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# A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

### *A power at work who contradicts death and saves souls*

One of my favorite stories comes from the naturalist, Loren Eiseley. He tells of once spending a summer in a seaside town called Costabel. Because he suffered insomnia, Eiseley often spent the early morning hours walking on the beach. He says that each morning at dawn he found the townspeople combing the sand for starfish which had washed ashore during the night. Since most of these starfish would be killed for commercial purposes, this was, for Eiseley, a sign of all the ways the world says "No!" to life.

But one morning Eiseley got up unusually early and walking on the beach he discovered a solitary figure on the beach. This man, too,

was gathering starfish, but each time he found one alive, he would pick it up and throw it as far as he could out beyond the breaking surf, back to the nurturing ocean from which it came. As the days went by, Eiseley found this man working at his mission of mercy, seven days a week, no matter the weather.

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Eiseley named this man "the star thrower" and in a moving meditation he wrote about how this man in his predawn work contradicted everything that Eiseley had been taught about nature, evolution and

the survival of the fittest. There on the beach in Costabel, the strong reached down to save, not crush, the weak. Eiseley ponders this anomaly: Is there a "star thrower" at work in our universe? Is there a power, a God who contradicts death and seeks and saves those lost souls who wash up on life's shore?

As Christians, we believe there is such a God. We believe there is one who contradicts death and says "yes!" to life. We believe that this cosmic "star thrower" raised Jesus from the dead and promises new life for all believers. Let us give thanks this Easter to the one who is for us and who makes all things new.

*Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!*

*Bill*

## One great hour of sharing

Please use the envelope in this newsletter to support this important ministry. We will collect envelopes on Easter Sunday.

*Your financial contribution will help rebuild homes, communities and lives.*

## Who is our Neighbor?

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday, April 8.

One Great Hour of Sharing began more than 55 years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. The offering is distributed in three ways: 32% goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 36% to Presbyterian Hunger Program and 32% to Self Development of People. Watch for inserts in the weekly bulletins that show how our gifts are used.

Jesus reminds us that his charge to us is to take in the stranger. We can help the stranger realize that she or he is not alone. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing reach out to groups who feel powerless and alone, to make them find their own strength in working together. These gifts continue to make a real difference in the lives of real people. As we give these gifts, let us thank God for this opportunity to reach out with love in the name of Christ.

*"When was it that we saw you a stranger. . .?"*

Matthew 25:38

## April Issues Forum

### Dr. Tricot to Speak on Stem Cell Research

Many Americans have questions about whether or not scientists should continue to harvest stem cells to fight debilitating conditions like Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, spinal injuries, and cancer.



Dr. Tricot has published more than 150 articles in medical journals and is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the International Society of Hematology, the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation and other professional organizations.

On Wednesday, April 18, Dr. Guido Tricot, M.D. Ph.D., head of the Academic Division of the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will speak about the latest information concerning stem cell research and utilization. A potluck supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall, and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Dr. Tricot is a professor in the Department of Pathology in the UAMS College of Medicine. He oversees clinical and research activities of the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy and is involved in the management of a \$13.2 million grant from the National Cancer Institute that is being used to unravel the biology of myeloma and develop curative therapy.

Dr. Tricot was educated in Belgium and received both his medical degree and his doctorate from the University of Leuven. He completed fellowships in hematology at the University of Leuven and the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. Additional postgraduate training was completed at M.D. Anderson in Texas, Royal Marsden Hospital in London, Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, New York, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

### Gardening:

#### From Alpha to Omega

April will be a busy month for the Alpha to Omega program. On April 14 there will be a first ever plant sale at the Cortez pavilion. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the Simply Kids program in the Village. Members of the church who have plants they would like to sell or thin out, should contact Bob Mayfield (922-3073), Yvonne Jones (922-9232) or Jerral Johnson (922-6641).

On April 26, those who have attended the Alpha to Omega Gardening Workshop will meet at Hoffius Hall at 12:00 for a light meal and then travel to Garvan Woodlands Garden for a guided tour of the gardens. If you have not signed up for the tour, contact Yvonne Jones (922-9232) or Jerral Johnson (922-6641).



***Gardening... from Alpha  
to Omega's***

***First ever Plant Sale***

April 14

Cortez Pavilion

Proceeds benefit Simply Kids

### New Plans for Kirk Shepherd Groups

New shepherd groups are now being organized under the leadership of Head Shepherds Larry and Toni Bradley and Assistant Head Shepherds Art and Marty Volkema. The Bradleys are new to the Kirk Shepherd Program and are grateful to the Volkemas, as well as to former leaders Ken and Kelle Wolf and Dennis and Rhonie Zymboly, for their assistance in getting this year started.

Based upon the surveys which were taken earlier this year, ten new shepherd groups are now being organized. There will be three traditional groups, three breakfast groups, a luncheon group, a dinner group, a games group (including golf) and an arts and entertainment group.

A Session member or another elder will convene the first meeting of his or her group, and the first priority of each group will be to select their shepherd group leaders. The Bradleys or Volkemas will be available to meet with the groups for their first meetings.

The primary purpose of the Shepherd Program is to care for members and assimilate new members into the life of the Kirk. Also, information which is important to Kirk members can be distributed through the communication systems of the groups. The fellowship activities in each group help members develop closer ties and friendships. Each group will determine for themselves how often they wish to meet for planned activities.

The Bradleys and Volkemas encourage your wholehearted involvement in the Shepherd Program, and solicit your prayers as they give leadership to this important ministry.

## *A Journey toward Wholeness*

**W**hat is “wholeness”? Perhaps we can define it as a state of being healthy and complete in body, mind, spirit, and relationships. These dimensions of life are interrelated. When one is out of kilter, the others are affected. However, as people of faith, we affirm God longs for us to “have life and to have it abundantly.” We believe God works in us to strengthen and heal those areas which are diminished or broken. The Christian life is a journey toward the wholeness God wants for each of his children.

In his teaching, Jesus reaffirmed the Jewish law: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” We are called to love God with our emotions, with our spirits, with our physical bodies, and with our intel-

lects, and to be in loving relationships with one another. Through the work of God’s Spirit, we are enabled to do that and experience wholeness in our lives.

Soon we will have an opportunity to participate in a Service for Wholeness. The Kirk Worship Committee is planning to offer this special time for renewal once each quarter. Using the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship, we will focus on areas of our lives which need special attention and ask God’s forgiveness and help in our “brokenness.”

The centerpiece of the Service for Wholeness is prayer, and we will pray with and for each other. Prayers may be spoken or unspoken. Prayers may also be combined with specific actions: the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

These ancient practices have been used by believers from Biblical times until now. The touch of human hands upon the head and shoulders of the recipient conveys the grace-filled touch of Christ in a unique and tangible manner. The anointing with oil, when the pastor or elder dips his thumb into a mixture of olive and aromatic oils and traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of a recipient, communicates God’s loving care and compassion for his child.

Healing and wholeness is to be understood as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit, not as the result of the faith of the ones seeking wholeness nor the holiness, earnestness, or skill of those offering the prayers.

All humans share the quest for wholeness. We praise God that he graciously offers this gift to each of us. Are we ready to receive his gift?

## *Photos taken soon for new directory*

**O**ur church family is creating a new pictorial directory. It will help to connect names with faces and will be an ideal way to capture the history of our church congregation. The dates for taking your portraits are:

Thursday, May 3	3-7 pm.
Thursday, June 7	3-7 p.m.
Friday, May 4	10 a.m.-5 pm.
Friday, June 8	10 a.m.-5 pm
Saturday, May 5	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, June 9	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sign-up opportunities for portrait appointments will be on the first three weekends in April before and after all services upstairs by the sanctuary and downstairs in Hoffius Hall. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

Look for more information in the mail soon.

*Please join us!*



**THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**WILL BE CLOSED**

**FOR EASTER**

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

**CLERK'S CORNER**

There will be no April Fools tricks in this column. All of the good things contained herein have actually happened within the Kirk during March. Thanks to Cy and Pete Porter for a wonderful gift to the organ fund, the church was able to place an order to the Rodgers Organ Company for a new digital organ. It will be installed sometime shortly after Easter. The installation will take three days plus training time for our organist. The sanctuary will have to be void of activity and noise levels during this time and we will schedule accordingly and advise the congregation. The chancel area will receive some minor changes to accommodate the new organ. These changes will include leveling some of the chancel floor area and changing some surfaces. This work will not exceed \$5,000 in cost.

The new guttering has been installed on the south side of the church and on both sides of the narthex. The down spouts will be connected to piping and buried properly, not left as you see them now. The bidding documents for paving and draining our property will be completed and distributed to contractors, hopefully by late April. Damaged roofing has been replaced with work being done 65 feet in the air, see pictures on the bulletin board.

Take time to thank Cy and Pete Porter, Don Van Stone and committee, Don Elsenheimer and committee and Paul Tate and committee for these things being planned, accomplished and paid for.

Your Session conducted the following business at the March session meeting.

- Approved a motion to purchase

a Rogers Model 958 digital organ for \$87,516.98 including taxes.

- Passed a motion to do minor work on the chancel floor and area not to exceed \$5,000.
- Approved a raise for the sexton.
- Agreed to implement a holiday equalization program for part time staff members that will reward two day a week workers 40% of holidays and three day a week workers 60% of holidays.
- Passed a motion to approve payment for roof shingle and decking repairs exceeding budget by \$1,550.

**CHURCH DEATHS:**

Edmund Powell February 12, 2007,  
James Ernest Walter February 19, 2007. Please be in prayer for these families.

**CHURCH TRANSFERS:**

Madelyn Knott to First Presbyterian, Benton, Arkansas.

**CHURCH STATISTICS** as of March 31:

Members: 541 Family Units: 338

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

## Month of February:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$4,821

Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$5,009

## Year-to-Date:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$22,187

Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$2,855

*God bless each of you,*

*Bob Rosenthal*

*Clerk of Session*

**New to the Library*****Understanding each other's differences***

Another book has been given to our Fran Brown Memorial Library: "Please Understand Me: Character & Temperament Types", by David Keirseay and Marilyn Bates.

Several years ago, Mike Seitz used this book for the Session members of our church. This book is also sometimes called, "Myers/Briggs."

This book makes the point that people are different from each other, and no amount of getting after them is going to change them! People are different in fundamental ways. They want different things, they have different motives, purposes, aims, values, and needs. People believe differently, comprehend differently, perceive differently and understand differently. These differences are good! It's usually good if these differences are recognized, valued and appreciated. Basically there are 16 different "types" of persons. After answering a few questions one is able to determine their type. For example, are you introverted or extraverted?

In a diverse family of Kirk members, understanding our differences can be helpful! This book is one you may want to check out.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN****Kirk Presbyterian Women Gather in March**

Minister of Music Larry Bradley entertained the PW members by leading a sing-along of songs from days gone by.

The women of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines gathered in the sanctuary on Monday, March 12, to share in worship and Bible study led by Pastor Bill Bailey. A festive luncheon in Hoffius Hall followed the lesson. After the meal the group enjoyed a fun sing-along of "golden oldies" led by Minister of Music, Larry Bradley, strumming his ukulele.

Janie Smith presided over the gathering. Included in the program was a report from Presbyterian Women of Arkansas Presbytery presented by Peggy Cook, Moderator of the Arkansas Presbytery PW organization. Presbyterian women from three states, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, will meet in Hot Springs in July.

The following women were elected to serve as Kirk PW officers in 2007-2008:

Moderator: Charlotte Massey  
 Vice-Moderator: Ruth Naggs  
 Recording Secretary: Judy Rosenthal  
 Treasurer: Carol Sue Williams  
 Circle Leaders: Jackie Herbst, Margery McIntosh, Marjorie Easley, Sue Mayer, Joyce Hayek, and Marilyn Wadington  
 Bible Moderators: Ellie Elsenheimer, Peggy Cook, Sally Fink, Mac Throckmorton, Helen Van Stone, and Eula Mae Veeder  
 Substitutes include Jean Eiler, Janie Smith, and Nell White.

The Search Committee for next year will be Sallie Huss, Helen Van Stone, and Wilma Reed.

***Pink Hat Day at Vera Lloyd***

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28, and encourage members of your Presbyterian Women's Circle to attend the annual "Pink Hat Day" at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with lunch at noon and recognition of the most unique pink hat. This is a great opportunity to tour the campus and get a first-hand look at how some of your mission dollars are used.

For reservations, call Kelle Wolf, 915-0245. And yes, you may attend even if you don't have a pink hat.

**PW Dates to Remember**

**April 2, 11 a.m. Library**

Coordinating Team

**April 3, 9:30 a.m., Conf. Rm.**

Bible Moderators

**April 9**

Circle Meetings

**April 12**

Teen Challenge Faith Promise Banquet

**April 14**

PW Spring Gathering  
 Westover Hills Church  
 Little Rock  
 Call Janie Smith if you would like to carpool

**April 28**

Pink Hat Day at  
 Vera Lloyd Home

**April 29**



PW Sunday  
 Installation of Officers  
 Women's Chorus




Sun

Mon

Tue

<p><b>1</b>  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>          Communion Service          8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services          9:30 Adult Education Class          9:40 Adult Focus Group</p>  <p><i>Lois Dykstra</i>  <i>Philip &amp; Shirley Johnson</i></p>	<p><b>2</b>          9:30 Worship Com.          11:00 Coordinating Team          1:00 Staff Meeting          2:30 Communications</p> <p><i>Jeanne Kleinschmidt</i></p> <p><i>Horace &amp; Jane Shankwiler</i></p>	<p><b>3</b>          9:30 Bible Moderators          2:00 Memorial Com.</p> <p><i>Evelyn Plueckhahn</i></p> <p><i>Bill &amp; Jean Pritchett</i></p>
<p><b>8</b>  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>          6:30 Sunrise Service          Lakeside, Coronado Center          7:15 Easter Breakfast          8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services</p>  <p><i>Tom Martick</i></p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>PW Circle Meetings</p> <p><i>Sally Hess</i>  <i>Sallie Huss</i>  <i>Judy Sonnenburg</i></p>	<p><b>10</b>          1:00 Session</p> <p><i>Joe Hardman</i>  <i>Don Robinson</i>  <i>Roy Walter</i>  <i>Bob &amp; Jody Burt</i></p>
<p><b>15</b>          8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services          9:40 Adult Focus Group</p> <p><i>Charles &amp; Beverly McFadden</i></p>	<p><b>16</b>          10:00 Congregational Care Com.</p> <p><i>Darlene Spiller</i>  <i>Marty Volkema</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>Lu Otto</i></p> <p><i>Bob &amp; Beverly Kirchhoff</i></p>
<p><b>22</b>          8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services          9:40 Adult Focus Group</p> <p><i>Georgia Hill</i>  <i>Jerry &amp; Eloise Holman</i>  <i>Bob &amp; Gretchen Mayfield</i></p>	<p><b>23</b>          9:30 Administration          7:00 Kirk Konnection</p> <p><i>Jean Fisher</i>  <i>Claire Rhodes</i>  <i>Doris Simmons</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Ray Beal</i>  <i>Cheryle Dean</i></p>
<p><b>29 PW Sunday</b>          8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services          9:40 Adult Focus Group</p> <p><i>Pat Hightower</i>  <i>Louise Nunn</i>  <i>Rich &amp; Millie Croson</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Peg Anderson</i>  <i>Ruth Fox</i></p>	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 Education Com 7:00 Shepherd Gr #11</p> <p><i>Eileen Kuhn</i></p> <p><i>Frank &amp; Cindy Morgan</i></p>	<p>5  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 9:00 Fellowship Com 1:00 Evangelism 7:00 Service</p> <p><i>Iva Dee Warren</i> <i>Ray &amp; Eloise Record</i></p>	<p>6 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 9:30 Christian Friends 3:00 Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Christ Lutheran Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Neil Broscha</i></p>
<p>11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Greenhorns 7:00 SOMA</p> <p><i>Virgil Hanson</i> <i>Herb Perrin</i> <i>Jo Strong</i></p>	<p>12 9:30 Website Com. 3:00 Mission Com.</p> <p><i>Max Simmons</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Don Wolever</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>18 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Forum Dinner 6:30 Forum</p> <p><i>Rich Croson</i></p>	<p>19 2:00 Planning &amp; Coordinating 5:30 Choir Appreciation Dinner</p> <p><i>Howard Zuidema</i> <i>Dennis &amp; Rhonie</i> <i>Zymboly</i></p>	<p>20 7:30 Men's Association</p> <p><i>Linda Smith</i> <i>Bob Smith</i></p> <p><i>Joe &amp; Eileen Hardman</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Cal Sloma</i> <i>Ernie &amp; Betty Jean Smith</i></p>
<p>25 9:00 Bible Study</p> <p><i>Rev. Bill Bailey</i></p>	<p>26 12:00 Garden Club Lunch 2:00 Gardening workshop</p> <p><i>Sheri Swan</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Henry Hasper</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Kenneth Poole</i></p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>April</b></p> </div>			

## A Letter from the General Assembly

*The General Assembly has asked us to share the following letter with our members. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Reverend Bailey at the Kirk office.*

Dear Presbyterian sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are writing to you in advance of news you may read in the coming days. We have heard that a few Presbyterian congregations may soon announce their intention to leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We are deeply saddened by this news for several reasons. First, any church's departure is difficult and painful for the congregations involved and the wider church. Fractures within the body of Christ diminish our witness of God's grace and mercy to the world—unfortunate in these already divisive times. And, the PC(USA) will miss the gifts and perspectives of these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Among the reason of those wishing to leave are perceptions or particular actions of the 217th General Assembly last summer. These perceptions include concerns that our ordination standards have changed and that the PC (USA) no longer believes in the Trinity. Neither of these is true.

It is our deep conviction that we are better together than we are apart:

- We are better followers of Jesus when we stick together, mutually encouraging one another in the work of discipleship.
- We are better together and more effective in confronting the enormous problems in the world—dire situations like Darfur, HIV/AIDS in Africa, and ongoing human tragedies in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.
- We are better together because the Presbyterian Church (USA) as one expression of the whole body of Christ needs all of its parts in order to function well (1Cor. 12).
- We are better together because our resources of time, talents, and treasure have a larger and farther reach.

Our confidence in the strength of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its people is unwavering. More than 11,000 PC(USA) congregations are, day in and day out, engaged in remarkable ministries that include proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, breaking the bread and sharing the cup, challenging injustice, and exhibiting the kingdom of God to the world. As the apostle Paul wrote, “I am confident...that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6).

In over three hundred years of American Presbyterian history, we have never agreed 100 percent on any issue of the day. But, in the end, we are better together in Christ's unity.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Clifton Kirkpatrick  
Stated Clerk of the  
General Assembly*

*Linda Bryant Valentine  
Executive Director,  
General Assembly Council*

## *Cursillo Weekend Might be Just What you Need*

A Presbyterian Cursillo can make a big difference to:

- a caregiver overburdened by their challenges
- pastors guiding their church through good, bad, and changing times
- a man or woman having difficulty in their job
- an elder or committee chair who is burned (or burning) out
- a person who has lost a loved one
- a person who is at a “flat spot” in their spiritual walk
- a person who is excited about growing in their spiritual walk

And the list could go on! However, the commonality is that these are situations where a closer relationship with Christ, a fresh perspective of Grace, and a deeper and reinvigorated faith can make a difference in how we see our challenges.

Taking three days out of our already busy life might seem to be a way to compound the problems. However, it is probably just what you should do. A spiritual renewal weekend is more than just a retreat; it is an opportunity to plug into the power source, something that is hard to do while we are in our normal environment.

Please consider participating in our next Weekend (April 12 – 15) at Ferncliff Presbyterian Center. Applications are available outside the Kirk Office, you can contact our Registrar ([cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com](mailto:cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com)) or see the Presbytery Web Site ([www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org)).

## ***Kirk to get new Rodgers digital organ***

**T**hanks to a generous gift from Cy and Pete Porter, the Kirk will soon be getting a brand new Rodgers digital organ.

Initially the organ committee, chaired by Don Van Stone, considered refurbishing the old organ, with the goal of ultimately replacing it with a new digital organ. The Porter's gift makes it possible to proceed with the new purchase without the expense of an interim repair.

The new organ, a Rodgers T958, will be installed sometime in the next few months. Some problem areas in the chancel will be fixed before the area is ready for the new organ to be installed.

The new organ is a top of the line

Rodgers Masterpiece Series digital organ. It has three keyboards, which is equivalent to 108 pipe ranks—in other words, it produces the same quality sound as a large-size pipe organ without the \$2 million price tag.

“We are grateful to the music lovers who pioneered the cause of a new organ and to all of our members who have contributed to the organ fund over the years,” said Kirk pastor Bill Bailey. “We also owe a big thanks to Don Van Stone and the organ committee.”

Committee members are: Bob Berry, Duane Claveau, Rich Croson, Carol Gardner, Tom Hightower, Christine Hoagland, Dean Kerr, Mary Ann Krieger, Mac Throckmorton and Art Volkema.

## ***We need your help***

**A**s you've probably noticed, the Kirk is a busy place. The building is bustling nearly every day of the week with meetings, lunches, gatherings, classes and Bible studies. The Kirk staff tries to accommodate church and community groups by setting up tables and chairs especially for each meeting and class. However, there are times when we need you to be flexible and use the setup that is in the room when you arrive, even if it isn't exactly what you're used to.

If you must make an adjustment, we ask you to be gentle on our floors by picking up the tables rather than pushing them, and to be considerate by putting things back the way you found them.

Thank you.



## **HOLY WEEK, APRIL 1-APRIL 8**

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

Traditional Palm Sunday communion service

### **Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Traditional Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Ceremony of Tenebrae (darkness, shadows).

### **Good Friday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.**

Christ Lutheran Church, 103 Ponferrada Way, hosts the Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service with pastors and lay leaders from HSV churches.

### **Easter Day, April 8**

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| 6:30 a.m.:         | Annual Village Community Sunrise Service<br>Lakeside, Coronado Center<br>(Village Bible Church, in case of rain.) |
| 7:15-8:30 a.m.:    | Easter Breakfast, Hoffius Hall  |
| 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.: | Festival Service of Witness to the Resurrection, Sanctuary  |

*All services are in the Kirk Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE*****There's still time to share your stories***

The deadline to submit your contributions for the Sharing Booklet is May 1st. Please bring them to the office. Be sure to include your name and the source of your poem, quote, bits of wisdom or short stories. This will enable this committee to prepare the third edition of the Sharing Booklet for distribution to those hospitalized, in nursing homes, undergoing treatment or experiencing a stressful time in their lives. It is the hope that this booklet will bring comfort to the recipient.

***Bereavement Group offered at St. Joseph's***

A nine-week support group is being offered at St. Joseph's hospital to help individuals work through grief in a healthy way. Groups will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 21 and ending May 16, 2007. Both groups will meet in the Daffodil Room of the Mercy Cancer Center. For more information, please call Sister Liz Koehler, RSM at 501-622-4113.

**SPIRITUAL  
VITAMINS**

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

—Church Marquee

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**Newsletter Deadline:**  
The 15th of each month.

**Sunday Bulletin Deadline:**  
Each Wednesday.

**EVANGELISM*****Bring a Friend Weekend Rousing Success***

Evangelism is rejoicing over the excellent turnout for our Bring a Friend Weekend.

We had 59 visitors, handily exceeding the challenge. Judy and Jerry Pogemiller, new members in February 2007, brought the most people. They will be treated to dinner, along with the three couples they invited. They say it takes a Village to raise a child, but we can add to that—it takes a church to invite and welcome visitors. It is everyone's responsibility—and you came through like champions.

Thank you for your great effort.

***FOCUS update***

FOCUS has completed another class with eight very lively people attending. They were Dan Mabee, Wilma Linder Mabee, Marge Jonssen, Larry Brown, Pat Johnson, Judy Calland, Madge Martell, and Althea Kuhn. If you know any of these class members, call them and talk with them about the program.

FOCUS is a program for Villagers with low vision. Low vision is a visual impairment, not correctable by standard glasses, contact lens, medicine or surgery, that interferes with a person's ability to perform everyday activities.

FOCUS offers a program where class participants learn to adapt so they may continue living a familiar life style. Speakers with information and equipment on low vision visit the classes. Resources are shown and hands-on training of ideas are practiced by participants. The next class will begin February 2008.

**STEWARDSHIP:  
FAITH IN ACTION**

Each of us has a place in the beautiful picture of the kingdom of God. God has assigned each of us a purpose in life and given us gifts to use for the glory of God and for the sake of all people. We may not be able to see exactly how our lives and our gifts fit into the total picture, but God can.

*"These things did not really come from me and my people. Everything comes from you; we have given back what you gave us."*

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

**MISSION****MISSION DOLLARS**

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$583 the first three weeks of March. The money goes to fund our nine Presbyterian agencies.

**FOOD BASKET**

This month we are collecting food for Potter's Clay. Canned chicken, meat and fish, canned and dry milk, canned and dry fruit, canned beans, pasta and sauces, peanut butter, hot and cold cereals, coffee and tea. If you would like to give a monetary gift, please use the pew envelopes marked Food Basket.



*Share Your Faith  
with Others*

## A Note of Thanks

WE WANT TO thank all of you for the wonderful cards and blessings we received upon the death of our son, Douglas. They were such a blessing and comfort to us. Your prayers meant so much and are helping us to get through this very difficult time. And Bill Bailey, you were right there that day when I needed you, thanks so much.

*Frank and June Moore*

DEAR KIRK VOLUNTEERS,

Thank you so much for helping deliver Meals on Wheels during March. The McAuley Center kitchen is a busy place, getting meals ready five days a week. There were 30 members of the Kirk ready to get these meals delivered to shut-ins by noon. Your volunteering made my job so much easier.

*Dottie Isaacson*

THANK YOU AGAIN for being there for me with your visits, cards and, most importantly, your prayers. My family joins me in thanking you for looking after me.

*God bless & love,  
Esther Lazar*

SPECIAL THANKS TO Rev. Trent for his hospital visits and for bringing Tom a lovely prayer shawl. He was usually cold and the shawl was most welcome. Visitation thanks to Duane Sonnenburg, Bill Stanley, Larry Bradley, and Rev. Bailey. Thanks would not be complete without naming Carolyn Kane.

*Tom and Helen Valentine*

THANK YOU FOR all of your prayers, calls and cards concerning my recent surgery. We really do appreciate them.

*Sylvia Gruben*

THERE IS NO way to properly thank you as our church family for your prayers, love and support. I am awed and humbled by the outpouring of concern and prayer that we have received. We are in your debt. We are grateful for the continued gift of life that I have received and look forward to spending it in Christ's service and in your midst. Thank you.

*Grace and Peace,  
Mike Seitz*

THANK YOU TO all the members of Shepherd Group I for all the wonderful food sent to us in our time of need.

*Love to all, Betty Powell*

AFTER NEARLY EIGHTEEN months as interim pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Augustine, Kay and I are leaving tomorrow for Fairhope, Alabama (eastern shore, Mobile Bay) where I will become interim pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Memorial's new pastor will arrive in March, and my duties in Fairhope begin March 1. Our address will be: 9012 Gale Rowe Lane, Fairhope, AL 366353. Telephone: (251) 928-5065. Email address will stay the same: [MngrOR10SC@aol.com](mailto:MngrOR10SC@aol.com). God bless! Come see us!

*Cordially,*

*Dwyn and Kay Mounger*

FOCUS CLASS PARTICIPANTS, teachers and myself again wish to thank Kirk in the Pines for the use of Hoffius Hall, the Kirk staff who helps in many ways, and people from the church and Breakfast Lions who provided transportation.

A huge thank you to two special people, Carolyn Kane, Moderator of Congregational Care, who drove for every class, and Cole Goodman for setting up and taking down tables and coming in to adjust them frequently. Cole was always there to help me carry in a trunk load of supplies. He was often in the hall (smiling) watching us trying to gain control of a class that liked to talk among themselves.

*Thanks!  
Nancy Otto*

### *In Memoriam*

#### **Robert G. Haldeman**

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines January 8, 1984  
Entered the Church Triumphant March 4, 2007

#### **Frederick Gordon Kempf**

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines August 9, 1994  
Entered the Church Triumphant March 13, 2007

#### **Bernie P. Lacy**

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines December 14, 1983  
Entered the Church Triumphant March 17, 2007



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#### *Please pray for these people we know who are In Harm's Way*

**Dr. Sean Mullendore**, grandson of Connie & George Green, Standby, U.S. Air Force  
**Capt. Ben Brown**, grandson of Vic Brown, England, U.S. Air Force  
**Paul Glenn Head**, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army  
**David Lindholm**, grandson of George & Marianne Lindholm, Langlin AFB, U.S. Air Force  
**Gregory Lindholm**, nephew of George & Marianne Lindholm, Groton, CT, U.S. Navy  
**Capt. Shane Rosenthal**, grandnephew of Bob & Bev Kirchhoff, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Lt. David Hessert**, grandson of Ann Hessert, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Gabriel Hodgson**, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force  
**PFC Adam Sandifer**, grandson-in-law of Tom & Ethelee Beverly, Kuwait  
**Lt. Zachary Ritter**, grandson of Roger & Jeanne Kleinschmidt, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Christopher Kotz**, nephew of Bob & Judy Corwin, Iraq, 14th Marine Regiment  
**LCpl. Jordan Kilpatrick**, grandson of Bill & Pat McCluskey, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps  
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**Sgt. Jason Davis**, step-son of Cole Goodman, 875th Eng. Bat., Iraq, Arkansas National Guard  
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