

A Voice in the Pines

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The Pastor's Corner

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is, arguably, Christianity's most sacred site. Tradition dating back to the fourth century C.E. claims the site is the place where Jesus was crucified, buried and raised. The empty tomb of the resurrection is part of the church.

During our recent journey to the Holy Land, our group walked along the Via Dolorosa. We met hundreds, if not thousands, of Christian pilgrims, all crowding to see the place of Jesus' death and resurrection.

We also traveled to the Garden Tomb, a contested site some Protestants believe has more of a claim to authenticity. It only dates to the 19th century, but is outside the city gates. It is less congested and crowded, giving it a more peaceful setting. Whether or not it is the place of crucifixion and resurrection, it feels more serene and peaceful.

No one knows which site is more authentic. It is significant the oldest of these traditions only goes back to the 3rd or 4th centuries after Christ. So by the time Christians began to care about shrines and holy sites, the earliest followers had long since died and memories of the actual place, if there ever were any, had faded.

This contested tradition may be theologically significant. It reminds us the earliest followers of Christ apparently did not much care about shrines and holy sites. For them, Christ was alive, still present in the world, working and redeeming lives. They were disciples of a risen Lord, who was likely to meet them anywhere, at any time, calling them to ministry out in the world.

This is important for us as well. We also believe Christ is alive, still present in our lives and in the world, giving us all hope. As Brian Wren reminds us in a hymn:

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.*

As part of our Easter celebration at the Kirk, you are invited to our Easter celebration on Sunday, April 4. We will have two services (8 and 10 a.m.) with a reception between to the two services. Communion will be received on April 11.

During Holy Week, we will observe our traditional Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m., April 1. In addition to readings from the biblical story of Jesus' passion and death from Luke's Gospel, we will be extinguishing candles symbolic of Christ, the light of the world.

We will sing traditional holy week hymns and listen to special music from the choir. We will celebrate Communion together as we remember our Lord's Last Supper. The service is intended to be solemn and reflective – to help us meditate on Christ's passion on our behalf.

It is my hope your faith and hope will be renewed in this Season of Easter. Christ is Risen, indeed!

Peace,
Bill Bailey



**Sunday
Worship Service
10 a.m.**

**Sunday Discussion Group
8:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Focus Group
9 a.m.**

**Saturday
Informal Service
5 p.m. - Hoffius Hall**

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Clerk's Corner

113th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

The meeting was held at Lyon College in Batesville, Ark. The congregation is fortunate to have several members serving on different Presbytery committees.

The Rev. William Bailey is the current moderator of the Committee on Ministry; Liz Hardin serves on the Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals; Lon Hardin serves on the General Council, and Claire Rhodes is moderator for the General Council. Ruth Hamilton and I served as voting delegates from the congregation. This is the fifth Presbytery meeting I have had the privilege to attend.

Claire completed her year as Moderator for the Presbytery. Dr. Debra Carl Freeman was installed as the new moderator. This meeting was conducted in a most professional manner.

This was the first time I have had the opportunity to be on the campus of Lyon College. We, as Presbyterians, should be proud of this fine college. The enrollment is approximately 600.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting to select members to serve on the Session for the next three years. They will be looking for individuals who can continue to move the Kirk in the Pines forward. If you know of an individual you think would serve faithfully on the Session, please let a member of the committee know. They are Rich Croson, Cathy Clowers, Helen VanStone, Bob Corwin and Jerral Johnson.

We hope if a committee member approaches you to serve on the Session, you will pray and consider the request in a positive manner.

Have you downloaded the *Banner*?

The *Banner* is the newsletter for the Presbytery. I received my electronic copy and downloaded all 18 pages. Now the *Voice in the Pines* does not seem so long. Eleven years ago many universities and other organizations involved in information transfer were going to electronic methods to get the word to the public.

We are fortunate to have a group in the Kirk who saw this as a means to get information out to our members and save considerable funds.

We have a budding engineer in our congregation

In the recent Cub Scouts' Pine Wood Derby, Elijah Bailey took third place in "Design" for the car he designed. He also took third place in "Speed." Who knows, in the future he may design the car of the future for General Motors, or he may be the next great race car driver.

Congratulations, Elijah, from your friends at the Kirk.

Budget News

For the first two months of the year, General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$38,384.

For the first two months of the year, Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$1,470.

Remember your pledges. They are so important to the operation of this church and its support of other Christian organizations.

— Jerral Johnson,
Clerk of Session

Holy Week Services

April 1 — Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae Service — 7 p.m.

Kirk choir



***Christ the Lord is Risen Today!
Alleluia!***

April 3-4 — Easter Weekend

Saturday Worship Service — 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship Services

First service, 8 a.m.

Kirk choir

Coffee hour — 9 a.m.

Second service, 10 a.m.

Kirk choir

Good Friday Worship Service

3 p.m. - April 2

Good Samaritan Chapel

Sponsored by the Village Interfaith Council

Genesis ... what is it?

Invite friends and neighbors and attend this enlightening and educational program.

2 p.m. — Friday, April 16

Kirk sanctuary

Speaker: Jackie Morris of Genesis

- Learn how Genesis helps by relieving concerns about funeral expense and paperwork wherever you reside.
- Learn how this willed body donor program works for persons who wish to donate their bodies for the advancement of science.
- Learn from Villagers' testimonies why they chose Genesis, a nonprofit research facility in Memphis, Tenn.

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Congregational Care and Memorial Committees for the benefit of all in the community.

genesis

A Legacy of Life



*Your legacy,
enhancing life
through
knowledge*

Briefly ...

Dr. Edward N. McNulty's books are available.

The Education Committee has three of Dr. McNulty's books for you to peruse or purchase.

See *Faith & Film: A Guidebook for Leaders*, *Praying the Movies: Daily Meditations from Classic Films*, and *Praying the Movies II: More Daily Meditations from Classic Films* while signing up for seating reservations for the April 28-29 Midwinter Lectures. Dr. McNulty is guest speaker. His topic will be "Grace on the Silver Screen."

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services, Inc. is asking for help with various projects at the Children's Home in Monticello. Volunteers are needed for construction, building bookshelves, power washing siding, painting, re-staining doors, trimming trees, landscaping and more.

You're invited to go down and spend a day or two. They have a place for you to stay. Those interested should call Donald Teater at 870-367-9035.

Solar Under the Sun, a new ministry of the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Church (USA) will be holding training classes in partnership development and solar power installation and operation at Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Training dates are May 13-16 and Sept. 9-12.

Solar Under the Sun is working with the Synod of Living Waters to augment the Living Waters for the World (LWW) water treatment program. For more information call Ferncliff, 888-563-5167.

Thanks for helping!

"Going Green" with the Kirk newsletter has been enthusiastically accepted by Kirk members with Internet thus saving the church many dollars in printing and mailing costs.

Members without Internet are doing their part too, by picking up their copy while at church. This saves first-class postage and envelope cost. (Those who "forget" can always pick up their copy during the week in the Kirk office.)

Watch for our big reminder posters in the narthex and during coffee hour in Hoffius Hall on the two weekends nearest the first of each month.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Please use the envelope in the pew rack to support this important ministry. Your financial contribution will help rebuild homes, communities and lives.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday, March 28, and on Easter Sunday, April 4.

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 help 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.

Midwinter Lectures

April 28 and 29

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Hoffius Hall

featuring

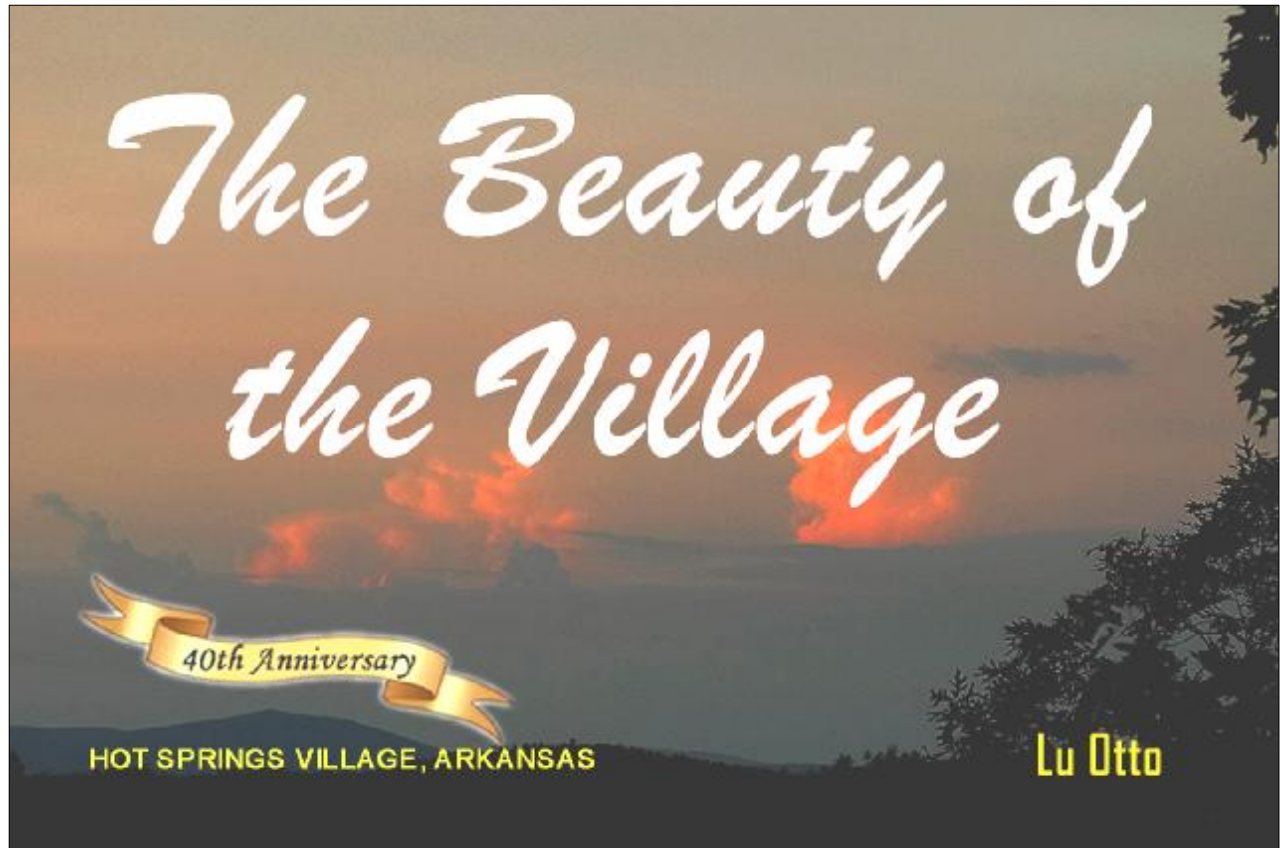
"Grace on the Silver Screen"

by

***Dr. Ed McNulty,
renowned author, teacher and
producer for television, radio and
film***

***Sign up for seating reservation the weekends of
April 10-11, 17-18 or 24-25***

(Lunch is "on your own.")



**Collected works of beautiful Village scenes
by renown photographer,**

Lu Otto

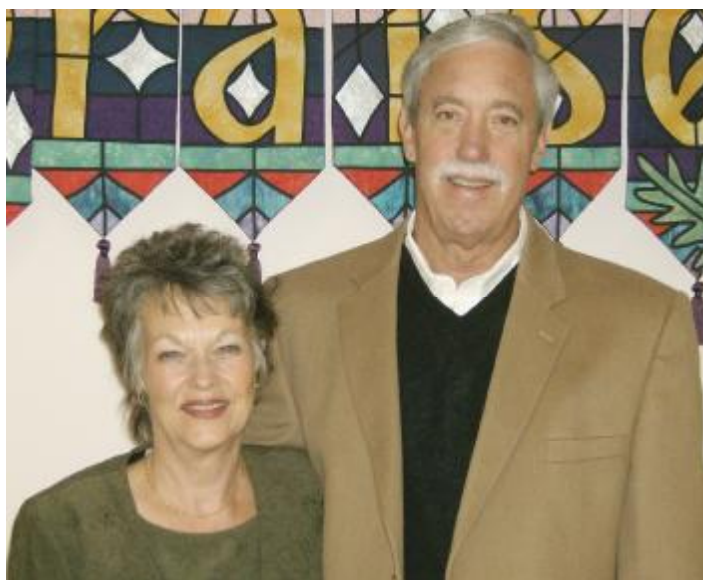
**7 p.m. – Sunday, April 18
Hoffius Hall**

**A gift to the community
presented by Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Evangelism
Committee and Kirk member Lu Otto**

Celebrating Hot Springs Village's 40th Anniversary

**Invite your friends and neighbors to see this new and extraordinary
collection of beautiful scenes of Hot Springs Village.**

Refreshments will be served during this free one-hour program.



Jim and Sandy Adams



Steve and Norma Stevens

Welcome new members to the Kirk family

James W. Adams and his wife, Sandra Grundvig Adams, moved into their new home at 15 Guindola Circle in August 2009.

The Adams have been married for 16 years and share two grown children. Their daughter, Rachel, is a high school teacher and mother of their totally delightful and beautiful one-year-old granddaughter. Their son, Eric, is engaged to be married in October and is a manager in the home health care industry.

In his other life, Jim was a controller in both the private and public sectors. He currently consults with waste companies from his home. Sandy taught school for 28 years, spending the last 17 years teaching first graders.

They have worshiped in non-denominational Christian, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in California. After a neighbor mentioned how inspirational Pastor Bailey was, they visited and found the people and Pastor Bailey to be very warm and friendly.

Jim enjoys sports, gardening, nature and traveling while Sandy enjoys family gatherings, traveling, nature activities, gardening and opera.

Jim and Sandy both feel they have everything they want here in the Village except their family.

You may call them at 915-9006 or email them at jamesadams63@att.net.

Welcome, Jim and Sandy, to your new church home!

“Come on in! Welcome to our home in the woods. Let’s sit at the kitchen table and get to know each other.”

As you can tell, Norma is a people person while husband Lloyd L. (Steve) Stevens is a little more reserved. Married almost 25 years, she came from a Baptist, Unity background. He grew up Mormon, serving as a missionary in New Zealand for two and a half years.

In their “other life” Steve was an architectural hardware consultant, steakhouse owner-operator and a Microsoft customer service rep while Norma spent the last 18 years as an American Airlines flight attendant. The 13 years before that she worked for an international company.

They were introduced by a mutual friend and married three months later. He has four grown children and seven grandchildren which he graciously shares with Norma. His only son moved in with them to help Steve get back on his feet after some health issues.

They both love the Village natatorium and go there often. Norma loves gardening, golf, travel and refinishing antiques. Steve enjoys sports, travel, history and nature. The Stevens are certainly in the right place!

Norma stopped by the Kirk to inquire about the purple flowers in the back. The people she met there

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were so warm and welcoming that she brought Steve to worship. That was all it took for them to decide to join.

They have been to several Kirk activities and are beginning to feel right at home and are looking forward to meeting more members.

Coming from Euless, Texas on July 4, 2009, the area beauty and the friendly people are among their favorite things about their new home in the Village.

The Stevens can be found down the hill from the church at 9 LaSagra Lane. You may welcome them to the Kirk by calling 915-8048 or emailing Norma at NORMAR47@HOTMAIL.COM or Steve at llstevenssr@gmail.com.

Welcome to your new church home, Norma and Steve. We are so glad to have you in our family!



Member's photos for new directory to be taken in May and June

The Membership Committee is firming up details with Olan Mills to take photos of Kirk members for a new pictorial directory.

Appointments will be scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 14, 15, and Wednesday through Saturday, June 2, 3, 4 and 5.

More information about scheduling will be in next month's newsletter.

Check your calendar now and save one of these dates for your sitting. The May dates will be available first to members who will be out of town in June.

FOOD BASKET

During April the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Potter's Clay. Their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, canned chili, soups and stews, boxed dinner helpers for hamburger, tuna and chicken, macaroni and cheese, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fruit and juices, dry and canned beans, dry and canned milk, hot and cold cereals. For those who wish to make a monetary gift there are pew envelopes marked "Food Basket."

Yom Hashoah

What do Presbyterians believe? Do you remember the series of sermons our pastor preached on this topic? His first sermon in this series emphasized the fact that as a denomination, Presbyterians are ecumenical. Have you ever heard a Presbyterian express the belief that our way is the only way?

Here in Hot Springs Village, the Kirk has always been a vital part of the ecumenical community. This is because we are ecumenical! It is a part of who we are and what we believe. We speak not only with words, but with actions that support what we say; therefore, we as a Kirk support the Village Interfaith Council.

The Village Interfaith Council (VIC) is sponsoring the second Holocaust Remembrance, Yom Hashoah, at 5 p.m. April 27 at Ponce de Leon Center.

Come and affirm your commitment to opposing genocide, and be a part of this very moving event.

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega

Pay attention to your plants. They may be telling you something important.

Plants do give homeowners signals. It is important we take note of those signals and correct problems that might be choking out plant growth.

On April 22, Master Gardener Jerral Johnson will discuss what our plants are telling us and explain how to encourage a longer, healthier life for those helpless plants dependent on us for their existence.

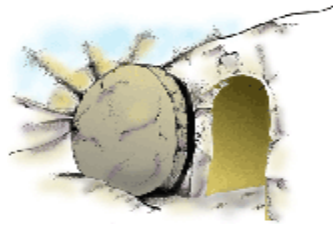
We may have abused our plants by ignoring poor pruning techniques, low or improper fertilization or, heaven forbid, allowing insects and diseases to take over.

If you have a plant problem, contact Jerral at jdjmj@suddenlink.net and he will offer solutions at the April meeting.

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday each month in Hoffius Hall.

Anyone interested in gardening is welcome.

If you have questions about the meeting, contact Jerral at 922-6641.

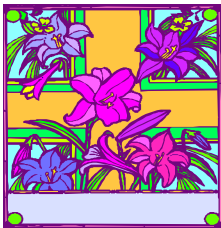


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<p>4 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>Coffee Hour</i> 9 a.m.</p> 	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED 2:00 Communication Committee 6:00 HSV Players 7:00 AA</p>	<p>6 9:00 Bible Moderators 10:15 Special Meeting 12:00 Big Band 7:00 Shepherd Group #2</p>	<p>7 9:00 Bible Study 9:30 Embroidery Guild 1:00 Symphony Guild #1 2:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Education Committee 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 HSV Players</p>
<p>11 10:00 Worship Service COMMUNION SERVICE 8:45 Discussion Group 9:00 Adult Focus Group</p>	<p>12 9:30 Circle Meetings 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 AA</p>	<p>13 9:00 Greenhorns 10:15 Special Meeting 12:30 Session Meeting 1:30 Big Band</p>	<p>14 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Symphony Guild #2 2:00 Heifer Project 2:00 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>
<p>18 10:00 Worship Service 8:45 Discussion Group 9:00 Adult Focus Group 7:00 Beauty of the Village (Lu Otto)</p>	<p>19 10:00 Congregational Care Committee 3:15 Worship Committee 7:00 AA</p>	<p>20 10:15 Special Meeting 1:30 Big Band 1:30 Stewardship Committee 2:00 Memorial Committee</p>	<p>21 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Bell Choir 2:30 Heifer Project 4:00 Kirk Choir 7:00 Caring & Sharing</p>
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Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:15 Fellowship Committee 2:00 Evangelism Committee</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 Lenten Service</p>	<p>2 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p><i>Good Friday services</i></p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 3:00 P.M. GOOD SAMARITAN CHAPEL <i>Village Interfaith Council</i></p>	<p>3 5:00 Informal Worship Service COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>8 9:00 Christian Practice 3:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>15 9:00 Christian Practice 2:00 Planning & Coordinating 2:00 Membership 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>16 7:30 Men's Association 2:00 Genesis Donor Program 7:00 Party Bridge</p>	<p>17 12:30 Symphony Guild Auditions 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>22 9:00 Christian Practice 2:00 Gardening W/S 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>23 Tentative Date: TBA 6:00 p.m. Choir Dinner</p>	<p>24 PW SATURDAY 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>29 9:00-3:00 Lecture Series 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>April</p>

New Territory by the Christian Friendship Program

*Learning to **listen** and not to **fix** another's problem is at the heart of the Christian Friendship Program. Please read the following, and think about how well you listen to persons you know. To be listened to, to be really heard, is truly a sweet experience.*

Listening

By Dotty Rector

Listening to another may not seem like much, but its effect happens to be very therapeutic.

Everyone yearns to be heard. But so many cannot find anyone who will listen, or do not trust most people to be able to handle what they really need to say.

Listening is not always easy. It takes time, and the time might be inconvenient besides. It demands really being there for the other during that period, fully present and attentive, one's own needs and concerns set aside. This is exacting.

Listening might mean being afflicted with the most profound sense of helplessness, having the springs of sorrow touched, seeing one's dearest conviction called painfully into question by the experience and testimony of another.

The person may not be attractive, might be telling a dull and too oft repeated tale, might be making mountains out of molehills, might be demanding and even manipulative. These are the hazards.

Nevertheless, there comes to me a human being whom God created and loves. There comes a sister or brother for whom Christ died. (*Rom 14:15*). There enters a suffering fellow pilgrim. The first thing one consents to do is to welcome and listen. It is an act of love.

The willingness to enter into a helping relationship is essentially the willingness to be a companion — not a teacher, not a savior, but a companion. "I will go with you on your journey, take to heart all that concerns you, be there when you need me." This is companionship.

The helper does not solve the problem or always take the pain away. But he or she is friend and resource, to explore with another, to watch another with concern, to listen and respond, to be available.



Attention Bridge Players

*Enjoy an evening
of Party Bridge*

All bridge players are invited for an evening of party bridge and conversation at 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, in Hoffius Hall.

Grab your partner and RSVP to
Jan Clark, 922-4308 or Vianne Huff, 922-4624.

Drivers Needed



Volunteers are needed
to drive members to doctor appointments
and to the hospital.
To offer your time and talent or to make an
appointment for a ride, call
Larry Bradley at 922-1333

(This service is sponsored by the
Kirk Congregational Care Committee)

Kirk Presbyterian Women hear good news about Haiti

Susan Turbeville, administrative assistant to Frances Landers, the 93-year-old founder of Haiti Education Foundation, brought a positive message to the women of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines at their spring gathering on March 8.

Following the morning Bible study led by Kirk member, Dr. Jim Thayer, and a delicious luncheon provided by the Greenhorns, a cooking group at the church, Turbeville's joyful presentation captured the minds and hearts of her listeners.

"In spite of the devastating earthquake on January 12, our hope for Haiti is in Jesus Christ," she said, "and in the spirit and faith of the Haitian people."

The Haiti Education Foundation has now established a "Disaster Fund" to help the Episcopal priests who oversee the schools and to assist the Haitian principals and teachers get education back on track in the mountains of southern Haiti. Only three schools established by the Foundation were lost completely, but others were damaged and many supplies were ruined.

In 1977, Frances Landers, a Presbyterian woman in El Dorado, Ark., and her ophthalmologist husband, Dr. Gardner Landers, made their first trip to Haiti to help the Medical Benevolence Foundation address the need for more cataract surgeries. The couple eventually developed a routine of two trips a year, accompanied by their surgical team. They operated at the Presbyterian-Episcopal Saint Croix Hospital, bringing sight to thousands through surgery and eyeglasses.

One day in 1981, Landers talked with Father Jean Albert, the Haitian chaplain at the hospital in Leogane, and learned how a tiny mission school in the mountains had to turn away children because there was no room. Moved by his story, she came home to Arkansas and raised money to build and operate an eight-room school at Mercery Village and



Susan Turbeville (left), administrative assistant, Haiti Education Foundation, receives a check from Dotty Rector, vice-moderator of Kirk Presbyterian Women.

(Madelyn Young photo)

to set up three other small schools in nearby mountain communities.

Now, almost 30 years later, the Haiti Education Foundation has grown to involve support from churches and individuals all over the country. One hundred percent of every donation is used as designated by the donor. The Foundation now funds 40 elementary and 10 high schools that educate over 13,000 children throughout Saint Matthias and Ascension parishes in southern Haiti.

Turbeville expressed her thanks for the strong support Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines has given the Foundation.

"Education is a gift that multiplies in the sharing," she said. "Once voodoo priests ruled these villages, but now children who learn to read are teaching others in their families. They are reading the Bible, and this is giving HOPE to the people of Haiti."

— Madelyn Young

Rejoice at
EASTER

 A decorative graphic for Easter. It features the word "EASTER" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Above it, the word "Rejoice at" is written in a red, cursive font. Below "EASTER", there is a yellow flower with a green stem and leaves, and a green vine-like flourish.

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. \$814 was collected for the month of February, 2010.



Presbyterian Women

Coming events

April 24-25. There will be a new look in church. When the sermon is delivered, the minister will look like Janie Smith, and so it will be. The choir will sound like all women and it will be. The ushers, liturgists, organist/pianist? All ladies.

Ah, you guessed it. Presbyterian Women of the Kirk will lead worship at the 5 p.m. Saturday evening and the 10 a.m. Sunday morning services.

PW officers for 2010-11 will be installed at the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

COOKIE NEWS. Chocolate cookies, oatmeal cookies, sugarless cookies ... **SUGARLESS?**

Yes, sugarless cookies are coming to Hoffius Hall. Because some people cannot have sugar, the PW Coordinating Team (CT) voted to serve sugarless cookies in addition to the regular ones.

Bakers need to mark "sugarless" or "regular" clearly on the plastic bags.

Anyone with a good sugarless cookie recipe is invited to share it. Put the recipe in the PW box or give it to Sue Thayer. Look for sugarless cookies in Hoffius Hall soon.

May 8. PW Gathering and Luncheon.

The Greenhorns, the wonderful caterers for PW luncheons, have signaled S.O.S.

May activities, including Mother's Day, are about to overwhelm them. To provide relief, the PW luncheon in May will be a salad meal with each member bringing a salad. Reservations will be needed by May 2.

There will not be a salad luncheon in June.

PW Gathering & Luncheon **Monday, May 8**

11 a.m. — Sanctuary

Bible study,
Birthday Offering dedication

Noon — Salad potluck lunch

(Each member please bring a salad.)

12:30 p.m. — Program

Woman of Faith and Honorary Life Member
awards presentation.

Reservations needed by May 2.

Budget making ... It's a year-long process

The budget is a planning device which allows Session to authorize basic spending for the Kirk throughout the coming year. "It can (and probably will) be modified throughout the calendar year," said Darell Fisher, moderator of the Finance Committee, during a financial update he presented March 2 for Kirk members.

This budget process is underway from May through January. It begins with letters to each moderator concerning their initial projections. By July the moderators' initial inputs are reviewed. August through November the Finance Committee monitors and reviews the current budget.

In December the committee reviews membership pledges and merges the moderators' request with pledges and other estimated income.

This process concludes with review and approval by Session.

Changes in the life and mission of the Kirk, monitored by the Finance Committee through Session, might bring about modifications in the budget. The Session this year, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, established a balanced budget. While per capita giving in the church increased, family units decreased by 25.

Darell expressed his gratitude for the time, talent and money generously given by members of the Kirk.

We all seek ways to find additional families to share the vision of the Kirk.

-- Sharon Gardner

New Head Shepherds for 2010 at the Kirk

Lovedays lead Shepherd Groups

Don and Edie Loveday are the new Head Shepherds at the Kirk. They have already begun their duties and are excited to be serving the congregation.

The Lovedays moved to Hot Springs Village in 2005 from Denver, Colo. They saw Arkansas for retirement as coming home to their roots. Don was originally from Oklahoma and Edie from Missouri. They have two children and two grandchildren in Colorado and one child and two grandchildren living in Virginia. Their family loves the Village!

They have a Methodist background but joined the Kirk in 2006 because of the “friendly people.”

Don and Edie prepared for the job of Head Shepherds by serving as assistant leaders last year under 2009 Head Shepherd, Jean Fisher. They were interested in the Shepherd groups because it is a great way to get to know people in the church. Don and Helen VanStone are assistant leaders this year.

Their goal this year is to see more of the communication-only members involved in the groups. Communication-only members are those who have chosen not to participate in their group's activities, but want to receive information about other members. They will reach out to those members and encourage them to attend at least one activity.

Kirk Men's Association

Featured speaker April 16 for the Kirk Men's Association will be Gary Vogt, fitness coordinator at the Coronado Fitness Center. His experience and training spans 20 years as a group exercise instructor, personal trainer, and teacher of fitness classes and programs.

Gary came to the Village four years ago from the Milwaukee area of Wisconsin. He has found that participants in the Center's fitness programs focus upon functional problems of age and medication.

He is often approached by people saying, “I've just been to my doctor and he/she has reduced or changed my medications and I need to be more fit.”

There are many ways to become more fit by



Don and Edie Loveday

Shepherd Groups provide a social outlet but also act as “family” for each other. Each group meets once a month for various activities such as dinner, breakfast, golf, games and tours.

They host coffee hour at church on Sunday mornings. When there is a need, the Shepherds prepare a meal for the family following a funeral or memorial service.

The number one mission of each Shepherd Group is to care for each other. Don and Edie want each group to do what Jesus commanded, “Love one another and tend my sheep”.

-- Sharon Gardner

participation in the programs of the Coronado Center. As Gary says, “There is always something you can do to get started.”

The Kirk Men's Association meets on the third Friday every month. Donuts and coffee are served at 7:30 a.m. and the program begins at 8 a.m.

Wives and friends are always welcome.



Gary Vogt

-- Tom Hightower



April 2010



BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Lois Dykstra	April 11	Herb Perrin	April 24	Ray Beal
April 2	Jeanne Kleinschmidt	April 12	Max Simmons		Cheryl Dean
April 3	Teresa Goodman	April 16	Darlene Spiller	April 25	Bill Bailey
	Evelyn Plueckhahn		Marty Volkema	April 26	Sheri Swan
April 4	Eileen Kuhn	April 17	Lu Otto	April 28	Kenneth Poole
April 5	Iva Dee Warren	April 18	Richard Croson	April 29	Pat Hightower
April 7	Neil Broscha	April 19	Howard Zuidema		Bill Lockridge
April 8	Tom Martick	April 20	Linda Smith		Louise Nunn
	Betty Brown		Robert Smith	April 30	Helen Anderson
April 9	Sally Hess	April 21	Calvin Sloma		Peg Anderson
	Sallie Huss	April 22	Georgia Hill		Ruth Fox
	Judy Sonnenburg	April 23	Sandra Adams		
April 10	Joe Hardman		Doris Simmons		
	Don Robinson		Jean Fisher		
			Claire Rhodes		

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2	Horace and Jane Shankwiler	April 10	Bob and Jody Burt
April 3	James and Sandra Adams	April 15	Charles and Beverly McFadden
	Bill and Jean Pritchett	April 19	Dennis and Rhonie Zymboly
April 4	Frank and Cindy Morgan	April 21	Ernest and Betty Jean Smith
April 5	Ray and Eloise Record	April 29	Rich and Mildred Croson

News from the Flocks

At their March meeting Breakfast Shepherd Group #5 was treated to sumptuous, home-cooked fare in Hoffius Hall. The Martins and the Kerrs out-did themselves by preparing many hot dishes and fresh fruit salads for the thirty attendees. The tables were decorated with Shamrocks and special St Patrick placemats.

Shepherd Group 5 meets at different locations on the first Friday of every month. Members enjoy each other's company and support one another during times of need.



Chefs Norm and Char Martin, Dean and Lorna Kerr.
(Dotty Rector photo)

Dear Kirk Friends:

Thanks!

Olympic gold medals to our caring Kirk friends who furnished food and encouragement during my foot surgery. Your thoughtfulness cannot be measured.

— Judy Stewart



Shirley Johnson, Georgia Hill, Ruth Fox, Jean Dillon, (l-r), one of the Kirk 4x4 Singles groups, surround Scarface Capone at the Gangster Museum in Hot Springs.

4x4 Groups have a good time!

One 4x4 Singles Group found the Gangster Museum an interesting place to visit and learn more about of the history of Hot Springs.

Three years ago Bebe Anderson and Wilma Reed formed the 4x4 Groups for single women in the Kirk. The ladies, in groups of four, rotate being hostess when they meet monthly during January, February, March and April. Then they switch to a different group to meet in September, October, November and December. They become well acquainted and become close friends.

Each group determines their activity for the month. They may have a luncheon, attend a movie or concert, play bridge or visit places such as Glenhaven Youth Ranch to learn more about it.

Single women in the Kirk interested in joining can call Bebe at 922-0551 or Wilma at 922-3498.

To my dear Kirk family,

The five months I served as the Kirk's interim music director were filled with an abundance of blessings for me.

Choir members and our organist, Barb Greenman, were very accepting and cooperative, and it was a joy to work with them. Thank you for putting your faith in me and allowing me to serve in that capacity.

I deeply appreciate all of you being so generous with your support and encouragement. We are very grateful Larry is recovering and has returned to us.

Blessings and love,

— Pat Hightower

Many thanks, Pat



Bev Bullard (left) and Sharon Gardner (right) presented tokens of appreciation to Pat Hightower. (Judy Corwin photo)

Choir expressed its appreciation

Pat Hightower received a surprise send-off by the Kirk choir as they thanked her for serving as interim choir director the last four months.

Pat has handed the reins back to Music Minister, Larry Bradley, who has returned following an automobile accident last October.

Choir members expressed their appreciation for Pat's hard work and dedication in directing them.

Bev Bullard surprised her with a lovely cake. Sharon Gardner presented flowers and Judy Corwin read a special tribute poem in Pat's honor.

The choir says, "Thanks, Pat, and welcome back to your regular seat in the choir loft."

Please pray for these people we know who are in Harm's Way

Craig Franklin, son of Patricia Franklin - US Air Force - Iraq
Paul Glenn Head, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army
Capt. Ryan Herbst, grandson of Shirley Peglar. US Army - Iraq
Gabriel Hodgson, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force
David Lindholm, grandson of G. Lindholm, Langlin AFB, U.S. Air Force
Gregory Lindholm, nephew of G. Lindholm, Groton, CT, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Adam Sandifer, grandson-in-law of Tom and Ethelee Beverly, U.S. Army, Germany



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Check the dates by the month, week or day.

Newsletter and bulletin deadlines

The next **newsletter** deadline is April 15.
E-mail Joyce Leeming at JBL37@sbcglobal.net

The Sunday **bulletin** deadline is Wednesday each week.

E-mail Sallie Huss at kirksec2@sbcglobal.net

Send **calendar** changes to Barbara Myers at kirksec1@sbcglobal.net

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