

A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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The Pastor's Corner

“Compassion fatigue”—that’s what social workers call it when caregivers and volunteers become overwhelmed and “burned out” trying to help others in need. It is simply not easy to keep on giving our time, talent and financial resources when the problems do not go away.

Part of the reason this is true is because most of us tend to measure our giving—we give when we can see that our efforts make a difference. As long as we feel that our efforts are helping we will continue to write checks and letters and volunteer our time. But when the problems are chronic and complicated, it is easy to become weary and the wells of our compassion run dry.

Whether it is clean up in Joplin, Missouri or helping Teen Challenge on Highway 7, we are all too aware that our resources are never adequate to fix all the problems. How do we keep on giving and serving when the problems do not go away?

I believe one of the greatest challenges of the Christian faith is to learn how to serve, to love and to give of ourselves even when the problems persist. As followers of Christ we know there is a difference between caring and curing. We know there are times when we must care for others in need even when we know our efforts will not cure their problems. We know Christ calls us to “do what we can” (cf. *Mark 14:1-10*) to help others—even when we do not, finally, possess the power to solve every problem.

I am proud of the generosity of this Kirk—especially of those of you who responded to the call to send “clean-up buckets” to Joplin, Missouri. Together we have sent over 40 of these and our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has added hundreds of thousands of dollars and teams of volunteers in relief. But it’s not enough—nor will it ever be. We do what we can.

Several years ago, I visited a church member in the hospital. This elderly saint was nearing the end of her life and there was nothing to be done, so the doctors said. Her daughter had called me and asked if I would stop by and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for her dying mother. As I entered the hospital room, I noticed the daughter had changed her mother’s gown, had brushed her hair and was quietly singing a hymn. We do what we can—even when we cannot cure the problem.

Blessings to all of you who give of yourselves to others.

—*Bill Bailey*



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

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



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Clerk's Corner

Nominating Committee Report

The following Kirk members were presented to Session July 19 for their approval to serve as elders for the Class of 2014:

Sally Fink	Evangelism
Dick Massey	Planning and Coordinating
Jean Mowry	Congregational Care
Dotty Rector	Communications
Ed Russell	Building and Grounds

Session approved the nominees.

The Nominating Committee presented Sally Fink as Trustee. Session approved the selection of Sally Fink.

The Nominating Committee presented the following individuals to Session for approval to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2012:

Jan Clark	Duane Sonnenburg
Helen Fisher	Norma Stevens
Jerral Johnson	

Session approved the nominees.

These individuals will be presented to the congregation for their approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting following the last Summer Supper on August 24, 2011. At the Annual Congregational Meeting the congregation will have an opportunity to vote on the nominees presented, or to submit additional names if they so desire. It is important when a name is placed in consideration from the floor, the person being nominated has agreed to serve if elected.

Deaths:

Jerry King, DOD June 20, 2011, Hot Springs Village, Ark., Memorial Garden.

Norvell Pugh, DOD June 19, 2011, Tomball, Texas.

Mary MacIntosh, DOD July 1, 2011, Pine Hurst, N.C., Memorial date to be determined.

Iva Dee Warren, DOD July 2, 2011, Hot Springs Village, Ark., Memorial Garden.

Church Statistics as of July 19, 2011: Members 453 Families 291

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2011 (year-to-date):

General Fund	Receipts	Over Budget	\$ 744.
General Fund	Disbursements	Under Budget	39,119.
General Fund	Surplus		\$ 39,863.

Building Fund	Receipts	Under Budget	\$ 2,709.
Building Fund	Disbursements	Under Budget	7,504.
Building Fund	Surplus		\$ 4,795.

Pew Mission Dollars received in June - \$768.

—Jerral Johnson,

Informal Worship Service

The Rev. Don Trent, Pastoral Associate

August 6: "Actors" Romans 12:1-9 / Matthew 23:1-14

August 13: "Finishing the Job" Deut. 30:15-20 / Luke 14:25-33

August 20: "Zarbs and Roses" Genesis 17:1-7, 15, 16 / John 10:1-15

August 27: "Bearing Fruit" Jonah 4:5-11 / John 15:1-11

5 p.m. each Saturday in Hoffius Hall

Classes beginning in September

September 7 - Pastor Bailey will lead the Wednesday Bible Study focusing on the Book of Psalms from 9-10:30 a.m. each week in Hoffius Hall.

September 8 - The Thursday Morning Study Group led by Pastor Bill Bailey will begin meeting weekly at 9 a.m. in the conference room. The group will be reading Rob Bell's most recent book entitled "Love Wins."

September 11 - The Sunday Focus Group, under the leadership of Dick Massey, will begin meeting each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the library. Kenneth E. Bailey's videos "The Middle Eastern Perspective on New Testament Studies" will be viewed and discussed.

Welcoming our visitors

The welcome received by our visitors will be one of their most important impressions of the Kirk. In the past the Worship Committee has recruited our Narthex greeters. It has been decided the greeters will now be the responsibility of the Evangelism Committee.

The Committee feels that a greeting team of 8 to 10 people be formed to develop a consistent approach to the greeting process which will assure our guests leave with the memory of a warm welcome. Anyone interested in volunteering for this important responsibility should contact Dennis Zymboly at 922-9340 after August 14 or email dennis@zymboly.com.

Once a team is selected, we will have a training session and plan a schedule.

Learn about one of Arkansas' best kept secrets!



The Arkansas Career Training Institute

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday, Aug. 10

Bring your favorite dish to our

POTLUCK SUPPER

and

Learn about the ACTI rehabilitation programs from speaker

Cornelius Hollinshed

Seating sign up Aug. 6, 7

Sponsored by Education and Stewardship Committees

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Supper

Bring your most delicious dish!

Supper to be followed by Election of Class of 2014 Elders and 2012 Nominating Committee

5:30 p.m. — August 24

(Sign up August 13, 14 and 20, 21)

Hosts: Administration and Planning & Coordinating Committees



A Work of Heart

Presbyterian Women

It may still be the dog days of summer, but things are already beginning to gear up for the fall. And the Presbyterian Women's group is no exception.

Our PW year will kick off in September with meetings of all the Circles and Kirk Konnection. The study this year will be on the Beatitudes and study books are already in the hands of the Bible Leaders. They will be available to everyone else this month, along with the new PW Handbook. Look for them after worship starting August 20 and 21.

The Circle listings will also be posted in Hoffius Hall. Their composition remains primarily the same for this second year of our two-year cycle. There have been a few minor changes, and several new members have been added, so be sure to check to confirm your group.

I'm happy to say a night Circle is now established under the leadership of Emily Faulk. If you'd like more information about it, please give her a call. And there are two Circles that are meeting in the afternoon. That might appeal to some of you.

Hopefully we can look forward to some cooler weather soon, but regardless of the temperature, we can still look forward to resuming our fall activities.

Please plan on joining us as our Presbyterian Women's group begins another great year.

—Ruth Hamilton,
Moderator

**PW Coffee Closet
OPEN
Saturday and Sunday
August 13 and 14 - Hoffius Hall**

Join Dinners for Six or Eight

Would you like to enjoy more fellowship, fun and good food? Join Dinners for Six or Eight.

The dinners take place once a month in September and October and then again in January through May. You will host a dinner in your home at least twice during the year.

The schedule will be planned for six. If you have room we encourage you to expand to eight by including other Kirk members.

Please call June Moore at 922-5662 or Vianne Huff at 922-4624 to be included or for more information.

This is a wonderful way to meet and get to know other members of the congregation.



Choir practice

4 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning August 31. New singers very welcome!

COOKING FOR ONE ?

(It's not hard, and you can save money!)

Are you at a loss when cooking for yourself? Have you lost interest in cooking for one? Consider joining others who will attend some short and easy-to-understand presentations designed to offer helpful tips and techniques to improve your cooking skills and mealtimes.

Topics to be covered include:

- Planning a menu
 - Variety and balance
- Shopping
 - Label info
 - Freshness
- Basic utensils/equipment
 - Safety
 - Multi meals from one preparation

If you have an interest in learning to:

- Eat better
- Save money
- Save time
- Enjoy independence

Contact the Zymbolys at 922-9340 after August 14.

Keyboards Benefit Concert a huge success: \$3,731 in donations

Six local artists presented their gifts of musical talent and skill to hundreds of members and guests at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines on July 8.

Larry Bradley, Kirk Minister of Music, welcomed the overflow crowd to the Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert and introduced the participants: Ruth Clemens, organist, Woodlands Presbyterian Church; Barbara Greenman, Kirk organist; Ellen Nagode, organist, pianist, choir director, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs; Greg Nagode, pianist; Nikki Saltmarsh, organist, handbell director, Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church; and Fran Stroud, pianist, organist and vocalist.

The Reverend Don Trent, Kirk Parish Associate, led the invocation. To begin the concert, the audience joined their voices with Nikki Saltmarsh at the Rodgers Trillium digital organ in a rousing hymn of praise, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

A four-hand piece on piano, a handbell and piano duet, and other organ and piano solos and duets were only part of the program planned by the musicians. Several surprises occurred too.

Before Greg Nagode presented his piano solo, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," he dedicated his beautiful arrangement of the hymn to Major Bill Lefler who had inspired him while he attended Lefler's class at Village United Methodist Church.

A humorous unexpected event took place when a trio of "church mice" performed unique

organ variations of the old nursery song, "Three Blind Mice."

With Mickey Mouse ears, dark glasses perched on long pointy snouts, and skinny tails draped over the organ bench, Mouse Clemens and Mouse Stroud frolicked on the upper keyboards, while Mouse Greenman crouched below to play the pedal board. This brought down the house in laughter and appreciation.



John Goodman, Executive Director, Garland County Habitat for Humanity, attended the event. After the concert, a love offering of \$3,731 was collected at the doors to assist the nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization to build simple, decent affordable housing in partnership with people in need.

Later, members and friends greeted Goodman and the musicians in Hoffius Hall where a delicious buffet was served by reception coordinator Judy Rosenthal and her assistants.

—Madelyn Young

Taking a bow to a standing ovation are concert musicians (l-r) Ellen and Greg Nagode, Nikki Saltmarsh, Fran Stroud, Ruth Clemens and Barbara Greenman
(Jamie Federick photos)



Welcoming new members into our Kirk family

With nicknames of “Rocco” and “Jammer” one would never identify this delightful couple without help. New Kirk members Rick and Jamie Federick came to the Village in 2005 from Plano, Texas.



Rick and Jamie Federick

Born in Fulton, N.Y., Rick attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and went to Catholic schools during his adolescent years. He graduated from Villanova University in Philadelphia, Penn., and from a Master’s

Program at Syracuse University.

Rick lived and worked out of Dallas, Texas the next 24 years. He was a bank treasurer, owned and operated a restaurant, and held two other sales and management positions before ending a 23-year career with Pitney Bowes as National Sales Director and retiring to Hot Springs Village.

Originally from Laurel, Miss., Jamie attended the University of Mississippi three years and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a major in Psychology.

She was membership director at Brookhaven Country Club, Dallas, for 18 years. Prior to that she worked at World Championship Tennis and served on the board for the Women’s Golf Association.

They met when Jamie sold Rick and his two sons a family membership to Brookhaven in 1988. They have been married 20 years. She has two daughters and five grandsons and he has two sons, three grandsons and two grand-daughters with a third on the way.

The Federicks attended Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas and Mountainside Methodist in the Village before joining the Kirk in June. After being introduced by Jean and Clark Mowry, they were drawn by “the graciousness and acceptance of the Kirk members as well as both pastors. We have found the Kirk to be the most caring church we have ever attended,” they said.

Rick says his hobbies are “Golf, fishing, reading, volunteer work, house design and taking a peaceful walk in the woods with my beautiful bride.” His favorite things about the Village are the topography

(it reminds him of the area where he grew up), accessibility to nature, weather and good friends.

Jamie enjoys golf, tennis, Strong Women exercise, reading, Bible studies, playing cards with friends and photography. She, too, likes all the trees, the great golf courses and some very good friendships. She is a member of DAR, the Camera Club, the Kirk’s Communication Committee, and plans to join the choir.

The Kirk welcomes you both, Rick and Jamie.

—Sherry Barefield

Having a Roman Catholic background, Ruth Richards joined the Kirk by reaffirmation in June.

Ruth and her husband Jack moved to the Village three years ago from Missouri. Previously they had lived in Houston, Texas, Bella Vista for 11 years and in Missouri for seven years. Jack developed health problems and passed away in 2009.



Ruth Richards

Ruth is a native western New Yorker who left after the blizzard of 1977 and moved to Houston where there was NO SNOW! “At least most of the time,” she clarified.

She is a registered radiologic and cardiovascular technologist but somehow life here has gotten in the way of working so she doesn’t.

Ruth has three stepsons, five step-grandchildren and two great step-grandchildren.

Living with her in the Village is her special baby—a 125-pound Golden Lab/Sharpei rescue dog who walks her twice a day and a kitten she adopted from the animal shelter to keep the dog company. When the dog is not walking Ruth, she is playing golf.

Jean Mowry invited Ruth (repeatedly, according to Ruth) to come to the Kirk. Finally she said yes to the invitation and has faithfully attended the Saturday night service ever since. She has also become a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Ruth says, “There is a special fellowship here at the Kirk which I totally enjoy.”

—Diane Roberts

Introducing nominees for Session, Class of 2014

Nominees will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting August 24 after the summer supper. Brief backgrounds are on pages 7, 8 and 9.

Building and Grounds

Edward "Ed" Russell was born and reared in Bergen County, New Jersey where he attended the Waldwick Dutch Reformed Church. When the church dissolved, Sunday church became a half-hour bike ride for the youngster to the United Methodist Church.

After graduation from Ramsey High School, Ed was accepted to Kings Point, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, where he earned a B.S. Degree in Marine Engineering, a commission in the U.S. Navy, and a U.S. Coast Guard license as a ships engineer. After a short stint in the Navy's Sixth Fleet, he sailed with the Merchant Marine for eight years. Ed and Evva married in 1961 and started their family during that time.

He joined the Gulf Oil Corporation in 1965 and began 23 years in the oil business that included seven household moves and four Presbyterian Church memberships.

Houston, Texas became their major home location where they raised two boys and a girl. They now have four grandchildren.

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (MDPC) was their Houston religious home. Ed served as president of the Men's Fellowship, assistant Scout Master, church representative to the Seafarers' Ministry and as a member of the Giving Committee.

The Russells first visited the Village in 1981, purchased a lot, and returned for vacations until moving here in 1999.

Ed transferred his membership to the Kirk in 2000 and has contributed to a number of projects. Rebuilding the choir and music area for the new organ, installing a pot rack in the kitchen, making handrails for the stairs to Hoffius Hall, helping construct our storage building, planting grass, and cutting trees are a few of the many ways he has shared his skills.



Ed Russell

He has served on the Worship and Fellowship committees, several years on the sound committee, and more recently, helped Gordon McLean install new sound equipment in Hoffius Hall. He is vice-moderator of the Building and Grounds Committee and a leader this year for Shepherd Group 1.

As an elder Ed would be moderator of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Communication Committee

Dotty Rector is a "Cradle Presbyterian," growing up in the church in Wisconsin. She graduated from Carroll University, a Presbyterian school, and received her master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. She worked as a social worker, then a psychotherapist in private practice before moving to the Village in 1994 with her husband Gary. She and Gary joined the Kirk days after their arrival.



Dotty Rector

Dotty and former Kirk Parish Visitor Betty Kempf were asked to develop a program for Congregational Care similar to Befrienders and Stephen Ministry programs in which they had been trained. They developed the Christian Friendship Program and then taught 10-session classes six times before Betty retired.

Dotty was ordained as elder at Heritage Presbyterian Church and served as elder at Southminster Presbyterian, both in Wisconsin. She has also served the Kirk as moderator of Congregational Care. She became a member of Communication Committee in 2007 and wrote a column entitled "New Territory." Most recently she retired as moderator of the Kirk's Presbyterian Women.

The Rectors were avid sailors in Wisconsin, and now live on the shore of Lake Coronado, where a pontoon boat has replaced the sailboat. Dotty volunteers at Potter's Clay and at Charitable Christian Medical Clinic. She loves camping, reading, visiting her children, traveling, and being outdoors.

As a member of the Class of 2014, Dotty would be moderator of the Communication Committee.

Congregational Care

One seldom sees energetic Jean Mowry without a smile on her face!

Jean was born in Manchester, Iowa, confirmed in 1959 at Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Manchester and graduated valedictorian of the class of 1965 from West Delaware Community Schools. She earned a double major in foreign language and physical education, graduating with honors from Iowa State University in 1969. During the summer of 1967, Jean married her best friend, Clark Mowry.



Jean Mowry

Jean taught physical education at Webster City Community Schools in Iowa from 1969 until retirement in 2002. She also coached junior high basketball and volleyball and for 30 years coached varsity girls' golf.

At First Congregational United Church of Christ, Webster City, Jean taught junior and middle high Sunday School, served as youth advisor, camp counselor, and for four years was youth choir director.

She sang in the church's a cappella choir, served on the Adopt-an-Elder Committee, the Worship and Music committees, and Pastor/Staff Relations Committee.

Jean trained as a Hospice volunteer in Hamilton County in 1984 and served on its board of directors and was fund-raising chairperson for the Annual Tree of Lights.

Jean and Clark helped build a pre-school in Chiapas, Mexico in 1997 and from 2001 to 2004 they actively pursued the formation of a chapter of Habitat for Humanity for Hamilton County. In 2004 they participated in a Global Village Build for Habitat in El Salvador. By the time they moved to the Village in 2006, the Hamilton County Habitat for Humanity had dedicated two homes and a third was underway.

Jean's mother, Betty Brown, moved with them to the Village and all three joined the Kirk in 2007. Both Mowrys sing in the choir and Jean often plays piano and sings duets with Clark at the Saturday evening service. The two visit Kirk members in the

hospital and nursing homes each week and provide sing-along music for Emmaus residents at Good Samaritan every other Monday.

Jean has served on the Education Committee and is an active participant in the Wednesday Bible Study, the Thursday Study Group, Friday Bible Class, Faith and Film and the Saturday Informal Worship Service.

She said they "joined (the Kirk) because of the friendliness of the members, especially on Saturday evenings. We have come to appreciate the opportunities for expanding our faith through the many and varied learning and worship experiences. We are blessed to have two extremely learned, caring and gifted pastors serving the Kirk. The depth of caring and concern for each and every member exhibited by so many at the Kirk has drawn me to the Congregational Care Committee. When we can reach out in love and service to one another, we are doubly blessed."

As a Session member, Jean would serve as moderator of the Congregational Care Committee.

Evangelism

Church activities have long been an important part of Sally Fink's life. Her activities in the Presbyterian Church began while growing up in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Sally Fink

Shortly after marrying her husband Tom, they moved to Baton Rouge, La., where Tom worked for Exxon and Sally was Executive Director of the United States Tennis Association in Louisiana.

They moved to the Village in 2000 and joined the Kirk shortly thereafter.

Sally was PW moderator in 2002-03; moderator of the Christian Education Committee, 2006-09, and serves on the Worship and Administration committees.

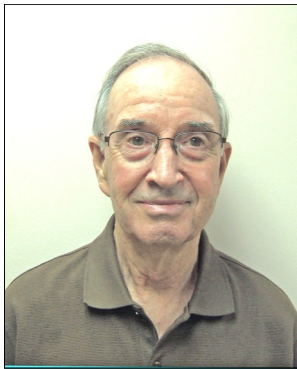
She volunteers in the Kirk office and is responsible for scheduling other volunteers.

The Finks are co-leaders of Shepherd Group 9. They have two daughters and three grand-daughters.

As an elder, Sally would serve as moderator of the Evangelism Committee.

Planning and Coordinating

Richard (Dick) Massey is a native Arkansan and a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a



Dick Massey

degree in pharmacy. After practicing pharmacy for one year, he attended Naval Officer Candidate School and was on active duty for four years in the U.S. Navy. After service, he was employed by Eli Lilly & Co. in Chicago, Ill., and in Arkansas for the next 32 years.

Dick, with his wife Charlotte, moved to Hot Springs Village from Hot Springs in 1986 and joined the Kirk in 1987. Prior to joining the Kirk, he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Dick has served twice as an elder on Session over the years and at various times moderated the Finance, Evangelism, Mission, and Congregational Care committees. He also served on the Pastoral Search Committee and is currently a member of the Education and Memorial committees.

Between the two, Dick and Charlotte have six children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dick has been nominated to serve on Session which includes being moderator of the Planning and Coordinating Committee.

2012 Nominating Committee

The Clerk of Session serves as moderator of the Nominating Committee whose role each year is to present nominees to Session to fill elder positions expiring after their three-year terms. One current Session member also serves on this committee.

Next year these Kirk members would be responsible for filling positions for the Class of 2015:

Helen Fisher
Norma Stevens
Duane Sonnenburg
Jan Clark (Session member)
Jerral Johnson (Clerk of Session)

**Congregational meeting and election
Wednesday, August 24**

Attention golfers! Coming soon ...



The annual Ernie Smith Golf Mixer will be September 30 at Coronado Golf Course followed by a barbecue dinner in Hoffius Hall.

Tee time, cost and other details will be in next month's newsletter.

Plan on being a part of this fun event.

Games night August 2

At 7 p.m. the first Tuesday each month Shepherd Group 2 meets in Hoffius Hall to play a variety of games.

Any Kirk member or guest who would like to share an evening of fun, laughter and games is welcome.

Refreshments are provided.

Please note!

The Kirk office is closed on Friday afternoon. Messages left on the answering machine may not be heard until Monday.

If you have an emergency, call the person you wish to speak with at their number listed in the Kirk membership directory.

Thank you.



FOOD BASKET

During **August** the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for **Area Outreach, Holy Trinity**. 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."

Good information, good food, at the Summer Suppers

Kirk finances and endowments

After a potluck supper June 22 hosted by the Finance and Worship committees, the Finance Committee presented a program discussing Kirk finances and our endowment.

Jim Adams, Finance Moderator, thanked the congregation for their generous financial support and gave a brief summary of the Kirk's financial status. He pointed out the Kirk has no debt and is in excellent fiscal condition.

Jim was followed by the Finance Committee's Endowment chair, Darell Fisher. His discussion of the Kirk endowment included definition, history, fund administration, contributions, how we invest the funds, current status, and future plans.

Darell emphasized endowments are long-term—not a substitute for stewardship—and are not used to supplement the current operating budget.

Because of generous gifts and bequests, we have been able to invest \$299,766.10 in Texas Presbyterian Foundation's Balanced Fund. As of June 17, 2011, the value of that account was \$305,162.89.

He explained that at some point we could use an income stream from this investment to fund outreach, special projects or other worthwhile endeavors.

Darell introduced Melinda Hunt, Development Director of the Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) who has visited the Kirk several times. Melinda began by complimenting the Kirk for its generosity and sound financial foundation. She talked about gifting and leaving a legacy and gave a power point presentation, "Leave a Legacy for Tomorrow to the Institution You Love Today" which highlighted the importance of estate and gift planning to benefit people and organizations that have been important in our lives.

Folders with information about different types of endowments are available in the Kirk office.

The Eden Alternative: Changing the culture of nursing homes

Loneliness, helplessness, boredom. These three adjectives best describe the bulk of suffering among the elderly residing in nursing homes guest speaker Maureen Hollaran said after the summer supper July 13 sponsored by the Building and Grounds and Memorial committees.

Hollaran, a registered nurse with 25 years' experience in long-term care and spokesperson for The Eden Alternative, continues to work as an advocate for improving elderly patients' daily lives in nursing homes.

She explained Eden, a not-for-profit organization, works with nursing homes to develop ways to relieve these common problems for their residents. Founded in 1994, the name Eden was derived from the Garden of Eden, God's plan where humans were supposed to live in harmony.

Eden claims success with their 10 principle practices: providing loving companionship; the opportunity to give as well as receive; spontaneity with unexpected happenings; opportunity to do things one finds meaningful; elders making their own decisions or assisted by those close to them; a never-ending process of human growth.

Good leadership is the lifeline of any struggle against the plagues of loneliness, helplessness and boredom. Eden's hope is for people to see places where elders live as habitats for human beings rather than just facilities for the frail and elderly.

Homes that have adopted the Eden Alternative philosophy often show improved staff satisfaction and retention and decreases in overuse of medications and restraints.

—Margery McIntosh

Don't miss the suppers Aug. 10 & 27!

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

Shay Gronseth, great nephew of Lois Dykstra - Afghanistan

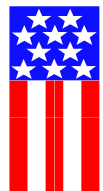
Capt. Ryan Herbst, grandson of Shirley Peglar. U.S. Army - Iraq

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

Specialist Brian Hastings, grandson of Bob and Ginnie Hastings. Army - Iraq

Private First Class Richard Conklin, grandson of Tom and Pam Cave, U.S. Army - Iraq



Dear Kirk Friends:

Thanks to all of you

After all the back and forth before and after the benefit concert, Ruth and I want to make sure our thanks are extended to everyone who helped us. That includes our Dan, who moved "stuff" to and fro, provided a screen so we all could catch our breath in between numbers, and helped clean up the aftermath upstairs and down.

Barb, the lady who can produce such wonderful sounds on the magnificent Kirk organ, gets a huge thank you for her struggles with the ever-changing program order. A great job, Barb!

To Judy Rosenthal and her helpers, a thank you for the lovely reception, and to those, male and female, who provided yummy eats for everyone.

And then there are the audio guys. We don't even know who or how many you were. But thank you so much for trying to have an audio record of our efforts.

Thank you, Dennis Zymboly, for your encouragement along the way. You are the best! Joyce Leeming had the patience of Job trying to corral six busy "Village People" just to get one promo picture. She and Dennis did an excellent job of publicity.

For the many folks of the Village who came and filled the pews, the choir loft, and extra chairs all the way into the foyer, we were grateful for your presence. You made us all do our best.

And for all of you who gave from deep pockets in support of such a wonderful cause, Garland County Habitat for Humanity, we say BRAVO to you. Each performer was moved to tears at the generosity of the audience.

Let us not forget "Black-eyed Larry" for serving as Kirk emcee, and we surely appreciated Don's prayer for us before the concert. The man must have really good connections as none of us stubbed our toes or fingers.

Ruth and I thank Barb, Nikki, Ellen and Greg for sharing their incredible talent with us.

And thank you Kirk. This was a great experience to the max.

—Fran Stroud and Ruth Clemens

To the Kirk family

The expressions of love and support shown during Jerry's illness have been overwhelming. So many people came forward that I fear I will fail to recognize each individual. The members of Shepherd Group 7 provided delicious food to our family. The wonderful teams on the Memorial and Reception Committees did an outstanding job.

The Celebration of Jerry's life was very meaningful to our family. The Reverend's Bill and Don were extremely helpful with their guidance and beautiful message, and Barb provided the most soothing music.

Members of the church have shown us such kindness through cards, memorials, and their loving actions. We feel truly blessed.

—Lizz King and all our family

Our thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported and prayed for us during John's recent surgery and for the telephone calls and cards.

Love to all,
—John and Lois Dykstra

Thanks to all

Thanks to all of you who visited me and prayed for me while I was in the hospital, to Rev. Bailey and Rev. Trent for bringing communion to me, and to Janie Smith for all her prayers.

Also, thanks to the Greenhorns for the delicious meals.

I hope to be home before too long and able to attend church.

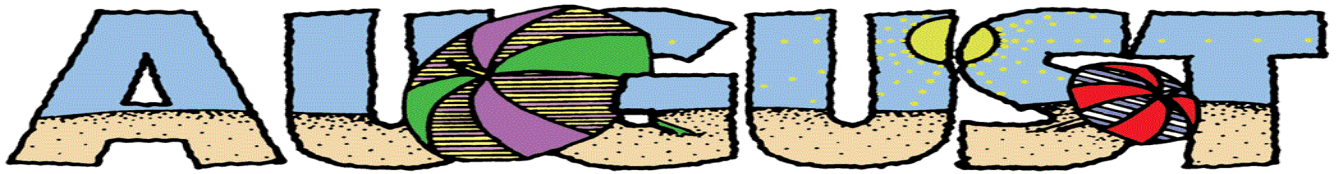
Sincerely,
—Georgia Tieperman

Thanks Bev and Barb

Many thanks to Bev Bullard and Barb Greenman for laundering all the choir robes and stoles. It's a big job and it is appreciated very much by all of us.

—The Kirk Choir

Note: Letters must be received by the 15th of the month to appear in the next month's newsletter. Thank you.



BIRTHDAYS

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| Aug. 1 | David Milner
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Bob White
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Harriet Wimbish | Aug. 24 | Cora Jane Pope |
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Gretchen Mayfield
Ruth Naggs
Art Volkema | Aug. 14 | Bill Burnell
Bev Carpenter
Jane Shankwiler | Aug. 27 | Tom Fink
Kari Florey
Cindy Morgan |
| Aug. 8 | Dorothy Schulte
Judy Stewart | Aug. 17 | Clint Sowards | Aug. 28 | Larry Bradley
Jim Hess |
| Aug. 9 | Bill Pritchett | Aug. 18 | Bob Jones
Shirley Stollsteimer | Aug. 29 | Bill Reynolds |
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Ted Mueller |
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