

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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Two weekly classes on all things biblical to resume

By Lowell Gardner

September alerts us to the fading of “Summer 2019.” The final iced-tea brews, baked crumpets and engrossing discussions of Summer Book Club are sorted out and consumed by the 4th of the month.

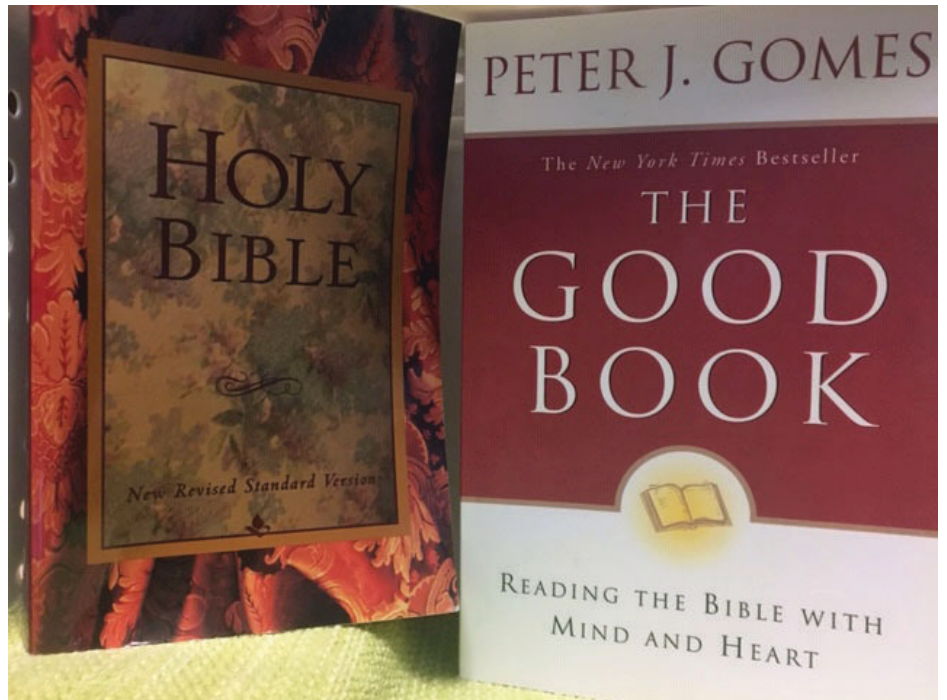
We now anticipate the beginning of midweek studies under the tutelage of our own Minister of Word and Sacrament, Bill Bailey.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, Bill is inviting all to An Introduction to Biblical Studies, “a potpourri of biblical themes and concepts,” a virtual medley of topics to engage a diverse group of scriptural palates. Come “taste and see that the Lord is good.” (*Psalms 34:8*)

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 12, in the conference room next to the office, Bill will be using as a guiding text “The Good Book” by Peter John Gomes. This 9 to 10:30 a.m. study group will discuss the fact that “The Good Book” has not always been used for good purposes.

It’s mostly a book about how the Bible has been interpreted and used badly for human causes.

The late Dr. Peter J. Gomes was Pusey Minister in Harvard’s nondenominational Memorial Church from 1970 until his death in 2011. He was Plummer Professor of Christian Morals from 1974 as well. The focus of Dr Gomes’ book is on the relevance of the Bible to current times.



Gomes’ “The Good Book” is available through Amazon in hardcover, paperback, Kindle or audio. You are welcome to order a copy of the book or contact Bill and he will order one for you.

Purchased through AmazonSmile provides support to Presbyterian Pilgrimage. A copy of the book is available in the church library.

Lowell Gardner is Moderator of the 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



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



Join us to find out why so few of us are Bible readers

A while back, I ran across an interesting article from the Pew Researchers. Their survey data showed the percentages of American Christians who say they read the Bible outside of religious services at least once a week.

Two of their findings stood out for me. When surveyed, those most likely to read scripture weekly were, at the top of the list: Jehovah Witnesses (88 percent), Latter Day Saints (77 percent), Protestant Evangelicals (63 percent), and African American Protestants (61 percent).

Mainline Protestants, which include Presbyterians, polled at 30 percent, slightly above Orthodox and Roman Catholics.

When asked about the likelihood of participating in a Bible Study or prayer group, these same Christian groups headed the list: Jehovah Witnesses (85 percent), Latter Day Saints (71 percent), Protestant Evangelicals (44 percent), and African American Protestants (44 percent).

Again, Mainline Protestants were near the bottom, polling at 19 percent, slightly ahead of Orthodox and Catholic Christians.

These numbers do not surprise me. It has been my observation that biblical literacy has been on the decline my entire life.

Still, I find this disturbing for a reformed tradition rooted in Martin Luther and John Calvin. They were committed to the translation of the Bible into the vernacular languages so people could read the Bible themselves.

It is especially sad that Mainline Christians continue



to leave the Bible for other fundamentalist groups.

What accounts for this – three out of 10 Presbyterians actually read the Bible once a week? Fewer than two of 10 of us ever study it? Why is it more of us do not feel drawn to the Bible?

I have some ideas why this is so and would love to share them with you – but you'll need to join the Wednesday Bible Class (resuming at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11) or the Thursday Discussion Group (resuming at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept 12).

The Wednesday class will be *An Introduction to the Bible*, covering a number of topics designed to increase our skills and competencies in making sense of the Bible.

The Thursday class will be reading Peter Gomes' "The Good Book," also intended to help us interpret the Bible.

Both of these groups are open for beginning and experienced readers. Make plans to join us and increase your biblical knowledge and skills.

Wow: Budget, potluck, chili cook-off, \$16,000 gift

By Sharon Gardner

The Finance Committee is working on the 2020 Budget. Elders are busy determining the Kirk's needs for the coming year and the future.

Mark your calendar for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 9 for "Who's on First!" with a potluck dinner to begin the evening.

Judy Corwin and Beverly Bullard will present an introductory skit to highlight Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First!" 13 local "characters" will simulate an irreverent version of this comical classic.

Treble in the Village will intersperse the evening with song. Bring your favorite dish, enjoy both the food and the mayhem while perhaps gaining a bit of insight.

Also for your calendar: 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31 for the Fellowship Committee's Chili Cook-off. The Texas

Presbyterian Foundation will be featured with Relationship Manager Jake Wilson as guest speaker.

Horace (Shank) Shankwiler recently left more than \$16,000 to the Kirk. The money was placed in the Endowment Fund. His gift will join other bequests which have allowed us to support missions every year.

As of June 30, there is just over \$630,000 in the Endowment Fund. Between \$15,000 and \$23,000 has been withdrawn for missions each year for seven years.

The Kirk appreciates the caring attitude and spirit of those who have gone before. This has generously provided support for continuing mission's work and backup for our own local ministry.

Sharon Gardner is Moderator of the Finance Committee.

Presbytery launches new and caring initiative

“This is part of what our Lord is calling us to do. I hope we are trying to be a Matthew 25 Kirk.” – Pastor Bill Bailey

By Bob Morrow

We hear a lot about the decline of main line denominational Christian churches these days. As membership declines so does spiritual strength, the capacity for mission and relevance to community life.

“Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities,” says J. Stewart Smith, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

You probably don’t have *Matthew 25:31-46* committed to memory but I’m sure you will recall this last parable of Jesus about the culmination of history. Bear with me while I paraphrase:

The Son of Man, the King, the glorified Jesus, will separate the righteous from the unrighteous “like a shepherd separates sheep from the goats.”

The gist of the story is that the blessed (the sheep) take a position on the right of the King and the cursed (the goats) on the left.

I thought it odd the PC USA would chose this of all parables to launch a renewal of growth and mission. It is, after all, a pretty hard saying.

But the heart of the parable is the lesson that follows. It is those who fed the hungry Christ, satisfied his thirst, welcomed him as a stranger, clothed him when he was naked, healed his sickness and visited him in prison who do the will of God.

And then the logical question follows (you can almost hear the sheep and the goats saying “huh, uh ... when did we do that?”

MATTHEW 25
“to the least of these...”
MINISTRY

The King answers: “Whatever you did or did not do to the least of these, you did or did not do to me.”

Is it really that simple?

With this passage in mind, the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies “exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.”

The Presbyterian Mission Agency followed by announcing the “Matthew 25 Initiative” to “encourage congregations to become more actively engaged in our communities.”

Last April the Presbytery of Arkansas’ Coordinating Team voted to become a “Matthew 25 Presbytery” and challenged Arkansas congregations to become “Matthew 25” congregations.

The initiative prescribes one or more of the following commitments a congregation can make to become a “Matthew 25” church:

- Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

It is not clear whether by adopting the initiative the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbytery of Arkansas, or our own Kirk in the Pines will reverse the declines in membership and mission.

But, whether we elect to become a literal “Matthew 25” church or not, it is clear we fulfill our calling as Christians and as a church when we faithfully serve the least, little, last, lost and lonely among us.

It is really that simple.

Bob Morrow is a member of the Communication Committee.

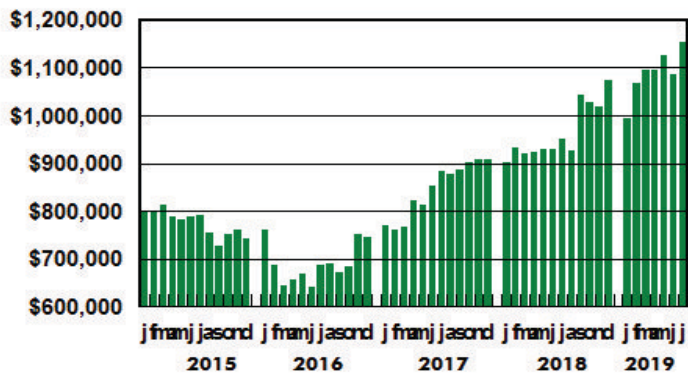


Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to date as of July 31, 2019

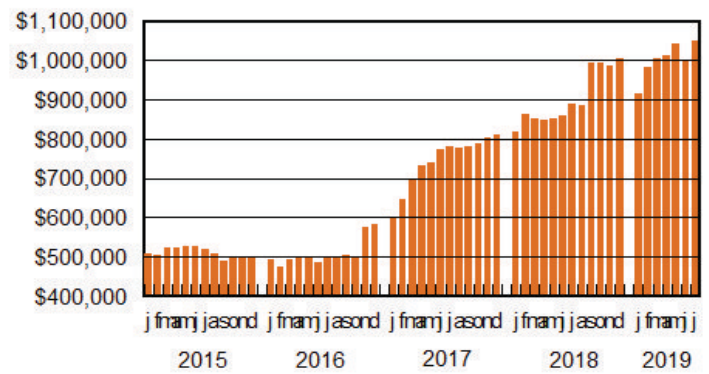
	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 35,496	\$ 58,292	\$ 248,469	\$ 267,360
Disbursements	\$ 36,529	\$ 35,153	\$ 255,704	\$ 200,962
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,246	\$ 2,518	\$ 29,723	\$ 30,624
Disbursements	\$ 4,246	\$ 2,776	\$ 29,723	\$ 28,263
Total all funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,742	\$ 60,810	\$ 278,192	\$ 297,984
Disbursements	\$ 40,775	\$ 37,929	\$ 285,427	\$ 229,225
Checking and Money Market Funds Balance				\$ 104,568
Special funds:				
Memorial fund				\$ 58,249
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 251,021
Programs fund				\$ 51,261
Endowment fund				\$ 630,177
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				<u>\$ 58,090</u>
Total special funds				\$ 1,153,366

Total funds



Source: Kirk Finance Committee

Endowment, program funds



Source: Kirk Finance Committee

\$517 for Mission

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

A total of \$517 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.

Thinking of you ...

Each Saturday and Sunday the Congregational Care Committee asks 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.

Edie Loveday loves doing ... just about everything

By Barbara Worthley

Welcome back, Edie Loveday!

Edie's husband, Don, returned to the Kirk last year and now Edie is rejoining us. She has always felt at home here. That feeling was validated on her first visit back. The friendly people and outstanding music program are among her reasons for returning to the Kirk.

Edie was born and raised in St. Louis, was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, and graduated from the University of Tulsa, a college with Presbyterian roots.

For the next 35 years she taught English in high school. She and Don were married in 1968, and celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

The Lovedays lived in Denver for more than 30 years. They have a son and a daughter still living there, as well as a daughter in Tacoma, Wash. All together, they have three adult children and five grandchildren of whom they would like to see more often.

One of the main attractions for the Lovedays in Hot Springs Village is the lakes. They love boating and fishing. In fact they recently decreased the number of automobiles owned in order to make room for their boat in the garage.

You will often find them on one of the 11 Village lakes or a lake in the area. In the winter they like to go trout fishing at Blakeley Dam in Mountain Pine.

Being a Master Gardener, Edie is often in her garden. Her biggest challenge this year has been keeping the deer out. Two times every day, a herd of seven or eight come through on their way to a water feature on the golf course behind their house.

Edie feels she is winning the battle, however, by placing dryer sheets in the flower beds and various places around the yard. That seems to keep them away from her roses and hostas, two of her favorite flowers.

Another of Edie's interests is playing the clarinet. She and Don perform with the New Horizons Band of Hot Springs at extended-care facilities and senior centers. They also perform at the Hot Springs Arts Festival and local churches.

As if boating, fishing, gardening and playing the



Edie Loveday

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Marylyn Rabideau is happy to be back in Arkansas

By Patty Van Cleave

If one of our new members looks familiar, it's because she is, to many of us!



Marylyn Rabideau

Marylyn Rabideau had been a member of the Kirk when she and her husband, Dick, moved here in 1999 from Decatur, Ill.

Marylyn has a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University (from the university where my father was a professor) in Education K through 9, with a minor in Early Childhood. She also earned a masters degree in counseling.

When Marylyn was a member here before, she was very active with the Presbyterian Women and their work. After Dick passed away, Marylyn stayed for

New members

several years, continuing to enjoy the Kirk, her friends and the Village.

Marylyn and her daughter, Debbie, are avid quilters and have entered their creations in craft shows.

In 2016 she decided to move to Edmond, Okla., to be closer to her daughter. But Marilyn didn't really enjoy Oklahoma very much. She missed Arkansas and her friends here. So last April she moved back to Hot Springs and has joined our church once again.

We welcome back Marylyn Rabideau!

Patty Van Cleave is a member of the Communication Committee.

Photos by Robert Sonnen

Today's Jackson House born in 1978 to serve a need

By **Jamie Federick**

The Eleanor Klugh Jackson House is an interfaith community crisis-intervention service for permanent resident individuals and families in Garland County.

This emergency assistance provides for basic needs – food, clothing, shelter and medicine without regard to race, creed, sex or nationality – without imposing individual values or beliefs on those served.

The non-profit service is designed to:

- Help clients utilize community resources.
- Provide clients with direct assistance whenever possible.
- Follow up with supportive counseling.

All this began in 1978 when the Rev. Harry Woodall, an ordained Baptist minister, recognized the need for an interfaith service to replace one previously closed.

A board of directors with local leaders from all

Help Jackson House in Sept.

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.

Edie Lovejoy has a good time doing many things

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clarinet isn't enough fun, Edie and Don also find time to travel at least four times a year. For almost 20 years, they have been traveling with Road Scholar (formerly Elder Hostel) and taking advantage of the educational opportunities it provides.

Sometimes they will go a day early and enjoy a "food tour," sampling the local cuisine.

Edie plans to be active in the Kirk and looks forward to playing bridge with the ladies' bridge group, joining a circle, and serving on a committee. As an example, she might serve on the Fellowship Committee.

Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.



professions was formed. Rev. Woodall, who had purchased The Doherty Home to house the center, was chosen as its first director.

Volunteers were recruited to set up programs to interview those in crisis, files were kept and decisions made based on needs and resources available. Out of that grew The Jackson House and Thrift Store of today.

The Doherty House is listed on the National Registry of Historic Building. It was designated the Eleanor Klugh Jackson House in honor of a local volunteer-activist following her death.

The Kirk supports this ministry with its volunteers, mission dollars and pantry items. Future newsletters will feature the present leadership of The Eleanor Klugh Jackson House of Hot Springs.

Jamie Federick is a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

PW beginning new year with meetings on Sept. 9

By **Carol Sue Williams**

The Presbyterian Women will begin their new year with meetings on Monday, Sept. 9. All leaders should be sure to pick up the handbooks from the church office to give out to members at the meeting.

We planned for and hopefully had a good representation of Kirk PW members at the Cluster Meeting the Kirk PW hosted on Aug. 24. Thank you to those who offered assistance.

On Oct. 14 we will have a potluck luncheon in Hoffius Hall following Pastor Bill Bailey's lesson for us in the sanctuary. You will be notified of details regarding this event at a later date.

Carol Sue Williams is PW Moderator.





FIRST MAACK-ORMSBEE SCHOLAR – Pat Ormsbee (left) and Finance Moderator Sharon Gardner honoring Elijah Bailey as the first recipient of the new Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship.

Join the 18th Cancer Walk in the Village on Sept. 28

By Vicki Rosenquist

Village Walk for Cancer Research is celebrating its 18th year and has once again invited all Village churches to participate.

The walk will be Saturday, Sept. 28, beginning at the Balboa Pavilion. The opening Ceremony will begin at 7:30 a.m. – rain or shine.

The entry fee after Sept. 1 is \$35. You can register online at giving.uams.edu/walkforcancerhsv or pick up a registration form from the bulletin board in Hoffius Hall.

Last year more than 35 Kirk members participated. It would be wonderful if we could increase the number this year. You can meet at

the Balboa Pavilion and walk with our church group or on your own.

The good part about this event is you can walk as far as you want. You're not required to walk the whole five miles.

If walking isn't your thing, you can skip the walk and still make a donation! Event proceeds are designated for the WPRCI "Conquering Cancer" initiative for cancer research.

Any questions call me at 706-371-2877.

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.





Carol Clark, Martha Neilsen and Della Reimers are happy guides for the October pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage can be life-changing experience for you

By Martha Neilsen

It is often hard to offer a sweeping description of what it's like to attend one of the faith-renewal weekends we call Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

Why?

It defies description because each person's experience is unique. Each person, participant and staff alike, form a small Christian community which sings, laughs, worships and studies together, gaining a greater awareness of their own personal faith along with the joy and responsibility their individual faith brings.

One of the greatest gifts my Pilgrimage gave me was a new family of Christian friends who still continue to love, support and pray with me and for me on a regular basis.

This began for me seven years ago. Don't need to take my word for it. Consider these random quotes from other former attendees:

"My weekend transformed how I view life, my relationship with God and God's plan for me."

"Pilgrimage was a spa for my mind and spirit that will last a lifetime and can now be shared with others."

"It's a little taste of heaven, where I felt free to both laugh and cry without feeling shame for either one."

"I came home feeling completely forgiven and unconditionally loved."

"For me it was the beginning of a life-long process of deliberately and joyfully living the Christian life."

If you see a bit of your own personal needs being described here or similar goals as your own in these comments, then a Pilgrimage may be right for you. You, too, can give your relationship with God a jump-start by prayerfully considering our upcoming Pilgrimage weekend Oct. 24-27 at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center.

For questions, more information, or help with registering, contact me at 922-0672 or by email at mgentrynielsen@gmail.com.

Martha Neilsen is Pilgrimage coordinator.

PW Coffee Closet will be open Sunday, Sept. 8

The PW Coffee closet is open the second Sunday of each month with a great selection of Fair Trade regular, decaf and flavored coffees. We also carry single-serve cups in three flavors, as well as many varieties of tea.

Call Carol Clark at 915-8497, for information or for special orders.

Get your recipes ready for 2nd annual Chili Cook Off

By Vicki Rosenquist

The Second Annual Chili Cook Off is just around the corner so mark your calendar now.

This year's event will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in Hoffius Hall. The "increasingly famous" Kirk Chili Cook Off is once again under the sponsorship of our own Fellowship Committee.



Sign-up sheets will be posted at the end of September, so dust off your chili recipes, start gathering all those tried and true – known only to you – secret ingredients and start simmering.

We have room for 10 or 11 spots for chefs who

would like to enter their special, spicy, succulent potions.

Those with appreciative palates should mark your calendar, too. Texas Presbyterian Foundation will be making a presentation of value to all.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Vicki Rosenquist is Moderator of the Fellowship Committee.

Shepherd Group 6 atop the mountain

Ten members of Shepherd Group #6 and two of Becky and Ed Baldwin's grandchildren traveled to Petit Jean State Park on a gorgeous day earlier this summer. They enjoyed a delicious lunch at Mather Lodge. They also ventured out to enjoy the many spectacular overlooks above the Arkansas River Valley. Four brave souls, (guess who – Gary, Addie, Becky and Ed Baldwin.) hiked on the Bear Cave Trail. The group included (front row, from left) Rowena Easter, Millie Croson, Emily Faulk, Gary Baldwin, Addie Baldwin, Becky Baldwin and Ed Baldwin, and (back row) Kelle Wolf, Ken Wolf, Dick Easter, Dennis Faulk and Jean Fisher (partially hidden behind Gary Baldwin.)
(Darell Fisher photo)



Gifts to Vera Lloyd offer more than shelter, food

I just wanted to send a personal note to thank you for your generous gift to Vera Lloyd's Kids! You are investing in more than shelter and food. You are part of helping them heal and become all that God has created them to be.

Thank you! Blessings,

Kathy French

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services



‘Educated’ bubbles to top of Nell’s best-books list

Have any books you’ve read made you, as Frederick Buechner said, “a little more alive, a little wiser, a little more beautiful, a little more open and understanding, in short a little more human?”

When I posed that question to Kirk member Nell White, the list of books flowed forth like a bubbling artesian spring. The difficulty was not identifying one; but identifying just one.

“Educated,” by Tara Westover bubbled to the top of the list. Nell’s synopsis of this true story:

“Tara Westover was 17 before she set foot in a schoolroom. Her parents were survivalists who did not believe in educating their children.

“Tara wanted a different life for herself, so she educated herself in math, grammar and science. She scored high enough on the ACT exam to be accepted to Brigham Young University in Utah.

“After she graduated from college, she went on to get higher degrees from Harvard and Cambridge.”

“Educated” is Westover’s first book and her tale of coming-of-age and what an education can mean, and what it can offer.



**Carnegie
Corner**
By Susan Morrow

Nell’s love of reading energized me to stretch my reading wings a bit. As a self-confessed lover of books, she candidly said: “I love to read. I believe reading has enriched my life. When I am no longer able to travel I can still ‘travel’ to marvelous places and enjoy ‘cheap thrills’ through reading.

You may want to read “Educated” by Tara Westover, a story of the strength of the human spirit to overcome obstacles.

Also, remember to visit our Kirk library where a range of other “cheap thrills” may be found.



Kirk members Daryl Henry and Gary Rector and Ed Baldwin’s neighbor, Fred Rohrer (center), are one of the cooking crews for the Thursday suppers at Samaritan Men’s Homeless Shelter Mission featured in August Newsletter.



Happy dates



Birthdays

Sept. 1	Beverly Bongard Norm Martin	Sept. 10	Gail Salmen Donald Webb	Sept. 20	John Davis Joyce Leeming
Sept. 3	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	Sept. 15	Gerald Allen Harry Marshall	Sept. 23	Beverly Raskin
Sept. 9	Lorraine Berry	Sept. 18	Barron Gage Ed Russell	Sept. 25	Gary Brod
Sept. 10	Bob Foster	Sept. 20	Donn Allison	Sept. 29	Beverly McFadden
				Sept. 30	Marjorie Carlisle

Anniversaries

Sept. 1	Marci and Bill Drews	30 years	Sept. 15	Rita and Tom Martick	57 years
	Katy Hill and Stan Luczkowski	1 year	Sept. 19	Kelle and Ken Wolf	61 years
Sept. 4	Char and Norm Martin	64 years		Barbara and Bill Worthley	20 years
Sept. 5	Barbara and Walter Fuquay	54 years	Sept. 20	Lucy and Gerald Allen	64 years
	Pat and Mel Kuntz	55 years	Sept. 24	Nell and James White	26 years
	Patty and Eric Van Cleave	21 years	Sept. 25	Peggy and Don Trent	60 years
Sept. 11	Judy and Bob Corwin	60 years	Sept. 30	Eve and Donald Webb	3 years
	Sally and Tom Fink	54 years			

Kirk choir ready to resume, invites you to join the fun

This summer's worship services were blessed by weekly special musical offerings.

Many choir members extended themselves beyond the typical choir year by pairing with others in ensembles to enhance the worship of Our Lord on Sunday mornings as well as Saturday evening informal worship.

We hope you were inspired by this summer's special music. It is fun for we choir members to sing in small groups of different combinations in order to praise our Lord.

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.



Choir Notes

Dotty Rector

The entire choir is set to resume singing together after Labor Day. Our first rehearsal will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 4, and we will begin singing in worship on Sunday morning, Sept. 8.

Director Randy Toney says "Nice plans are coming together for a special Christmas season."

This would be a good time for you to consider joining our great group. We have terrific staff and wonderful camaraderie. Just show up at a rehearsal and surprise us.

Three hardy golfers finish 18 holes in 97-degree heat

By Jim Hess

It turned out to be a typical Arkansas summer play-date for the Aug. 11 Kirk Sunday Golf Group.

Of the 18 golfers who signed up and were assigned five tee times, nine actually ventured out in the 97-degree heat at the Desoto Golf Course.

Our Heroes for the Day were Marty and John Davis, and Gary Brod who endured the full 18 holes. The other six completed nine holes.

There were 22 players, spouses and friends who met in the air conditioned Charlie's Pizza Pub for dinner, conversation and fellowship.

All the wimps and semi-wimps, according to the "Super Trio," were left hoping for better golfing weather in September.

Save Sunday Sept. 8, for the next play-date. The



course to be played and dinner location will be announced later.

If you are new to our Kirk or looking for a friendly golf game, you are very welcome to join our Kirk Sunday Golf Group. We are a number of single and couples golfers of all skill levels playing either 9 or 18 holes. It is totally your choice.

We play one of our Village courses the second Sunday of each month. Dinner follows golf at one of a selection of various Village restaurants April through October. If you would like additional information, please call me at 922-2326, or email me at jimobhess@suddenlink.net

Jim Hess is the coordinator of the Kirk's golf program.

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