

A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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The Pastor's Corner

To paraphrase Lao Tzu: A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, or plane ride, or bus trip! By the time you read this March newsletter, a group of us Presbyterians will be making all of these as we journey to the Holy Land.

Some of us have been there before, but for most of us, this will be our first experience in the land of Abraham, Moses and Jesus. All of us would agree, however, this is a trip of a lifetime — one we've worked for, prayed for and looked forward to for many months and years.

As we travel we usually feel more vulnerable. We stretch and grow when we enter another culture, but we also move out of our comfort zones.

Ironically, we often become even more aware of our homes and those things we so often take for granted. We become especially mindful of loved ones we each left behind and things we are seeking when we make a pilgrimage such as this. And we become more grateful as we become aware of the efforts made by many on our behalf.

I always find myself praying more when I travel — drawn more to pray for God's traveling mercies as well as for loved ones at a distance.

This Holy Land pilgrimage is also a reminder that all of life is a journey. In ways small and large, all of us have to deal with those we leave behind and with those things we seek as we make our way through life.

As people of faith, we trust that God is with us in this journey. We believe we are not alone, but that God is with us in all of life. As the Psalmist reminds us, "The goodness and the mercy of the Lord follow us all the days of our lives ..."

Whatever our circumstances, wherever the journey takes us, we need not be afraid, because we are surrounded by God's traveling mercies.

Peace,
— *Bill Bailey*



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

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

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

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

**Lenten Services
11 a.m. Wednesdays
March 3, 10, 17, 24**

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Clerk's Corner

Larry and Toni Bradley — It was announced at Session that Larry and Toni have returned to their home in Hot Springs. Larry intends to visit the church soon. I know that they appreciate the prayers of the congregation during their recovery.

Pat Hightower — Pat did an outstanding job as Interim Music Director. We all owe her a great big “Thank You” for keeping the music program at a high level of professionalism during the time Larry was undergoing his recovery.

Members lost in January — It is with regret that we lost the following members during January:

Emily Jo Strong, Jan. 23

Don Urquhart, Jan. 26

Lorraine Muenze, Jan. 30

These were long-time members of the church and will be missed.

Members gained in February — On a happier note it is great to recognize four new members to the Kirk:

Jim and Sandy Adams, 15 Guindola Circle, Hot Springs Village, 915-9006

Steve and Norma Stevens, 9 Lasagra Lane, Hot Springs Village, 915-8048

As you meet these couples, take time to introduce yourself and help them feel this is truly their church home.

Evangelism Committee — The Committee, with Dennis Zymboly as moderator, is undertaking a program to identify those individuals who are moving to the Village and to quickly let them know they are welcome to the Village and to the Kirk. If you have not signed up to help with the program, visit with Dennis or a committee member and see how you can be involved. This program can mean a lot to the growth of the Kirk.

Finance Committee — John Clark and Walter Fuquay were approved by Session to serve on the 2009 Audit Committee.

Memorial Committee — Moderator Gail Salmen reported the new granite plates for the Columbarium have arrived and were installed. This was done at no cost to the Kirk.

Communications Committee — The committee was happy to report that only 35 newsletters had to be mailed last month. Members with Internet service have been very positive about reading “*Voice in the Pines*” on line. Continued use of the Internet to deliver the newsletter each month will result in considerable savings to the Kirk.

Blessings,
Jerral Johnson

Volunteers urgently needed to prepare communion elements

Four people are needed once a month to assist with preparations for communion and to clean items used afterward. Two people work together to prepare and set up elements for communion the first Sunday each month. And two are needed to clean up the vessels and trays after the worship service.

Usually it is most convenient to make the preparations on Saturday and then place on the table on Sunday morning. Complete instructions are provided for your information and help. A commitment to provide this service once a month for six months, or longer, would be appreciated. If you are willing to help, or need further information, contact Worship Committee moderator, Lon Hardin at 501 773-5817 or Sheila Stanley at 922-3579 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

-- Lon Hardin




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

- Mar. 3 — Rev. Dave Nottrott
- Mar. 10 — Rev. Vic Brown
- Mar. 17 — CLP Sylvia Tate
- Mar. 24 — Rev. Heinrich Eiler

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

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

All in the community are welcome.



One Great Hour of Sharing

On Palm Sunday, March 28, and Easter Sunday, April 4, One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes will be in your worship bulletins.

Please use this envelope to support this important ministry. The offering will be received on Easter Sunday.

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

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

Kirk welcomes new members



The Kirk congregation was introduced to four new members Feb. 14 at the Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Bill Bailey (center) welcomed Jim and Sandy Adams (left) and Norma and Steve Stevens (right) into the Kirk family. Both couples moved to the Village recently and have been regular attendants at the Kirk. (Madelyn Young photo)

Holy Week begins March 28

Holy Week for Christians marks events leading up to the death and resurrection of our Lord.

March 28, Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem riding a donkey. *John 12:13:* So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

April 1, Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper. Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the Mount of Olives.

A Tenebrae Service with open communion will held be at 7 p.m.

April 2, Good Friday: Jesus is crucified.

April 4, Easter Sunday: The resurrection of our Lord.

Two Worship Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Coffee hour between services at 9 a.m.



Presbyterian Women

PW in March

Gathering/Luncheon Program:

Haiti: Disaster. Destruction. Grief. What other words can describe Haiti today?

Susan Turbeville of the Haiti Education Foundation might say "Hope."

At the March 8 PW luncheon program, she will explain why the Foundation represents hope and how one woman, Frances Landers of Arkansas, had an idea that is changing Haiti. In the midst of all the stories in the media, PW will hear from one in touch with survivors of the earthquake. Susan Turbeville will describe the situation in Haiti and answer questions.

All men and women of the Kirk and members of the community are invited to hear Turbeville speak at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in Hoffius Hall.

Bible Study for PW members starts at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by lunch.

PW mission/budget:

For several years, the Haiti Fund, which helps operate a residential vocational school, has been among the missions supported by PW. Others include Potter's Clay and Glenhaven Youth Ranch. For all of the PW Mission projects see pages 11 and 12 in the Presbyterian Women's Handbook. The mission budget is \$3,000.

On page 13 are PW expenses. Luncheon speakers and Woman of Faith are among the items. That cost is \$1,460. Total budget expenses equal \$4,460.

Why do the members need to think about this now? Because the PW has a budget problem.

Cranford's no longer reimburses PW for receipts saved by members. For years, those checks added \$700 to \$1,000 to the budget. Although the PW representative was assured Cranford's would send a check for 2008-2009, nothing has been received for a year.

As of now, and in the future, PW is completely dependent on the pledges of members. Members of PW are busy. They travel, volunteer, and do so many things. It is easy to forget. But if everyone who pledged sends a check to our treasurer, Carol Sue Williams, the budget can be met and it

will not be necessary to make cuts in missions or programs.

If you have questions, please call Sue Thayer, PW moderator, 915-9176.

Birthday Offering:

The Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Iraq and Peace Presbyterian Church in Kentucky will be recipients of the 2010 Birthday Offering. Both missions are dedicated to the welfare of children.

Look for the Birthday Offering envelopes in the church pews. The offering will be received at the March 8 Gathering.

Woman of Faith/Woman of the Year:

Monday, March 15, is the last day for nominating candidates for these awards.

Write the name of the person and a brief reason why she has been selected, and put it in the PW box or give it to Sue Thayer.

PW Gathering & Luncheon

March 8, 2010

Bible Study: 11:00 am ... Sanctuary

Lesson 7: "*God's Concern for Justice:
The Cities of Refuge*"

Presented by Dr. James Thayer

Lunch: Noon ... Hoffius Hall

Catered by the Greenhorns — \$7.50 each
Please make reservations by Feb. 28

Program: 12:30 p.m. ... Hoffius Hall

Haiti Educational Foundation

Susan Turbeville, speaker

*** Men and women in the Kirk and in the community are invited for the 12:30 p.m. program. No reservation required.**

Financial State of the Kirk

On Tuesday, March 2, you will have an opportunity to learn more about Kirk finances.

Darell Fisher, Finance Committee moderator, will give a presentation discussing our current financial situation, the budget process, the 2010 budget (and how we built it), our endowment and other subjects.

There will be time for questions.

The program will be at **9:30 a.m. March 2**, in Hoffius Hall and should last about 90 minutes.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED **World Day of Prayer**

2 p.m. Friday, March 5

Westminster Presbyterian Church
3819 Central Ave., Hot Springs

Call Joyce Hayek or Sue Thayer
for more information.

New Territory by the Christian Friendship Program

An interview with Howard and Addie Zuidema, an 87-year-old Kirk couple, about their future living arrangements.

— *By Dotty Rector*

Q: You've lived here for 25 years. What decisions are you making about your future?

Addie: We've seen some move to Cedar Lodge for a while, then move again to be closer to kids. We've seen some stay there, and others move directly to be near their children. If a spouse dies, that often precipitates a move.

All the different alternatives make us more confused. We've looked at three places in the Chicago area where our eldest daughter lives. The other lives in San Francisco and we wouldn't even consider that. We're content here in the house, although I don't know how long we'll be able to stay here. We're pretty settled in.

Q: Howard, what's your thinking on this?

Howard: Addie might like to go back to the Grand Haven, Mich., area where we are from. Our son is in a cemetery there and we have our lots there. Every summer we spend six weeks there in an apartment. Addie likes the apartment and the area. It's very nice.

I'm the one who's hesitant. I'd like to stay just like we are. Addie worries that if something happens to me and she being blind, it would be tough on her to be alone.

I like to work outside and to play golf, but I have to face that I can't do that forever.

We're at a point where we have to make a decision, but we keep procrastinating. Our daughters say they are coming this summer to help us get rid of things. I'm a saver but Addie throws out everything but me, because she needs me.

Addie: Our daughter Suzanne said, "If you don't want to move out of your house, and when something happens, we can deal with it then." The girls aren't pushing us at all. It's all up to us.

Q: So you're waiting for some kind of a trigger that will set off a decision?

Addie: If something happens, we know we'll have to make a decision, and we will.

In the Spotlight . . .

The Communication Committee

The Communications Committee (ComCom) works diligently each month to keep Kirk in the Pines members informed about church activities. What do we do?

- We write, edit and publish the monthly “*Voice in the Pines*.” This 16-page publication keeps the Kirk community up to date on what’s happening in our church. Members work closely with other committees and organizations and with the church staff to gather information.

Kirk members with Internet access the newsletter on the Kirk website while those who do not have computers are provided a printed copy to be picked up at the church. This saves the Kirk a large amount in production and mailing costs.

- We work with our webmaster to improve and maintain the Kirk website. There you, and the community at large, will find announcements about meetings, changes in schedules, memorial services and notices, such as recent ones about cancellations due to bad weather; pictures, the Kirk calendar, pastor’s sermons, information about our ministries, the newsletter and much more. If you haven’t checked these out, please do so at www.kirkinthepines.org.
- Advertisements in newspapers, on television and radio, and press releases relating to church events are the responsibility of our committee.
- ComCom’s Communication bulletin board in Hoffius Hall displays information relating to the Kirk, missions, General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery.
- A scrapbook of all church events with photos and newspaper articles is kept to chronicle the life of the church. A history is written each year documenting all significant Kirk statistics and events.
- The committee reviews and updates sections of the church policy manual relating to the church worship bulletin, bulletin boards and display tables, pictures, newsletter, press releases, brochures and the website. It also reviews



Kirk newsletters have grown from 1 sheet in 1983 to 16 pages and are now available on the Kirk website along with photos, a calendar of events, and information about the church and its members. (Madelyn Young photo)

special printing, prepares an annual report and periodically reviews the committee’s purpose, structure and duties.

- The majority of the Communication Committee’s \$4,300 budget is used for website costs and newspaper advertising.

Members generously giving their time and talent are Sharon Gardner, Tom Hightower, Edie Loveday, Bruce and Margery McIntosh, Dottie Rector (secretary), JoAnne Rich (historian and scrapbook), Diane Roberts, Ellen Weber (mailing coordinator), Madelyn Young, Barb Greenman (printing and distribution), and Joyce Leeming, editor and committee moderator.

If you have an idea for an article or are interested in being a reporter, photographer, or writer please let Joyce know. She is always looking for members willing to help.

— Sharon Gardener

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. \$962 was collected for the month of January, 2010.



Your Mission Dollars

Kirk supports Special Advocates

The Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program started in 1987 but Garland County CASA in Hot Springs was not established until 1999 when local children's needs were recognized.

Kirk Mission Committee has contributed regularly since its conception. \$3,000 was given in 2009.

CASA is a non-profit organization that trains volunteers to serve as advocates for our community's most severely abused, abandoned and neglected children.

The majority of the funding comes from grants and foundations, contributions, and special fund raising.

It serves children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Judges refer the most serious cases of physical or sexual abuse and neglect to CASA so one volunteer can consistently spend time with a child, build a relationship and ensure the child is receiving the support he or she needs while going through the foster care process.

Often this is the only stable relationship the child has while working with a sea of professionals. The cost for a volunteer for one year per child is \$755.

CASA volunteers are screened, interviewed and background checked before being accepted into the program. This is followed by 30 hours of training, 10 hours of court room observation and 12 hours of in-service annually.

Last year 299 children were served in Garland County. The volunteers are a powerful voice for children, advising the court what the child wants and needs. They also provide emotional support, stability and nurturing that every child deserves.

Kirk member Barbara Mulley serves on the Advisory Board.

"CASA volunteers do make a difference."

— Margery McIntosh



Time to order Easter flowers

Once again its time to think about beautifying our sanctuary for Easter Sunday with live blooming plants. During March, order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or you can stop by the church office anytime during the month to order your Easter plants. The deadline for ordering is March 28.

This year, as in years past, you may order an Easter lily, hydrangea or azalea in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. You can designate if you will pick up your plant or donate it to be planted in our Memorial Garden.

An Easter lily in a six-inch pot is \$12; hydrangeas in various colors are \$15.25, and azaleas in various colors are \$20.50.

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

If you have questions or concerns, please call Christine Hoagland at 922-4236.

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega

Well-known photographer and Kirk member Lu Otto will speak at the March 25 gardening meeting and show his collection of photographs of birds in Hot Springs Village.

We are fortunate to have a great variety of beautiful birds at our feeders and in our gardens.




Lu's love of photographing birds, both migrating and native to the Village, is apparent. Please bring your neighbors and friends to enjoy this very enjoyable presentation.

If you know someone who has just moved to the Village, bring them along to see what they can expect to enjoy as the seasons change.


Starting new plants from your existing plants will also be discussed. What tissue can be used, size of cutting and where to make the cut are things gardeners like to know.

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday each month in Hoffius Hall. Questions are always welcome, and gardeners of all levels of experience are invited.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><u>Holy Land Tour March 1-10</u> Don Trent Bill Bailey L&L Hardin J&D Cordell J. Hayek Nancy Nogle Jean Dillon</p> 	<p>1 9:30 PW CT 2:00 Communication Committee 2:00 Grief Meeting 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p>2 9:30 Finance Meeting (Hoffius Hall) 10:15 Special Meeting 1:30 Big Band 2:00 Memorial Committee 7:00 Shepherd Group #2</p>
<p>7 COMMUNION SERVICE 9:00 Greenhorns 10:00 Worship Service 8:45 Discussion Group 9:00 Adult Focus Class</p>	<p>8 9:00 Greenhorns 11:00 PW Gathering 2:00 Grief Meeting 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p>9 9:00 Greenhorns 10:15 Special Meeting 1:30 Big Band</p>
<p>14 8:00 CLP Academy 10:00 Worship Service 8:45 Discussion Group 9:00 Adult Focus Class</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE</p> 	<p>15 10:00 Congregational Care Com. 3:15 Worship Com. 6:00 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p>16 9:00 Greenhorns 10:15 Special Meeting 11-1 Interfaith Council 1:00 Session Meeting 1:30 Big Band 1:30 Stewardship</p>
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00 Embroidery Guild 11:00 Lenten Service & Soup Lunch 1:00 Symphony Guild Board #1 2:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Education Com 4:00 Kirk Choir	4 9:15 Fellowship Com 7:00 Chanticleers	5 7:00 a.m. Shepherd Grp #5	6 Communion Service 5:00 Informal Worship Service
10 10:00 Symphony Guild #2 11:00 Lenten Service & Soup Lunch 2:00 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir	11 3:00 Mission Com. 7:00 Chanticleers	12 6:00 CLP Academy	13 8:00 CLP Academy 5:00 Informal Worship Service
17 11:00 Lenten Service & Soup Lunch 2:30 Heifer Project 2:00 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir 7:00 Caring & Sharing 	18 9:00 Christian Practice 8:45 Potter's Clay 2:00 Planning & Coordinating 7:00 Chanticleers	19 7:30 Men's Association 12:00 Cursillo Training	20 7:30 Cursillo Training 5:00 Informal Worship Service
24 11:00 Lenten Service & Soup Lunch 2:00 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir	25 9:00 Christian Practice 2:00 Gardening Workshop 7:00 Chanticleers	26 9:00 PEO	27 5:00 Informal Worship Service
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Men's Association

Thomas "Tommy" Gilleran, head football coach at Fountain Lake High School, will speak at the Kirk Men's Association meeting beginning at 7:30 a.m. Friday, March 19.

Fountain Lake had an excellent record this past year with the Cobras winning the 3A State Championship.

Coach Gilleran graduated from Lake Hamilton High School in 1988 and from Arkansas Tech in 1993. He has been at Fountain Lake High School for nine years,



Coach Gilleran

seven as head coach. With his leadership, the Cobras have advanced to the playoffs five of the last seven years. The past two years

they played in the state finals and then won the championship this past season -- the school's first ever.

Gilleran's coaching record at Fountain Lake is an impressive 54-27-1.

The school is on the move, as anyone who has driven down Hwy. 7 recently can see. Many Village children attend Fountain Lake schools and numerous Cobra fans are Villagers.

The Kirk Men's Association meets at 7:30 a.m. the third Friday each month in Hoffius Hall and features interesting speakers.

Come enjoy coffee, juice and doughnuts. There will be plenty of time for visiting with church members and guests. Wives are



Sorting contents of boxes at Ferncliff are (l-r): Carol Clark, Gary Rector, Jane Harless, Dick Easter, Gary Clark, Paul Hayek, Joyce Hayek, Shirley Siska and organizer, Ro Easter. (David Gill photo)

Volunteers help with disaster relief packages at Ferncliff warehouse

Over 100 boxes of items for disaster kits were waiting at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Warehouse at Ferncliff when Kirk members answered the call for help.

Ferncliff has the only regional warehouse west of the Mississippi River. Since the Haiti earthquake 50-100 boxes of kits had been arriving daily from churches as far west as Oregon.

However, one box was received from an Appalachia church.

Enclosed was this touching letter from its pastor:

"These kits were assembled by church members in an economically depressed area of Appalachia.

When folks here saw the

devastation of the Haitian people, they wanted to do something ...

They can't afford much. Many of these kits are a combination of families joining together to put one kit together.

It may not be much, but these are all from the heart.

Our prayers are with the people, and the relief workers.

*Rev. Greg Kubar
Pastor, Summersville
Presbyterian Church*

Ferncliff director David Gill said they are very grateful for the volunteers who check the contents, make up health kits, then repack them into boxes which are strapped and shrink-wrapped before being trucked to Maryland for distribution.

-- Margery McIntosh

Items for Haiti Relief may be placed in labeled boxes near the Kirk front door and at Hoffius Hall entrances. Needed are 16x28-inch hand towels, wash cloths, wide-tooth combs, wrapped bath-size soap, sealed toothbrushes, medium band aids and nail clippers.

“Frozen Chosen” attended All Kirk Dinner

One hundred eighty-one of the Kirk’s “Frozen Chosen” braved the weather, let down their hair and had a rip-roaring good time Feb. 1 at the All Kirk Dinner.

A new “EWE Award” was given to retiring Head Shepherd Jean Fisher. (The award actually contained frozen lamb chops, of all things!)

Larry Stewart, Gary Clark and Fellowship chair Ruth Hamilton set the tone for the evening with jokes from the podium.

After dinner catered by Home Plate, the quartet “Heart Sound,” Sharon Gardner, Sylvia Tate, Carol Gardner and Fran Stroud, wearing matching red jackets, performed several lovely songs.

Back by popular demand, a command performance by Patsy Cline, aka Yvonne Jones, graced us with a hilarious performance. How did she carry so much stuff tucked into her bodice?

To top off the evening, the Village Big Band played for our dancing enjoyment and dedicated some songs in memory of late members of the band and of the Kirk, George Wheaton and Lou Olmstead.

They also honored Tom and Pat Hightower, their trumpet player and former soloist, respectively. Soloists David Major and Maureen Morgan performed admirably.

If you weren’t there, you missed a great time!

— Dotty Rector



Lu and Nancy Otto are greeted by Ruth Hamilton, moderator of the Fellowship Committee who were hosts of the annual dinner. (Bruce McIntosh photo)



No question Carol Clark, Marilyn Turner, Gary and Dotty Rector were having a “rip-roaring” good time! (Bruce McIntosh photo)



Tom Hightower (left) and Pastor Bill Bailey clowning around! (Carol Clark photo)



Dancing to the Village Big Band (Carol Clark photo)

Coffee hour on Easter will be between services

Come for the early service at 8 a.m. and stay late for a special coffee hour.

Or arrive early for the 10 a.m. second service and enjoy a special coffee hour.

Either way come join us for a brunch coffee hour between the two services on Easter.

It's a wonderful fellowship time!

1st service — 8 a.m.

Brunch Coffee Hour — 9 a.m.

2nd service — 10 a.m.



Set your clock forward one hour before bedtime on March 13. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14.

They're off ... !

Off to the Holy Land!

Pastor Bill Bailey and Associate Pastor, Don Trent, are off on a trip of a lifetime March 1-11 to Israel.

They will lead a pilgrimage to places many of us have only read about, including Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb.

Accompanying them are Kirk members Joyce Hayek, Liz and Lon Hardin, Jean Dillon, Nancy Nogle, and James and Debra Cordell.

Joining them are Paula (Hayek) Janzen from St. Louis, Mo., Charles and Robin Morrison of El Dorado, Ark., Marilyn Miller from Utah; David and Linda Bailey, Tucker and Janice Harrison and Thomas and Judy King, all from Oklahoma.

Rev. Trent, who has been to the Holy Land seven times, designed and organized this unique tour.

Let us keep all of them in our prayers that they may be blessed with a safe and inspiring journey.



Using knives safely and pouring liquids without spills were among helpful instructions being taught at FOCUS classes for visually impaired persons.

Members helped teach at FOCUS classes held at the Kirk

Having FOCUS meet at the Kirk each year provides an important service to Kirk members and to visually impaired persons in our community.

Nancy Otto and Pat Yager first introduced the FOCUS program in 2001 and Nancy taught others to be instructors. Seven people with visual problems attended the twice-a-week Focus classes in January and February – some accompanied by spouses.

Lisa Reynolds, orientation and mobility instructor with the Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, visited and demonstrated using a folding white cane.

Instructor Jan Folstad's group learned to measure liquids and dry ingredients, mark containers and use light and dark color combinations of dishes.

Placing foods in and out of the oven can be tricky sometimes even for a sighted person, especially when removing hot items. In the Kirk kitchen, lessons included safe practices using the oven and stove top burners, and marking supplies while vegetable soup and cornbread were being prepared for lunch.



A Palm Peeler, available at kitchen shops, prevents nicked fingers.

Hats off to lead instructor Nancy Otto and other Kirk member/instructors Connie Stewart, Joyce Hayek, Judy Stewart, Rhonie Zymboly and Cindy Morgan for their commitment to this worthy cause.

Get set to say “Cheese”

One of our best tools when we have a “Village Moment” is the Kirk pictorial directory. We’ve all had those times when a person is pictured in your mind and you just can’t put a name with it.

Every three years the Membership Committee arranges for Olan Mills to take members’ pictures and publish a new pictorial directory.

Pictures are made at the Kirk by appointment. Members are telephoned and appointments are set just like its done with your dentist, but the session is fun — not painful!

Final plans for dates are being made with Olan Mills. At the moment, it appears we’ll all be smiling in May.

Each family receives a copy of the directory and will have an opportunity to order extra pictures if desired. The directory is also accessible through the Kirk website: www.kirkinthepines.org.

Be sure to check next month’s newsletter for firm dates and more information.

Do we know where you are?

The telephone rings in the church office.

Very often the caller asks, “Do you know where (the name of a friend or relative) is? I’ve been calling for three days and don’t get an answer. I’m worried! Are they in the hospital?”

Sometimes the staff has an answer and sometimes not. It depends if the “missing” party has let the church office know when they’re going to be away.

Did you know a “sign-out” book is available at the office for that purpose?

Let’s not cause our friends or relatives concern when we’re going to be away from home. Just give a quick call to the Kirk office, 922-1333. They aren’t being nosy, instead they’ll be prepared the next time someone is looking for you.

Otherwise, someone may be breaking down your door to find out if you’re inside and in trouble. None of us want that to happen.

Midwinter Lecture Series postponed to April 28-29

The Midwinter Lecture Series, “Grace on the Silver Screen” with Dr. Ed McNulty, was postponed when ice and snow made travel too difficult in February. See the next newsletter for sign-up details.

Wanted: EvANGELists



Can you be an angel in your neighborhood? Dennis Zymboly, moderator of the Evangelism Committee, points out the seven areas in the Village where Kirk members are asked to be a part of “Project Welcome” simply by reaching out to people moving into their neighborhood. Contact Dennis at 922-9340 or email him at dennis@zymboly.com to learn how you can help the Kirk membership grow.

Cursillo retreat in April

The next Cursillo retreat will be April 15-18 at Ferncliff. The objective of Cursillo is to inspire, challenge and equip church members for Christian action in the church, home, place of work, and community.

During the three-day retreat, participants often discover a new and exciting relationship with Jesus Christ, and then take that newfound relationship back to their own home, work and church environments.

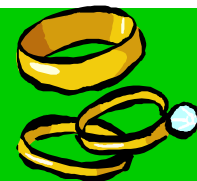
Applications are available at (www.cursillo-arkansas.org) or by calling 501 760-3422 or email arpc.registrar@gmail.com.

FOOD BASKET

During March, the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House. Their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, canned chili, soups and stews, boxed hamburger, tuna and chicken helpers, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauces, canned fruit and juices, dry and canned beans, dry and canned milk, and cereals. For monetary gifts there are pew envelopes marked “Food Basket.”



March



BIRTHDAYS

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| Mar. 1 | Wayne Florey
June Simmer | Mar 11 | Patricia Cave
Dave Hamilton | Mar 21 | Lucille Stone |
| Mar 4 | George Bauman | Mar 13 | Glyn Stewart
Fay Woodall | Mar 23 | David Salmen |
| Mar 6 | Marjorie Easley
Hogan Pelton | Mar 14 | Connie Green | Mar 25 | Paul Hayek |
| Mar 7 | Alan Harless
Vernon Plueckhahn | Mar 16 | Ann Hill
Rita Martick | Mar 26 | John Weber |
| Mar 8 | Stanley Dean
Joyce Hayek | Mar 17 | Michael Hoagland
Donald Robosson | Mar 28 | Vianne Huff
Robert Webster |
| Mar 9 | Marguerite Arras
Duane Sonnenburg | | Kelle Wolf | Mar 29 | Jean Reitzammer |
| | | Mar 19 | Hep Hepner | Mar 30 | Stan Fast
Karen Knox
Bud Strautman |
| | | Mar 20 | Gloria Groves | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Mar 1 | Jerry and Elizabeth Devon | Mar 16 | Cal and Nita Sloma |
| Mar 6 | Jack and Beverly Bullard | Mar 17 | Frank and June Moore |
| Mar 8 | Ted and Beverly Mueller | Mar 20 | Jim and Della Reimers |
| Mar 10 | Jim and Sue Thayer | Mar 24 | Reg and Daphne Mooney
Cy and Pete Porter |
| Mar 14 | Ken and Claire Rhodes | Mar 28 | Bob and Vianne Huff |

Dear Kirk Friends:

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who prayed for my son, Tim, while he was in Iraq. He has been back awhile but his name was left on longer.

Anyway, thanks so much to my wonderful church family for your care and concern.

— Marylyn Rabideau

Dear friends,

Your prayers and good wishes during my recent "event" were greatly appreciated and continue to boost my morale. Visits by Bill Bailey and Don Trent, as well as others, made the hospital stay brighter.

We are so fortunate to be part of the Kirk -- such a loving and caring group of friends. In addition to phone calls, our mailbox was full of cards and notes wishing me well.

Pat and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love to all,
— Tom Hightower

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

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



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Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

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

The Sunday **bulletin** deadline is Wednesday each week.
 Email Sallie Huss at kirksec2@sbcglobal.net

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