

A Voice in the Pines

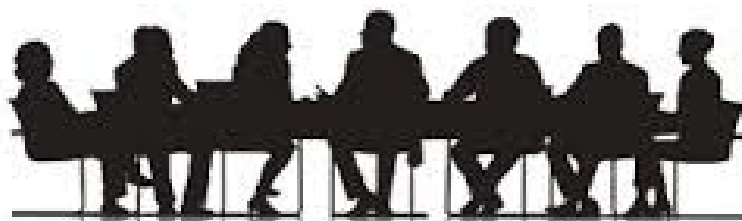


Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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New elders

Four nominated to manage key Kirk committees



In this issue of *Voice in the Pines*, we are pleased to introduce the nominees for the Session Class of 2020: Lowell Gardner, Communication Committee; Sally Fink, Congregational Care Committee; Tom Hayek, Grounds and Memorial Committee; and Harry Wakefield, Member Outreach Committee.

Profiles of the four elder nominees are on pages 6 and 7.

The nominees were selected by a nomination committee made up of Clerk of Session Jerral Johnson, Session member Nancy Patton, Woodie Barefield, Betty Reece and Dennis Zymboly.

The congregation will vote on the slate at a Called Congregational Meeting in October. The elders will be installed in December. Once the date for the

congregational meeting is set, it will be announced in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

Also up for approval at the October meeting will be next year's nominating committee: Clerk of Session Jerral Johnson, Session member Vicki Rosenquist, Barb Henry, Jim Hess and Pat Hightower.

The new elders will assume their positions in January and will serve for three years.

Besides serving as committee moderators, Session elders are the ruling body of the Kirk, setting and voting on policy at monthly Session meetings and attending an annual two-day retreat at Ferncliff in the fall.

– **Judy Carroll**, Moderator
Communication Committee

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





Stay balanced as busy fall approaches

I often hear people say, “The fall is my favorite time of the year!” It certainly is a favorite of mine. However, it occurs to me it is also one of the busiest times of the year. Even in retirement, many of us find our schedules filling up with activities and commitments.

This is especially true at the Kirk as fall activities begin to fill our days.

The Wednesday and Thursday study groups will resume after Labor Day. The choir will return as well as the Presbyterian Women Circles, Shepherd Groups and many of the committees of the church that have taken the summer off.

Fall is, indeed, a busy time for us all.

As always, some of us thrive on activity, while others among us dread it. As people of faith, we should always be mindful to concentrate our efforts on those things that are most important. We should always try to focus our time, talent and treasure on the service that Christ has gifted and called us to.

All of this takes discernment, as we seek God’s leading and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We believe

The Pastor’s Corner *Bill Bailey*



God is at work in the ordinary routines of each day as well as in the unfolding of history. Our job is to be attentive and faithful.

As you find your daily schedules filling up this fall, remember to balance your lives. As you give yourselves to others, be mindful to also take care of yourself.

Seek to cultivate the habit of daily prayer and “practicing the presence of God” as you go through each day – this way we might find renewal amidst the “busyness” of life.

Many events coming soon to Kirk

Members:

On Aug. 13, 2017, we were happy to receive two new members – Gary and Debbie Brod. They moved to Hot Springs Village from Dallas and live at 19 Gusta Lane. Over the last few months, they have been attending the Saturday night informal service. Take time to stop and say hello!

We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our early members. Adair Atkinson passed away Aug. 14 in Hot Springs. Her memorial service was at 2 p.m. Aug. 26, 2017, at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

Church Statistics:

Members – 338 Family units – 228

Upcoming Activities:

The next few months promise to be busy ones for Kirk members. A number of activities are being planned by different committees. Be sure to check the newsletter each month and mark your calendars so you do not miss anything.

On Sept. 28, the Education Committee is planning a potluck supper. The Genesis program will be discussed. If you have not had a chance to learn about this program, be sure to come.

**The
Clerk's
Corner**



Jerral Johnson

On Oct. 23 and 30, and Nov. 6 and 13, Donna and Randy Toney will present the Messiah Course. This promises to be a wonderful experience. These will be four different classes in a series.

Get ready for a great October Funfest on Oct. 18 in Hoffius Hall. Vicki Rosenquist and the Fellowship Committee have come up with a deluxe hamburger supper.

Everyone will enjoy special hamburgers cooked by that well known chef, Rick Federick, accompanied by trainee Jerral Johnson. The hamburgers will be dressed with all your favorite condiments. Supper will be topped off with ice cream and brownies.

The best thing about this is there will not be a charge. Individuals will be asked to sign up in September.

In November or December, Wendy Gage will conduct a Batik Christmas Card Class. Watch for more information later.

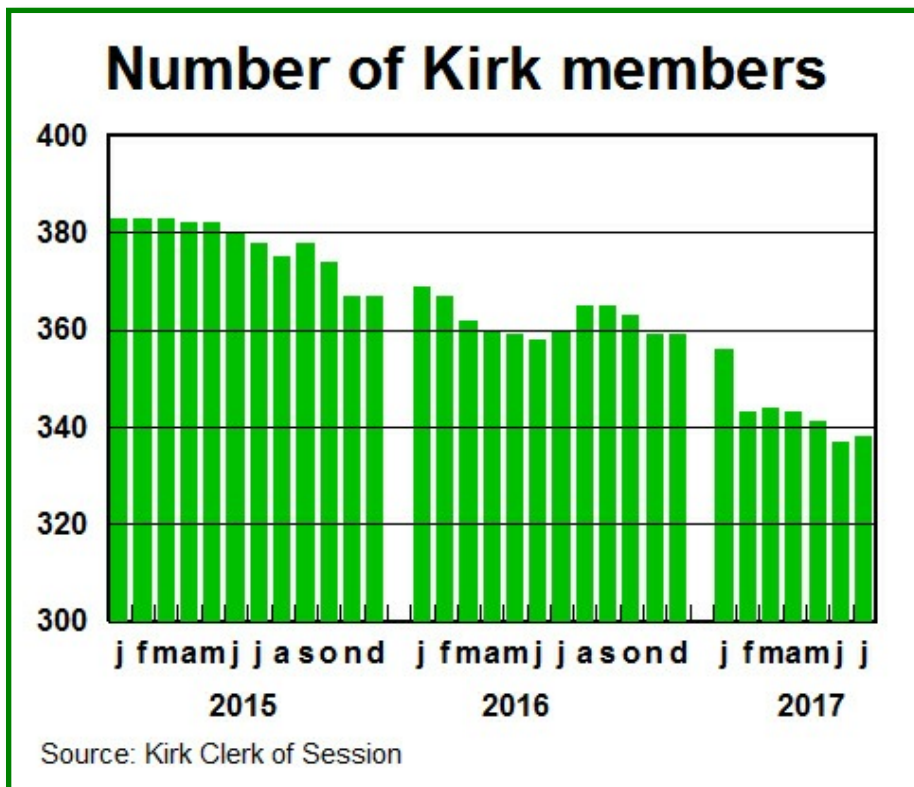
On Jan. 29, 2018, there will be an All Church Dinner. Plans are to have it in the Coronado Center. Sign-up will begin the first weekend of January.

Request for old Eye Glasses:

A request was received from Dave Salmen to place a collection box for old eye glasses at the Kirk. Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions are conducting this project, and the glasses will be given to a group going to Honduras. The Lions hope to collect over 2,000 pairs of glasses.

Donation by June Moore:

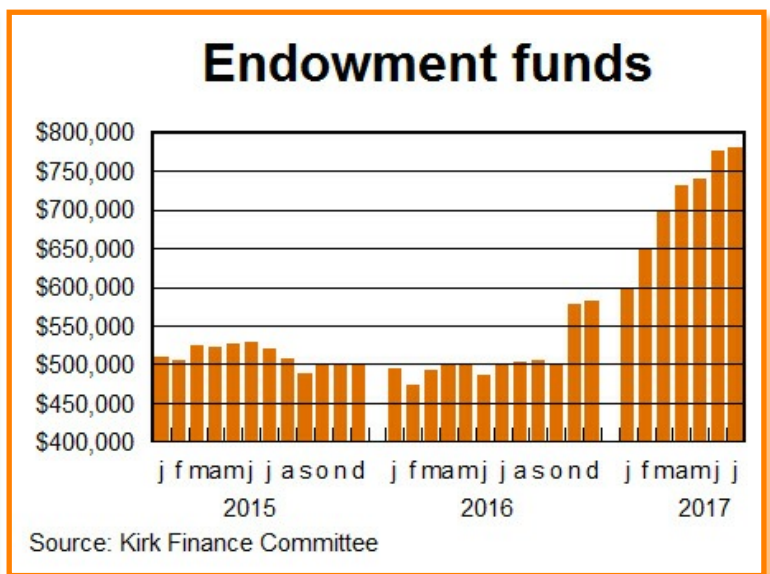
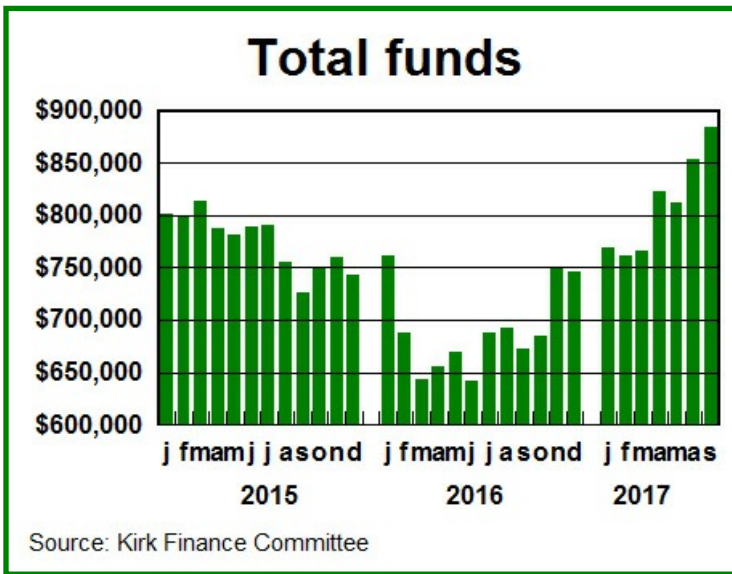
A donation by June Moore enabled the church to purchase and install a hearing loop. This will improve the hearing of those wearing hearing aids.



Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of July 31, 2017

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 35,755	\$ 52,957	\$ 250,283	\$ 256,577
Disbursements	\$ 35,755	\$ 27,994	\$ 250,283	\$ 205,001
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,148	\$ 3,113	\$ 29,038	\$ 47,238
Disbursements	\$ 4,148	\$ 1,909	\$ 29,038	\$ 42,166
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,903	\$ 56,070	\$ 279,321	\$ 303,815
Disbursements	\$ 39,903	\$ 29,903	\$ 279,321	\$ 247,167
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 103,595
Special funds:				
Memorial fund (new)				\$ 40,078
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 107,830
Programs fund				\$ 67,874
Endowment fund				\$ 564,758
Total special funds				\$ 780,540



\$980 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 **\$980** 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.

Send us your news!

Have some news you'd like to share? Send it to us at: kirkvoice@sbcglobal.net

Or put it in the Communications mailbox in the hall outside the church office.

Our deadline is the 15th of each month for the next month's publication.

We'd love to hear from you.

Stewardship campaigners urge everyone to dig deep for those who need our help

“Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.”

– Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell

A few years ago, I learned the story of a man who considered himself to be most fortunate.

While not wealthy in financial terms, he thought he was among the luckiest people on earth. He had a wonderful wife and loving children. He enjoyed a fulfilling career. And he counted many fine, loyal and companionable individuals among his friends.

What more could he ask for?

One Christmas, he decided to follow a new course. He asked each family member to make a donation to a charitable cause of his or her choice instead of giving him a gift. And if his wife and children were so inclined, they could make the gift in his name – a terrific honor, even legacy. I would guess this household never experienced a more joyful Christmas.

This year, the Kirk’s stewardship theme is “mission.” Of course, we must take care of our own needs if we are to have the strength and resources to help others. In many respects, charity begins at home, but if it remains there, we will fail to live fully the Gospel injunction to love our neighbor and care for all of God’s children.

The Kirk has proven to be a mission-driven, outreach-oriented congregation. As a relative newcomer



to the parish, I must say I am mightily impressed by our collective generosity.

The Stewardship Committee encourages everyone to continue tending to the needs of those who struggle or suffer, and to double down on our commitment to the many organizations we support.

Like the gentleman above, perhaps we can take even greater satisfaction from brightening the lives of those who live in the shadows of society. As James Russell Lowell wrote: “All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.”

– Arnie Holtberg

Flower calendar

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

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

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

If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service, please sign up on the 2017 Flower Calendar in Hoffius Hall. It’s a lovely way to remember a loved one or special occasion.

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



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.



Ladies Bridge on Sept. 25

The Ladies Marathon Bridge group will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25. All interested bridge players are invited to play. For more information, call Margery McIntosh at 922-6316.

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.

Nominees for Session



Sally Fink

Sally Fink to direct Congregational Care

Sally Fink and her husband, Tom, have been active members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines since 1999 when they moved from Baton Rouge.

In her years at the Kirk, Sally has served on the Education, Administration and Congregational Care Committees.

She has been the moderator of the Christian Education and Member Outreach Committees.

In her new role as moderator of Congregational Care, she will lead Kirk members in activities which help them deal with aging and the difficulties of life.

The Finks have two daughters and three granddaughters who live in Westfield, Mass., and Natchez, Miss.

When Sally lived in Baton Rouge, she was executive director of the United States Tennis Association, Louisiana District. Today she enjoys golf, quilting and reading in her spare time.

– *Jamie Federick*

Photos by Robert Sonnen

Lowell Gardner to head Communication

A native Iowan, Lowell Gardner moved from Council Bluffs to Cedar Rapids at the age of nine.

Calvary Baptist Church, where his cousins attended, sponsored a softball team. However, he had to attend at least one service a week to be on the team, so Lowell began going to Sunday school with several friends.



Lowell Gardner

“Through this, I was introduced to God’s saving grace and embraced it for myself through faith in Jesus Christ,” Lowell said.

He received a B.A. degree from Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., with a major in English literature and a minor in philosophy. After two years as a social worker with Ramsey County Social Services, he completed his theological degree at Bethel Seminary in 1963.

Lowell served pastorates in Cumberland and Ashland, Wis., and Avon Lake, Ohio. He also worked two years on the editorial staff of the Baptist General Conference Publishing Department in Chicago. He then served three years as manager of Wood Lake Baptist Camp in Grantsburg, Wis.

In 1980, Lowell became district supervisor with the St. Paul, Minn. *Dispatch/Pioneer Press* newspaper from which he retired in 1997 after 17 years.

While serving as pastor, Lowell worked as chairman of Church Planting for Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Peninsula District. He was also a member of the Education Committee of the Baptist General Conference.

Lowell and Sharon were married in 1990, and have been members of the Kirk since 2008. He has served on the Evangelism, Congregational Care, Communication, and Education committees and has led the Kirk’s Summer Book Club for two years. He also writes the Carnegie Corner column for the Kirk’s monthly newsletter, *A Voice in the Pines*.

“I support the Presbyterian Statement of Faith, the ministry of this church and the pastorate of Bill Bailey,” Lowell said.

We are pleased to nominate Lowell Gardner to serve as elder on the Kirk’s Session and as moderator of the Communication Committee.

– *Madelyn Young*

Nominees for Session



Tom Hayek

Kirk grounds would stay with Tom Hayek

Tom Hayek is the elder nominee to serve as moderator of the Grounds and Memorial Committee. If elected, it would be his second term in this position.

Tom and Priscilla joined the Kirk just over five years ago. Priscilla's mother was already a member of the Kirk. Tom and Priscilla's former church was Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville, Ill., a town of about 150,000 west of Chicago. In Naperville, Tom taught high school Spanish and coached swimming for 34 years.

They have two daughters and a son.

Maybe, since Tom's father was a contractor, an interest in gardening rubbed off on Tom. Since moving to the Village, he has been 1st vice president of the Men's Village Garden Club. For many years, the club has done the landscaping at the West Gate, East Gate, Coronado Center, POA Garden, the Southern Inspiration Garden, and other Village sites.

The club recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Tom is looking forward to maintaining and enhancing the appearance of the Kirk grounds and our award-winning Memorial Garden.

His experience, strengths and spirit offer great potential to the Grounds and Memorial Committee.

– *Ralph Greene*

Harry Wakefield to lead Member Outreach

Harry Wakefield grew up on a small farm in Nashville, Ark. He attended the University of Arkansas and graduated with a degree in chemistry. In his junior year he met Becky Carter, who shortly after graduation became Mrs. Wakefield.

His first job was working as a food scientist and quality-control manager with the Coca Cola Co. in Albuquerque, N.M. During his career, he and Becky lived in numerous places, including Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. They have two sons and three loving grandchildren.

Not unlike many members of the Kirk, Harry had other religious affiliations prior to joining our community. He was a member of Baptist and Methodist churches and traveled to Thailand and the Dominican Republic on mission trips.

Both Harry and Becky participated in mission projects in the Dallas area. They worked with inner-city churches against the plague of drugs and violence. They helped develop the Gaston Christian Center, which provided space for minority congregations, a health clinic, and a refugee resettlement program for church members from Africa, Myanmar, Bhutan, Mexico and Nepal.

Harry and Becky moved to Hot Springs Village three years ago. On their first visit to the Kirk, they were welcomed warmly, and after visiting with Pastor Bill, Harry said he knew this was the right place for them to worship and give of their service.

Harry served on the Mission Committee and found it a joy to work with each of its members. He has been overwhelmed at the level of support the Kirk gives to our mission partners.

Now Harry has an opportunity to serve in other areas of church life as an elder on the Session and as moderator of the Member Outreach Committee.

He hopes he can contribute to the work the committee's members are already doing. He also looks forward to learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

– *Rick Federick*



Harry Wakefield

New 60-page booklet published to help us cope with those hard times



The Congregational Care Committee recently compiled a 60-page booklet of Bible verses, poems, stories, and inspirational quotes entitled *Gifts for Your Soul*.

The booklets were produced originally for our shut-ins and other Kirk members dealing with life's difficulties, such as illness or bereavement. More than 70 booklets have been delivered. Others have been reserved for future special needs.

The committee is especially grateful for generous memorial gifts designated for Congregational Care. They allowed us to print the booklets in color at a cost of \$8 each.

If others in our Kirk Family would like to have one, the committee has decided to make one booklet per household available while supplies last. They will be offered in Hoffius Hall after church on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10. Those unable to attend on those dates may also request one by calling Martha Nielsen at 922-0672.

If there are any remaining booklets after that time, they will be made available at a future date for a free-will donation back to the memorial gift fund so we can print additional booklets if deemed necessary.

– *Martha Nielsen*, Moderator
Congregational Care Committee

Update on Kirk's website, Facebook traffic

Every so often, we like to check how our website traffic is doing. As you probably know, www.kirkinthepines.org is the church website.

From mid-July through mid-August, there were 265 visits to our site. Visitors viewed an average of three pages and spent two minutes looking and reading before leaving.

Visitors age 65+ accounted for 75% of the visits; the remaining were ages 55-64. Of all visitors, 56% were women and 44% were men.

It's interesting to see who our visitors are. Have YOU visited our site lately?

We also like to check our Facebook traffic. Over the same period of time, there were 336 visits

to our Facebook page, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. People clicked, liked, shared or commented on posts 642 times.

If YOU haven't visited lately, it would be fun for you to see new postings. While you're there, please click, like, share and comment.

– *Ralph Greene*



Bible classes resume Sept. 6 with a nod toward topical issues of the day

Our fall classes will soon begin.

The **Wednesday Bible Class** will be topical this year. Rather than our normal practice of working through a single book of the Bible, we will take a topical approach under the title: *What Does the Bible Teach About ...?*

The plan is to consider different passages in both the Hebrew and Christian Bible. We will read these different texts, by different authors, in different books, written in different historical contexts, listening to different perspectives about important topics of their day as well as our day.

Most of these passages will be more or less controversial as we consider the ways both Jews and various Christian traditions have read these texts.

What does the Bible say about politics?

What does the Bible say about marriage?

What does the Bible say about the roles of men and women?

What does the Bible say about killing? War? Capital punishment? Abortion? And a host of other topics.

I understand many of these topics are lightning-rod issues. We will, together, wrestle with how others have read these scriptures over the last 2,000 years. Hopefully, we will find it helpful to see, not just what the Bible actually says, but how both Jews and Christians have read these texts and applied them to their lives over the years.

The Wednesday Bible Classes resume at 9 a.m. Sept. 6.

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, the **Thursday Class** will be entitled *The Reformation*.

We will be using a DVD lecture series as a discussion starter. Beginning with an expert's 30-minute lecture, we will have ample time for discussion.

For those interested in history and theology, or even why there are so many churches with so many different beliefs and practices, this will be a good time to stretch a little. Thursday classes resume at 9 a.m. Sept. 7.

Everyone is invited, and, as always, guests are welcome.

– *Pastor Bill Bailey*





E.J. Pangle is one of nine Kirk members who open the Kirk, make the coffee and get the church ready for services on Sunday mornings. *(Frank Leeming photo)*

Early risers gets Kirk ready on Sundays

When we arrive at the Kirk for worship each Sunday, the lights are on, coffee is brewing, and the building is warm or cool, depending on the season.

It's something we all take for granted, but it doesn't happen magically. Behind the scenes, there is careful planning and organization to make sure the building is open and coffee is made before the first parishioner sets foot in the door.

Darell Fisher is the man behind this smooth operation. Darell recruits and supervises a crew of eight to 10 members who take turns opening the church by 8:45 a.m. and locking doors and switching off lights after everyone's gone home.

The person in charge that morning follows a checklist outlining which doors to unlock first (Hoffius Hall), which lights to turn on and interior doors to open, and even includes taking a ride in the elevator to make sure it's working properly.

And while brewing coffee may sound simple, the setup in Hoffius Hall can take up to 30 minutes to complete. The crew gets the coffee setup going before heading off to unlock the rest of the doors and turn on fans and lights in the hallways, bathrooms and sanctuary.

Behind the scenes



By the time this is done, it's back to the coffee pot to finish that chore.

When everyone's gone after coffee hour, all exterior doors are locked, lights turned off, hearing devices checked to make sure they're turned off and the office door checked to be sure it's locked.

Besides Darell, the current security crew includes Gary Clark, Joyce Leeming, Frank Leeming, Ted Smith, E.J. Pangle, Don Van Stone, Jerral Johnson, and Dick Massey.

Next time you see one of these dedicated members, make sure you thank them for making sure everything's in order for Sunday worship service and securely closed up after it's over.

– *Judy Carroll*



Clockwise from bottom left: Keith Brown, Mark Smith, Ruth Smith, Ralph Greene, Sharon Collar, Kelle Wolf and Ken Wolf.

Shepherd Group 6 has brunch at DeSoto Club



Lorraine Berry, Millie Croson, Bruce Hill, Ann Hill, Jane Moore, Dick Easter, Ro Easter and Bob Berry.



Ralph Greene and Karen Mallonee

***Photos submitted by
Ralph Greene***



Becky Baldwin, Ed Baldwin, Ted Sampsel, Beth Sampsel, Bev Bullard and Jack Bullard.



Kirk Choir returning on Sunday, Sept. 3

The Kirk Choir will return to its regular role in worship on Sunday, Sept. 3. We will sing a choral call to worship, anthem, and benediction response.

The role of singing in worship is not only traditional at the Kirk but throughout Western religions since the earliest Bible times. Psalms and hymns were part of early Jewish synagogue services. As Christian worship developed, the early church adopted similar components in its worship.

Additional styles of music and singing were incorporated into worship as the Christian church engaged with cultures beyond its Jewish heritage. Words of the liturgy were set to familiar folk or pagan tunes to help the congregants participate.

For many centuries, melodies sung in worship were simple lines, sung by a leader and echoed by congregants – called an *antiphon*. Missionaries of the early church introduced local singing styles into worship and adopted them throughout the order of worship. Later, dedicated choirs were added during worship as singing lines became more complex.

While the earliest churches frowned on the use of instruments (they were thought to lead to debauchery), instrumental accompaniments eventually made their way into worship, most likely on stringed instruments such as the lyre or harp. In the Middle Ages, other instruments, such as flutes, horns, and organs began to accompany singing.

The introduction of the organ into worship in the 9th and 10th centuries began a centuries-long development of ever more creative music for solo voices, choirs, and instruments of many types.

This continued in Roman Catholic Church practices, but following the Reformation, Protestant churches were not as keen to allow such “vulgarity.” The two



Choir Notes

Randy Toney

overarching rules were: 1) only the Psalms were to be sung in worship, and 2) the only instrument allowed would be the human voice.

In the early 19th century, the Rev. R. William Ritchie of St. Andrew's Church, Glasgow, Scotland, attempted to introduce an organ into his church, but he was informed by the Presbytery of Glasgow that “the use of organs in the public worship of God is contrary to the law of the land and constitution of our Established Church.”

In America, the Presbyterian Church eventually allowed these restrictions to be relaxed, and during the last two centuries, the music of American churches has become a creative laboratory.

We are fortunate the Kirk's congregation loves music. The rich history of the Kirk includes an active music ministry – one that continues to grow even today.

The musical selections you hear in worship at the Kirk span many different styles and periods. We strive to select music which closely aligns with the liturgy for the day, and we sing and play it for one purpose only: to enhance the worship of the listener.

As choir members or instrumentalists, we want to offer our best for the Lord. Please consider joining us in any aspect of the music ministry. You will be welcomed with open arms and glad hearts.

Kirk Fun Fest will be Oct. 18

Fall is just around the corner, so mark your calendar for Wednesday, Oct. 18. The Fellowship Committee is planning an evening cookout at the church. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled, and we'll have brownies and ice cream for dessert.

We are still in the planning stages, so watch for more details in next month's newsletter as well as in the weekly church bulletins.

Anyone who wants to help should talk with Vicki Rosenquist or a member of the Fellowship Committee. We can certainly use the extra hands!

Blessings,

Vicki Rosenquist, Moderator
Fellowship Committee



Jackson House getting help from Food Basket

During September, 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.

– *Gary Clark*, Moderator
Mission Committee



It's wonderful to feel cared for!

How lovely it feels to be cared for.

From Gary's kind caregiving to food from Greenhorns and friends, visits, phone calls, a guardian-angel gift, and mountains of cards. All of these expressions of care mean so much.

It is so comforting to know I am being prayed for.

My recovery seems to be moving at a snail's pace, and my impatience is showing.

I hope to be back with you soon, singing and serving and enjoying life.

Thanks so much for truly being a "caring community."

Dotty Rector

School-supplies drive was very successful

We just completed a very successful drive for much-needed school supplies for the young people at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services.

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, we delivered a very nice pickup load to the campus in Monticello. From your Mission Committee: Thank you so very much for your support, both with the supplies and with your checks and gift cards.

Oh, my! It is so appreciated and for such a wonderful mission ministry.

– *Gary Clark*, Moderator
Mission Committee

Coffee Closet open Sept. 10

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.

Check out harrowing tale of Ebola survival

Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a serious illness associated with head, joint and muscle aches, fever, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and lack of appetite.

It is one of several hemorrhagic fevers (related to blood flow) caused by a viral infection. Depending on the strain of virus, its fatality rate can be up to 90 percent.

The transmission most often passes from other primate animals to humans through blood, bodily fluids and tissue of infected animals or other infected humans. The time between being infected and the occurrence of symptoms varies from two to 21 days. There is no known vaccine at this time, but several are in development.

EVD was first specifically identified in 1976. During the early years, significant outbreaks were confined to isolated areas, small villages with a limited number of friends, neighbors and families.

In 2014, that changed. A major occurrence of cases began to appear in large urban areas of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, all in West Africa.



Carnegie Corner By Lowell Gardner

On June 11 that year, a phone call was received at the hospital in Monrovia, Liberia, where Dr. Kent Brantly served as medical missionary with World Medical Missions. Two patients with Ebola symptoms were being transported from another part of the country to the isolation unit of this 55-bed hospital in the capital city.

Dr. Brantly covered himself in the protective gear he had planned for but had prayed he would never need to use. Barely six weeks later, he received the news that he had contracted the dreaded virus, in spite of all the precautions.

His amazing experience of illness, treatment and survival are chronicled along with those of his wife Amber, in an extraordinary new book, *Called for Life*, available in our church library. Check it out.

Jane Harless gets Bragging Rights Award

Sunday's all-day rain canceled our August golf event. However, 36 golfers, spouses and friends attended the dinner at Mulligan's that evening.

Jane Harless was presented a Bragging Rights Award signed by all her Kirk golfing friends. Jane has been golfing with us since the beginning of our group, but she is leaving for Peoria, Ill., to be closer to family. Jane, we will miss you, and we wish you much happiness in your new life.

Our next event is Sept. 10. We are scheduled to play Desoto Golf Course with dinner following golf at Desoto Club. Save the day on your calendar.

If you are new to our Kirk or looking for a friendly golf game and 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. If you would like additional information, please call me at my new number – 922-2326 – or email jimobhess@suddenlink.net

– Jim Hess





Happy dates



Birthdays

Sept. 1	Bev Bongard Norm Martin	Sept. 10	Bob Foster Gail Salmen Don Webb	Sept. 20	Joyce Leeming
Sept. 3	Yvonne Calhoun Mary Ann Reynolds	Sept. 12	Rosemary Claveau	Sept. 21	Jane Garison
Sept. 4	Bob Berry Gene Heath Jane Vance	Sept. 14	Jim Chaffin	Sept. 22	Barbara Fuquay Peggy Trent
Sept. 8	Gloria Hepner Madge Martell	Sept. 15	Gerald Allen Harry Marshall	Sept. 23	Bev Raskin
Sept. 9	Lorraine Berry	Sept. 18	Barron Gage Ed Russell	Sept. 25	Gary Brod
		Sept. 20	Donn Allison	Sept. 28	Georgia Tieperman
				Sept. 29	Beverly McFadden
				Sept. 30	Marjorie Carlisle

Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Marci and Bill Drews	28 years	Sept. 19	Kelle and Ken Wolf	59 years
Sept. 4	Char and Norm Martin	62 years	Sept. 19	Barbara and Bill Worthley	18 years
Sept. 5	Barbara and Walter Fuquay	52 years	Sept. 20	Lucy and Gerald Allen	62 years
	Pat and Mel Kuntz	53 years	Sept. 24	Nell and Jim White	24 years
	Patty and Eric Van Cleave	19 years	Sept. 25	Yvonne and Wendell Jones	36 years
Sept. 8	Linda and Bob Smith	27 years		Peggy and Don Trent	58 years
Sept. 11	Judy and Bob Corwin	58 years	Sept. 30	Barb and Fred Kalsbeek	45 years
	Sally and Tom Fink	52 years		Eve Hampton-Webb and Don Webb	1 year
Sept. 15	Rita and Tom Martick	55 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:
- Martha Nielsen.....922-0672
- Janie Smith.....922-7548
- To be assigned a phone buddy:
- Judy Pogemiller.....915-0062
- For other congregational-care needs:
- Martha Nielsen.....922-0672
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Kirkinthepines.org

Opportunity to learn about important Genesis program, enjoy potluck dinner

The Kirk Education Committee will present "A Legacy of Life," featuring Jackie Morris representing Genesis Donor Program, following an all-church potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in Hoffius Hall.

Genesis is the donor administrative arm of the Medical Education and Research Institute (MERI) in Memphis, Tenn. MERI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit medical training and research school in that city. Instructors conduct hands-on educational courses for physicians, nurses and other medical professionals from all over the world.

Genesis provides an opportunity for donors to will



their deceased bodies and tissues to MERI and other approved teaching facilities and researchers.

All donations are treated with great dignity and respect. The institute maintains an open-door policy for anyone considering this option, and they welcome donor family members as well.

Sign-up sheets for the potluck dinner will be available before Saturday evening or Sunday morning services. Mark your calendar, plan to bring a delectable dish

to share, and avail yourself of the opportunity to learn more about the Genesis program.

– *Lowell Gardner*

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