

A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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The Pastor's Corner

A number of years ago Anne and I saw the wonderful play entitled *Wit*. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1998 and was eventually adapted into a movie by the same name.

The film version starred Emma Thompson. She played a woman named Vivian Bearing – a demanding English professor whose specialty is the 16th century poet and clergyman, John Donne.

Vivian is dying of cancer.

Much of the story chronicles her struggle with doctors, nurses, hospitals and researchers who convince her to submit to an experiential regimen of chemotherapy. Through it all, she loses her hair, a great deal of weight and, in the end, the chemo does not work. The cancer spreads and she must come to terms with death.

Throughout the story, John Donne's poetry– his "holy sonnets"– keep coming into her memory and her conversations:

*Death be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for, thou are not so....*

*Why swell'st thou then; One short sleepe past, wee wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; death thou shalt die.*

As Vivian becomes sicker and weaker, she struggles to believe these words of Christian hope. She feels she is all alone and she's afraid.

At the very end of the movie, there is a moving scene when one of her old professors, her mentor now retired, an elderly woman, comes to visit Vivian in the hospital. The elderly professor barely recognizes Vivian, but then she does a remarkable thing – she removes her shoes and gets into the bed with Vivian and cradles her like a child. She then begins to read to Vivian, not from John Donne, but from a children's book by Margaret Wise Brown, *The Runaway Bunny*:

Once there was a little bunny who wanted to run away. So he said to his mother, "I am running away."

"If you run away," said his mother, "I will run after you."

"If you run after me," said the little bunny, "I will be come a fish in a trout stream and I will swim away from you."

"If you become a fish in a trout stream," said the mother, "I will become a fisherman and I will fish for you."

"If you become a fisherman," said the little bunny, "I will become a rock on the mountain, high above you."

"If you become a rock on a mountain high above me," said his mother, "I will be a mountain climber, and I will climb to where you are."

On and on the bunny threatens to run away, but the mother

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Sunday Worship Service

10 a.m.

Sunday Focus Group

9 a.m.

Saturday Informal Service

5 p.m. - Hoffius Hall

Wednesday Bible Study

9 a.m. — Hoffius Hall

Thursday Study Group

9 a.m. — Conference Room

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Clerk's Corner

Highlights of the March 8, 2011 meeting of Session:

Financial report

General Fund year-to-date as of Feb. 28, 2011

Receipts (Over budget \$2,418)

Disbursements (Under budget \$25,907)

Surplus as of Feb. 28, 2011 (\$28,325)

Building Fund year-to-date as of Feb. 28, 2011

Receipts (Under budget \$584)

Disbursements (Under budget \$3,874)

Surplus as of Feb. 28, 2011 (\$3,290)

Church Statistics

Members who passed way during the last month:

Lou Dowling, DOD Feb. 28, 2011, Bloomington, Ind.

Charles (Chuck) Moffat, DOD March 7, 2011, Hot Springs Village

Members requesting removal from the Kirk membership roll:

Dorothy Currence, 1209 Meadowlark Cr., Manhattan, KS. 66502

Rex Monrone, 20541 N. Bailey Ct., Surprise, AZ. 85387-2803

Judy Raskin, 10181 Camino Ruiz #69, San Diego, CA 92126-6415

Dan Wier, 2701 Aldersgate Rd. #522, Little Rock, AR 72205

Eleanor Wills, Kent Ridge, 5421 Sunnybrook Rd. #B16, Kent, OH 44240-7359

Members transferred to another church:

Edwina Oglesby, 202 Oak Dr. S. #25, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Church Statistics as of March 8, 2011:

Members: 458 Families: 292

Congregational Care

Take time to visit with members of the community that are sick. Sometimes a short visit or a call can mean a lot to someone in the hospital or who is a shut-in.

Finance Committee

1. The 2010 audit will be conducted in May.
2. Bequests:

An additional \$28,000 will be forthcoming from the Drum estate. The money will be placed in the Endowment Fund.

A bequest of \$33,000 will be coming from the Maggie Lattice's estate. At her request, the money will be placed in the Building Fund.

— Jerral Johnson
Clerk of Session



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
10 a.m.—April 17

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service
7 p.m.—April 21

Easter Services
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday, April 24
Coffee hour after each service

Worship services during Lent in April will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Kirk sanctuary. Leading the services will be:

- April 6** -- The Rev. Burle Mattingly
- April 13** -- The Rev. Dave Nottrott

The Kirk invites all who worship to have lunch each week at 11:30 a.m. in Hoffius Hall following the service.

Homemade soups and breads provided by the congregation will be served.

All in the community are welcome.

Ecumenical Worship Service on Good Friday, April 22

Would you like to join other Christians in Hot Springs Village to worship our Lord at 3 p.m. on Good Friday, April 22?

Village Interfaith Council, representing 12 denominations within the Village, will sponsor “The Living Last Words,” a beautiful service of scripture and choral and instrumental music at Barcelona Road Baptist Church, 390 Barcelona Road.

Dr. Bruce Swihart, Pastor, and Duane Blakley, Minister of Music, invite all in our community to the mid-afternoon service. Pastors from other churches will also participate. Admission is free, and child care is provided.

What a wonderful opportunity to join hands with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the foot of the Cross!

Please note these changes

- The Wednesday Bible class will not meet again until April 27.
- The Thursday Morning Study Group will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 21.



One Great Hour of Sharing

On Palm Sunday, April 17, and Easter Sunday, April 24, One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes will be in your worship bulletins.

Please use this envelope to support this important ministry.

One Great Hour of Sharing began in response to the devastation of World War II. The offering is distributed in three ways: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 32 percent; Self-Development of People, 32 percent; and the Presbyterian Hunger Program, 36 percent.

As we give these gifts, let us thank God for this opportunity to reach out with love in the name of Christ.

Pastor's Corner

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is firm. The little bunny says, "I'll become a sailboat and sail away." And the mother insists, "If you do, I will become the wind and blow you back to me."

Finally the little bunny says, "I guess I'll just stay here and be your little bunny!" And so he did.

It is an extraordinary moment. In the end, we believe that God is like that mother—not cancer, not death, nothing can separate us from God's steadfast love. Neither Vivian, nor any of us is all alone. God is with us and, because of Easter, none of us need be afraid.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

—Bill Bailey



Time to order Easter flowers

Once again its time to think about beautifying our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with live blooming plants.

During April, order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or you can stop by the church office anytime during the month to order your Easter plants. The deadline for ordering is April 17.

This year, as in years past, you may order an Easter lily, hydrangea or azalea in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

Easter lilies are \$11.75; hydrangeas \$17.50, and azaleas are \$19.50.

These are first-grade healthy plants and will be wonderful additions to your private garden or can be donated to the Kirk Memorial Garden.

If you have questions please call Christine

Sign up to provide soup and bread for Lenten lunches

Sign-up forms for providing soup and/or bread will be in the worship service bulletins April 2, 3 and 9, 10. The last Lenten service and lunch will be April 13.

Plan now to bring your favorite homemade soup and bread.

Lyon College to host 32nd Arkansas Scottish Festival

Admission will be free April 8-10 to the Arkansas Scottish Festival on the Lyon College campus in Batesville, Ark. The celebration began as a way to honor the college's Scottish roots. Lyon College was founded in 1872 by the Presbyterian Church, which has its roots in Scotland.

It wouldn't be a Scottish festival without bagpipe, drumming and Highland dancing competitions featuring qualifiers from all over the world.

The Highland Games feature athletes competing in traditional Scottish events including the caber toss, hammer throw, stone put and sheaf toss.

FAITH

and

FILM

Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace

In the film, *Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace*, part of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, widely known in religious circles as a brilliant thinker, speaker and writer, is documented.

This highly regarded Lutheran minister and theologian played a courageous role in the German resistance to Hitler in World War II, standing up for the rights of Jews,—a course of action which would cost him his life.

Struggling between his Christian values and loyalty to his homeland, Bonhoeffer chose to stand up against the Nazis. His participation in the German resistance and his moral struggle are dramatized in this film. The film also sheds light on the little-known efforts of the German resistance.

Bonhoeffer's story is one of faith and courage and moral responsibility. These issues are just as important today as they were half a century ago.

A DVD of the film may be checked out from the Kirk library to view. Please return it promptly so others may use it. Then join us for Faith & Film at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 in Hoffius Hall. Pastor Bill Bailey will facilitate the discussion.

—Diane Roberts

Celebrating 5th anniversary of informal worship

Can you believe the Informal Worship Service will celebrate its 5th anniversary on April 16 — just six days shy of its first service on April 22, 2006?

It seems like only yesterday we were asking for approval from the Session to allow us to have a trial period from April until the start of Advent that year to see if there was enough interest to continue it.

The Evangelism Committee had spent six months in preparation, working out all the details. The Presbytery suggested we have 25 couples commit to attending the service for a year to get it “off the ground.”

We went beyond that suggestion, acquiring this commitment plus having prayer services for three Saturdays prior to the start of the Informal Service to ask for God’s guidance and leadership in this endeavor.

Our goal was to reach younger people and families with small children. What we did not anticipate was that it filled a great need for those members who are physically challenged due to health reasons. The time of day was better, and Hoffius Hall is much more handicap-accessible.

During the first year alone, we added 10 new members to the Kirk who came in through the Informal Worship Service. Now many of these are active in other areas of church life, but they say they would not have come to the Kirk any other way.

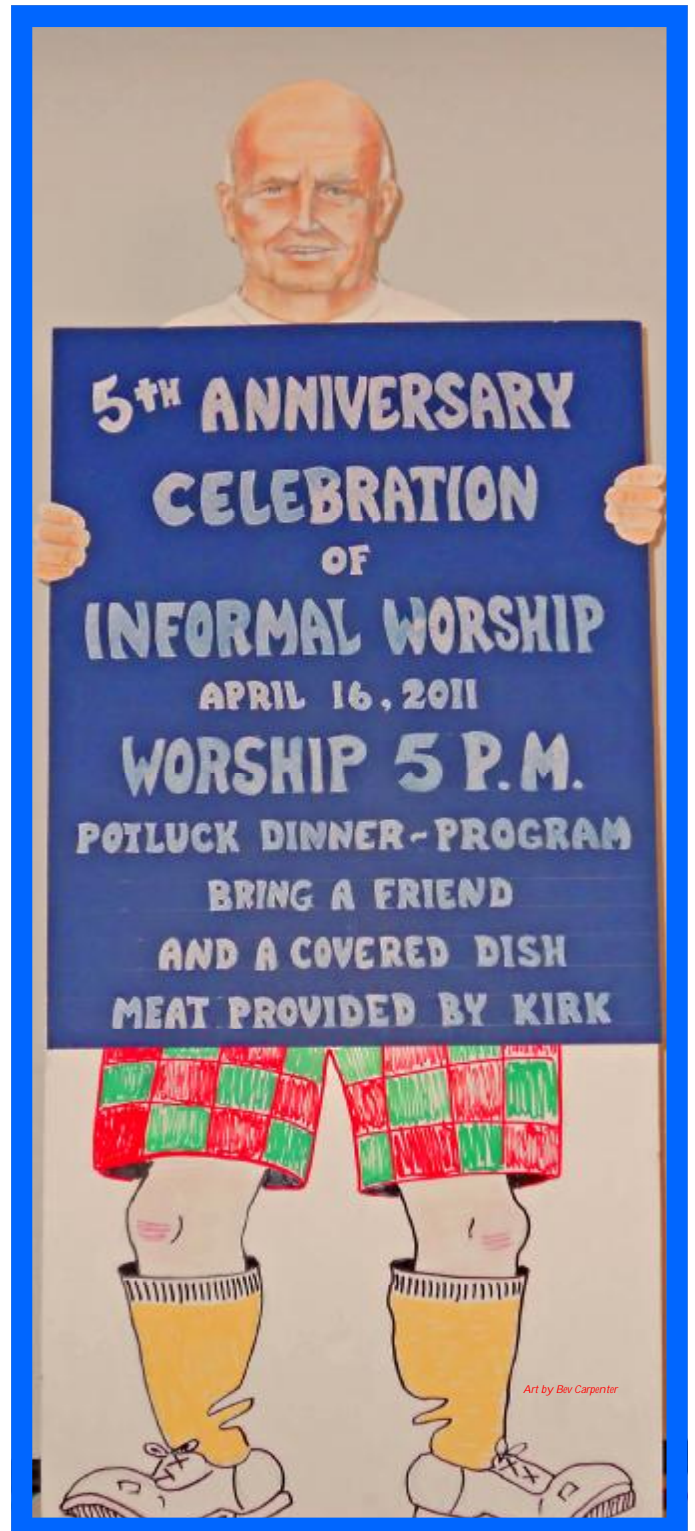
We ask the entire congregation to join with us in celebrating five years of Informal Worship at the Kirk.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. on April 16, for worship, followed by a potluck dinner immediately after the service. We encourage you to

bring guests, but remind you to bring extra food if you have guests. The church will furnish the meat.

After the meal, Dave Nottrott will be in charge of the celebration program.

—Yvonne Jones



Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo



Share Christ on a
Wonderful Weekend!

April 7 - 10 at Ferncliff

To register go to
www.cursillo-arkansas.org

Gifts that keep on giving ... forever

A Generous Gift

Each year the Kirk mourns the deaths of those who were part of our community of faith, and often the departed remembered the church in a final gift. One such person was Sherill Drum who died March 16 last year.

This February the Kirk received \$210,000 from his estate, and this money was put in our endowment fund which helps ensure the longevity and growth of the Kirk and its programs.

In the December newsletter I discussed the endowment and what it means to the church. By way of review, these funds are invested in the Texas Presbyterian Foundation's (TPF) Balanced Fund, and the value of account was \$254,277.56 on February 28.

We are extremely grateful to Sherill and all the others for their generous and thoughtful donations to the Kirk.

If you are interested in bequeathing gifts to our endowment or other church programs, remember there are several ways of doing this—life insurance, IRAs, and Charitable Gift Annuities are but a few of the many tools available. Contact me or other members of the Finance Committee for details. And remember, all gifts of any amount are welcomed.

—Darell Fisher,
Finance Committee Endowment Chair

MISSION DOLLARS

One dollar bills placed in the offering plate at worship services help support our church missions. \$506 was collected in February, 2011.

Thank you for your support

Wear your name tag, please

Let's wear our name tags to each service. We ask our visitors to wear one, and we should do as much for them. Thank you.

IRA-to-Charity Rollovers (They're back)

Since 2006, a popular tax rule permitted those aged 70-and-a-half to roll their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a qualified charity. No one knew if this procedure would stay alive, but last minute tax legislation give it the okay for 2010 and 2011.

Unfortunately the deadline for 2010 was January 31 of this year. However, for those who don't need RMDs for living expenses—or for those who normally give money to charity—this can help with your 2011 taxes. Like all things taxable, there are caveats and conditions. IRS Publication 590 details this procedure, and you should consult a tax professional before you take any action.

By-the-way, the Kirk is a qualified charity.

--Darell Fisher,
Finance Committee Endowment Chair

Going green with Kirk shopping bags!

Paper or Plastic? Neither!

The Membership and Evangelism committees

came up with the clever idea of using shopping bags to hold the informational materials and gifts given to new Kirk members and guests.

The church's name is printed on the side and the recyclable polypropylene bags will be reusable for a long time. Extras were ordered so Kirk members can purchase several for

themselves at cost. And, they are only \$2 each!

You can easily fold the extras and put them in one bag or tuck them all in your purse.

No more plastic or paper bags to recycle. Its one more way to make our church more visible and offer an opportunity to invite the curious to visit the Kirk.

Watch for them on display during fellowship hour and "Go Green!"



116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

The 116th Stated Meeting was held Feb. 18-19 in Clarksville, Ark., at the University of the Ozarks. I served as voting elder for Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Pastor Bill Bailey, as a member of the Arkansas Presbytery, had one vote. He is also Moderator of the Committee on Ministry. Liz Hardin, Debra Cordell and Carol Clark also attended the meeting.

Friday, Feb. 18

Clerk of Session Workshop -- On Friday a workshop session entitled "Clerk and Moderator of Session Training" was held for Clerks of Session and Moderators. It was led by Rev. Dick Shinkle.

Opening Session--The Opening Business Session began at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship and Installation of New Moderator

Moderator Debra Carl Freeman conducted the opening Worship Service, followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Elder Samuel Highsmith was installed as the new moderator. He is a lawyer and has been serving as General Counsel for the Arkansas Presbytery.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Business Meeting -- The business meeting was opened by Moderator Highsmith.

Morning Worship -- Joy Carrington, a MWS (Minister of Word and Sacrament) candidate, conducted the morning worship service as part of her preparation for ordination. Carrington was later presented by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to the audience for oral examination. Following successful completion of the oral examination, she was approved by the voting commissioners, pastors and other voting delegates.

Committee on Ministry -- The Committee on Ministry presented the following individuals for enrollment in the Presbytery of Arkansas:

- Rita Wilson was approved and will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Yellville.
She will be leaving the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery.
- Dr. William Christma was approved as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, pending his release from John Calvin Presbytery. He serve as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mena.
- Renew the covenant between the Interim Pastor MWS Robert Lowry and Batesville Presbyterian Church from Jan. 1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2011.
- Dissolve the pastoral relationship between MWS David Dyer and First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville.. He was given status as Honorably Retired.
- MWS Robert Williamson Jr. was received as a member of the Presbytery pending his release from Foothills Presbytery.
- MWS Jim Chaffin transferred from New Covenant to Arkansas Presbytery.

All were approved.

Proposed Amendments

Fifteen amendments were presented by the General Assembly for vote. Fourteen passed and one failed.. A Special Edition of *The Banner*, the newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas, dated Feb. 22, covers the different amendments in more detail. It is available on the internet at www.presbyteryofarkansas.org.

— Jerral Johnson,
Clerk of Session

Spring Lecture Series next month at the Kirk

The Education Committee has announced the next two-day lecture series will be held May 4 and 5 in Hoffius Hall.

Guest lecturer will be The Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr. (Bobby), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College where he focuses on biblical studies.



The Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr.

Dr. Williamson’s topic will be “The Un-Lictionary: Theological Explorations in the Forgotten Books of the Bible.”

A native of Clemson, S.C., the professor received his B.S. in chemical engineering from Clemson University before attending seminary at Columbia Theological

Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

Dr. Williamson has a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) from Emory University, where he specialized in Hebrew Wisdom Literature.

He also holds a postgraduate degree in Jewish Studies from Oxford University. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), working with college students at Hendrix and serving as parish associate at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

Dr. Williamson lives in Conway with his dog, Siduri (named for the tavern keeper in the epic of Gilgamesh). He will be married to the Rev. Lindy Vogado in June.

Would you like to tour Italy?

Are you still considering accompanying the Rev. Don Trent and Pastor Bill Bailey to Italy in November?

Pastor Trent says the tour can include up to 45 people and there are a few seats left. Ponder no more. Now is the time to confirm your reservations.

A day-to-day itinerary and reservation forms are included in the brochures in the literature rack outside the office and on the bulletin board in Hoffius Hall.

The tour leaves Nov. 2 and returns Nov. 12. For more information, call Rev. Trent at 922-2097.

“The Un-Lictionary: Theological Explorations in the Forgotten Books of the Bible”

Presented by
**The Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr.,
Assistant Professor of Religious
Studies, Hendrix College**



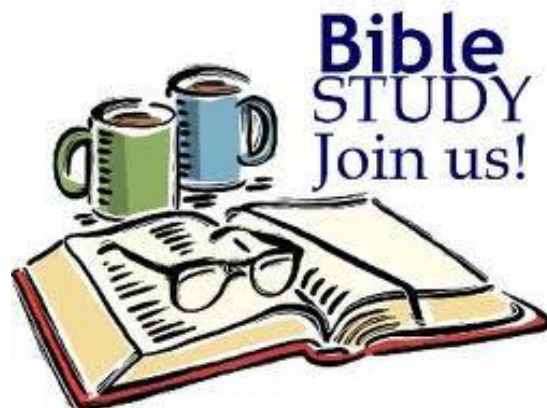
Spring Lecture Series

Hoffius Hall

**Wednesday, May 4
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Lunch is “on your own”)**

**Thursday, May 5
9 a.m. to Noon**

Visitors are welcome



**9 a.m. Wednesdays - Hoffius Hall
Beginning April 27**

Kirk Men's Association

More than 120 Villagers have participated in the FOCUS program since Nancy Otto began teaching it at the Kirk 10 years ago for people with impaired vision. The 10th anniversary was celebrated Feb. 28 by the 2011 class.

On April 15, Nancy will speak to the Kirk's Men's Association and share many of the helpful tips she's been teaching to those who have must cope with unique day-to-day challenges.

Nancy and her husband, Lu, became members of the Kirk in 2000 after moving to Hot Springs Village from Raleigh, N.C., where she taught at mini-centers for the blind. Her experiences there were helpful when she began building the FOCUS program "from the bottom up" to benefit those in this community with vision problems.

FOCUS falls under the Kirk Congregational Care umbrella and receives Mission dollars from the Kirk and other Village churches to help with expenses. The initial start-up was partially financed by the local Breakfast Lions Club and by scholarships for the elderly from the Lions World Program for the Blind.

Visiting speakers demonstrate techniques and visual aids at some of the twice-a-week classes. Volunteers, including several Kirk members, have been trained as assistants and teach how-to techniques.

You may know someone who would benefit from the FOCUS classes and after hearing Nancy's interesting presentation, you will want to encourage them to attend the next class.

The Men's Association will meet at 7:30 a.m. April 15 in Hoffius Hall for fellowship, a continental breakfast and coffee. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m.

All Villagers are welcome.

KIRK OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Friday
9 a.m. — Noon

Telephone 922-1333
Email: kirkoffice1@sbcglobal.net

FOCUS ... 10 years at the Kirk



Several Kirk members, along with other Villagers, took advantage of six weeks of FOCUS classes which completed its 10th session with an anniversary celebration on Feb. 28. The classes teach everyday living skills to those with visual impairments. Instructors pictured are (front, l-r): Connie Stewart, Jan Folstad and Nancy Otto, developer and leader of the class. Back row (l-r): Dave Dietz, Rhonie Zymboly, Judy Stewart and Phil Carl. Not pictured: Joyce Hayek and Cindy Morgan.

Updated church directories published each month

A new directory with street and email addresses and phone numbers of Kirk members are printed each month. Please let the office know if you have a change. The directories are available in the brochure cabinets outside the office and in the narthex.



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."



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Weekend

“Notice anything different?” PW Moderator Dotty Rector began as she walked down into the congregation to greet visitors and make announcements. And indeed, there was a difference.

February 26 and 27 was the Kirk’s annual



Madelyn Young

Presbyterian Women’s Weekend, and both services were entirely conducted by the ladies of the Kirk.

PW Vice-moderator Ruth Hamilton assisted with the service, along with Madelyn Young, who filled in for Pastor Bailey in the pulpit.

Her sermon, “Your God is Too Small”, was based on the book by the same name by John Bertram Phillips. She read a story she wrote some years ago called “People of the Braces” to demonstrate how easy it is to put



Dotty Rector (left), Madelyn Young and Ruth Hamilton led the Saturday night and Sunday morning services.

God in a box and try to explain him in our own terms. “God loves us despite our limited understanding of Him,” she concluded.

Pat Hightower directed the Women’s Choir, accompanied by Fran Stroud. PW members Marylyn Rabideau, Linda Smith, Carolyn Starr and Carol Sue Williams served as ushers.

With the ladies in charge, Pastor Bailey took the opportunity to visit his new granddaughter, Ella Bailey-Eisenburg, born February 13 in San Francisco.

—Judy Carroll



The women’s choir sang at the Saturday and Sunday worship services.

Presbyterian Women Gathering

Pastor Bill Bailey told Presbyterian Women of the Kirk that Chapter 12 of Revelations is a most difficult chapter of a difficult book in the Bible when he spoke at their quarterly gathering March 14.

This chapter includes “dream visions” borrowed from pagan Greek and Roman mythology. In the battle between God and Lucifer (a heavenly being) God prevailed and Lucifer was cast out of heaven by the blood of the lamb. While we may find Revelations quite disturbing, Pastor Bill assured us, there is encouragement and comfort because we know how the story ends.

After the worship service the Greenhorns provided a delicious luncheon with tables decorated with fresh daffodils and birdhouses. They pamper us so efficiently!

The Rev. Bill Branch, the speaker after lunch, has an impressive background having served as a parish pastor, General Presbyter in Arkansas, Associate and Interim pastor in several locations including Edinburg, Scotland.

Currently he is a member of the Disaster Assistance National Response Team, Accompaniment with the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and World Mission Division of the PCUSA, and World Mission Advocate for the Presbytery of Arkansas.

As part of the disaster relief team, he is on call 24/7 and keeps a suitcase packed. “We were in Arizona when the Senator was shot. We were there for Katrina and when tornados strike. We are there whenever there is a disaster in our country. We were there in Haiti, Chili and now in Japan,” he said. Rev. Branch used “we” because the Kirk participates by giving to “One Great

Hour of Sharing” which helps people during disasters at home and around the world.



The Rev. Bill Branch and Ruth Hamilton chat about conditions in Columbia, South America.

The Columbian Presbyterian Church is under threat in a violent society. Almost six years ago the PCUSA was asked for “Accompaniers” to provide spiritual and moral support in Columbia, South America. Members of the Columbia Accompaniment Program, as U.S. citizens, give a measurement of protection as they represent our powerful and rich country which gives billions of dollars in military aid. This aid depends on approval of human rights in the country. Aid is given by the Columbian Presbyterian Church to the refugees whose land and homes have been taken away by guerilla terrorists.

“This is a dangerous mission,” Rev. Branch said. “But God has said to us, GO!” He encouraged us to pray for the safety of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters who put themselves in danger to help people in need, both at home and throughout the world.

—Sharon Gardner

PW of Arkansas Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women of Arkansas Presbytery Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 16 at Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith. The program will be “Living Water for the World..” Please contact Dotty Rector for more details.

**PW Coffee Closet
Open April 9 and 10
Hoffius Hall**

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega

Learn about bees from an expert!

Bees do more than just make honey. In the vegetable and flower gardens they are your helpers.




Learn more about the value of honey bees at the Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega workshop, at 2 p.m., April 21 in Hoffius Hall.

Jon Zawislak, a apiculture specialist for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, will be the guest speaker. The native Arkansan received a bachelor's degree in botany from the University of Arkansas and spent a number of years participating in field research on insect pests and beneficial insects.

After receiving a master's degree in entomology, he now works with the state's commercial and hobbyist beekeepers, as well as the general public, educating people about the importance of honey bees and other pollinators, and teaching people how to get started keeping their own honey bees.

Please note the April meeting is being held on the third Thursday to accommodate Zawislak's schedule. The workshop normally meets the fourth Thursday each month.

All gardeners and persons interested in bee-keeping will  welcome.

Shepherd Group 2 invites you to play games with them

Shepherd Games Group 2 meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month in Hoffius Hall to play games.

As a reminder, mark this on each month of your calendar. New games are always welcome.

Any Kirk member or guest who would like to share an evening of fun is welcome to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 5.

Refreshments are provided.

Invite a friend to church this weekend!



Play Party Bridge April 15

All bridge players are invited for an evening of party bridge at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, in Hoffius Hall.

We play on the third Friday each month from September through May. Please check the church calendar.

We always need to know how many are coming so we have enough card tables. Coffee and tea will be available.

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

Clinics held for Kirk golfers

Would-be golfers and members wanting to brush



Jean Mowry (center) helps Vianne Huff while Norma Stevens waits nearby

up their game received individual attention at two golf clinics held last month at Magellan Golf Course.

Jean and Clark Mowry, Pastor Bill Bailey and Bill Reynolds, gave helpful instructions at the driving range, on the putting green and hitting out of sand traps.

Thanks to all of them for sharing their expertise about this challenging game and making it fun.

Recordings of sermons available

If you would like to have a CD of the Sunday worship service, please leave a note in the office on Sunday, or call Barb Greenman **early** on Monday morning. Each CD costs \$1.

APRIL, 2011

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2	Horace and Jane Shankwiler	April 15	Charles and Beverly McFadden
April 3	James and Sandra Adams	April 19	Dennis and Rhonie Zymboly
	Bill and Jean Pritchett	April 22	Bob and Gretchen Mayfield
April 4	Frank and Cindy Morgan	April 29	Rich and Mildred Croson
April 5	Ray and Eloise Record		

Dear Kirk Friends:

Dear friends,

We want to thank everyone for their love, cards, and especially their prayers given to us in the tragic death of our 18-year-old grandson.

We are so thankful to be part of a loving and caring church.

Sincerely,
—John and Lois Dykstra

Thank you, Bev

Everyone always enjoys seeing the new look of the community bulletin board in Hoffius Hall when Bev Carpenter finishes adding her seasonal touches.

Thank you, Bev, for sharing your time and talent once again. It looks beautiful.

—The Communications Committee

Thank you

A big thank you to our Kirk family for the help I received during Dick's long illness. Thanks especially to Bill Bailey, Don Trent and Janie Smith.

I am grateful for all the food and Shepherd Group 3's delicious dinner. Your prayers, cards and phone calls were very much appreciated.

God bless you all!

—Ellen Harkey

Dear friends at the Kirk,

We would like to express our sincere thanks for helping our family through the death of our father, Charles Moffat. Your assistance during the funeral service and the reception afterward will be remembered and treasured for many years.

Your love for Christ was shown to us in so many ways. Thank you!

—The Moffat family



April

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<p>3 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>COMMUNION</p> <p>9:00 Adult Focus Class 10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 PW Cir. Meeting 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Nominating Com 2 p.m. ComCom 3:00 Admin Com 4:30 Kirk Bells 7:00 AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:15 Special Meeting 1:30 Leaven Sisters Rehearsal 1:30 Big Band 2:00 Memorial Com 4:00 Cursillo Renewal Gr. 7:00 Shepherd Gr. 2 (Games)</p>
<p>10 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>9:00 Adult Focus Class 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 PW Coffee Closet open</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 PW Cir. Meetings 9:30 PW Circle #4 1:30 Nominating Com 4:30 Kirk Bells 7:00 AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Greenhorns 10:15 Special Meeting 1:00 Session meeting 1:30 Leaven Sisters Rehearsal 1:30 Big Band</p>
<p>17 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 Adult Focus Class 10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Congregational Care Committee 1:30 Nominating Com 3:15 Worship Com. 4:30 Kirk Bells 7:00 AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:15 Special Meeting 1:30 Leaven Sisters Rehearsal 1:30 Big Band 4:00 Cursillo Renewal Group</p>
<p>24 <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>COMMUNION</p> <p>9:00 Adult Focus Class 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 Kirk Konnection 7:00 AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:15 Special Meeting 1:00 Big Band 1:30 Leaven Sisters Rehearsal</p>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>COMMUNION</i> 5:00 Informal Worship Service
6 10:00 Embroidery Guild 11:00 Worship Service & Soup & Bread lunch 1:00 Symphony Guild #1 2:00 MSG rehearsal 4:00 Kirk Choir	7 9:00 Thurs. Study Group 9:15 Fellowship Com 6:30 Chanticleers	8	9 5:00 Informal Worship Service 6:00 PW Coffee Closet open
13 11:00 Worship Service & Soup & Bread lunch 2:00 MSG Rehearsal 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith & Film	14 9:00 Thurs. Study Group 3:00 Mission Com. 6:30 Chanticleers	15 7:30 Men's Association 7:00 Party Bridge	16 Symphony Guild Auditions 5:00 Informal Worship Service & 5th anniversary potluck
20 9:30 P & C Committee 1:00 Heifer Project 2:00 MSG Rehearsal 4:00 Kirk Choir	21 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2:00 Gardening W/S 6:30 Chanticleers 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	22 <i>Good Friday</i>	23 5:00 Informal Worship Service
27 9:00 Bible Study 1:00 Heifer Club 2:00 MSG Rehearsal 4:00 Kirk Choir	28 9:00 Thursday Study Group 6:00 Choir Appreciation Dinner 6:30 Chanticleers	29	30 5:00 Informal Worship Service

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

Shay Gronseth, great nephew of Lois Dykstra - Afghanistan

Capt. Ryan Herbst, grandson of Shirley Peglar. U.S. Army - Iraq

Tom & Katie McCurdy, great nephew and niece of Pat Hightower - Italy

CDR Neal Nottrott, son of Dave and Theresa Nottrott. U.S. Navy - Afghanistan

Sgt. Adam Sandifer, grandson-in-law of Tom and Ethelee Beverly. U.S. Army - Germany

Commander Thomas W. Siska, son of Shirley Siska. Naval Reserve - Kuwait

Cody Vance, grandson of Lee and Sallie Huss - U.S. Army - Iraq



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