



A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE GIFT OF YOURSELF

It seems to happen a little earlier each successive year. And it is already beginning again — the advertisements and commercials promising Holiday Christmas savings and specials! Sadly, many of us are so accustomed to the consumer routine that we hardly take notice any longer. But for some Christian families, the commercialism of Christmas does raise important moral dilemmas and theological concerns ... how do we maintain a responsible Christian Witness in a culture that “shops ‘til it drops?”

Of course, the Christian faith is not opposed to giving gifts. The issue is not whether we give gifts, but what sorts of gifts are appropriate for who we are and the relationships we have with others.

Some gifts are clearly inappropriate in certain contexts. They are too costly, or too impersonal or perhaps, too carelessly chosen. Christians should, I believe, be concerned about the size and costs of gifts. We should challenge the assumption that buying and giving “things” is the best or only way to show love. The best gifts we receive and give usually involve time and talent — something created or made that expresses ourselves and our thanks for those we love best. I know a family where they exchange letters each Christmas expressing what they appreciate most about each other. Anything that has real and lasting value is always a gift from the heart.

Christmas is a celebration of a generous and gracious “gift-giving” God. When we give “gifts,” we celebrate God’s gift of his only Son as well as God’s abiding presence with us in all of life. We give gifts as a sign of our gratitude and love. Don’t hold back this year — have a wonderful Christmas celebration remembering and giving thanks for God’s gifts. But, be sure to share the gift of yourself.

Peace,

Bill



ADVENT SERVICES

Advent services begin the weekend of November 29-30 with lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath and singing Advent hymns. A new candle will be lit each Saturday and Sunday through December 21st. The fifth candle, the Christ Candle, will be lit at Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

Our Informal Worship Service at 5 p.m. on Saturday and our two Sunday morning services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. will held as usual through December.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

At 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 24, the Kirk will have its traditional Christmas Eve service beginning with lighting of the last candle on the Advent wreath and followed by the Candle and Carol service.

This beautiful service will end with candle lighting in the darkened sanctuary and singing *Silent Night*.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of the special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

Fifty percent of receipts are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs for ministers, and 50-percent is used to support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

2009 Worship Service Times

beginning January 4

Sunday Discussion Group – 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Focus Group, Sunday - 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service – 10 a.m.

Saturday Informal Service – 5 p.m.

CLERK'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Kirk served more than 120 turkey dinners and November was a very busy month in the life of the Kirk. We ordained and installed our new Elders, kicked off our Stewardship campaign with Covenant Sunday and conducted a good deal of business during our Session Meeting.

The Kirk will host the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Academy on a quarterly basis beginning in February, 2009 through May 2011. They will be with us Friday until noon Sunday once each quarter during this time frame. There are presently 23 registrants with two or three more expected before sessions begin. Dr. Heinrich Eiler is the Dean of the Academy. Please welcome this group as they meet in our facilities and attend some of our Sunday Worship Services. There may be need for a few host homes during the course. Please advise Heinrich if you will consider hosting.

Please remember single Worship Services begin Sunday Jan. 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. Consider parking on the outer perimeter of the parking lots if you enjoy walking a little and feel free to use the center area of our pews. You will also enjoy our glorious choir in each Sunday service.

Your Session conducted the following business during the November Session meeting:

- Approved the replacement of all four (4) of our large main heating and air conditioning units at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.
- Approved a 108-space Columbarium for our Memorial Garden. This work will include a new stone wall, ADA compliant walkway and a visitation area near the Columbarium. The cost of this project will not exceed \$47,000.
- Approved hosting the Lay Pastor Academy training.
- Approved a request for the Banner Committee to create a stole as a gift for Claire Rhodes to use during her year as Moderator, Presbytery of Arkansas. This will be presented to her during her installation at the Presbytery Meeting Feb. 20 and 21, 2009 in Clarksville at College of the Ozarks. Think about attending to help us honor her.
- Received the following new members:
 - Lowell and Sharon Gardner by reaffirmation of faith.
 - Lon and Liz Hardin by transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Malvern.

Bob White by change of status from Associate Member to Full Member.

Deaths:

Bob Smart, DOD November 5, 2008. Please be in prayer for his family.

Lillian Brookes, DOD November 9, 2008. Please be in prayer for her family.

Transfers:

Sue Mayer to Village United Methodist Church.

Catherine Brow to Barcelona Baptist Church.

Church Statistics: As of Nov. 11, 2008:

Members: 529 Family Units: 332

TREASURER'S REPORT

Month of October:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$7,004

Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$22.

Year-to-date:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$24,038.

Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$17,226.

God Bless each of you,

Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$804.00 for the month of October 2008.

Planned Giving Note

Contributions for your 2008 pledge must be received no later than Sunday, Dec. 28 in order to be credited on your 2008 contributions statement. This is necessary so we can process the year-end financial and contribution report and close out the year. Thank you.

Beverly Schaumburg
Financial Secretary

Faith and Film Class: "Luther"

Pastor Bill Bailey will hold a discussion on the film "Luther" for the Faith and Film class at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in Hoffius Hall.

The movie covers the early years of Martin Luther's life, from his days as a monk in the early 1500's to the proclamation of the Augsburg Confession in 1530 which founded the Lutheran Church in Germany.

As a young theology teacher, Luther is trying to correct the corrupt Catholic Church in Rome, whose corruption he saw first-hand. He begins teaching his students and the people in Wittenburg about the mercy and compassion of God, while complaining about the church selling forgiveness of sins to the people for money. When accused of heresy by the Church, Luther says "My conscience is captive to the word of God."

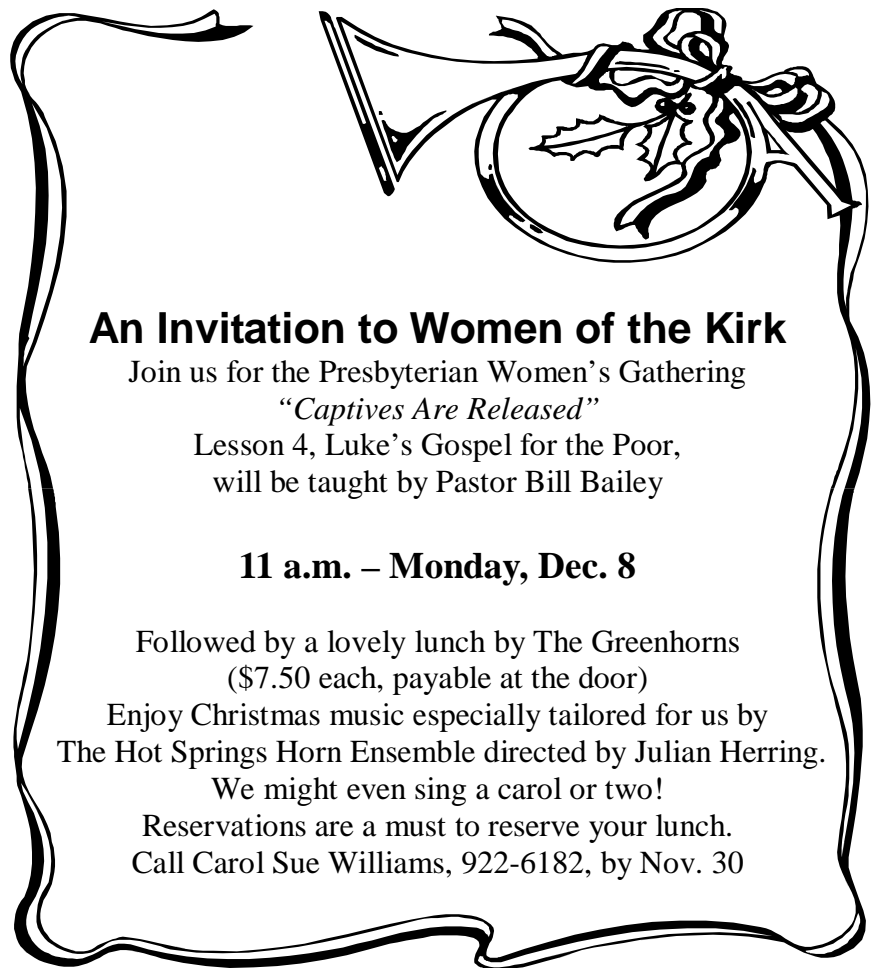
Joseph Finnes portrays the revolutionary historical figure of Luther whose Protestant Reformation clearly led to the establishment of representative government in both England and the United States. Supporting Mr. Finnes, as Luther's supporter, Prince Frederick the Wise, is the legendary Peter Ustinov.

Those who plan to participate in the discussion should view the movie before attending the class. A copy is available in our Kirk Library and may be checked out, but members are urged to return it quickly so others may borrow it, too. We hope you will join us for an interesting and enlightening discussion.

Adult Focus Group New Meeting Time — 9 a.m.

Beginning Jan. 4 the Focus Group will meet from 9 to 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Kirk library. New members are invited to join us as informal discussion of the film "Faith and Reason" continues.

Selection of the next film will be announced in the newsletter and bulletins.



An Invitation to Women of the Kirk

Join us for the Presbyterian Women's Gathering
"Captives Are Released"

Lesson 4, Luke's Gospel for the Poor,
will be taught by Pastor Bill Bailey

11 a.m. – Monday, Dec. 8

Followed by a lovely lunch by The Greenhorns
(\$7.50 each, payable at the door)

Enjoy Christmas music especially tailored for us by
The Hot Springs Horn Ensemble directed by Julian Herring.

We might even sing a carol or two!

Reservations are a must to reserve your lunch.
Call Carol Sue Williams, 922-6182, by Nov. 30

Dinners for six or eight

Would you like to be part of a group who enjoys fellowship, fun and food? Join dinners for either six or eight held monthly January through May, 2009.

It's a great way to get to know your fellow members at the Kirk so call June Moore at 922-5662 or Vianne Huff at 922-4624.

Shepherd Group 1 Breakfast

Shepherd Group 1 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the 19th hole at DeSoto for breakfast. We will order from the menu. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 3 to Margery McIntosh, 922-6316

Tax-free Charity Distribution Extended

The Federal government has renewed a popular tax break for charitable giving for 2008 and 2009 tax years. Retirees may direct a part of their required annual minimum distribution from IRAs to a qualified charity, and pay no taxes on the amount contributed. The transfer must be made directly by your IRA custodian to the charity. If you wish to consider this for your contribution to the Kirk, and need more information, please contact Darell Fisher or Gary Rector

KIRK MEMBERS TOUR SCOTLAND

Madelyn F. Young

Recently thirty-eight members and friends of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines returned from an exciting ten-day

adventure in Scotland, the country where reformer John Knox preached and Presbyterianism was born. The Reverend Bill Bailey, pastor of the Kirk, and the Reverend Don Trent, pastoral associate, led the group.



Kirk members Sherry Barefield and Charlotte Massey have graciously shared their journal notes with this writer. Here are a few highlights.

Weary from their long flight, the group arrived in Edinburgh, Scotland. Tour guide Esther was there to greet them. What a delight she was! Her energy, organization, knowledge and wit enhanced their trip from beginning to end.

The tour began in the lowlands of Scotland, where cattle and sheep grazed on rolling green hills. Neat stucco homes surrounded by flowers dotted the landscape. Property is expensive, so homes were mostly small, from 500 to 900 square feet.

Stirling Castle and gardens, the home to most of the King Jameses, looked down upon Bannockburn, Scotland's proudest battleground. In 1314, Robert the Bruce secured Scotland's independence when he defeated the English. "The statue of Robert the Bruce looked like the movie star that played him in the movie," said Sherry. The castle is now under renovation, but the great hall and timbers supporting the roof were wonders.



Often the weather would be cool and misty. One windy day they traveled by ferry to the small island of Iona, the

place where St. Columba and his disciples landed from Ireland in 536 AD and established Scotland's first Christian monastic settlement. The ancient abbey is being renovated and is quite large, made of stone and wood with stained glass windows—a beautiful, simple building.

In the Highlands of Scotland, the group attended a small Kirk of Scotland on Sunday morning. About 35 members welcomed them. Before the service, they rang their church bell for fifteen minutes, and our group helped. The pastor had a lilting Scottish accent and a good message. Following the service, the members invited our group to join them for tea, coffee and cookies.

"You won't believe how diverse our Sunday activities were when I tell you where we went after church," reports Charlotte. They drove into the country along narrow roads through hills and creeks to a Scottish whiskey distillery. Here they lunched in the lovely cafeteria and toured the building and grounds.



Sherry described their guide. "The delightful older gentleman was what my mind's eye thought a Scottish grandfather should look like—white wavy hair with sideburns, twinkling blue eyes, short, stocky, with a sense of humor. His knowledge of the malt whiskey process was great, and so was his pride in the product. He offered each a 'bit of the product' along with a pitcher of water."

Their tour of Scotland wouldn't have been complete without a stop at St. Andrews where golf is reputed to have begun. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, founded in 1745, gave us the rules of golf.

Near the end of their trip, the group visited impressive St. Giles Cathedral where John Knox preached and where the Queen of England worships when in Edinburgh. The Communion table was in the middle of the sanctuary, a fitting statement about our reformed Presbyterian faith.



SHARON AND LOWELL GARDNER bought a lot in Hot Springs Village in 1999. Then the Golden Valley, Minn., couple realized a dream and built their home here in the spring of 2005. They celebrated 18 years of marriage this fall.

Lowell grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and attended Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., graduating with a B.A. in English and philosophy. He entered a seminary, graduated in 1963, and served as pastor in Baptist churches for about 20 years.

Sharon, originally from Austin, Minn., moved with her family to Grantsburg in western Wisconsin. She met Lowell when both were working with a group of Christian educators – she on a committee and he as camp director.

She recently retired as a workers' compensation consultant in the insurance business.

Lowell left the ministry and worked for social services before becoming a supervisor for 17 years in the circulation department of the large daily newspaper in St. Paul, Minn. before his retirement.

The couple, wanting to get back into worship services, began looking for a church. They were taken with what Lowell called "such a warmth among the people" at the Kirk. He credited working with Pastor Bailey as their way back into the church.

Sharon, who was with the Sweet Adelines for 30 years, now sings in the Kirk choir and enjoys Larry Bradley's musical direction.

Between them, the Gardners have five children and nine grandchildren, all of whom live in the Twin Cities area and have visited the Village. All ages especially like digging for crystals at the nearby mine.

The couple shares a love of historic things, traveling and reading. Lowell is experienced in woodworking and Sharon is getting into photography.



LON AND LIZ HARDIN joined the Kirk by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Malvern. Though both were born and raised in Malvern, they did not meet until they attended Baylor University, after Lon had served for two years with the army in the Korean War.

The romance was spurred on by Lon's mother, who encouraged him to "look her up." They have two adult daughters, two sons-in-law and eight grandchildren.

Lon spent his working years in economic development, which eventually landed him in Little Rock as director of the International Trade Administration for the U.S. Department of Commerce. For 24 years he commuted to their farm in Prattsville, where they raised cattle and hay. They moved to the Village in January, 2008.

Liz was a stay-at-home mom during their daughters' school years. Lon's job moved the family from Fort Smith to Chicago to West Virginia. She then worked for City Corp and a patent attorney in Washington, D.C., and more recently became a 4-H volunteer.

Both have been active Presbyterians. Lon was a deacon in their Fort Smith church, and was ordained an elder in Arlington, Virginia. He has preached at the Kirk's Saturday night service, and sings in the Kirk choir. He serves on the General Council of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Liz began volunteering as secretary for their Malvern Presbyterian Church. She worked full time when the church installed two pastors between three interim ministers.

She is a Commissioned Lay Pastor at FPC Gurdon serving as minister handling all pastoral duties. She and the couples' older daughter were ordained Elders on the same Sunday in December, 1988; Liz in the Malvern church and daughter Kathy in St. Albans, West Virginia.

“Giving Away Your Faith.”

A Class on Evangelism

The first two Sunday evenings in November saw a lot of activity in Hoffius Hall. Sixty people gathered each evening for a light supper and lively discussion led by Pastor Bill Bailey.

Why and how should Presbyterians give witness to God at work in their life? How can we overcome our discomfort with evangelism?

After discussing negative evangelism experiences we've encountered, Bill addressed the reformed point of view on evangelism – sharing our sovereign and loving God with others. He explained Presbyterians didn't worry about evangelizing for many years as people flocked to the church.

But especially now, in this post-Christendom age, we need to take seriously the Great Commission to make disciples. Pastor Bill called it “relational evangelism.”

It's not telling strangers what they have to do to be saved, but rather, sharing, with those in our sphere of influence – with our friends, neighbors, family members – what God has done and is doing in our lives.

In responding to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we can bear witness – be it on the golf course, at the bridge table, over lunch, whenever the time is right.

To help us to do the work needed for evangelism, our assignment between Sundays was to think through how we had experienced God's grace in our life. In small groups we practiced telling our story. And as the class drew to an end, Pastor Bill challenged us to use the things we learned to be “Ambassadors for Christ.”

New Sunday Discussion Group

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join in a Sunday morning discussion group to be held in the conference room from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 4

Led by Dr. Heinrich Eiler, the initial series will be a follow-up on Dr. Eiler's presentation about Post-christendom. The focus will be on concrete, contemporary situations which reflect a society in which the Christian faith and its values are no longer the normative reality.

Make this a part of your regular Sunday School attendance and enjoy the fellowship as well as the lively discussion.



Kirk choir practicing for Cantata

Choir to present “A Festival of Carols.”

The Kirk Choir will present its annual Christmas cantata at 3 p.m. December 14.

This year's program is *A Festival of Carols* written and arranged by popular composer/pianist Joseph Martin. This work follows the order of the traditional Lessons and Carols service and includes nine scripture lessons interspersed in eleven choral numbers.

Reading the scriptures will be Dennis Zymboly, Anne Holt, Tom Hightower, Toni Bradley, Bev Bullard, Don Elsenheimer, Pat Hightower, Carol Gardner and Darell Fisher.

Pastor Bill Bailey will pronounce the Bidding Prayer and the Benediction.

Soloists will be Abe Stroud, Fran Stroud and Pat Hightower.

The presentation, directed by Larry Bradley, the Kirk's Minister of Music, opens with a brief passage from our hand bells choir rung by Helen Van Stone, Fran Stroud, Bev Bullard and Shirley Stollsteimer.

Barbara Greenman will accompany the choir on piano.

The Kirk choir has grown and 38 singers are expected. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this special program celebrating the birth of Christ and to the reception afterward in Hoffius Hall



If you'd like to order a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, or to just help beautify the sanctuary, place your order by Sunday, Dec. 8. Order forms in the Saturday and Sunday bulletins should be accompanied by a check payable to Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and designated “For Poinsettia Fund.” Each potted poinsettia is \$8. Contact Christine Hoagland, 984-2100.



Christmas Giving Tree

The Mission Committee thanks each of you who have taken a gift tag from the Christmas Giving Tree. Just remember Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14th is the deadline for turning in gifts. Call Marilyn Johnson, 922-6641, if you have questions..

Kirk Mission Committee Funds Head Start Project

Mountain Pine Head Start officially opened their new building at 300 Main Street in Hot Springs on Sept. 29. This Head Start center serves 18 three and four-year-olds. Before the grand opening, the Kirk Mission Committee played an important role.

Kirk member Pat Ormsbee is the community representative for Mountain Pine. She and the Kirk Mission Committee donated funds to paint a full wall mural for the center. Pati Trippel, Meg Koziar and other women from Brush Strokes and Unitarian Universalist Village Church created the mural. Now delightful farm animals help the children learn to count. There is one picture of one animal, two of another animal, and so on, through ten animals.

In Head Start, preschoolers get a "head start" in social skills and beginning learning before they enter public kindergarten. Nineteen Head Start centers in Arkansas serve 9,833 children and families. The new Mountain Pine center is licensed to serve 37 children.



Artist Pati Trippel and the children at Mountain Pine Head Start stand in front of the mural provided by the Kirk Mission Committee. (Meg Koziar photo)



Red Cross instructor Nan Young teaching the Heimlich maneuver

More Members CPR Certified

Thirteen members of the Kirk participated on Halloween in a not-so-scary Red Cross training program run by Red Cross volunteers Nan Young and Paul Grasse.

The participants learned a number of life-saving techniques, including how to dislodge an object caught in a victim's throat, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and using the church defibrillator.

Kirk members earning their certification were Bill Bailey, Beverly and Jack Bullard, Cheryle Dean, Joe Milligan, Jean and Clark Mowry, Nancy Nogle, E.J. Pangle, Gail Salmen, Roberta Shock, and Judy and Duane Sonnenburg.

The church defibrillator is on the wall in the hall behind the front of the sanctuary. A list of those certified to use it is posted next to the defibrillator.


Prayer Tree Takes Requests

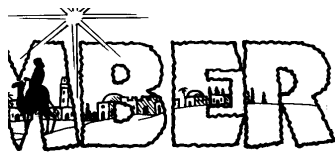
The Congregation Care Committee reminds us members of the Prayer Tree are dedicated to praying daily for your requests.

Your prayer requests may be made by calling any member on the Prayer Tree, the church office, or by filling out a yellow pew card. The card may be placed in the offering plate.

Prayer Tree members are Adair Atkinson, Karen Knox, Martha Fast, Jean Brown, Rosalyn Halbert, Maggie Lattimer, Kay Mason, Sheila Stanley, Charlotte Massey, Char Martin, Phyliss Miller, Carolyn Kane, Nell White, Peggy Cook, Dot Stroupe, Addie Zuidema, Ann Walters, Gretchen Mayfield, Janie Smith, Vi Sharp, Sue Thayer, Marylyn Rabideau, and Adele Boaz.

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Tree? We'd love to have you. There are lavender Prayer Tree brochures in the narthex and on the table by the office.

<p><i>(First Sunday of Advent)</i></p> 	<p>1 9:30 PW CT Mtg 2:00 Communications 7:00 AA</p>	<p>2 8:00 TOPS 10:00 Men's Cooking Club 10:15 Al-Anon 1:30 Big Band 2:00 Memorial Com. 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Shepherd Gr. #9 7:00 Chanticleers</p>
<p><i>7 Second Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>8:30 & 10:45 Communion Services 9:40 Adult Focus Group</p> <p>2:00 Greenhorns</p>	<p>8 9:00 Greenhorns 11:00 PW Gathering Luncheon 7:00 AA</p>	<p>9 10 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Session 1:30 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 SOMA 7:00 Chanticleers</p>
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VIBER 2008

<p>3 9:00 Embroidery Guild 9:00 Bible Study 1:00 Symphony #1 3:00 Education Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>4 9:00 Fellowship Com 9:00 Christian Faith 10:00 Bell Choir 1:00 Evangelism</p>	<p>5 2:00 Finance Com.</p>	<p>6 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>10 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Symphony Guild #2 10:30 Greenhorns 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>11 9:00 Christian Faith 10:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Mission Com</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>17 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 Heifer Project 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith & Film</p>	<p>18 9:00 Christian Faith 2:00 Planning/ Coordinating</p>	<p>19 7:30 a.m. Men's Assoc.</p>	<p>20 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>			

A Note from Our New Shepherd Group Leaders

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete and return their Shepherd Group Surveys, and a special thank you to all who wrote comments on the back.

We are sorting the surveys into groups for the next two years and answering all comments. Most are very individual. We would like to share two of those.

The first suggests we have a volunteer calendar, like the flower calendar, for coffee service volunteers. This is a great idea.

If you would like to establish and maintain this calendar, please call us. If nobody is willing to do this, it will remain a Shepherd Group responsibility.

We actually had two comments very much alike. We are only printing the shorter one: "I feel the original purpose of the Shepherd Groups was to care for and help others in the group. Although the social aspect is very important, we seem to have lost the drive to assist others in the group."

These two people have it right. Let's hope we can get back what we have lost.

Please continue to pray for us as we work to form the new Shepherd Groups.

Jean Fisher,
922-9344
Don /Edie Loveday,
922-1894



Dec. 1 - Ruth Hamilton
Dec. 1 - Gary Rector
Dec. 1 - Betty Robinson
Dec. 2 - Martha Copeland
Dec. 5 - (Lawton) Gene Reid
Dec. 6 - Wilma Reed
Dec. 6 - Eunice Wood
Dec. 7 - Walter Schulte
Dec. 8 - Lou Dowling
Dec. 9 - Carolyn Kane
Dec. 9 - Jo Guest
Dec. 10 - Carol Case
Dec. 10 - Gloria Reid
Dec. 11 - Adair Atkinson

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Dec. 11 - Christine Hoagland
Dec. 11 - Barb Singleton
Dec. 13 - Pat Mull
Dec. 15 - Pat Rea
Dec. 15 - Della Reimers
Dec. 17 - Wilma Smith
Dec. 18—Marylyn Rabideau
Dec. 18 - Mary Wright
Dec. 20 - Madelyn Young
Dec. 21 - Eleanor Hadley
Dec. 22 - Margaret Sowers
Dec. 23 - John Clark
Dec. 24 - Cathy Clowers
Dec. 26 - Everest Hegger
Dec. 26 - Shirley Johnson
Dec. 26 - Beverly Olmstead
Dec. 27 - Russ Nunn
Dec. 27 - Peggy Taylor
Dec. 27 - Wayne Walter
Dec. 29 - Penick Reitzammer
Dec. 30 - Ellen Marshall



Dec. 1 - David and Sissy Wilson
Dec. 2 - Keith and Jean Brown
Dec. 5 - David and Gail Salmen
Dec. 17 - Tom and Pat Hightower
Dec. 18 - Howard and Addie Zuidema
Dec. 19 - Ray and Mary Beal
Dec. 22 - Bob and Berna Scherwat
Dec. 23 - Robert and Lorraine Berry
Dec. 23 - Gary and Carol Clark
Dec. 23 - Norvell and Jeanette Pugh
Dec. 28 - Duane and Rosemary Claveau
Dec. 28 - Don and Edith Loveday
Dec. 30 - John Symons and E. J. Pangle
Dec. 31 - Harry and Chris Randles

Dear Kirk Friends :

May I thank all of you at the Kirk for your prayers and cards after my surgery. Ed Holt's visit while I was in the hospital was much appreciated, thank you, Ed. Also, to e Care Committee who delivered a delicious meal prepared by the Greenhorns when I came home, thank you.

I am so thankful I belong to such a caring church.

Louise Witte

To all my friends at the Kirk —

I thank you for your prayer, concerns and cards during my recent heart problem. I also thank especially the choir and pastors, Bill, Larry and Duane Sonnenburg for their visits and encouragement.

Marilyn Turner

Dear Kirk Family,

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who did so much to help me during the final days of Al's illness and death. There are just so many people who gave their time, sent cards, furnished food, prayers, contributions to the Columbarium Fund and so much more during this stressful time.

My special thanks to Bill, Larry and Barb for the beautiful Memorial Service. Judy and her committee for the lovely reception, Charlotte and her Memorial Committee, Helen Van Stone and Shepherd Group 2 for the wonderful luncheon, and added thanks to Chris Randles for stepping up to get that organized while Helen was out of town.

Last, to my dear friends, Ro and Dick Easter for helping with anything that needed to be done at any time of the day or night....you are the wind beneath my wings.

With appreciation from me and all of my family,

Barbara Guenther



**January
15, 2009**

HELP NEEDED

Dedicated Kirk members label the newsletter for mailing each month. It only takes a couple of hours – usually one morning the last week of the month.

Additional people are needed on the call list. Especially consider helping in December when some members are away.

If you can help on a regular basis or just fill in for someone absent, please call Ellen Weber at 922-2391.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Last year the Congregational Care Committee created a devotional booklet entitled *Hope Is Believing*. Many members of the Kirk contributed their favorite poems and stories to this, and 50 copies were distributed at Christmas to those members who had been hospitalized or were ill.

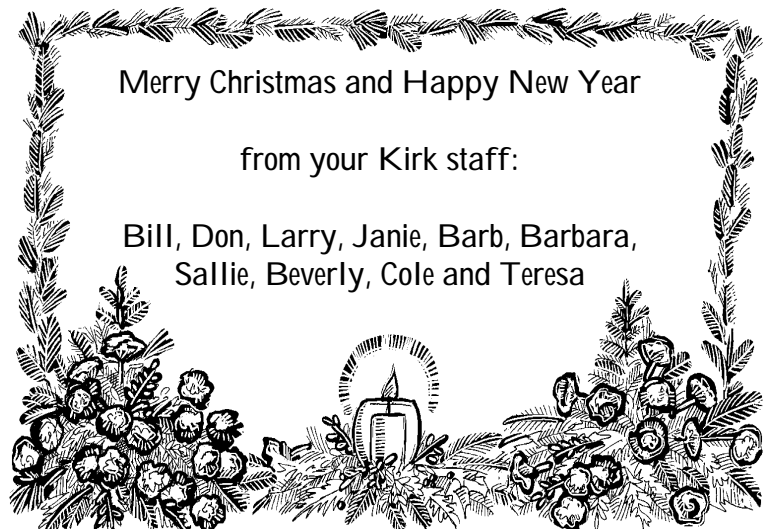
Another 100 booklets have been printed and may be found in the church narthex, Hoffius Hall, and outside the church office.

Please feel free to pick up one and enjoy! One per family, please. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from your Kirk staff:

Bill, Don, Larry, Janie, Barb, Barbara,
Sallie, Beverly, Cole and Teresa



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**Informal Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Kirk Staff

Bill Bailey	Senior Pastor
Don Trent	Pastoral Associate
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