



# A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

**It's a new year!** There's hope for a new beginning and fresh start. To that end some of us may make new year resolutions to hopefully bring about needed change in our lives as we move into the new year.

Most of us soon discover that lasting, significant change within our lives is *not* easily accomplished. Real growth takes time. When we fail to keep our well intentioned resolutions— when we find that our 2008 resolutions look a lot like the ones we made in 2007 and failed to keep — we must be careful not to lose heart. Frustration can mislead us into believing that we will never change.

We must remember that ours is a faith of new beginnings. We can greet each new day with the hope that the God of creation is at work in our lives. Everything does *not* depend on us alone. Because of the Gift of Christ, God is present with us in all of our lives, in every new year.

Paul once wrote to a group of Christians, "The God who began a good work among you will bring it to completion." (Phil. 1:6) So, be of good cheer. God is working out his purposes as this new year begins. God has been at it for a very long time and will keep at it until all is completed in the kingdom. Be patient with yourselves and with all that is unresolved in your life. Accept the gift of God's presence and grace as you grow into this new year.

In Christ's Service,  
Bill



## **Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 13**

**The Kirk Session has called a congregational meeting on January 13, 2008, at 10:15 a.m., to change Pastor Bill Bailey's terms of call. The proposal will include a revision in salary and some other conditions. More information will be provided in that weekend's bulletin. The scheduled meeting time of 10:15 a.m. will accommodate worshippers at both services.**

*The following was shared with the Session by Bill:*

In a previous church with a new secretary Bill was startled when the worship bulletin read, "The Session has called a congregational meeting this morning to approve a chance of the pastor's terms of call.

## **UPDATE ON SCOTLAND TOUR**

At this time (December 16), we have 25 of our members and friends who have registered for our Presbyterian Heritage tour. We need 11 more to be certain of maintaining our \$2,795. base price. Just 20 more participants (a total of 45) would enable us to provide included transportation to our Memphis starting point.

The September 29th, 2008, departure date is still a long time away, but unless there is steady progress, we will start to lose our reserved airline space. Therefore, near Christmas, we will begin to advertise the tour outside the Kirk, in other Presbyterian churches and then to the general public, if necessary. Don't miss your chance to join a group of your fellow Kirk members to engage in meaningful travel. You will have the opportunity, while touring, to hear special informative Christian Heritage lectures by three of our ministers. If you are looking for a roommate, we have other single prospects and may be able to help you. We hope you will decide in the next few days to join us while we are still certain to have space. For information, please call Reverend Don Trent at 915-2097.



*The Year Ahead*

**CLERK'S CORNER**

We have enjoyed a very productive year in the life of the Kirk. It's wonderful what all can be accomplished when we work together rather than find fault with each other. Take a few minutes and think back over the year at the new programs, the changes and repairs within the church property, the new Shepherd Group makeup, Bill's classes, the outstanding Christmas Cantata we all enjoyed, a new organ and piano, an outstanding new organist and so many positive things too numerous to list. We would look far and wide to find a better pastoral staff than Bill, Don and Larry - we are truly blessed.

Your Session was very diligent during the annual Elder's retreat under Bill's leadership. He guided the Session's examination of what the Kirk does well and also what the Kirk needs to improve upon and how to go about the task. It takes time to change and improve direction and the Session and it's committees will be working hard to improve life at the Kirk.

The following business was conducted during the December Session Meeting.

- Approved the hiring of Janie Smith as Visitation Coordinator. She will train the Christian Friends to conduct visitations to the recuperating and homebound as well as make and coordinate visitations. She will provide approximately 500 hours of effort per year.
- Approved the termination of our Grounds Keeper and the transfer of the responsibilities to our Sexton.
- Approved the hiring of Teresa Goodman, Cole's wife, as Assistant Sexton. She will work two eight-hour days per week plus two hours on Saturday for Sunday setup.
- Approved a change in the Sexton Job Description to reflect the above actions.
- Our Finance Committee negotiated the change of our insurance carrier to Guide One saving the church \$1,400 in annual premiums.
- Approved the serving of Communion on the first weekend of each month and on Maundy Thursday for the year of 2008.
- Approved the payment of a Christmas bonus to our nine full and part time staff members.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> between our two services, at 10:15a.m., for the purpose of approving the changes of Reverend Bill Bailey's 2008 Terms of Call.

TRANSFERS: Gerald and Eloise Holman to the First Church of the Brethren, McPherson, Kansas.

DEATHS: Rose Standridge, DOD 11-23-07; Oswald Brookes, DOD 11-23-07; Richard Lowenthal, DOD 11-30-07.

CHURCH STATISTICS as of December 11, 2007: Members 543                      Family Units: 339

Note - a correction was made to these numbers due to a past error.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

For the month of November, General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,434.

For the first eleven months of the year, General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$43,328.

For the month of November, Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,356.

For the first eleven months of the year, expenditures exceeded receipts by \$152,734 reflecting the parking lot contract. Our finances remain in good shape through the first eleven months of the year.

God bless each of you and have a blessed new year.

Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session

**Midwinter Lecture Series**  
**The Commandments and Common Life—January 23-24**

Even though most people in the United States cannot identify all ten of the commandments that make up the Decalogue (the “ten words”), the Ten Commandments have played a significant role in the life of the Church and in civil society. On January 23-24, the Midwinter Lecture Series at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines will address the Christian understanding and use of the Ten Commandments within the church and in the public realm.

Dr. Nancy J. Duff will lead this year’s series. She has taught at Princeton Theological Seminary since 1990 and holds the Stephen Colwell Chair of Christian Ethics. In addition to “The Ethics of the Ten Commandments,” she teaches “Issues in Human Sexuality,” “Biomedical Ethics,” “The Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” and “Vocation in Christian Tradition and Contemporary Life.” She earned her BA from Austin College in Texas, her M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is married to David C. Mertz, who is a United Methodist minister. They have two children, a daughter, who is a freshman in college, and a son, who is a junior in high school.

During the series, Dr. Duff will lead us to examine such issues as whether the Commandments should be posted in the public realm, how God’s name is used by American politicians, what kinds of civil law have and should support Sabbath rest, and how our understanding of faithfulness in marriage can fulfill the promise of belonging or turn that promise into a threat. Individual sessions are:

The Ten Commandments: A List of Rules to Live By?

The Commandments and the Constitution: Posting the Commandments in the Public Realm

The Use of God’s Name: The Second Commandment and American Politics

Taking a Sabbatical: Appropriate Laws Regarding Necessary Rest

The Seventh Commandment: The Promise and Threat of Belonging

On Wednesday, January 23, the morning session will begin in Hoffius Hall at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m. The afternoon session will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will meet the same hours on Thursday, but on Thursday afternoon we will meet in the sanctuary.

Dr. Duff will also lead the discussion at the Kirk Issues Forum on Wednesday evening. A lasagna supper will be served in Hoffius Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$ 5.00, and sign-ups will begin the first weekend in January.

We are excited to have Dr. Nancy J. Duff coming to present this informative series dealing with The Ten Commandments. We hope you will attend as many of the lectures as you can and bring your friends. The public is invited to join us.



*Dr. Nancy J. Duff*  
*Princeton Theological Seminary File Photo*



**I am the resurrection and the life.  
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” John 11:25**

**FACING THE FINAL CHALLENGE WITH GRACE AND GUSTO**

The Congregational Care Committee is sponsoring a series of meetings to help you focus on developing a plan to prepare for the end of life. Mark your calendars now to attend the Sunday evening sessions at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall.

We will begin the series during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship sermons. With God’s great promise held before us, the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, we can begin to talk about and plan for our own inevitable end/beginning.

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| <b>SATURDAY, JAN. 26</b>                     | <b>WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH<br/>A SERMON—REVEREND DON TRENT</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY, JAN. 27<br/>8:30 AND 10:45 AM</b> | <b>WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH<br/>A SERMON – REVEREND BILL BAILEY</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY, JAN. 27<br/>6:30 PM</b>           | <b>TRANSITIONS – GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY<br/>REVEREND KAREN AKIN<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LR</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEB. 3<br/>6:30 PM</b>            | <b>THE DIAGNOSIS – MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS<br/>CAMAK BAKER, MD.,<br/>AND A SPEAKER FROM HOSPICE</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEB. 10</b>                       | <b>CELEBRATING LIFE – THE MINISTRY OF THE<br/>FUNERAL HOME AND THE CHURCH, AND GENESIS<br/>BRENDA BELK FROM MEMPHIS,<br/>DONATING YOUR BODY TO MEDICAL SCIENCE</b> |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEB. 17<br/>6:30 PM</b>           | <b>WILL POWER – FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS<br/>KAREN BAIM REAGLER – ATTORNEY</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEB. 24<br/>6:30 PM</b>           | <b>FACING THE FINAL CHALLENGE<br/>EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS<br/>JOHN RUSS-LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR</b>                                     |

**Presentations will be informative and user friendly with time for interaction and small group discussion. You will have your own workbook to help you record information about your last wishes. So plan on joining us!**

**FAITH AND FILM  
“Tender Mercies” on January 9**

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines “Faith and Film” series will continue on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall. Discussion of the next film “Tender Mercies” will be led by Reverend Bill Bailey.

The film, starring Robert Duvall, is the story of an alcoholic drifter and former country singer (Mac Sledge) who comes into the life of a young widow and her son. This friendship enables him to find inspiration to resume his career and to find redemption through the simple power of love.

Copies of the film are available to be checked out in the church library or you may rent the DVD or video on your own, if that is more convenient. It is important to return the film to the Kirk Library as soon as possible so that others may view it.

See you on January 9 for “Tender Mercies.”

**PLEASE WELCOME NEW  
STAFF MEMBER  
JANIE SMITH**

The Session has approved the hiring of Janie Smith as Visitation Coordinator. She will train the Christian Friends to conduct visitations to the recuperating and homebound as well as make and coordinate visitations. She will provide approximately 500 hours of effort per year.



*Janie Smith and a group of Christian Friends prepare for home visitation ministry for the Kirk.*

***An Invitation  
to  
An Evening of Fellowship and Dancing***

**KIRK IN THE PINES ANNUAL DINNER**

**DATE: January 28, 2007**

**PLACE: Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m., Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.**

**MENU: Stuffed Pork Loin or Baked Chicken Breast, Salad, Vegetable,  
Potatoes, Cake and Coffee or Tea.**

**COST: \$12.50 per person**

**PROGRAM: Village Big Band**

**TICKET SALES:**

**Saturday, Jan. 5th through Sunday Services, Jan. 20th**

**Plan now to join with us for this annual event**

**NEW BOOKS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SOME HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED**

Our Kirk library has two books written by Sue Monk Kidd: *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Mermaid Chair*. If you've had a chance to read them, you'll know what an excellent author Sue Monk Kidd is. We now have two more books written by this author about her own spiritual journey: *God's Joyful Surprise*, and *When the Heart Waits*. John Claypool knew about her and her journey. She is married to a Baptist minister and she became a member of the Episcopal church. She lives in South Carolina.

On the current best seller non-fiction (paperback) book list is: *Eat, Pray, Love*, written by Elizabeth Gilbert. The Los Angeles Times says of this book: "A meditation on love in its many forms--love of food, language, humanity, God, and most meaningful for Gilbert, a love of self. Gilbert's wry, unfettered account of her extraordinary journey lets even the most cynical reader dare to dream of someday finding God deep in a meditation cave in India, or perhaps, over a transcendent slice of pizza."

And for all of you who are Anne Tyler fans, (she's the author of *The Accidental Tourist*, *Breathing Lessons*, and *Saint Maybe*, and many other books) we have her latest book: *Digging to America*. This story casts a penetrating light on the American way as seen from two perspectives, those who are born here and those who are struggling to fit in. Books on Iona have been ordered and we'll be sure and let you know when they arrive.

# January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue
		<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Communion Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> <b>Worship Services</b> <b>9:40 Adult Focus Group</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 Staff Meeting</b> <b>2:00 Communication</b> 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA	<b>8</b> 8:00 TOPS 10:00 Men's Cooking 10:15 Al-Anon <b>1:00 Session</b> 12:30 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> <b>Worship Services</b> <b>9:40 Adult Focus Group</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>14</b> 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA	<b>15</b> 8:00 TOPS <b>9:30 Stewardship</b> 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> <b>Worship Services</b> <b>9:40 Adult Focus Group</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 Congregational Care Com.</b> <b>3:00 Worship Committee</b>  6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA	<b>22</b> 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band
<b>27</b> 8:30 & 10:45 <b>Worship Services</b> <b>9:30 Adult Ed. Class</b> <b>9:40 Adult Focus Group</b>  <b>6:30 Life's Last Great Challenge</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 Administration</b> 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA <b>5:30 All Kirk Dinner - @ Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band

Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><i>2</i>  10:00 Embroidery Guild  11:00 Symphony Guild Board  <b>3:30 Education Com.</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p><i>3</i>  <b>9:00 Fellowship Com</b>  <b>1:00 Evangelism</b>  7:00 Chanticleers  <b>7:00 Shepherd #9</b></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i>  <b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p><i>9</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>  <b>1:30 &amp; 2:30 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b>  <b>6:30 Faith &amp; Film</b></p>	<p><i>10</i>  <b>9:30 Christian Faith</b>  <b>3:00 Mission Com.</b>  7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i>  <b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p><i>16</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>  12:00 Potter's Clay Setup  <b>1:30 &amp; 2:30 Bell Choirs</b>  2:30 Heifer Project  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p><i>17</i>  <b>9:30 Christian Faith</b>  11:30 Potter's Clay  <b>2:00 Planning &amp; Coordinating</b>  <b>3:30 Issues Forum Com</b>  7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p><i>18</i>  7:30 Men's Assoc.</p>	<p><i>19</i>  <b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p><i>23</i>  <b>9-11:00 Lecture Series</b>  <b>1:30 &amp; 2:30 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>1-3:00 Lecture Series</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b>  <b>5:30 Forum Dinner</b>  <b>6:30 Issues Forum</b></p>	<p><i>24</i>  <b>9:00-11:00 Lecture Series</b>  <b>1:00-3:00 Lecture Series</b>  Kirk Sanctuary    <b>2:00 Gardening W/S in Hoffius Hall</b>  7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i>  <b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p><i>30</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>  <b>1:30 &amp; 2:30 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>		

### ***THE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS***

A full house of appreciative listeners heard *The Voices of Christmas* on Sunday, December 16, at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. This was the first year the Kirk Choir's presentation was held in the afternoon, separate from Sunday morning worship. That allowed for an uncut version of composer Joseph M. Martin's beautiful music and narration to be performed.

The choir, inspired by Larry Bradley, Director of Music, gave of their best. The confidence with which they sang was evident. Barbara Greenman, organist and pianist, performed the difficult accompaniment flawlessly. The soloists were superb. Larry Bradley's rendition of "Joseph's Song" was especially moving. Toni Bradley, narrator, and others who spoke as the "voices" of Christmas performed eloquently.

Following the program, a lovely reception prepared by the Kirk Fellowship Committee and Reception Committee was served in Hoffius Hall. Kirk members and visitors expressed their gratitude to all who provided this beautiful afternoon of inspiration and joy.



*Christine Hoagland poses beside the exquisite centerpiece she created to adorn the table for the reception following the Kirk Choir's cantata.*



*Jim Hess, Moderator of Fellowship Committee and Judy Rosenthal, of the Reception Committee enjoy the reception after the cantata..*



*Some of the Kirk members and guests enjoying refreshments at the reception.*

***The Kirk appreciates the efforts of all who made the cantata and reception a lovely celebration.***

### **Kirk Women Enjoy Gathering**

**Presbyterian Women of the Kirk in the Pines gathered on December 10 for a Bible lesson and Christmas luncheon. Reverend Bill Bailey presented the lesson based on Scripture: Jonah 3. The Greenhorns, a cooking group at the Kirk, served a delicious Christmas menu. The luncheon tables glowed with festive candlelit centerpieces. Following the meal, Larry Bradley, minister of music, led the group in a delightful sing-along of merry Christmas favorites and lovely carols.**



### Christmas Giving Tree Brings Joy

As Christmas draws near, members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines help to ensure that some needy children have a gift under the tree. For several weeks, the Mission Committee has had a Christmas Giving Tree in the narthex of the church. Members could choose a name and purchase a gift for that child. Sunday, December 9, was the last day for gifts to be accepted for the tree.

This is the eleventh year that Kirk in the Pines has donated gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree. There are usually around 110 names on the tree and the gifts are limited to a cost of twenty-five dollars. It's a small tree but it brings happiness to many children.



*Pictured left to right are Ro Easter and Marilyn and Jerral Johnson as they prepare to deliver gifts to Mountain Pine Headstart, Vera Lloyd Children's Home in Monticello, North Garland County Headstart, and Glenhaven Youth Ranch for Boys and Girls.*

### Handbell Choirs Off to a Great Start

Both of our handbell groups are off to a wonderful start this fall. We would love to have more participants. The more experienced choir which played for us last Sunday has two openings. Barb Greenman and I filled in those spots on Sunday, but we would like to have regular members. Those persons need to have an ability to read music, especially rhythm, in order to begin to play at a moderate level.

Barb's group is a beginning group and they have room for a number of people to bring it up to full size. Right now they are successfully ringing several pieces that are written for four or five persons. Hopefully they will be prepared to participate in worship in the near future.

Please talk to me or Barb Greenman if you are interested in joining one of these groups. **We will begin rehearsing again on Wednesday,**

**January 9th**

Barb's group meets at 1:30 and mine at 2:30. Rehearsals last about an hour.

Larry

**SINGERS, PLEASE NOTE: Kirk Choir at 4:00 p.m. begins rehearsing again on January 2nd.**

### Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Each March the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is responsible for providing volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Village. We need two people for each weekday. You can volunteer as a couple or we will match you up with a partner. We also need substitutes who are available on an as-needed basis.

Meals on Wheels provides hot cooked meals to homebound seniors. Ready-to-Serve meals and delivery directions are picked up at McAuley Center for you to deliver in the Village. If you can help, call Dottie Isaacson at 922-6419.

### Dreaming of Spring?

What better time than on a cold January day to start thinking about the spring. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Hoffius Hall to hear Mr. Mark Lichliter. Mark, who is a Master Gardener, is a fellow resident in the Village and an active member of the Men's Garden Club. You may not know it, but you have seen his expertise in many of the landscaping projects around the Village. He will be focusing on ornamental grasses and landscape design and is willing to share his knowledge and ideas with us.

So bring your questions and come. It will be warm before we know it.





### BIRTHDAYS

JAN	I Atkinson, Joe
JAN	I Copeland, Wayne
JAN	I Olson, Dick
JAN	I Nogle, Nancy
JAN	2 Stroupe, Dorothy
JAN	3 Wilson, Ned
JAN	3 Lowenthal, Jeanne
JAN	4 Pury, Martha
JAN	4 Valentine, Tom
JAN	4 Pogemiller, Gerald
JAN	5 Chakoian, Jackie
JAN	6 Elsenheimer, Donald
JAN	6 Ferris, Janet
JAN	7 Barefield, Sherry
JAN	8 Carpenter, Mike
JAN	9 Gunsalus, Cliff
JAN	9 Malotki, Diane
JAN	10 Durbin, Janet
JAN	I I Burt, Bob
JAN	12 Geissler, Bob
JAN	12 Olmstead, Lewis
JAN	13 Fisher, Darell
JAN	14 Veiock, Ted
JAN	14 Harless, Jane
JAN	17 Moffa@ Charles
JAN	17 Brown, Jean
JAN	18 Reece, Betty
JAN	20 Holt, Anne
JAN	21 McGregor, Jane
JAN	21 Johnson, Jerral
JAN	22 Turner, Don
JAN	23 Veeder, Eula Mae
JAN	23 Miller, Phyllis
JAN	24 Piontek, Shirley
JAN	24 Strautinan, Halene
JAN	25 Swan, Lloyd
JAN	26 Claveau, Duane
JAN	27 Judy, Betty Jo
JAN	27 Peglar, Shirley
JAN	28 Brookes, Lillian
JAN	30 Stewart, Connie
JAN	30 Faulk Emily
JAN	31



JAN	3	Rector, Gary & Dottie
JAN	16	VanStone, Don & Helen
JAN	17	Olson, Dick & Marilyn
JAN	25	Harris, Jimmy & Barbara
JAN	26	Volkema, Art & Marty
JAN	30	Valentine, Tom & Helen
JAN	31	Oglesby, Gayle & Edwina
JAN	31	Turner, Don & Marilyn

### PRESBYTERIAN RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY

**Who:** YOU

**What:** Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo

**When:** April 3 – 6, 2008

**Where:** Ferncliff Presbyterian Center

**Why:** Presbyterian Cursillo provides a unique opportunity and environment within which an individual can better relate to where they are in their spiritual journey, grow in their relationship with Christ, and return to their homes and churches reinvigorated and better prepared to consider God's call in their life

Please join us at Ferncliff on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for a weekend that will last a lifetime. The cost of the weekend is \$200, which covers all expenses. For those who might need scholarship support, an enquiry to our Registrar, Peggy Leonard ([cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com](mailto:cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com))

will be handled with utmost confidence. For additional information and an application, you can go to the Arkansas Presbytery Web Site ([www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org)). Copies of the application are also available outside the church office.

### ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Have you seen your picture on the computer? All members who had their photos printed in the Kirk Pictorial Directory PLUS all members who have joined the Kirk since Olan Mills photographers were here are now in our online pictorial directory. Last month, I told you about the large blue + beside a listing. Here's another suggestion: While in the photo directory, you may view the picture as a larger image by clicking on the picture.

To access this website go to <http://om126300.onlineolanmills.com> and click on "Photo Directory" near the top of the screen under "Kirk in the Pines." On the next screen you will need to enter our password which is **kirk1**. That is all lower case: kirk with the number 1 and no space. Whenever the password is changed, it will be published in the bulletin and newsletter.

You may also access the online pictorial directory by going to the Kirk website: [www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org) Click on the Links tab. You will see Kirk Online Pictorial Directory listed. Read the directions under the title. Then click on the title and you will be on the site.

We hope you enjoy your Kirk online pictorial directory!



[www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org)

**MISSION DOLLARS**

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$1,253.00 for the month of November, 2007.

**FOOD BASKET**



This month we are collecting food for Jackson House. Their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, canned and dry milk, canned and dry fruit, canned beans, pasta and sauces, peanut butter, hot and cold cereals, coffee and tea.

**MISSING :**

Please let us know if you know the whereabouts of the black electric stapler which was borrowed from the office several weeks ago!



We are so thankful the Kirk's mission committee was led to provide a grant to Small Group Therapy and that many caring members of the Kirk family also made contributions so Christmas gifts and other activities will be possible this year for the residents.

Your generosity, along with gifting from others, will enable nearly 100 mentally ill adults to experience not only the joy of receiving items they need as a Christmas gift, but will also serve as witness that there are people who do care and wish to share the Christmas spirit with them all year through.

Thank you, and may the Peace of Christ be with you.

Joyce Leeming and friends of SGT  
aka The Christmas Elves

To:  
The Staff and Members of the Kirk:

Knowing we were included in the prayers of our Church helped immeasurably to soften the hurt of our sister's death and daughter Virginia's death, and then Nita's hospital stay and Cal's continuing leukemia treatment.

Thank you Pastor Bill, Don Trent and members of our Church for the calls, visits, flowers and cards — so many beautiful cards. It is all very much appreciated.

Nita & Cal Sloma

Our sympathy is extended to Tom and Pat Hightower on the death of Tom's brother-in-law, Larry Walker. Larry was a resident of Louisiana and passed away, December 7th, after an extended illness.

**SPIRITUAL VITAMINS**

GOD'S GIFT TO US  
IS WHAT WE ARE.

OUR GIFT TO GOD  
IS WHAT WE BECOME.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Bob Smith, upon the death of his brother, Floyd Smith of Ocean-side, CA, who passed away on December 19th, 2007.

To: Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines  
Attn: Mr. Donald Elsenheimer

Dear Sir:

We are writing this letter to thank the members and management of your organization for the recent donation received from them. The chairs and tables that were donated to us were needed very much and will be put to good use during our meetings and training sessions.

It doesn't seem like very much but the most we can do is say a sincere Thank You! The Board of Directors, Members and Volunteers of our Fire Department appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
Buckville Vol. Fire Dept.Inc.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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