



A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Why does the Kirk have Issues Forums? Wouldn't it be better to avoid controversial topics which get our people stirred up? What's the purpose of these forums?

Once I heard Jack Haberer, the editor of the Presbyterian *Outlook*, tell this story. He was having a conversation with Dr. Max Stackhouse, professor of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Jack was lamenting the possibility of a national church split over ordination issues. Dr. Stackhouse interrupted and blurted out, "Who cares?" Jack said he wasn't prepared for such a blunt response. Stackhouse repeated the question: "Who really cares if the PC (USA) splits? It's only a small denomination of 2.4 million members—a tiny fraction of the church worldwide. Besides, other denominations have missions, social programs and good theology. Why does it matter whether or not the PC(USA) survives?"

Jack sat there in stunned silence, searching for a response. Dr. Stackhouse offered his help. "Would you like to know why it matters?" Jack nodded his head, "Yes!" Then Dr. Stackhouse offered this insight about us Presbyterians.

"Presbyterians have always taken on the tough issues. They have always been willing to tackle the controversies of their day and to work through them biblically and theologically. Presbyterians debated slavery 150 years ago when it was tearing this nation apart. They discussed the ordination of women fifty years ago, long before it was popular in the culture. Presbyterian churches helped take the lead during the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's. And we need them now to help us work through the difficult issues of pluralism and ordination in our day. We need the Presbyterians now more than ever!"

So . . . why do we have Issues Forums at the Kirk? We Presbyterians in 2007 need to discuss the controversial issues of our day in a non-threatening environment. We do not come together to argue. The purpose of our forums is to raise awareness and educate. We strive to present all sides of an issue. Our intent is not to tell everyone what to think, but to encourage each of us to think in light of our faith in Jesus Christ.

On October 17, we'll be dealing with immigration, another hot button topic. Our speaker will be Reverend Jesse Gonzalez, a Presbyterian pastor developing a new Hispanic congregation in northwest Arkansas. Come join us!

Peace, Bill



Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session, and Pastor Bill Bailey greet Reverend Jesse Gonzalez at the Arkansas Presbytery meeting in Little Rock on September 11. Reverend Gonzales will be our guest speaker at the October 17 Kirk Issues Forum.



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

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

CLERK'S CORNER

We hope you enjoyed the two-day lecture series and the Wednesday night Forum with Dr. March. His topics covered one of the requests by the congregation for forum issues. So far our subjects have been of your choosing. There is another one coming your way during October and the topic is another of your choices "IMMIGRATION". On Wednesday, October 17th we will enjoy Rev. Jesus (Jesse) Gonzales presenting the Issues Forum on Immigration. Jesse was educated in Mexico and the United States and has spent several years with the Presbyterian Border Ministry. He has worked with many aspects of immigration and has a good understanding of issues on both sides of the question. Please put this on your calendar and join us for a good old fashioned Pot Luck Supper and an energetic meaningful presentation. Remember "Love Thy Neighbor As Thy Self" - Mexico is certainly one of our nearest neighbors.

Our parking lot has been completed and you are now enjoying wider parking spaces, poured curbs and gutters along the front of the church instead of parking blocks, a nice wide new main entry and directional arrows. None of this was in our contract with Spa Paving. However, there are no extra charges for this work. They have done a wonderful job for us.

The church has started the new activity season with a full calendar of events, a good mixture of worship, education and enjoyment. We have many new families in the church, and we should all make the effort to include these folks in our committees and activities.

The Session received Mike and Catherine Brow, Gary and Carol Clark and Betty Brown (affiliate) as new members by transfer during the September Session meeting. They also conducted the following business:

- Approved the purchase of a CD burner for use in the church, not to exceed \$900.
- Approved the purchase of three new computers with two gigs of memory and three new 19" monitors not to exceed \$5,000.
- Motion was passed to accept changes to the Evangelism Committee Description.
- Approved 100% of the initial Endowment Fund investment be placed in the TPF Balanced Fund.
- Passed a policy calling for future investments of \$1,000 or less to the Endowment Fund to automatically go to the TPF Balanced Fund.
- Approved the sealing and striping of the parking lot this spring after properly curing.
- Gave approval to the Greenhorn Committee for the creation and sale of the "Kirk Cookbook" (recipes). To be sold at nominal cost to recover the expense of printing, binding and distribution. Any excess funds will go to the Mission Committee.
- Approved the serving of Thanksgiving Dinner for Kirk members, families and friends at \$10.00 per person this year.
- Sylvia Tate was elected Commissioner for the November two-day Presbytery meeting in Forrest City.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Month of August	General Fund expenses exceeded receipts by \$13,211. Building Fund expenses exceeded receipts by \$81,745.*
Year to Date	General Fund receipts exceeded expenses by \$25,596. Building Fund expenses exceeded receipts by \$84,189.*

*Building Fund entries reflect payout to paving contract for new parking lots.

CHURCH STATISTICS as of September 10, 2007: Members: 547 Family Units: 340

Peace of Christ be with 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.

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$742.00 for the month of August, 2007.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION
 Friday, October 19th, 7:00 a.m.

Guest speaker, Retired Major General, Tom Arwood will discuss the present and future situation in Iraq. All men are invited to attend.

KIRK PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you have not picked up your new inserts for your pictorial directory, you may do so at the church office. You must sign for your copy when it is picked up. Please do this as soon as possible so that we may complete this project.

**STEWARDSHIP
 FAITH IN ACTION
 COVENANT SUNDAY IS COMING**

The Stewardship Campaign will begin the weekends of October 6th and 13th (please note this is a correction from last month's newsletter). Your packets will be in Hoffius Hall on Saturdays and in the Narthex before the services on Sundays and in Hoffius Hall between the services and after the second service. Please pick up your packet as the cost of mailing is now eighty cents. If you know of a friend who will not be able to get theirs, please pick it up and give to them, it will be greatly appreciated.

"There is not other human response to God more basic than gratitude, a deep thanksgiving that wells up from within...Our churches and those who inhabit them need such a rekindling of biblical stewardship, where we learn again what once we knew so well: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." Psalm 24:1

Immigration: Topic of Kirk Issues Forum on October 17

Northwest Arkansas, home to booming construction projects and poultry plants, fuels the state's expanding Hispanic population, one of the fastest growing in the nation. Census estimates show the state has about 144,000 Hispanic residents, the majority from Mexico. Other studies conclude that half of the state's immigrant population lives here illegally.

The Reverend Jesus (Jesse) Gonzalez, who pastors Springdale's Comunidad Presbiteriana Hispana, acknowledges that many in the religious community minister to Mexicans with "irregular immigration status." What should be the role of the church—our Presbyterian church—with regard to these people?

On Wednesday, October 17, we are pleased to welcome Presbyterian minister Jesse Gonzalez as our guest speaker at the Kirk Issues Forum. A potluck supper will be served in Hoffius Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Reverend Gonzalez was born on April 12, 1957, in the Mexican border town of Nuevo Laredo across the river from Laredo, Texas. He grew up attending a Presbyterian church, Iglesia Presbiteriana "Puerta del Cielo," of Nuevo, Laredo. In June 1983, he received a bachelors degree in Business Administration from Tecnologico de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico, and later continued his education in the United States, receiving his Master in Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. Reverend Gonzalez was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in the Presbiterio del Noreste, National Presbyterian Church of Mexico in November, 1992.

Reverend Gonzalez worked with the Presbyterian Border Ministry, in partnership with PC(USA), from 1985 to 1988, again in 1992 to 1996, and became the Coordinator for Mexico from 1996 to 1999. In 1999, he accepted a call to pastor Iglesia Presbiteriana Getsemani in San Benito, Texas, and served three years until moving to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in 2001 to become organizing pastor of Mision Presbiteriana Hispana in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Jesse is now a member of Arkansas Presbytery and has served as organizing pastor and evangelist with Northwest Arkansas Hispanic New Church Development based at First Presbyterian Church, Springdale since July 1, 2006.

Reverend Jesse Gonzalez has dealt with immigration issues all his life, and he will bring us an informed perspective on this complex topic, one that causes great concern in Arkansas and across the nation.

Please join us on October 17th.

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THIS SPECIAL HALF-HOUR SERVICE LED BY REVEREND BAILEY. THE SERVICE INCLUDES LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING THE FOREHEAD WITH OIL, A PRACTICE INSTITUTED BY JESUS AND CONTINUED IN THE LIFE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES. WHOLENESS IS NOT ONLY PHYSICAL WELL BEING, BUT INCLUDES HEALTHY MINDS, SPIRITS AND RELATIONSHIPS. IN THIS SERVICE WE WILL PRAY WITH AND FOR EACH OTHER. PLEASE JOIN US.

FAITH AND FILM CLASS TO CONTINUE

This summer the Kirk offered an exciting new educational opportunity for members and friends—a class entitled Faith and Film. Before meeting on two Sunday evenings in July, participants were asked to view a popular film in their homes or at church. The first film selected was *Chariots of Fire* and later *Ground Hog Day* was used. At each session, Reverend Bill Bailey led a group discussion about the religious and ethical themes portrayed in the movie. The response from our congregation was very enthusiastic. Beginning in October, the Faith and Film Class will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall. On Wednesday, October 10th, the movie for discussion will be *The Mission*.

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

Possum Pete Arrives at Informal Service

If you attend the Saturday evening Informal Worship Service, you know about Possum Pete. He's the little fellow whose adventures help Reverend Don Trent teach valuable lessons about how to live the Christian life. Saturday, September 15, we were surprised to finally meet Don's furry friend. Janet Ferris said she "found him," so she brought him in a sack and presented him to Don. We were delighted to have Possum Pete visit the service. If you come to Hof-fius Hall next Saturday at 5:00 p.m. you can meet him, too. We will all have a joyful time praising God.



Reverend Don Trent & Possum Pete

Information Fair at Kirk in the Pines

Most of us attend church every week and never give a thought to what keeps our church alive. Those who attended the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Information Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, could readily see how many people were involved in making their church a success.

New members were surprised to discover there are fourteen Kirk committees: Administration, Building and Grounds, Communication, Congregational Care, Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Finance, Membership, Memorial, Mission, Planning and Coordinating, Stewardship and Worship. Most of these had booths and information to share with members and guests. Presbyterian Women also presented an exhibit.

Participants enjoyed refreshments as they visited the booths after each worship service and learned where their help was needed.



Pictured in front of an Information Fair display is Gene Heath, a member of the Kirk Communication Committee.

THERE IS STILL TIME

There are many opportunities for longer term stewardship, whereby one can contribute to the growth of the spiritual environment for future generations. Time is running out for one of these, **THE QUALIFIED IRA CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION**. Unless extended by Congress, this provision under the 2006 Pension Protection Act will expire on December 31, 2007.

What is this charitable opportunity? Persons aged 70 1/2 and older, who do not need the income currently or in the future, may contribute up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a charitable organization, such as Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. The distribution must be made directly by the IRA administrator.

Besides the personal satisfaction of seeing the positive result of such a contribution during one's lifetime, there are certain tax advantages. The IRA charitable distribution is excluded from adjusted gross income and is therefore not included in taxable income.

Your contribution may be applied to the general working funds of the church, designated for longer range purposes such as capital improvements, or applied to the church's Endowment Fund. Before doing so, however, please consult your tax advisor to make sure it is appropriate for your income and tax situation.

More information is available by calling the church office. A member of the Finance or Stewardship Committee would be happy to respond to your inquiry.

Sun	Mon	Tue
OCTOBER 2007		
	<p>1 9:30 PW CT Meeting 1:00 Staff meeting 2:30 Communications Committee <i>Elizabeth Hundley</i> <i>Ned & Martha Wilson</i></p>	<p>2 2:00 Memorial Committee 7:00 Shepherd Group #9 <i>Bob & Mac Throckmorton</i></p>
<p>7 Communion Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 9:30 Adult Ed. Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 2:00 Greenhorns in kitchen <i>Jean Eiler</i> <i>Don Loveday</i></p>	<p>8 9:00 Greenhorns in kitchen 11:00 PW Gathering & lunch <i>David Nottrott</i> <i>Bob & Linda Wessel</i></p>	<p>9 10:30 Men's Cooking <u>Meeting</u> 10:30 Greenhorns 1:00 Session <i>Ray Jacobsmeyer</i> <i>Dean Kerr</i> <i>Bill Stanley</i></p>
<p>14 Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group <i>Peggy Cook</i> <i>Lee Hess</i></p>	<p>15 10:00 Congregational Care Com. 3:00 Worship Committee <i>Marilyn Turner</i> <i>Dick & Jeanne Lowenthal</i></p>	<p>16 9:30 Stewardship Committee <i>Alan Cunningham</i> <i>Robert Kirchhoff</i></p>
<p>21 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group <i>Sissy Wilson</i> <i>Nancy Young</i> <i>Bill & Sheila Stanley</i></p>	<p>22 9:30 Administration Committee 7:00 Kirk Konnection <i>Lorna Kerr</i> <i>Bobbie Moffat</i> <i>Marilyn Olson</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Jody Burt</i> <i>Bill Durbin</i> <i>George Green</i></p>
<p>28 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group <i>Alice Smith</i> <i>Frank & Joyce Leeming</i></p>	<p>29 10:00 Session Retreat 2-days at Ferncliff <i>Woodie Barefield</i></p>	<p>30 Session Retreat continues at Ferncliff</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 <u>Bell Choirs</u> <u>Organization Meeting</u> 3:30 Education Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>4 9:00 Christian Faith Study 9:00 Fellowship Com. 1:00 Evangelism Com. 3:00 Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>5 <i>Richard & Marie Wilson</i></p>	<p>6 9:00-11:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Dick Mayer</i></p>
<p>10 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 New Member Tour & lunch at Ferncliff 1:30 ?? Bell Choir I 2:30 ?? Bell Choir II 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith and Film 7:00 SOMA</p>	<p>11 9:00 Christian Faith Study 9:30 Website Committee 11:00 Service of Wholeness 3:00 Mission Committee 3:00 Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>12 <i>Charles Bradley Donna Garrard Wendell Jones</i></p>	<p>13 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>17 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Greenhorns 1:30 ?? Bell Choir I 2:30 ?? Bell Choir II 2:30 Heifer Project 2:30 Issues Forum Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir 5:30 Forum Dinner 6:30 Issues Forum</p>	<p>18 9:00 Christian Faith Study Group 2:00 Planning & Coordinate 3:00 Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>19 7:30 a.m. Men's Associa- tion</p>	<p>20 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>24 9:00-4 PW Retreat Ferncliff 9:00 Bible Study 1:30 ?? Bell Choir I 2:30 ?? Bell Choir II 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>25 9:00 Christian Faith Study 2:00 Gardening Workshop 3:00 Small Group Bible Study 5:00 Shepherd #3 Gathering</p>	<p>26 8:00 –12:00 CPR Class <i>Jody Creighton</i></p>	<p>27 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>31 9:00 Bible Study 1:30 ?? Bell Choir I 2:30 ?? Bell Choir II 4:00 Kirk Choir <i>Keith Brown Mona Kimball</i></p>			

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

GARY AND CAROL CLARK



Gary and Carol Clark retired from their careers in June of this year, and by June 18 they were moving into their new home at 6 Bajista Lane. They have joined the Kirk by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Garland, Texas.

Gary grew up in Waco, Texas, and Carol grew up in the Panhandle area. They met while attending West Texas State University, which is now part of the Texas A & M system in Canyon, and were married almost 40 years ago. Carol put her schooling on hold while she had two children. Later she returned to complete her degree in education and taught special education students in public school for 28 years. Gary retired after 26 years with Sysco Food Services, the country's largest food service distributor.

About seven years ago, they saw an ad in a Texas monthly magazine for Hot Springs Village, contacted Cooper, came to take a tour, and ended up buying a lot. After visiting numerous times, they decided this was the place to retire. They began looking at houses in April, "stumbled" onto the right one, and bought, just like that. Its location is close by and they can walk to church and enjoy the gardens. In addition to its proximity, the Kirk appealed to them because of the hospitality and warmth of the members, which made them feel at home.

Gary goes to the Coronado Fitness Center to exercise three times a week, likes to walk and play golf, and according to Carol, does "honey-do" things very well. Carol, who said she was in the work force so many years that she didn't develop specific hobbies, loves to be with people, learn needlework, cook, and be of service to others. She joined the Newcomer women in the Village and has already connected with Mike Seitz's volunteer program at Fountain Lake, saying, "I can't wait to start."

Mike and Catherine Brow come to the Kirk by way of Flower Mound Presbyterian Church just outside of Lewisville, Texas. It all happened pretty fast. When attending a funeral service, they met the deceased's son-in-law, who invited them to come to Hot Springs Village for a visit. They were so taken with the surroundings that they put their home in Lewisville on the market, sold it in nine days, and then had to find a house here they could occupy immediately. On May 19 they moved into 16 Pego Way, and soon after that they found their way to the Kirk.

Both Mike and Catherine are originally from Michigan, near Detroit, and in 1986 decided, "We just wanted to get away from the snow." The next 21 years were spent in Texas, where they moved with NCR from El Paso to Houston to Lewisville. Mike took an early retirement due to illness.

Catherine worked in the credit card industry with Citi-Bank while they were in Houston, but she preferred her years working for small, family businesses, her favorite being a church book store in El Paso. Now that she is retired, she is a member of Altrusa and would like to do some volunteer work, perhaps with hospice. Temporarily slowed down with foot surgery this summer, she looks forward to walking the Village trails, continuing with the exercise classes at McAuley Center, and slowly becoming more involved in the community.

Mike used to play golf and hopes to get back to it as he regains his strength. In the meantime, he enjoys his time on his computer. He and Catherine think the Village is a wonderful place to live, touting the atmosphere, the friendly people, the quiet, and the lack of traffic.

MIKE AND CATHERINE BROW



DISASTER ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Disaster Assistance Center located on Ferncliff property west of Little Rock is connected with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Church World Services (CWS), which is a non-denominational disaster relief organization. They are now receiving supplies from the region west of the Mississippi from all denominations.

The seeds planted when Presbyterian Women donated generously toward construction of the warehouse at Ferncliff have blossomed and yielded a fine crop. However, until they reach a point where it is feasible to hire a coordinator and warehouse workers, volunteers are manning the warehouse. A few Kirk volunteers are taking the lead coordinating, working, and overseeing volunteers from other churches. The good news is they have an abundant harvest of materials for shipment but not enough manpower to check and pack kits for shipment. Recently, they received 3,000 school kits from a Presbyterian youth organization. But each kit needs to be checked and repacked for shipment. The majority of the kits are health, baby and school kits, which are warehoused and then shipped both domestically and internationally.

If you know of a service organization or another church that might be willing to participate, or if you are able to work, please contact Ro Easter at 922-3993 for more information.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

With the coming of the fall season we often look for meaningful ways to express our recognition and appreciation for God's gifts and healing grace. One way we do this in our congregation is to recognize the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. The offering is usually received on World Communion Sunday, in recognition that God's healing is offered to all people of all nations and that in taking the bread and cup of Communion we are united in Christ with one another in the work of healing. Special offering envelopes will be provided in the pew pockets on that day for those wishing to contribute. An envelope is also provided with this newsletter.

This offering supports efforts of Presbyterians at the local, regional, and national levels to share God's healing and peace. Just a few examples of our dollars at work follow: at the local level Congregations give to shelters and other support services for those suffering from domestic violence; at Synod and Presbytery level these dollars support programs for persons newly released from prison; at General Assembly level a conference is sponsored in which peacemakers of all ages explore Jesus' call to make peace.

Of course, these are just a few of the many ways in which our contributions are put to work. Space prohibits naming them all. 25% is retained by congregations, 25% is used by synods and presbyteries, and 50% is allocated to General Assembly ministries.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DEADLINE 15TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH

PLEASE submit your articles in a timely manner.
Please label all articles: for NEWSLETTER!

Thank you very much!



Kirk Choir

Every Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

♪ Handbell Choirs ♪
Organizational Meeting
2:30 Wednesday, October 3.

Both men and women can participate in this exciting new musical opportunity.

Please contact Larry Bradley or Barbara Greenman prior to the organizational meeting if you have not already registered. Choirs will be grouped according to musical experience and there is a place for anyone who would like to participate, regardless of previous musical training.

Red Cross Course in C.P.R. and Use of Defibrillator (A.E.D.) to be Offered October 26th

We need members to be trained in C.P.R. and use of defibrillator (A.E.D.)

The Red Cross certification course in C.P.R., Heimlich Maneuver, and operation of the heart defibrillator (A.E.D.) is scheduled October 26th at the Kirk. The course will be held in the conference room 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Certification requires 4 1/2 hours of training and should be renewed yearly.

The course is open to first time takers, plus those who wish to be recertified. The cost is \$30.00. To get information or enroll, call the church office at 922-1333 or Ned Wilson at 922-6098.

C.P.R. and defibrillation in the first ten minutes of a heart attack can make a difference between life and death.

PW Thank Offering Dedication on October 8

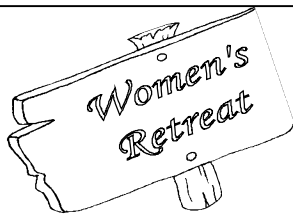
God equips us in many ways for special purposes. Reality shows on TV have become popular over the past few years. Our reality is we live in a world where life is not a bed of roses. Our Lord calls us to address the needs of those afflicted by abuse, violence, disease, unemployable skills, lack of education, social isolation and other overwhelming challenges. Those most vulnerable are children, particularly orphans, women, especially widows, youth, and those who are elderly.

Have you every considered what kind of difference we can make in the lives of these people? Our willingness to give is an expression and confession of faith.

Please bring your Thank Offering envelopes to the PW Gathering on October 8. We will prayerfully dedicate our gifts to relieve the suffering of our brothers and sisters.

PW Gathering October 8

On Monday, October 8, Presbyterian Women will meet in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. to share in worship and bible study led by Sylvia Tate. The Thank Offering will be dedicated at this time. Luncheon cost is \$7.50 to be served at 12:00 in Hoffius Hall. After the meal, our own Madelyn Young will present several of her latest writings for your enjoyment.



The PW Fall Retreat at Ferncliff will be Wednesday, October 24th. Registration is needed by October 12, and sign-up sheets will be available at the October 8th Gathering. Cost of the retreat is \$13.00. Carpools will meet at the church or East Gate. You may call Charlotte Massey for more information, 922-2385.

Presbyterian Women to Begin Coffee Project on October 7

PW is eager to launch our new mission project at the Kirk—selling bags of fair trade Equal Exchange Gourmet Coffee as part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Coffee Project. Last month the Kirk Fellowship Committee and the Session approved our plan. The PW organizational committee taste-tested the coffee, and all reports were very positive. Now we are ready to begin our sales.

We have placed our first order and anticipate receiving this shipment before the kick-off date, October 7, 2007. 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.

Seed money for this project was provided by the Greenhorns and other friends within the Kirk. It is not our intention to make money from this project to use for any other PW benevolence. Our sole objective is to help small coffee farmers in 14 countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia keep their coffee farms and provide a living for their families. Proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Coffee Project.

Dear Kirk Friends



September 5, 2007

Dear Rev. Bailey:

Our thanks to the Session of the Kirk in the Pines for their gift of \$1,376 to the annual scholarship fund. It is difficult to overstate the impact of gifts such as those from "old friends" such as the Kirk.

We welcomed a terrific class of about 200 new students during Red Carpet Days. Classes began on Tuesday, August 21; can't believe that we're two weeks into the semester already and the Labor Day Holiday is past.

All of us at Lyon are looking forward to the next Kirkin'o'the Tartans service. Thanks again for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Roettger, President
Lyon College

Dear Kirk Friends,

I really don't know how to begin to thank all our wonderful friends at the Kirk. I'm afraid I'll forget to name someone if I try to name them individually. But, thanks to Don Trent for the hospital visits, Carolyn Kane and the Congregational Care Committee, all the phone calls, food, visits, etc.

We are truly thankful to all our Kirk friends.

Adele & Dick Boaz

Dear Friends,

Our belated thanks to the Kirk family for prayers, calls and cards.

When Tom came home from the hospital after surgery in early August, little did we realize that I would shortly thereafter, become ill and then hospitalized.

Hospital visits to both of us were very much appreciated. Special thanks to Don, Bill B., Bill S., Larry and Duane.

Also, knowing the Kirk Prayer Tree was at work was comforting to us.

And, to Carolyn Kane, for everything you did, we truly thank you.

Tom and Helen Valentine

**S P I R I T U A L
V I T A M I N S**

Love as though you've never been hurt
Dance as though no one is watching
Sing as though no one is listening
Live as though heaven is on earth.

EDUCATION LIBRARY COMMITTEE

You are certainly going to want to check out this book. "In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits" has been given to our Kirk Library by Eunice and John Wood. The book has more than 280 photographs culled from National Geographic's extensive collection. Some of the photographs are famous and you'll recognize them right away; others are less known, but selected for inclusion due to their significance. Included are never-before-seen photographs, and others are award winning favorites.

The photographs span more than ten decades and represent more than 150 photographers.

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