agency asked her to present her relaxation course to "bring peace and relaxation to the people at NASA."

Finally, tiring of the cold weather, she moved to Houston in 1993. Eventually, she felt the Houston climate was too warm for her, and she remembered Hot Springs from her visit in 1970. She moved to Arkansas in 2007 and to the Village in 2011.

Since moving to the Village, she has attended various churches. With her eclectic upbringing, Bobbie studied all religions and taught courses in how the brain works regarding religion and science.

Without saying "Jesus," she taught what Jesus taught – "What you put out is what you get back."

Bobbie completed her Ph.D. in Human Services and Research since moving to the Village. She calls this degree a "gift to herself."

To complete her dissertation on the connection between health-care professionals and senior citizens, she needed to be able to talk to seniors. So she completed requirements to become a Certified Nurse



New Kirk member Dr. Bobbie Brooks.

### New member

Assistant and went to work for Right At Home as a caretaker.

To her surprise, she enjoys taking care of people and having conversations with them.

One of her clients is a 100-year-old man she sees three times a week.

As a caretaker for Kirk member Marilyn Seitz, she had many long and deep conversations about religion and spirituality with Marilyn and her husband, Mike, the Kirk's former pastor.

After one of those deep conversations with Mike, he told Bobbie, "You are a Presbyterian. You just don't know it yet."

Last year, she went on the Pilgrimage sponsored by the Kirk and became acquainted with some of our members and decided to join the church.

Bobbie (or should I say Dr. Brooks) has a son who lives in Birmingham. She has three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, ages 1, 2, and 6.

Bobbie talks to the great-grandchildren on the phone several times a week, saying nursery rhymes and singing songs.

*Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.*

# Camp Natuskul is innovative learning site

**By Bob Morrow**

What do you do in the summer with 20-plus children and youth in residential care?

School is out and the summer “slide” in skills threatens to erase many gains made during the school year. For these children, past trauma, neglect, missed school days, and learning disabilities accentuate loss of learning and performance during the summer.

Camp Natuskul (“not a school,” get it?) is the brainchild of the exceptional staff at Vera Lloyd.

According to Bonnie Hicks, Community Relations Specialist at Vera Lloyd, the name for their innovative activity-based learning summer camp grew out of a conversation with one of the children.

When told he would be working on literacy and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) during the summer he complained: “But that’s school.”

Bonnie replied, “No, it’s not a school.”

The program was designed to give everything the kids needed to “catch up, keep up, and grow up,” she said.

With 15 years of experience as activities director at Vera Lloyd, Bonnie and the Vera Lloyd team envisioned a program taking learning out of the classroom and into a simulated summer camp. There would be no classroom experience.

The day began with the lights off around a simulated campfire. Children would “check-in” on their feelings and practice self-regulation. This was followed by an “unconventional Bible study.”

More Natuskul activities followed.

Literacy was practiced in the calm setting of the ultimate blanket floor. “Constructed using quilts donated by donors, churches, and



The “blanket floor” made with donated quilts and cushions was a quiet place for reading and reflection.

guilds this was a calm serene place to escape and read.”

The children were allowed to take and keep a book of their own choosing. They then produced a video news report with the aid of other students to summarize their book.

STEM was taken outdoors where engineering skills were honed by building a catapult.

Pendulum painting taught geometry and physics lessons. The ultimate engineering feat was creating devices to protect eggs dropped from 10 feet.

Music education, although regularly taught at Vera Lloyd through piano and guitar lessons, was modified to allow a more immediate experience with percussion and harmonica instruction.

In collaboration with the Arkansas Arts Council, artist in residence Laura Botsford taught concepts of color, design, and

composition while fostering skills in centering, focus, and self-regulation.

Overall 29 children had the camp experience. Many didn’t want the experience to end.

Staff learned critical lessons about the learning styles of the children and practical ways to teach. These will be taken back to the classroom this fall.

Innovative programs like Camp Natuskul can happen only because of the generosity of the Kirk and others. Through your gifts, you are making a big difference in the lives of many children and youth “who’ve seen the worst life has to offer.”

To learn more take the Vera Lloyd Virtual Tour at:

<https://www.veralloyd.org/events/open-house/>

***Bob Morrow is Moderator of the Communication Committee. He was helped by Bonnie Hicks and Kathy French of the Vera Lloyd staff.***



A beautiful swimming pool is one of many features at the Arkansas Presbytery's Ferncliff Center.

## Ferncliff planning what to do as pandemic ends

**By Dave Hamilton**

While memories of Ferncliff are undoubtedly fond, they will be different for each of us, depending on whether we grew up in an Arkansas Presbyterian church or when we joined the Kirk and became involved through volunteer activities.

Some of us attended a rustic (but beautiful) Presbyterian Youth Camp on 1,200 acres. Sleeping accommodations were in screened-in cabins (no A/C). There was swimming, fishing, and boating in Ferncliff Lake, and hiking was on trails west of Ferncliff Road.

More recent memories are of the stone Ramsey Chapel, the labyrinth, and the ever-evolving modern facilities on both the east and west sides of Ferncliff Road.

Today, most of the youth facilities are on the east side of the road and include air-conditioned cabins around Belden Pond. There is a multi-purpose Christian Activities Building (with a bouldering wall),

and the Jim Mosely Tabernacle, a new swimming pool, an activities deck, low-rope area, and a new Ferncliff Welcome Center. There is a new set of trails.

Using the land on both sides of the road was made possible by the foresight of David Gill and the cooperation of the highway department, which installed a large tunnel connecting the two sides during a realignment of Ferncliff Road.

On the west side is the original Camp Williams Center overlooks Ferncliff Lake from the west and can provide motel-style accommodations for up to 24 persons, as well as meeting space.

The Brown Conference Center, with hotel-style lodging for 72 (double capacity), has large and small meeting rooms. The center has wide verandas with rocking chairs for relaxing and meeting in small groups. The old dining hall was replaced by a new, larger facility

where the old swimming pool was. The old dining hall was converted into a new Nature Pre-School for 3- to 5-year-olds.

The area north and west of Ferncliff Lake and the creek (towards Kanis Road) has evolved into a new activity area. It includes an Eco Center, a building constructed of rectangular hay bales with six bedrooms housing up to 24 people, and a meeting area for up to 100 persons.

There is a Retreat House that can sleep and provide meeting facilities for 25 people. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Center is in this area.

So, what the Presbytery of Arkansas has is the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, an amazing and beautiful camping and conference facility on 1,200 wooded acres, with two lakes and a swimming pool. It can accommodate 1,600 summer

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## Staff furloughs, limited groups at Ferncliff center

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campers and multiple Presbytery and community adult and youth groups throughout the year.

It is one of the top facilities of this type in the US and a real treasure for the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Enter the new reality of the coronavirus.

How is the Ferncliff board and staff adapting?

Ferncliff operated normally until March 11. Then the Nature Pre-School was shut down, and all other outside uses of the facilities ended.

Recruiting staff for summer camp was canceled, fortunately before any international staff had been hired.

Hospitality services (basically those served by the cafeteria) ended, and the food-services director and his staff were furloughed. Remaining staff went into multi-tasking mode to care for the facilities and plan how Ferncliff could re-establish services when permitted, and how to serve Presbyterians and the community.

Ferncliff applied for and received federal government assistance under

the CARES Act, and has received or is expected to receive numerous grants to allow it to deal with pandemic issues, as well as to maintain the facilities.

The imaginative and creative Ferncliff staff is looking at programs to implement under the various levels of "reopening."

"Camp in a Box" was developed to support families, churches, and other Presbyteries. Staff prepared and sold 1,500 of these activity boxes. Ferncliff hosted five weeks of limited "Summer of Jubilee Day Camp" for groups of 10 or less.

"LearnCliff," a day school for 2nd through 6th graders, began in July. This program involves 28 to 30 young people broken into groups of fewer than 10 students each. They participate not only in "outdoors" activities but are also being provided 2½ hours a day of study time.

The "Nature Preschool" resumed August 17.

The Ferncliff pool can be rented by groups of fewer than 50. All camp trails are available for use by small groups. Ferncliff will also soon

assemble 1,300 flood buckets in preparation for fall flooding.

And the ideas keep coming. The Ferncliff board has approved a furlough policy for staff if things don't improve, and further staff cuts are required. Using Zoom technology, it "meets" with Joel Gill every two weeks.

What does Ferncliff need from you? Your prayers for an end to the pandemic and staff and students participating in their programs.

Volunteers are needed to work at the Disaster Assistance Center. Contributions are needed to boost matching grants and allow the Presbytery to assure this invaluable gem makes it through these difficult times and is ready to implement regular programming when permitted to do so.

The Kirk donates between \$5,000 to \$6,000 to Ferncliff annually, support that is much appreciated.

You can learn more about Ferncliff and how to help at [ferncliff.org](http://ferncliff.org).

*Dave Hamilton is a Kirk member.*



The Brown Conference Center has four buildings with rooms for overnight stays, meetings and dining.

## 'Going Deeper' for Christians by using the internet

Say what you will about the impact of the internet, email, and social media, never has there been a time when access to the internet has been more important in daily life.

Pastor Bailey challenged the congregation recently with his sermon "Going Deeper" in our faith and lives as Christians. Here are some resources you can use online to "go deep."

### Devotional websites:

In the short-and-sweet category, d365 ([www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org)) has been posting daily devotions since 2006, reflecting a new theme based upon the Revised Common Lectionary each week. PC USA said: "d365.org is designed to inspire readers to live a relevant faith in a changing and complex world."

The website is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Episcopal Church. Initially designed for youth and young adults, the website's focus on the liturgical year, prayer, reflection, and scripture create a devotional experience relevant to all ages.

The devotions move through five phases; Pause, listen, think, pray, and go. Gentle, calming music accompanies the devotional, although the user needs to activate the audio to play (button, lower left of screen). An app is available for smartphones and I-pads — access archives of devotionals and more information through the menu button (upper left).

The familiar "Our Daily Bread" series, also short and sweet, is available free online at [www.odb.org](http://www.odb.org). ODB provides a brief devotional essay and a corresponding scripture verse. You can

read the devotional or listen to a soundtrack. An app is also available for smartphone users.

To go even deeper, try [www.presbycan.ca](http://www.presbycan.ca). There you will find a more in-depth daily devotional, which includes scripture readings. The website also offers a hymn soundtrack with lyrics.

Franciscan priest Richard Rohr's daily meditation, from the Center for Contemplation and Action can be accessed at <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/> where you will find the most recent post as well as archives from 2014 onward.

The devotional is more a meditation grounded in an



## Carnegie Corner

By Robert and Susan Morrow

ecumenical and spiritual faith. You can sign up to receive the daily posting by email (no charge). Following the devotional there is a call to action and a prayer.

### Pray as You Go

All of the devotional websites above offer prayers as part of their meditation. One special site is "Pray as You Go" ([www.prayasyougo.org](http://www.prayasyougo.org)). Simply put, this website can only be experienced to be fully appreciated.

There is prayer, scripture, a meditation on scripture, and probing questions for personal reflection all against the background of stirring music and images. The devotional can be read and downloaded as a pdf as well.

Although this remarkable website is based on Ignatian spirituality (Jesuit), the message is ecumenical. The stated goal is to help you "become more aware of God's presence in your life, listen to and reflect on God's word, and grow in your relationship with God."

A word of advice: Since each website offers

devotionals derived from their own faith perspective, they may not always align perfectly with our Presbyterian tradition. Be discerning.

You may have other online resources to help you in your personal devotion. Please share them with the Voice in the Pines (email [KirkVoice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KirkVoice@sbcglobal.net)), so we can share them with others.

"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" — *Phil 4:6-7 NIV*.





# Happy dates



## Birthdays

Sept. 1	Beverly Bongard	Sept. 10	Gail Salmen	Sept. 20	Joyce Leeming
Sept. 3	Mary Ann Reynolds		Donald Webb	Sept. 21	Jane Garison
Sept. 4	Bob Berry	Sept. 12	Rosemary Claveau	Sept. 22	Barbara Fuquay
	Gene Heath	Sept. 14	Jim Chaffin		Peggy Trent
	Jane Vance	Sept. 15	Gerald Allen	Sept. 23	Beverly Raskin
Sept. 8	Gloria Hepner	Sept. 18	Barron Gage	Sept. 25	Gary Brod
Sept. 9	Lorraine Berry		Ed Russell	Sept. 29	Beverly McFadden
	Leslie Case	Sept. 20	Donn Allison	Sept. 30	Marjorie Carlisle
Sept. 10	Bob Foster		John Davis		

## Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Marci and Bill Drews	31 years	Sept. 19	Kelle and Ken Wolf	62 years
	Katy Hill and Stan Luczkowski	2 years		Barbara and Bill Worthley	21 years
Sept. 5	Barbara and Walter Fuquay	55 years	Sept. 20	Lucy and Gerald Allen	17 years
	Pat and Mel Kuntz	56 years	Sept. 24	Nell and James White	27 years
Sept. 11	Judy and Bob Corwin	61 years	Sept. 25	Peggy and Don Trent	61 years
Sept. 15	Rita and Tom Martick	58 years	Sept. 30	Eve and Donald Webb	4 years

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### Phone numbers:

#### For help:

Kirk office – 922-1333  
 Prayer needs (Della Reimers) – 915-8235  
 Communion at home – 922-1333  
 To be assigned a Christian friend  
 Janie Smith – 922-7548  
 For meals, transportation, minor house repairs,  
 have someone sit with a spouse:  
 Sally Fink – 922-9622  
 Janie Smith – 922-7548  
 To be assigned a phone buddy:  
 Sally Fink – 922-9622  
 For other congregational-care needs:  
 Sally Fink – 922-9622  
 Kirk office – 922-1333

### For staff (home numbers):

Pastor Bill Bailey – 984-0445  
 Visitation Coordinator Janie Smith – 922-7548

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## Kirk golf group battles Granada and then decides coronavirus is too much and cancels rest of year

By Jim Hess

Our August Kirk Sunday golf event pitted golfers against the challenging Granada Golf Course.

During our fellowship dinner at Xplore Lakeside Restaurant, we agreed Granada was indeed a formidable opponent. However, all enjoyed the challenge.

Games of Skill awards went to the following players:

- Women's Longest Putt – Ruth Richards, on the second hole.
- Men's Longest Putt and Closest to the hole – Darrell Reeves, on the fourth and eighth holes.

Due to the restrictions of social distancing imposed by the pandemic and the continuing presence of infection in our



community, we regret that we will have to cancel the remaining golf outings for 2020.

If you are new to our Kirk or are a current member and would like to join our Kirk Sunday Golf Group, we welcome you.

We are couples and single golfers of various abilities who play 9 or 18 holes, your choice. We play our Village courses with dinner to follow after golf the second Sunday of each month, April through October. If you would like additional information call me at 922-2326.

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