

# A Voice in the Pines

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## The Pastor's Corner

Several years ago, a college professor I heard speak made a helpful, and memorable, distinction between a covenant and a contract. A contract, he suggested, is something we choose to get involved with, usually for our own advantage. We negotiate terms, barter for services or pay, but in the end, we almost always elect to enter into a contract with the question, "What's in this for me?"

Covenants, on the other hand, begin with a gift—something we have received which we did not earn. In covenants, this professor said, we do not negotiate for self interest; instead, we receive free gifts and these gifts obligate us to return promises and commit ourselves.

It occurs to me that you and I as Christians should always be thinking in terms of covenants. We, too, are the recipients of God's gifts and grace. We did not earn God's love. We are not self-made individuals. All of us stand on the shoulders of others and benefit from their gifts. We have received, as the Biblical writer says, "houses that we did not build, wells that we did not dig and vineyards we did not plant." (*Deuteronomy 6:10-11*)

We have a wonderful legacy of Presbyterians who built the Kirk and the sanctuary we worship in. Generous people who supported missions and who gave of themselves without asking "What's in this for me?"

We are the stewards of these wonderful gifts. We do not possess this property to do as we please—instead, we hold these gifts in trust, to be used for the work of the Lord in this community and throughout the world.

Let us be grateful for God's good gifts to us. And let us seek to be faithful with the time, talents and treasures we have been given. We live in covenant with a generous God—a God who calls us to be generous as well.

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**

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## Clerk's Corner

The congregation voted to approve buying property adjoining our east and west property lines from Cooper Properties Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. A land survey to be conducted by Cooper must have no significant variance from the Property Owners' Association property plats. This vote was taken at the called congregational meeting on Sept. 13, 2009. As Dave Nottrott told us at the recent Town Hall Meeting "let the dreams begin."

September kicked off our fall schedule of activities. Our choir was welcomed back, Bill's Wednesday Bible Study and Thursday Christian Practice classes have begun and are well attended. The PW Women activities are underway and things are going on everywhere you look. Please call the church office or check the Kirk Web site, [www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org), if you have questions about any of our activities.

The siding on the high areas on the front and rear of the church and the area underneath and above the choir room will be replaced with metal siding the color of the existing wood.

With all of the rain we experienced in September, the sump pump for the elevator pit stopped working and has been replaced with a new pump.

The Session conducted the following business at its September meeting:

- Approved a voice/hand/ballot sequence for the called congregational meeting to vote on purchasing property.
- Established Sunday Nov. 8 as Ordination Day for our newly elected Elders.
- Approved Communion Service for the October Elders Retreat at Ferncliff.
- Unanimously approved notifying The TOPS and the Men's Cooking Club organizations to seek other facilities for their meetings and storage. They will have to vacate our premises within 60 days of the date of the notification letter, or by Nov. 11, 2009.

### **Church statistics as of September 8:**

**Members:** 498      **Family units:** 318

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **Month of August:**

**General Fund** expenditures exceeded receipts by \$4,564.

**Building Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$3,006.

#### **Year-to-date:**

**General Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$7,541.

**Building Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$5,234.

A straight-line projection of total income through August shows a shortfall of about \$9,000 at year end compared to budget. This projection will change each month through the year.

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

## *Special music to be performed by Kirk organist*

“Old Hymns ... New Sounds” promises to be an evening of inspiring music praising the Lord as the Kirk’s staff organist, Barb Greenman, puts our beautiful Rodgers organ through its paces beginning at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the sanctuary.

The MX200 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) will be used extensively to demonstrate many of the supplementary sounds that are available to be played on the organ. Most of these sounds have not been heard in our traditional worship services.

Expect to hear familiar, spiritual and up-lifting hymns including *Jesus Loves Me*, *Blessed Assurance*, *In the Garden*, *Church in the Wildwood* and more. We plan to move the console to its concert position for a good view.

The Kirk was blessed when Barb came to the Kirk in February 2007 from Sallisaw, Okla., where she served as director/organist at First Presbyterian Church. She also previously served in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Muskogee.

Barb is a member of the American Guild of Organists and represented the Kirk at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference in Austin, Texas, in February.

### **Come and enjoy a great potluck supper before the organ music!**

Bring your favorite dish to Hoffius Hall Oct. 21 and enjoy a potluck supper and fellowship before adjourning upstairs to the sanctuary for the “Old Hymns ... New Sounds” concert by our organist, Barb Greenman.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, supper hour will be at 5:30 p.m. with the music program beginning at 6:45.

This will be an evening to remember! Make your reservation early.

Sign up Oct. 3/4, 10/11 or 17/18 before or after Saturday and Sunday worship services so we will know how many to be seated.

## ***OLD HYMNS ... NEW SOUNDS***



**Barbara Fleming Greenman, Organist**

**Everyone Welcome**

**6:45 p.m. — October 21**

**Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Sanctuary**

# In the Spotlight . . .



Stewardship Committee members are (back, l-r) Wayne Walter, moderator James Knox, Dave Hamilton, (front l-r) Linda Smith, Millie Croson and Carolyn Kane.

## Stewardship Committee

The responsibility of the Stewardship Committee is to design and conduct the Kirk's annual financial campaign. The committee challenges members to be good Christian stewards of the many gifts and blessings they receive from God by encouraging members to find ways to share their **time, talents and treasures** for the work of the Lord at the Kirk.

A survey was provided recently for members to list their talents and gifts God has given them. Maybe you are good with a hammer and saw, baking, visiting or doing computer work. Perhaps you are able to pray for others. You are encouraged to add items not on the list.

“Many hands make light work,” is so true! Regardless of your situation you have something to offer and God will honor your gift. If you didn't receive a survey form, ask one of the committee members for a copy. The survey results will be provided to the appropriate committees.

This year has been a challenging year due to the slow economy. Even though economic conditions have had an impact on all our lives, we can count the numerous blessings we have been granted. We are blessed to be a blessing!

Each fall the Stewardship Committee prepares pledge packets for each Kirk family. Each includes an Estimate of Giving Card. You will be asked to prayerfully consider what you are able to give.

“Covenant Weekend” will be Nov. 21 and 22

when our pledges will be dedicated during worship services.

The committee's activities begin in December with a financial report to the Session and mailing pledge packets members did not pick up.

In January they report pledge results to the Session. A meeting for planning purposes is held in March, and dates for Covenant Weekend are determined in May.

By June plans are being made for the Stewardship Campaign and in July they plan the packet contents and associated activities. Cards are printed and a letter is composed in August.

Each September the committee fills the packets to be distributed in October, and finally they have Covenant Weekend in November.

The Stewardship Committee has two long-range plans. The first is to provide a mid-year notice to members on their status compared with their giving estimate. This notice was mailed for the first time this summer.

The second plan is to establish a program so members can contribute directly from 401K accounts as well as other types of giving options. We will learn more about this plan in the future.

We thank the members of the committee for all their hard work and the prayerful way they approach stewardship. If you have questions the committee will be happy to answer them.

— Sharon Gardner

### *Faith in Action*

The Stewardship Campaign will begin the weekend of Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Pledge packets will be in Hoffius Hall before and after Saturday night worship service; in the Narthex before Sunday service and in Hoffius Hall after the service.

Please pick up your packet as the cost of mailing is expensive. If you know someone who cannot pick theirs up, please be a good neighbor and take it to them. It will be appreciated.

We will remember our blessings and dedicate our pledges to carry on God's work on Covenant Weekend, Nov. 21 and 22.

## Land purchase okayed by Kirk members

Initial approval of a plan to purchase between six and 10 acres east and west of the present Kirk property was given by voice vote Sept. 13 at a called meeting of the congregation.

Moderator of the Finance Committee Darrell Fisher said paying for the property, which will cost no more than \$40,000, could be done in one of three ways:

- Borrowing the money at the lowest interest rate possible.
- Conduct a fund-raising campaign among Kirk members.
- Use money the church has in the bank.

The next step is for Cooper Properties, Inc., to complete a survey of the two tracts to insure there is no significant variance from plat maps provided by the Hot Springs Village Property Owners' Association.

If the survey is satisfactory then the proposal will be reviewed by the finance committee. Its recommendation on whether to buy the land and how to pay for it would then be sent to the Session for final approval.

## Blessings galore

### *Elder Class of 2012 elected at annual congregational meeting*

Each year when it is time to elect new Elders in the Kirk, amazing things happen. After a delicious final Super Summer Supper potluck dinner was consumed, the congregation moved from Hoffius Hall to the sanctuary for the annual congregational meeting.

God picks the correct people for the job and then helps the moderators and their committees make the right decisions.

This year the Class of 2012 was elected by acclamation. Elders elect are: Jerral Johnson, Clerk of Session; Gail Salmen, Memorial Committee; Lon Hardin, Worship Committee; Judy Pogemiller, Education Committee, and Carol Clark, Membership.

## *World Communion, Peacemaking offering*

Sunday, October 4 Christians will celebrate World Communion Sunday as they have done since the 1930s. As we do every first Sunday at the Kirk, we will affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church. This unity is integral to each celebration of every Lord's Supper.

This first Sunday of October is also a day when a special offering for peacemaking will be received. The Peacemaking Offering was established in 1980 when it was set in the context of World Communion Sunday.

Each congregation was asked to celebrate our common life in the global bonds of Christ's peace-giving body and, as part of the celebration, to receive a special offering to support initiatives on peacemaking, and peacemaking education throughout the church.

Congregations keep 25 percent of the offering for their own peacemaking efforts. Twenty-five percent goes to presbyteries, and the remainder goes to denomination efforts.

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### **Peacemaking Offering Sunday, October 4**

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Elected trustee from this class is Jerral Johnson.

Those elected for the Nominating Committee are Cathy Clowers, Helen Van Stone and Bob Corwin. The Session will elect two of its own to complete that committee.

Pastor Bill announced the new elders will be ordained and/or installed in November.

Questions previously submitted by the congregation were answered by the appropriate elder, pastor and/or officer.

What a blessing it is to have such a willing, caring, loving, and faithful group of Christian Presbyterians to move us forward to the next dream.

— Sherry Barefield

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# Presbyterian Women

## PW Day Retreat at Ferncliff

Where will you be Tuesday, Oct. 20? Will you be sitting in the rocking chairs on the porch at Ferncliff with the wind rustling softly in the trees?

Or will you miss the remarkable story of the re-birth of churches emptied and closed by Communist command for generations?

Mary Beth Lysobey, moderator of AR Presbytery PW, was there in 2008. She witnessed the growing vitality of these once dead churches in the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Ukraine. She saw how these renewed Presbyterians have an outreach mission to the Roma (gypsy) people. As the leader of our retreat, she will share these experiences with us.

Come, join us for a time of learning, joyful worship, quiet prayers, and happy singing.

Come enjoy the peace and beauty of Ferncliff. All women of the Kirk are invited, whether you attend PW events or not.

This one-day retreat will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please be at the Kirk at 8 a.m. or the East Gate at 8:15 to carpool to Ferncliff. Call Sue Thayer, 915-9176, if you have questions or if you have not designated your pick-up point.

Cost, including lunch, is \$12.50. Make checks to "Presbyterian Women" and send them by Friday, Oct. 9, to Carol Sue Williams, 16 Magnifico Way.

## Kirk Men's Association

Special guests at the Oct. 16 Men's Association will be wearing feathers. They will be accompanied by the speaker, Paul Rodney of El Paso, Ark., whose presentation will be on wild life rescue and rehabilitation.

Rodney has served more than seven years as a docent (teacher) at the Little Rock zoo. During his tenure he has managed the release of over 200 injured hawks, owls and eagles back into the wild.

Enjoy doughnuts and coffee and hear interesting speakers at 7:30 a.m. the third Friday each month in Hoffius Hall. Guests are welcome.

— Tom Hightower

## PW Thank Offering — 2009

The 2009 Thank Offering will be given at the Oct. 12 PW Gathering.

Envelopes were in the September newsletter and are in the pews. Make checks payable to "PW" and for "Thank Offering."

Thank Offering Proposals are submitted to the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women. The selected projects must meet criteria of the committee and are chosen on merit alone. At least 40 percent of the funds go to health-related plans. Family and educational projects are among the other recipients.

Your Thank Offering helps people all over the world.

## PW Gathering

**Monday, October 12**

Kirk in the Pines Sanctuary

**11 a.m.: Bible study of Joshua**

by the Rev. Bill Bailey

**Noon: Lunch by the Greenhorns**

Hoffius Hall

**Program: Mili Lopes, executive director,**

Charitable Christian Medical Clinic  
of Hot Springs

**\*Please make lunch reservations by Oct. 4  
with Carol Sue Williams, 922-6182.**

# New Territory

by the Christian Friendship Program

## “Growing old ain’t for sissies!”

We’ve all heard that expression. And we are all, at some level, experiencing what that phrase means.

The Christian Friendship Program of the Kirk is sponsoring “New Territory” to address some of the issues we face as we grow older. We’d like to share information and tips to help smooth the way. We hope you will help us by sharing ideas, questions and frustrations with others in the Kirk family through this column.

For instance, there are many families within the Kirk where one member has a chronic illness. Many who are ill depend upon a family member, usually a spouse, to be their caregiver.

Did we ever expect to be in this position? Probably not, yet we are thrust into it and want to make the best of it. Having a chronic illness is hard; being a caregiver is also a very difficult role to assume.

Can you, as a caregiver, share a helpful tip? Do you have questions you can put into words? Are you willing to share frustrations?

Perhaps someone else has a solution, or a member of the Kirk staff, or an expert from a care-giving organization can help you.

Using this column we plan to connect information with those seeking answers. Caregiving is one of the big issues we plan to address. Other issues to be covered:

- What do I do when my driving begins to get a little shaky?
- How do I decide whether and when to move closer to my children?
- How do I deal with living alone, with losing friends, with my loneliness?

There are so many things in this “new territory” we aren’t prepared to deal with. But we can be of help to each other. Some of us have successfully dealt with many of these problems. We can also learn a lot from experts.

In this column we plan to share ideas from our membership and to research what experts have to say.

We hope you will help by submitting tips,

questions, frustrations, and ideas in person at the Kirk office or e-mail [kirkoffice1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirkoffice1@sbcglobal.net).

Names will not be published, or need not be included in your submission.

The Kirk has the reputation of being a “caring church.” This is one more way we can care for each other.

We hope you will participate.

## Too hot, too cold or just right?

Although they do try, the Building and Grounds committee knows the old adage; “You can’t please **all** the people **all** the time” is true.

One frequent request is to change the temperature. Some claim it’s too warm. Others say it’s too cold.

To help with energy conservation, 10 sophisticated thermostats control the temperature in “zones” throughout the church. They are preset to automatically adjust to a comfortable level when the areas are occupied. Rooms being used often may be set at a different temperature from those used infrequently.

All thermostats are locked to prevent damage and indiscriminate changing of the temperature.

The Kirk’s large and small “zones” are cooled by appropriate-size air conditioners. For instance, large ones are needed for the sanctuary and Hoffius Hall, while smaller units are used for Smallman Parlor, and the library and nursery rooms.

When the Smallman Parlor door is left open, its small air conditioner runs constantly trying to cool the larger narthex and sanctuary. Likewise, the nursery and library’s small unit tries to cool Hoffius Hall and the kitchen if these doors stand open.

Signs are posted asking for the doors to be kept closed in these smaller rooms when they are not in use. **Kindly adhere to this request.**

It is also important to keep doors closed between zones. Doors to the stairways and in the hallway leading to the office are examples. When you see open doors, **please close them.**

One solution might be for those who find it too warm to choose lighter weight clothing, and those who tend to be cold might wear a sweater.

In Hoffius Hall ceiling air vents create a draft on those seated beneath them so your choice of seats there should be considered if this is a bother.

Let’s be good stewards of our Lord’s house, be flexible and consider our fellow members’ comfort.

# OCTOBER 2009

SUNDAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><b>4.</b>  <b>10:00 Communion</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>8:45 Discussion Gr.</b>  <b>9:00 Adult Focus Group</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>9:30 PW CT</b>  <b>11:00 Staff Meeting</b>  <b>2:00 Communications</b>            6:00 Village Chorale            7:00 AA</p>	<p><b>6</b>            8:00 TOPS            10:00 Men's Cooking Club            10:15 Special Meeting            2:00 Big Band  <b>2:00 Memorial Com</b>            6:00 Cub Scouts  <b>7:00 Shepherd Gr. #2</b></p>	<p><b>7.</b>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>            10:00 Embroidery Gr.            1:00 Symphony Grp.#1  <b>2:00 Website Com.</b>  <b>3:00 Education Com</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>
<p><i>11</i>  <b>10:00 Worship Service</b>  <b>8:45 Discussion Gr.</b>  <b>9:00 Adult Focus</b>  <b>Group</b>  <b>11:00 Greenhorns</b></p>	<p><i>12</i>  <b>9:00 Greenhorns</b>  <b>11:00 PW Gathering</b>            6:00 Village Chorale            7:00 AA</p>	<p><i>13</i>            8:00 TOPS  <b>9:00 Membership Com.</b>            10:15 Special Meeting  <b>1:00 Session Meeting</b>            2:00 Big Band            6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>14</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>            10:00 Symphony Grp#2  <b>10:30 Greenhorns</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b>  <b>6:30 Faith &amp; Film</b></p>
<p><i>18</i>  <b>10:00 Worship Service</b>  <b>8:45 Discussion Gr.</b>  <b>9:00 Adult Focus</b>  <b>Group</b></p>	<p><i>19</i>  <b>10:00 Congregational</b>  <b>Care Committee</b>  <b>3:00 Worship Com.</b>            6:00 Village Chorale            7:00 AA</p>	<p><i>20</i>            8:00 TOPS            10:15 Special Meeting  <b>9:00 Stewardship</b>            1:30 Big Band            6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>21</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>            2:00 Heifer Project  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b>  <b>5:30 Dinner</b>  <b>6:45 Organ Music</b> 🎵</p>
<p><i>25</i>  <b>10:00 Worship Service</b>  <b>8:45 Discussion Gr.</b>  <b>9:45 Adult Focus</b>  <b>Group</b></p>	<p><i>26</i>  <b>9:30 Administration</b>            6:00 Village Choral            7:00 AA  <b>7:00 Kirk Konnection</b></p>	<p><i>27</i>            8:00 TOPS            10:15 Special Meeting            2:00 Big Band            6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>28</i>  <b>9:00 Bible Study</b>  <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>



**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

<p>1  <b>9:00 Fellowship</b>  <b>9:00 Christian Practice</b>  <b>2:00 Evangelism</b>            7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>2  <b>8:30 Kirk Golf Tournament</b>  <b>6:00 Tournament Awards Dinner</b></p>	<p>3  <b>5:00 Informal            Worship Service</b></p>
<p>8  <b>9:00 Christian Practice</b>  <b>9:30 Website Com.</b>  <b>10:00 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>3:00 Mission Com.</b>            7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>9            8-2 CPR Class  <b>10:00 Finance Committee</b></p>	<p>10  <b>5:00 Informal            Worship Service</b></p>
<p>15  <b>9:00 Christian Practice</b>  <b>10:00 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>2:00 Planning &amp;            Coordinating</b>            7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>16  <b>7:30 Men's            Association</b></p>	<p>17  <b>5:00 Informal            Worship Service</b></p>
<p>22  <b>9:00 Christian Practice</b>  <b>10:00 Bell Choirs</b>  <b>2:00 Gardening W/S</b>  <b>6:00 New Member Party</b>            7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24  <b>5:00 Informal            Worship Service</b></p>
<p>29  <b>9:00 Christian Practice</b>  <b>10:00 Bell Choirs</b>            7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31  <b>5:00 Informal            Worship Service</b></p>



## Your Mission Dollars



Jackson House, 705 Malvern Avenue

### Jackson House, a Hot Springs Crisis Intervention Center

A family's home burns to the ground. A young father, out of work, needs food for his family. A single mother needs clothing for her school-aged children. A homeless wanderer needs a warm meal.

The Eleanor Klugh Jackson House provides direct assistance to neighbors like these who need a helping hand. Under the leadership of Janie Woodall Smith, Executive Director, it also guides clients to other community resources and follows up with supportive counseling to those in dire circumstances. Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is one of many churches and community organizations who support these efforts.

Last year, the Kirk's Mission Committee donated \$5,300 to Jackson House and collected quarterly food donations from the congregation. Many Kirk members donated used clothing and household goods.

Kirk volunteers also prepared and distributed noon lunches and worked as sales clerks in Jackson House Thrift Store.

Jesus said, "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me." We thank you, Lord, for Jackson House where we can meet you face to face.

— Madelyn Young



Kirk members (from left) Judy Pogemiller, Diane Roberts and Sherry Barefield prepare to serve free lunches at Jackson House, a non-denominational center serving needy residents in Hot Springs. (Not pictured, Madelyn Young, photographer)

### *PW Circle 1 helps at Jackson House*

Volunteers from Kirk PW Circle 1 worked at the Jackson House kitchen to serve free lunches recently to many needy residents.

Hot Springs restaurants donated six or seven huge pans of leftovers and two large vats of potato soup. The women heated the food and soup and spooned it into Styrofoam containers to distribute to over 130 recipients that day.

Presbyterian Women Circles send volunteers each month to work in the Jackson House kitchen and Thrift Store. Their efforts help the Jackson House staff efficiently serve many families in our community who need assistance.

### **MISSION DOLLARS**

**Thank you** for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. \$969 was collected for the month of August, 2009.

### **FOOD BASKET**

The Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for **Potter's Clay** in October

For those who wish to make a monetary gift there are pew envelopes marked "Food Basket."

## A Tartan Finale

One more Kirkin' o' the Tartans has come and gone, leaving us with mixed emotions, both joyous and wistful.

So much planning and energy goes into the Kirkin' that we would be remiss if we failed to let the entire congregation know who the people are who "did it again." We extend our grateful thanks to these faithful members of the Kirk:

The Kirkin' Committee

Helen Fisher, Nell White, Jean Fisher

The Communications Committee

Joyce Leeming

The Worship Committee

Christine Hoagland

The Memorial Reception Committee

Judy Rosenthal

The Fellowship Committee

Ruth Hamilton

The Evangelism Committee

Dennis Zymboly

The Greenhorns

Doris Simmons, Organizer of High Tea

Poles and stands

L. Gene Reid and Norm Fisher

There were others who graciously extended themselves to all of us in our attempt to provide the Kirk with a happy and glorious Kirkin' o' the Tartans. We thank them as well.

This year, we received seven additional tartan banners into our collection. They are, by clan name first:

Sinclair (Tom Hightower); Scott (Judy Rosenthal); Keith (Harry Marshall); Gunn (Don Robinson); MacKenzie (Jeanne Kleinschmidt); Sutherland (Helen Fisher) and Bruce (Donald Trent and Heinrich Eiler).

We also retired tartan banners donated to the church by members who are now deceased or have moved away. We honored these church members by flying their banners in the portico or in other suitable decorations during the Kirkin' event. They are:

Kitty Blakely (Baird); Peggy Cook (MacDonald); Alan Cunningham (Cunningham); Harley and Mildred Kennedy (Kennedy); Pat McCluskey (Dawson-Davidson); MacGregor (Jim McGregor); Glen Smith (MacMurray), and Alice Smith (MacDonald).

For all who have lived bearing the tartan, we offer

our thanksgiving to God.

In gratitude for God's blessings on all people, celebrating the heritage of all the Children of God, we rejoice and offer our thanks.

— Helen Fisher,  
Kirkin' Committee chair

FAITH	and	FILM
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### "Shadowlands"

The Faith and Film group will discuss the movie *Shadowlands* at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Hoffius Hall. Pastor Bill Bailey will facilitate the study and discussion as they review the film.

*Shadowlands*, set in the 1950s, stars Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.

The film focuses on a reserved, middle-aged British bachelor, C. S. Lewis, an Oxford University academic at Magdalen College and author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series of childrens' books, and his relationship with divorced American poet Joy Gresham and her young son Douglas.

Having opposite personalities, each provides the other with new ways of viewing the world. Initially their marriage is one of convenience, a platonic union designed so Gresham can remain in England.

But when she is diagnosed with cancer, deeper feelings surface, and Lewis's faith is tested as his wife tries to prepare him for her imminent death.

The screenplay and Debra Winger were nominated for Academy Awards.

Those interested in attending Faith and Film should watch the movie first. A copy may be checked out of the Kirk library. Members are urged to return it quickly so others may borrow it, too.

*Shadowlands* will provide a very interesting and thought-provoking discussion.

Faith and Film reviews a different movie each month on the second Wednesday. Plan to join us this month.

— Diane Roberts

## News from the Flocks



**Kirk Shepherd Group 7 and others visited Heifer International Headquarters in Little Rock on Aug. 20. Front row (l-r): Tour guide, "Sybel," Jean Dillon, Peggy Trent, Ted Smith. Back row (l-r): Dottie Isaacson, Dick Easter, Ro Easter, Leroy Vance, and Don Trent. (Not pictured: Jane Vance, Janie Smith, Jan and John Clark, Margarget Boschetti, and photographer, Madelyn Young)**



**Jean Dillon tries out a mosquito net, one of many displays in the new Heifer Educational Center in Little Rock. These nets help prevent the spread of malaria in many areas of the world. (Madelyn Young photo)**

### *Shepherd Group news welcome*

Did your Shepherd Group go on an outing or do something special for someone? Send news about your flock and photographs to Communications Committee member Sherry Barefield at [sherryb@hsnp.com](mailto:sherryb@hsnp.com).

## Church Women United World Community Day

Church Women United is an ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women in the United States and Puerto Rico.

They will meet for World Community Day at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Hot Springs Village.

Their mission is to work for a just, caring and peaceful society; develop a visible, ecumenical community; use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted to us: Our intelligence, time, energy, and money, and deepen our understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world.

All women are invited to attend.

## *Check your membership directory*

Our church membership directory contains a letter and number, i.e. G2 or L5, in the lower right corner of each name and address listed.

This code represents the coordinate on the Village map and helps to identify the area of the Village you live in.

We have discovered some are incorrect. It would be very helpful if each member would compare the listing in the directory to the Village map.

A map is posted in the conference room for your convenience. If your coordinate is not correct, please send an e-mail to Dennis Zymboly at [dennis@zymboly.com](mailto:dennis@zymboly.com) with the correct coordinate.



## Couples Marathon Bridge

Grab a bridge partner and join us for Couple's Bridge. We need both members and subs. If you would like to play, please call Marilyn Johnson at 922-6641.

# A great evening filled with peace, food and fun

The Saturday night informal worshipers always receive a wonderful message from the Rev. Don Trent, sing inspiring hymns, have musical specials, heartfelt prayers, and verbally share both joys and sorrows.

But the 5th Saturday is always special.

August's was especially so with a great worship service with a record attendance of 78; a tasty meal provided by Karen and Doug Kendell, new owners of "Hot Dogs Will Travel," and last but not least, a fantastic Kirk's Own Talent Show.

A group singing led by Pat Hightower, Dave Nottrott, Sylvia Tate and Janna Lyndon were not run-of-the-mill lyrics and had everyone laughing.

Madelyn Young read an original short story written from the "Mama Chigger" prospective; again lots of chuckles. Barbara Fuquay, with the help of a few lady friends, performed a skit.

Tom Hightower shared Cajun jokes in the native dialect. And not to be outdone by husband Tom, Pat Hightower played piano and sang several selections.

Norm Martin and Sylvia performed a wonderful duet. Sylvia and Dave, with his trusty guitar, did solos.

Rev. Don Trent recited a poem from memory entitled "Cremation of Sam McGee" which took him three weeks of preparation at this stage of his life instead of 24 hours in his earlier years.

Yvonne Jones, wigged and dressed "to the nines," lip synced Patsy Cline's, "She's Got You." It seemed



**Yvonne Jones stole the show with her version of Patsy Cline's song, "She's Got You." (Suzanne Cain photo)**

nearly everything mentioned in the song except "You" came flying out from her generously endowed bodice to emphasize the words. (Never mess with a woman scorned.)

The audience of staid, conservative Presbyterians and guests were almost rolling in the isles with free-flowing tears of laughter.

Chuckles were still being heard all the way from the exit doors until everyone had driven away. What a wonderful way to spend an evening!

-- Sherry Barefield



**Martha Copeland (left) gets the fixins' at the hot dog stand**

**Informal Worship Service  
Saturday — 5 p.m.  
Hoffius Hall**



# October



## BIRTHDAYS

Oct 3	Charlotte Massey	Oct 14	Peggy Cook	Oct 22	Lorna Kerr
	Clark Mowry		Lee Hess		Bobbie Moffat
Oct 4	Howard Baldwin	Oct 15	Marilyn Turner		Marilyn Olson
Oct 6	Helen Sheehan	Oct 16	Robert Kirchhoff	Oct 23	Jody Burt
Oct 7	Jean Eiler	Oct 17	Mariana Adams		Bill Durbin
	Don Loveday	Oct 18	Gene Carlisle		George Green
Oct 8	Dave Nottrott	Oct 19	Bill Lammers	Oct 25	Mary Beal
	Jim Reimers	Oct 20	Ro Easter		Charles Reece
Oct 9	Ray Jacobsmeyer		Carol Gardner		Janette Wiard
	Dean Kerr		Cy Porter	Oct 26	Jody Creighton
	Bill Stanley		Jack Walters		Jody Drewry
Oct 12	Charles Bradley	Oct 21	Cole Goodman	Oct.27	Jim Judy
	Donna Garrard		Sissy Wilson	Oct 29	Woodie Barefield
	Wendell Jones		Nancy Young	Oct 31	Keith Brown
Oct 13	Mary Lou Reich				Mona Kimbell

## ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 1	Ned and Martha Wilson	Oct 24	John and Lois Dykstra
Oct 2	Robert and Mac Throckmorton		Norm and Helen Fisher
Oct 3	John Hornecker and Margaret Sowers	Oct 27	John and Eunice Wood
Oct 8	Bob and Linda Wessel		Neil and Fay Woodall
Oct 10	Stanley and Cheryle Dean	Oct 28	Frank and Joyce Leeming
Oct 21	Bill and Sheila Stanley		

The fall is a great time to enroll new singers in the Kirk Choir and new ringers in the Bell Choir. The Kirk Choir has just started on the Christmas music and handbells will begin on October 8th. We welcome new members Ro Easter and Dave Hamilton to the Kirk Choir, and there are several openings in the Handbell Choir. If the Lord has blessed you with a musical talent, why not give it back to Him through the choirs ministry?



**Christmas Music Presentation**

**Sunday, December 13, 3:00 p.m. .... "Season of Wonders"**



## Dear Kirk Friends:

### Dear friends at the Kirk,

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes we received for our 50th anniversary. They were very much appreciated.

— Rudy and Beverly Schaumburg

### An open letter to God ...

Thank you, God, for the many blessings you bestowed on me by way of the visits and prayers of Pastors Bill, Don and Larry following my recent surgery.

I praise you, too, for the caring spirits of Rhonie Zymboly, Dotty Rector and Martha Fast for their food and meal preparations and for the many telephone calls from loving and caring Kirk members Janie Smith, Sheila Stanley, and Sylvia Tate.

I am grateful too for the many other members who offered up prayers for me as well.

The “caregiver needed caregiving,” and I praise your name for providing so beautifully through our wonderful Kirk family just that.

Gratefully and lovingly,  
— Pam Cave

## Time and Talent?

Does your background or hobby include photography or teaching? Do you like to write short articles, edit or proofread?

Have you experience with Web sites, ad design, page layout or publicity notices?

It is the Communications Committee’s (ComCom) responsibility to plan and implement ways to keep members of the Kirk, the Village and our larger community informed about church activities. Some of their duties include the publication, assembly and distribution of “*A Voice in the Pines*,” our monthly newsletter, publicity notices and advertisements in newspapers, radio commercials, bulletin boards, and the maintenance of the Kirk Web site: [www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org).

If you’d like to use your skills call ComCom moderator, Joyce Leeming at 922-0810 or e-mail [JBL37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JBL37@sbcglobal.net).

### Dear Kirk family,

Thank you for all of the support, food, prayers, cards, and the list goes on. We can’t express our thanks enough for such a loving and kind church family. From the bottom of our hearts we are truly blessed to have you.

— Cole and Teresa Goodman



## Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega

When and how often should one fertilize plants in our yard and garden? And, how can we tell if a plant is infested by insects or has some destructive disease? What is the best treatment?

Learn about these common problems, about site preparation, successfully planting wild flowers in the Village and more when gardeners of all experience levels meet from 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 in Hoffius Hall. Packets of wild flower seeds will be given away. Master Gardener, Jerral Johnson, will lead the program.

Jerral’s pre-retirement career was in this field and he will have solutions for you. He received degrees in horticulture and pathology from Texas A&M University and worked for 30 years as Extension Plant Pathologist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service at the university.

Persons working toward Master Gardener certification will receive credit for attending this meeting. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome.

### Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

The next **newsletter** deadline is Oct. 15. E-mail Joyce Leeming at [JBL37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JBL37@sbcglobal.net)

The Sunday **bulletin** deadline is on Wednesday each week. E-mail Sallie Huss at [kirksec2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirksec2@sbcglobal.net)

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**Sunday Worship**  
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## **Please pray for these people we know who are in Harm's Way**

**Paul Glenn Head**, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army

**Gabriel Hodgson**, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force

**Mark Hurning**, nephew of Lowell and Sharon Gardner, SFC Army, Iraq

**Spc. Timothy Rabideau**, son of Marylyn Rabideau, U.S. Air Force, Iraq

**Sgt. Adam Sandifer**, grandson-in-law of Tom and Ethelee Beverly, U.S. Army, Germany

**Capt. Ryan Herbst**, grandson of Shirley Peglar, U.S. Army, Iraq



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