



A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, every fall the church asks all of our members and friends to make an estimate of their giving to the church for the coming year. In this way the Session can prepare an operating budget based on anticipated receipts. But more than this, the discipline of pledging provides each of us with an occasion to decide how much we will give. It is my hope that you will prayerfully continue this process.

Presbyterians believe strongly in asking people to give in proportion to their income. By focusing on a percentage of income rather than a dollar amount, everyone's gift is important regardless of level of income. We believe this is the Biblical way. We are to return to the Lord's work a portion of that with which we have been blessed. As our Lord said, those who have been given more are expected to give more (Luke 12:48). Hopefully, we do this joyfully, thanking God for all that we have received.

As always, the crucial question for all of us is, "What proportion is appropriate?" The Biblical standard, of course, is the tithe, or 10% of what we have received. This is a significant amount. Most people who have come to give a tithe or more have arrived at that level over time and with great discipline. Since most Presbyterians (the national average) give only about 2-3% I would like to invite you to consider increasing your giving to the church by 1% this year. Perhaps you would set a goal of increasing your giving over the next 2-3 years as well. The speed with which we attain the goal is not nearly as important as the direction we are headed—increasing our generosity by returning thanks to God and supporting God's work in and through this congregation.

I hope you will give this your prayerful consideration and plan to return you pledge to the church on our Covenant Weekend of November 3-4—Saturday, November 3rd as you attend Saturday evening services or November 4th for those of you who attend Sunday worship. Be assured that whatever you decide to give, the church is grateful for your support and above all else, your presence as part of our church family."

In Christ's service, Bill



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

**Two Services of Worship
Sunday
8:30 a.m.
and
10:45 a.m.**

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends at 2:00 a.m.
November 4th
Set your clocks BACK one hour**

**The church office will be closed
for Thanksgiving
November 23rd and 24th**

PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE TOUR OF SCOTLAND

Pastor Bill Bailey and Pastoral Associate Don Trent are hosting a 10 day tour of Scotland, departing on September 29, 2008. All arrangements are with NAWAS International, a company Don has used for group tours several times in the past. Places to be visited include Glasgow, Inverness, Oban, the Isles of Iona, Mull and Skye, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews. The group is limited to 45 participants, so reservations should be made as soon as possible.

A knowledgeable guide will be provided by NAWAS, and the two pastors will be available, both before and during the trip, for special studies in our Presbyterian Scottish heritage. The base cost is \$2,799, including airfare from Memphis, many meals and first-class hotels. An informational meeting will be scheduled soon, or you may call Don at 915-2097 or e-mail shalom2u@suddenlink.net. You are invited to join your fellow Kirk members for this exciting trip!

CLERK'S CORNER

The Session received two new members during the October meeting. Bus Ormsbee (husband of member Pat Ormsbee), and Bob White were received into the membership of the Kirk.

The Session also conducted the following business:

- Approved Membership Committee description changes for the Policy Manual.
- Approved the installation of our newly elected Elders during the second service on November 11th.
- Approved reinstatement of Bill and Dot Beardsley to membership in the Kirk. Their names had been removed in error.
- Passed a motion allowing Building and Grounds Committee to exceed Major Building Repair (account #5375) budget by an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for:
 - 1-Replace water fountain/cooler in the office hallway - approx \$850.
 - 2-Complete sidewalk on north side of Sanctuary to the front drive.
- Approved the establishment of a Choir Robe Fund.
- Passed a motion to invest \$2,000 in the TPF Balanced Fund from General Memorial.
- Passed a motion to invest \$1,090 in the TPF Balanced Fund from General Memorial.

DEATHS: James McGregor, DOD 9/29/07, Eleanor Reace, DOD 10/7/07), and Paul Downing, DOD 10/8/07). Please be in prayer for these families.

CHURCH STATISTICS as of October 15, 2007: Members: 546 Family Units: 340

TREASURER'S REPORT:

For the month of September, General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$6,584.

(This excludes the transfer of \$60,000 from the General Fund for payment of the new parking lot. General Fund performance will continue to be reported excluding the transfer, since it would tend to obscure performance against income.) Income was high this month because of five Sundays and a couple of large contributions to the non-pledge account. Expenditures were high also, because we paid out most of the Congregational Missions for the remainder of the year and paid for new computers. For the first three quarters of the year, General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$32,180.

For the month of September, Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$72,180, reflecting final payment on the parking lot. A transfer of \$60,000 from General Fund to the Building Fund was completed in September. For the first three quarters of the year, expenditures exceeded receipts by \$156,369.

Our finances remain in good shape through the first three quarters of the year.

God bless each of you,
Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session

Kirk Cookbook Information

At the September Session Meeting the Greenhorns received approval to proceed with the project of putting together a church cookbook. We will be using a professional company for the finished product with cost of each cookbook determined by many factors yet to be decided.

The first step is collecting recipes. We are asking that you look through your recipe files and choose two or three of your favorite recipes. We know that our congregation of good cooks (men and women) have lots of good recipes but let's start with two or three from each person.

First select a title for your recipe. Then check the ingredient measurements and method very carefully for errors before submitting the recipe. Put your name as you want it to appear by the recipe and if you like, a brief sentence or two as to why the recipe is meaningful to you. You may also submit the recipe in memory or in honor of someone. Recipes that are exact duplicates will have both donor's names listed by the recipe.

Please put your phone number on each recipe so that we may contact you for further information if needed.

Submit the recipes by email to peggy4561@suddenlink.net or print the recipes and give them to one of the Greenhorns. There will also be a box on top of the communication boxes in the office hallway for your recipes.

This will be a lengthy process so don't expect the cookbook out any time soon!

Greenhorns Cookbook Committee

Peggy Cook, Chair

Jody Burt, Emily Faulk, Helen Fisher, Yvonne Jones, Ellen Marshall,

Gloria Reid, Judy Rosenthal

FOOD BASKET

This month we are collecting food for Potter's Clay. 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.

MI\$\$ION DOLLAR\$

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$1065.00 for the month of September, 2007.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

On Sunday, November 18th, we will start the Christmas Giving Tree for boys and girls at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home, Glenhaven Youth Ranch, Mountain Pine Head Start and North Garland County Head Start. Thanks to all who have supported the Giving Tree in past years.

Kirk Golfers Enjoy Sunshine

The annual Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Golf Mixer was held Saturday, September 29, at Coronado Golf Course. The perfect weather enhanced the play as the 80 golfers enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship. Later, at the awards dinner, golfers and guests laughed heartily as Judy Corwin directed a quartet and read humorous original poetry and golf quotations. First, second, and third place prizes were awarded in each of three flights. The evening ended with everyone singing an original ditty written by Paul and Joyce Hayak.

Pictured are the first place winners of the three flights at the Kirk Golf Mixer on September 29:



U.S. Open Flight:
Harry Marshall, Nancy Nogle,
and Dennis and Rhonie Zymboly



British Open Flight:
Dave and Gail Salmen,
and Ken and Kelle Wolf



Grand Master Flight:
Jack and Mary Wright,
and Don and Helen Van Stone

A Fable for Our Time

Editor's note: As we approach Covenant Weekend, November 3-4, this story will speak to many of us. The author is unknown, but he teaches a valuable lesson about overcoming adversity. Through God's grace, we can "step up" to live and give abundantly.

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The poor animal cried for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's surprise, he quieted down. A few loads later, the farmer looked down into the well, and he was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up! As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone saw the donkey step up over the edge of the well and happily trot off.

Life is going to shovel dirt on you—all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells by not stopping, never giving up.

*Free your heart from hatred—forgive.
Free your mind from worries—most never happen..
Live simply and appreciate what you have.
Give more..
Expect less.*

COVENANT WEEKEND

On November 3rd and 4th we will be celebrating another opportunity to make our personal covenant with God by "Taking Another Step Up for Christ and His Church." Please bring your Estimate of Giving Card to the service you attend. This year you will place your cards in the baskets after the benediction as you depart the sanctuary. We will be doing it in this manner since Communion will be celebrated during the service.

Your Stewardship Committee

Going to the Movies: Faith and Film

The Kirk is offering an exciting new learning opportunity for members and friends. The Faith and Film Class explores movies and the ethical and religious themes found in them. Participants view the movie before attending the class and come prepared for a thought-provoking discussion.

In October Reverend Bill Bailey led a discussion about "The Mission," a 1988 film with Robert DeNiro, Liam Neeson and Jeremy Irons. Set in the 1600's in a Jesuit mission in South America, it is the story of a group of Jesuit priests caught in a larger political struggle between church and state over the issue of slavery.

The movie for November 14 will be "Places in the Heart." You may borrow it from the Kirk Library, but please return it quickly so others can view it, too.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you to examine movies from this unique perspective. The class meets in Hoffius Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Reminder: Pictorial Directories Still Available.....

If you haven't yet picked up your free pictorial directory inserts, please do that as soon as possible. We have 30 inserts left in the Kirk office. We prefer not to publish names, but we do want you to have your directory. Then you can enjoy seeing the beautiful photos in the activity pages and the photos of all the members of your Kirk family.

NEW MEMBERS

BOB WHITE

Bob White has been in the Village for about a year and comes to the Kirk as an affiliate member, still enjoying his connection with his former church in Ennis, Montana.



Though he was born in Wisconsin, his family moved to California in 1931 where he was raised on an orange orchard in Downey. He was in the infantry during World War II and served with Gen. Patton's army until the war ended in Europe. From there he was sent to the Philippines until the Pacific War ended. Bob married his sweetheart just before he went overseas. When he returned, he went into the furniture business with his dad. He later bought out the business and moved his family to Yucipa to open his own store in nearby San Bernardino, California.

When he retired, he and his wife moved to Ennis, Montana, where their two sons and families still live. His wife died a year and a half ago, and his daughter suggested he move to the Village with her. Golf proved to be a big attraction. He plays "a lot," and lives conveniently close to DeSoto Golf Course at 5 Rota Lane. When not on the golf course, he reads constantly, saying he doesn't bother to turn TV on, "unless golf is on."

Always interested in helping the youth in his church, Bob became active in Young Life, a ministry seeking to bring teenagers to Christ. He had 100 young people in his program in Downey. Bob says he began visiting our church about the same time that Bill Bailey came to the Kirk, and "I was very much impressed." Bob attends Bill's Wednesday Bible Study as well as his Thursday Faith Seeking Understanding Class.

E. ELLIOTT (Bus) ORMSBEE

Though Bus has been attending Kirk in the Pines with his wife Pat for a couple of years, we can now welcome him as a full-fledged member. He is happy to tell you, "I love this Kirk."

Born and raised in Hamilton, Illinois, sports quickly became his life. Chosen for All-City football in high school, he also played baseball and basketball. When he went to Bradley University, he continued to play football and basketball. With the onset of World War II, Bus volunteered for the V-12 program, and before he could complete his studies, the Navy called him.

While training for the U. S. Navy, he volunteered for the Submarine Service. During an interview by a Navy psychologist who asked why he wanted to be a submariner, he told him he wanted to come back "all in one piece, or not at all." He was promptly accepted, and served in the Pacific aboard the "Carp" patrolling the Japanese coast.

After his discharge, Bus returned to Bradley University to complete his master's degree. Soon he was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles. When his high school sweetheart moved to California to begin flying out of San Francisco as a stewardess, he moved to the San Francisco 49ers so he could be near her and marry her. That year a knee injury ended his NFL career. He returned to Illinois, where he spent 16 years coaching high school football and teaching, followed by 17 years as athletic director. He and his wife retired to Arkansas in 1983.

Some years after his wife's death, Bus met Pat at a fitness center. They have been married eight years and live at 7 Cerredo Lane.



Sun	Mon	Tue
		<h1>NOVEMBER 2007</h1>
<p>4 All Saints Sunday Communion Service 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Ed. Class 9:40 Adult Focus</p> <p><i>Yvonne Jones</i></p>	<p>5 9:30 PW CT meeting 1:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Communications 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA <i>Irma Nash</i> <i>Edward and Evva Russell</i> <i>Dave and Barb Singleton</i></p>	<p>6 8:00 TOPS 9:30 Bible Moderators 10:15 Al-Anon 12:30 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Memorial Committee 2:00 Big Band 7:00 Shepherd Gr. #9</p>
<p>11 8:30 & 10:45 Elder Installation Worship Services 9:30 Adult Ed. Class 9:40 Adult Focus <i>Ethelee Beverly</i> <i>Mildred Kennedy</i> .</p>	<p>12 9:30 PW Circle Mtg 7:00 AA <i>Harry Randles</i> <i>Gerald Wood</i></p>	<p>13 8:00 TOPS 9:30 Stewardship Com 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Session 1:00 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 SOMA <i>Judith Rosenthal</i></p>
<p>18 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Class</p>	<p>19 9:30 Congregational Care Committee 3:00 Worship Committee 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA <i>Bob Corwin</i> <i>Pat Franklin</i> <i>Ken Wolf</i> <i>Dale/Shirley Stollsteimer</i></p>	<p>20 8:00 TOPS 9:30 Stewardship 10:15 Al-Anon 1:00 Crystal Chimes 2:00 Big Band <i>Bebe Amderson</i> <i>Ann Hessert</i> <i>Bob Huff</i> <i>Janie Smith</i> <i>Jim Thayer</i> <i>Gerald/Judy Pogemiller</i></p>
<p>25 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Class</p> <p><i>Ray/Ann Huntsinger</i></p>	<p>26 9:30 Administration 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA 7:00 Kirk Konnection</p>	<p>27 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon 2:00 Big Band <i>Robin Young</i> <i>Helen Fisher</i> <i>Tom/Ethelee Beverly</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 9:00 Fellowship Com 9:00 Christian Faith 3:00 Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>2:00-4:00 p.m. Church Women United Evangelism 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Bill Naggs</i></p>	<p>3 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Don Janes</i></p>
<p>7 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Embroidery Group 1:00 Symphony Guild 1:30 Bell Choir 2:30 Bell Choir 3:30 Education Com 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>8 9:00 Christian Faith 9:30 Website Committee 3:00 Mission Committee 3:00 Small Group Bible Study</p> <p><i>Harry Ferris</i> <i>Bruce Hill</i> <i>Althea Kuhn</i> <i>Robert Smart</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>June Moore</i> <i>Judy Newby</i> <i>Joyce Picco</i></p>	<p>10 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Tom Beverly</i></p>
<p>14 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Greenhorns 1:30 Bell Choir 2:30 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith & Film</p> <p><i>Larry Clowers</i> <i>Jerry Holman</i> <i>Marilyn Waddington</i></p>	<p>15 9:00 Christian Faith 9:30 Potter's Clay 2:00 Planning & Coordinating 3:00 Small Group Bible Study 7:00 Chanticleers <i>Donna Weiner</i> <i>Leroy/Jane Vance</i></p>	<p>16 7:30 Men's Association</p>	<p>17 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>June Stevens</i></p>
<p>21 2:30 Heifer Project 1:30 Bell Choir 2:30 Bell Choir 3:30 Forum Committee 4:00 Kirk Choir</p> <p><i>Mary MacIntosh</i> <i>Dan/Sylvia Gruber</i> <i>Charles/Bobbie Moffat</i></p>	<p>22 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED 2:00 Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <p><i>Ray Guest</i> <i>Harriet Jacobsmeyer</i> <i>E. J. Pangle</i> <i>Jo/Ray Guest</i></p>	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><i>Mary Ann Krieger</i> <i>Diane Perrin</i> <i>Ardys Walter</i></p>	<p>24 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Betty Cunningham</i> <i>Bill /Janet Durbin</i></p>
<p>28 9:00 Bible Study 1:30 Bell Choir 2:30 Bell Choir 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>29 9:00 Christian Faith 2:00 Gardening W/S 7:00 Chanticleers <i>Dennis Faulk</i></p>	<p>30</p>	

Immigration: Issues Forum Topic on October 17

Reverend Jesse Gonzales, organizing pastor and evangelist at Comunidad Presbiteriana Hispania in Springdale, Arkansas, knows the issues of immigration well. He has dealt with them all his life. Jesse was born one mile from the Mexico/United States border and knows both the tension and the joy of living between first world and third world countries.

“Immigration is an interesting and difficult issue,” he said. “Both countries, Mexico and the United States, need to recognize their contribution to the problem of the tsunami of undocumented Latinos living in the United States pursuing the American Dream.”

Two factors contribute to Mexico’s poverty and lack of economic opportunity for its citizens. One is that the country doesn’t have technology and must pay royalties, usually to the United States, for using it. This keeps businesses from prospering. The other factor is that corruption is so widespread and ingrained in the society that it is very difficult to counter. On the other hand, the United States has an enormous need for a workforce currently being filled by Latinos. He also reminded us there are many undocumented people living here from all over the world.

Jesse clarified several terms. Latin Americans should be called “Latinos” rather than “Hispanics.” The latter term was coined by the U. S. Census Bureau for all Spanish-speaking people. However, Mexicans are not all of Spanish heritage. Another term frequently misused is “illegal.” No human being is illegal, claimed Jesse. “Undocumented” is a more accurate, less pejorative word. The term “Americans” is often used for citizens of the United States. However, Mexico and 18 other countries to our south are also a part of America, so they too are “Americans.”

Reverend Gonzalez was educated in Mexico and Texas and ordained in Mexico. He is a documented resident of the United States (has a green card) and will apply for citizenship as soon as he is allowed, in 2009. He worked in the Presbyterian Border Ministry and was pastor of a church in Texas and organized a church in North Carolina before coming to Arkansas.

Whereas “amnesty” is a politically charged word, Jesse reminded us that, from a Biblical perspective, we can claim citizenship in the Kingdom of God only through the amnesty of Jesus Christ.



Reverend Don Trent, Reverend Jesse Gonzalez, Obed Gonzalez, Reverend Vic Brown and Moderator Bob Rosenthal.

LIFE’S LAST GREAT CHALLENGE

The Congregation Care Committee will sponsor a five week study on *Facing Life’s Last Great Challenge*. This series of meetings was held the first time in 2003. These meetings will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning January 27, 2008. You will receive a notebook entitled MY GIFT TO MY LOVED ONES. This notebook will help you record information about your affairs and will make your last wishes known. Each Sunday, speakers will be featured on topics such as Transitions, Growing Old Gracefully, The Funeral Home, The Medical Diagnosis, Will Power, and Emotional and Psychological Considerations.

This seminar is for EVERYONE! Presentations will be informative and there will be time for questions and group interaction. Who could be more qualified than *you* to make these end of life decisions?



Reverend Bill Bailey, Reverend Jesse Gonzalez and his son, Obed.



Sally Fink, Moderator of the Education Committee, welcomes Dr. Gene March as guest lecturer for the Kirk Fall Study entitled: Israel and the Politics of the Land.

Kirk Members Study Israel

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines recently welcomed distinguished scholar Dr. W. Eugene March, A.B. Rhodes Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Louisville Theological Seminary, who conducted a two-day series of lectures entitled Israel and the Politics of the Land. Kirk members and guests learned about the history of Israel from ancient times to modern day, reviewed Biblical perspectives about Israel, discussed the political realities of today, and heard Dr. March's vision for what the future might hold.

"God loans land, but no people can claim a 'God-given right' to land," he stated. "God intends all people to have a place and for all to coexist in harmony—in Shalom."

Dr. March acknowledged many complex problems face modern-day Israel and the Palestinians—problems of security, borders, reparations, water rights, and human rights. Israel, Palestinians, and Arab nations need our attention equally as we continue to work for a just peace in the region.

Dr. March based his lectures on his recently published book, *God's Land on Loan: Israel, Palestine and the World*. He is also the author of *The Wide Wide Circle of Divine Love*, and *Great Themes of the Bible*, Vol. I.

Israel at a Crossroads: The Perils of Zionism

At the Kirk Issues Forum on Wednesday, September 26, Dr. March spoke specifically on what he called "the perils of Zionism."

Jerusalem, the ancient Biblical symbol of Zion, is now a focal point of contention among three major religions. He discussed how Christian Zionists revere the Church of the Sepulcher. They believe Jesus will return to that site to establish his rule at the end of time. The Muslims recognize the Dome of the Rock as a sacred place, and the Jews worship on the Temple Mount on Mt. Zion.

It is interesting to note that among the Israelis, 43 % of the Jews are secularists and 27 % are non-religious traditionalists. Only 21 % are ultra-conservative orthodox and 9% are religious traditionalists. However, there are still major difficulties between most Jews and Arabs in the country. Racism and fear drive them apart.

Jewish Zionists insist all land west of the Jordan River was promised to them by God. Some want to remove the Dome of the Rock and construct a new Jewish temple on Zion. Although Israelis are nationalistic, most are not Zionists and are not as adamant about expanding in the West Bank.

In the United States almost all Jews are committed to the preservation and success of Israel, so they are "Zionists" in the broadest sense. They have a strong lobby in Washington. Christian Zionists believe the modern state of Israel is one of the signs of the end times, and they are working to help Jews establish settlements in the West Bank. However, the unfair treatment of Arabs in the area creates more and more tension.

Dr. March offered his views about how to establish a fair and just solution. He advocated the creation of two viable nations, each with secure borders. He would withdraw most settlers in the West Bank, especially in those areas predominately Arab, and he would allow displaced Arabs to return to their homes.

The problems are complex, but Dr. March was hopeful. "With God's grace working in the minds and hearts of the people," he said, "a peaceful Shalom will eventually be established."

Kirk Presbyterian Women Enjoy Three “Feasts”

Presbyterian Women of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines enjoyed three “feasts” at their PW Gathering on October 8.

The first was a “feast” for their souls. Sylvia Tate, moderator of the Kirk Worship Committee and a certified lay pastor, presented the Bible lesson using the first chapter of the book of Jonah as her text. Her lesson was titled: “Reluctant Prophets and Faithful Foreigners.”

The second “feast” was the delicious luncheon prepared by the Kirk Greenhorns, a cooking group headed by Peggy Cook.

The final “feast” was a program presented by Madelyn Young, moderator of the Kirk Communication Committee and president of Village Writers. She read two of her award-winning pieces of writing—an inspirational essay, “Deliver Us from Evil,” and a fictional short story, “Nature’s Gift.”

During the Bible study and the program, one could hear a pin drop; listeners were focused intently on the presentations. At the luncheon, conversation was lively. All three “feasts” were a blessing to all who participated.



Sylvia Tate, Moderator of Worship



Madelyn Young,
Moderator of Communications

PW Coffee Project

The second Sunday of each month will be “PCUSA Coffee Project Day.” This is when you will be able to order coffee or simply buy it, if we have what you want on hand. It will take a while for us to learn your favorites, so we hope you will give us feedback on what you like or don’t like.

We have also purchased a selection of baskets, and the Kirk Konnection will help us prepare them as gifts for the holidays and other special occasions. Samples will be available for you to see. Perhaps you will want to order one for a friend or loved one. We hope to have these available on our November 11th sale date

When you place an order, a check made payable to PW Kirk in the Pines and marked for the Coffee Project will be required. Prices will be quoted at the time of ordering.



Thanksgiving at the Kirk: Come Greet, Eat, Visit, and Sing

You are cordially invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with your Kirk family on Thursday, November 22, at 2:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee is in charge of making your Turkey Day delightful. If you have questions, you may call Jim Hess at 915-0134.

Reservations may be made between October 20 and November 10. The cost is \$10.00 per meal to be paid when you sign up. At that time, you may choose to eat in Hoffius Hall (140 limit) or order a carry-out meal, which may be picked up between 1:30 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. at the front door of the Narthex.

If you have reservations but are unable to drive, you may call Carolyn Kane at 922-6709 and her Congregational Care Committee will be delighted to give you a ride to and from the church or deliver your meal. Please let Carolyn know by November 11.

Ramona of Village Food Mart will cater our meal, and the menu is baked turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, tea, coffee, and pumpkin or pecan pie. The Kirk Fellowship waiters will serve us. After dinner, we will enjoy a sing-along of Thanksgiving hymns. Come and join us!

*John Dykstra carves the turkey
at last year’s dinner*



From our minister Bill Bailey who not only preaches a fine sermon each Sunday, to his willingness to move furniture in the room in which I would recuperate when I left the hospital, on through the choir and members of the congregation who visit bearing gifts of (if not frankincense and myrrh) food and comfort and food and prayers and food and concern and food and care and food....

This communion of saints, has shown such compassion and love that I feel most blessed even as I feel undeserving of such boundless assistance.

And beyond the Kirk – how great Thou art, Lord, to hold me in the palm of your hand as I regain strength.

Thank you -thank you -thank you!

Verlee Walter

Dear Rev. Bailey,

Thank you for the recent gift to the Annual Scholarship Fund. Please share our appreciation with members of your Session and congregation. This fall enrollment has increased 4% over last fall—178 new freshmen were welcomed into the Ozark's family for a total enrollment of 646 students. The Jones Learning Center enrollment increased from 80 to 87 students in their special program. I look forward to seeing you.

Peace and Great Joy,
Dawn Scarborough
Director of Church Relations

A gift from Dr. and Mrs. George (and Connie) Green, to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in honor of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is gratefully acknowledged.

Dear Kirk Friends



SPIRITUAL VITAMINS

FAITH IS NOT BELIEVING
THAT GOD CAN
IT IS KNOWING THAT
HE WILL

We would like to thank our Kirk friends for your many good wishes, prayers, visits and cards this past year while I was in and out of hospitals for a variety of illnesses and rehabilitation, most recently for knee replacement surgery. Don and I really appreciated your encouragement and support.

Betty J. Robinson

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER MAILING COSTS

The U. S. Postal Service has advised that our cost for mailing the monthly newsletters will almost double. If you are a former member who has been getting the newsletter and would like to continue to do so, a contribution toward the postal cost would be appreciated. Thank you.

Newsletter Article Deadline
15th of each month
Please submit your articles
in a timely manner.
Thank you very much!

Thank you, Kirk Congregation, for the new office computers, with great new sight saving monitors! A special thanks to Frank Moore and John Wood for their many hours of dedicated and on-going help and assistance in this project.

The Kirk Office Staff,

Beverly Schaumberg
Sallie Huss
Barbara Myers
Barb Greenman

Kirk Online Pictorial Directory

Olan Mills offers a free secure website for churches who have the printed directory. What Olan Mills calls Activity pages are not displayed. The online roster and photo sections are updatable which means that we can insert photos of new members and members who were not available so that they will be displayed alphabetically. Photos of Gary and Carol Clark and Mike and Catherine Brow, members who joined in September, are now included.

To access this website go to <http://om126300.onlineolanmills.com> then click on "photo directory" which is near the top of 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.

To view an alphabetic roster, click on "our members." When you see a large blue + beside a listing, you may click on it to see that member's photo.

Future articles will provide information on other capabilities of our online directory.



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

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