



A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Fall is a busy time for many of us. Even in retirement, our schedules fill up quickly with activities and “to do” lists. This is especially true at the Kirk as fall activities, study opportunities and meetings begin to fill our days.

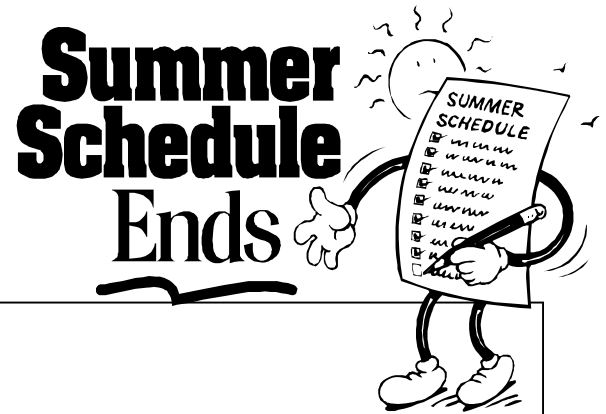
We all respond to this busyness in different ways. Some of us thrive on it, while others dread it. All of us will need to monitor ourselves and do those things we feel are most important. As people of faith, we should also be mindful of those things we believe God thinks are most important.

The scriptures remind us that God calls us to Sabbath, Service and Study. There are times when we need to make time for Sabbath—to rest and care for ourselves. Rather than work, we are sometimes called to be thankful for God’s provisions in life. There are occasions when we seek to be servants of others—to serve not just our own needs, but the needs of others. And there are times when we are called to be disciples who continue to learn and grow in our faith. We study the scriptures in order to know God and discover God’s will for our lives and for the Kirk.

All of this requires discernment. In all of this activity, we must seek God’s leading and direction. We believe God’s Spirit is with us in all of life and our primary duty each day is to be open to God’s presence. In the unfolding of history, and in the ordinary routines of each day, we believe God is at work. Our most important task is to trust God and be open to those things that are of lasting importance.

As you find your calendars filling up this fall, do try to remember to care for yourself, to serve others and grow in your faith. Seek to cultivate the habit of “practicing God’s presence” as you go through each day. This way we can balance our lives and not become overwhelmed with the busyness of life.

*Peace,
Bill*



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

**INFORMAL WORSHIP
SATURDAY September 6th
@ 5:00 P.M.
HOFFIUS HALL**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 7th
8:30 a.m.
Communion Service**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45 a.m.
September 7th
Communion Service**



CLERK'S CORNER

Your Elder Class of 2011 has been elected and will be ordained during the second service on Sunday, November 9. The class includes Mike Carpenter, Rich Croson, Martha Fast, Joyce Leeming and Dennis Zymboly. They will serve through November 2011. Please take the time to thank them for taking part in the Kirk's leadership.

The Session will hold its Annual Elders' Retreat on October 27-28 at Ferncliff. This will be a working retreat, and we will address questions and ideas submitted to us during the past few weeks, as well as other needs of the Kirk.

The Nominating Committee elected for 2009 was Mary Ann Krieger, Dick Massey and Frank Moore with Elders Dottie Isaacson and Bob Rosenthal appointed by the Session. The elected Trustee for the Class of 2011 is Rich Croson.

The Session conducted the following business during the August Session Meeting.

- Received a verbal report by Pastoral Associate Rev. Don Trent on his activities year-to-date.
- Received a written and verbal report from Bob Corwin of the Planning and Coordinating Committee on the Congregational Survey recently completed and presented at the Annual Business Meeting.
- Elected to discontinue the Annual Information Fair for this year.
- Passed a motion to delete all fees referenced in the Medical Transportation Ministry Plan.
- Approved the serving of Communion by Elder Sylvia Tate on September 5 at the Kirk for Cursillo Ul-treya attendees.

- FYI The Kirk has a 501(C) non-profit status due to a Group Ruling granted to the PCUSA by the IRS. Consequently, the Kirk does not have an IRS letter specifically granting this status. A copy of the PCUSA Legal Resources Manual pages discussing Group Ruling may be found in the Kirk files or by going to the PCUSA web site.

DEATHS: Vernon Blattner, DOD July 15, 2008; Roy Walter, DOD July 17, 2008 and David Pease, DOD July 26, 2008. Please be in prayer for these families.

CHURCH STATISTICS as of August 12, 2008: Members: 530 Family Units: 334

TREASURER'S REPORT

Month of July	General Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$11,888. Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,766.
Year to Date	General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$9,042. Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$10,412.

God bless each of you,

Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session

The Kirk Scotland Tour: Preliminary Meetings

On September 29th, at 3:30 in the morning, thirty-eight tour members will board a bus in the Kirk parking lot for the first leg of our adventure in Scotland. Twenty-eight of those tour members are also members of the Kirk.

Before we leave, however, there are some preliminaries. There will be Scottish Heritage events on three Friday mornings. On September 5th at 10:00, the Rev. Don Trent will speak about the largest figure in early Presbyterianism, John Knox. On September 12th at 10:00, Dr. Heinrich Eiler will be featured in a presentation on the Reformation in Scotland. On September 19th at 10:30, the Rev. Bill Bailey will present the place of the Isle of Iona in our heritage. All of the classes will be 90 minutes or less, and will be held in Hoffius Hall. If you are interested in these classes, you are invited to attend. You do not have to be a tour member --- but if you want to board that bus, talk to Don Trent: it may still be possible.

Education Committee Announces Fall Classes

Summer is over now, and we are eager to begin our fall schedule of classes. We hope you will want to participate in many of these.

Adult Bible Study

Men and women's Bible study will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 3 in Hoffius Hall. This year's topic is "*Surveying the Old Testament*" conducted by the Rev. Bill Bailey.

Christian Faith Class

The Reformation and Martin Luther will be studied by the Thursday morning Christian Faith class from 9 to 10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 4 in the Kirk conference room.

Books on the subject are available in the office.

Faith & Film Clas

"*Leap of Faith*" starring Steve Martin will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 17 in Hoffius Hall as the first movie sponsored by the Faith and Film class. The class meets the third Wednesday each month.

The plot involves a fraudulent faith healer, Jonas Nightingdale, stranded in a small town where he finds he can't fool all the people all the time.

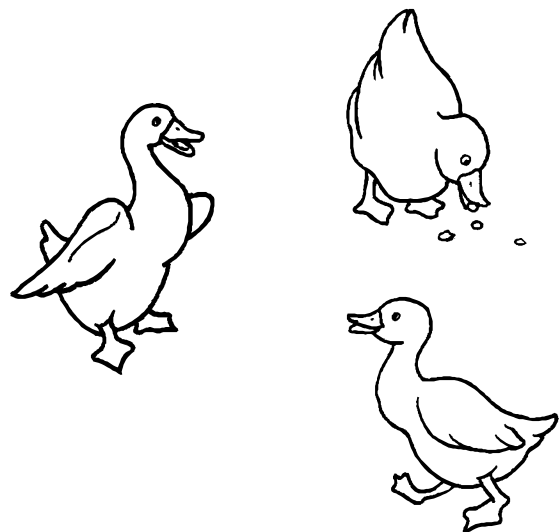
Copies can be checked out in the Kirk library. Please return them as soon as possible so others may see it. Film titles for October, November and December will be announced in the "*Voice in the Pines*" newsletter and in the church bulletin each month.

Kirk Men's Association September 19

"We're Getting Our Ducks in a Row"

Men, mark your calendars for a special event. On Friday morning, September 19, Lloyd Withrow, Village resident and longtime Duckmaster at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, will be our guest speaker. Lloyd will give a history of the Peabody ducks and their \$20,000 duck house. Many gifts will be presented, including dinner for two at the Peabody.

The men will serve a full breakfast in Hoffius Hall at 7:30 a.m. Ladies are especially invited to attend this fun program, and all guests are welcome. We hope all of you will come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.



Kirk Mission Projects

As Christians, we are called to minister to others in the name of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

Members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines support many organizations with their financial contributions and work projects. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are names and descriptions of agencies and other groups who receive help from our church. Actual support levels are detailed in annual budget reports of the Kirk Mission Committee.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer your help, please contact Dottie Isaacson, Mission Committee Moderator. (922-6419)

Arkansas Rice Depot believes that a key to ending hunger in Arkansas is neighbors helping neighbors through church and community action. The Kirk Mission Committee supports this effort through a monetary donation and periodic on-site volunteer activities.

Charitable Christian Medical Clinic is a nonprofit Christian ministry that strives to improve the quality of life of medically uninsured people in the Hot Springs community by providing general medical care, preventive medicine and health education to those who seek it. CCMC works to meet the needs of these individuals without regard to race, gender, religion or creed.

Christmas Giving Tree provides the children of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home, Glenhaven Youth Ranch, Ouachita Children's Home and North Garland and Mountain Pine Head Start programs with basic items for a start towards a Merry Christmas.

Court Appointed Special Advocates are volunteers who are trained to monitor the care of abused and neglected children in the custody of the state. CASA volunteers monitor court ordered services to see that they are carried out in a timely manner. These volunteers appear in court at each hearing with a report outlining concerns and recommendations to help the judge make decisions in the child's best interest.

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries provide services enabling people with developmental disabilities to acquire skills needed for them to achieve their full potential and develop a positive self-image.

Ferncliff, a Presbyterian camp and conference center, provides comfortable accommodations for youth summer camps, spiritual retreats, and conferences. Ferncliff also

offers counseling in a summer camp setting for children who have experienced school shootings and other violent acts.

Food Pantry Boxes located in the church are collection sites for non-perishable food items which are distributed monthly, on a rotating schedule, to local charitable organizations.

Frontier Fellowship is an evangelism program of Presbyterian Church (USA) Worldwide Ministries. This project supports missionaries in efforts to bring the word of Jesus Christ to those who have not been exposed to the gospel in some of the most remote and underdeveloped regions of the world.

Glenhaven Youth Ranch provides a home and guidance for up to 20 boys living with an adult couple who serve as "parents." The boys work and attend school in a Christian atmosphere year round at the Ranch until graduation from high school.

"Good News" Jail Ministry is a program that brings the Gospel and social service support to the inmates of Garland County Jail.

Haiti Project is a joint venture of the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church. This effort operates a residential vocational school and supports small missionary churches of both denominations in Haiti.

Head Start is an educational program for preschool children. The Kirk supports both Mountain Pine and North Garland County Head Start programs with funding for field trips and special events such as Mid-America Museum, Cox Berry Farm, reading programs, etc. We also provide T-shirts which the children wear for identification on field trips.

Heifer Project International provides impoverished families around the world with the means and know-how to help themselves, their neighbors, and their countries to a better life. Families selected for the program are given farm animals and training in their care. They are also trained in ecologically sound farming techniques appropriate to their locale.

Jackson House is an interfaith community crisis center located in Hot Springs which provides short-term emergency assistance (food, clothing, shelter, medicine) to men, women, and children of Garland County, including limited help to transients. These services are funded by local resources and offered without regard to race, gender, religion or creed.

Living Waters for the World is a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters, PCUSA. Volunteer mission teams are trained to work as partners with indigenous people throughout the world to share the gift of clean, sustainable water. As of March 2008, graduates of “Clean Water U” had installed 178 water-treatment systems in 19 countries.

Lyon College, the oldest private college in Arkansas, is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is consistently ranked by US News & World Report as one of the nation’s leading liberal arts colleges and as a “Best Value in the South.” Kirk support includes an annual contribution to the scholarship fund. We recently completed a special grant to the endowment fund of the College.

Medical Benevolence Fund is a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Worldwide Mission. Along with other denominations, it sponsors physicians and other health care providers who donate their time to clinics and medical education in developing and impoverished nations.

Middle America Wee Kirk Conference, co-sponsored by the General Assembly of PCUSA, provides ten annual regional conferences for pastors, spouses, commissioned lay pastors, and lay leaders of very small churches (smaller than 126 members) in Middle America. These conferences offer spiritual renewal and encourage revitalized ministry.

Ouachita Children’s Center is the only short-term residential treatment center serving children and youth of Garland and Clark Counties who are referred by courts, schools, and other social agencies. The Center provides ongoing follow-up care and assistance after residents leave the Center for return to their homes or other long term placement.

Potter’s Clay Ministries is an outreach program in Garland County providing food, clothing, and shelter in a Christian atmosphere to women and children in crisis situations.

Samaritan Ministries, a Gospel rescue mission for homeless men in Garland County, provides an overnight stay for up to ten nights per month for men who need a short term stay. Dinner, breakfast, and showers are provided to all. Clothing and shoes may be available to those in need.

Small Group Therapy is a low profile, nonprofit residential treatment center for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. It provides care in several group and residential care facilities. Kirk support has helped provide small extras like birthday gifts, clothing, games and educational materials.

Teen Challenge of Arkansas is an ecumenical residential biblical and work-based program for men who have experienced severe chemical dependency problems. Other TC services include a program for women victims of sexual or physical abuse, a summer Bible camp taken into inner city neighborhoods in several large Arkansas cities, and a high school drug awareness program.

University of the Ozarks is a private liberal arts Presbyterian-affiliated university located in Clarksville, AR. It is consistently highly ranked on the US News & World Report list of regional liberal arts colleges in the South and is the # 3 “Best Value.” Over 90 % of the students receive some form of financial aid. Kirk support includes an annual contribution to the scholarship fund.

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello, AR, seeks to share Christ’s healing love with children, youth, and families in crisis. The home offers emergency shelter, a transition home, and long-term residential care.

Village Churches Mission Committee is a joint effort of many HSV churches to provide help to area families dealing with emergencies such as fire or temporary financial setbacks.

Webb Community Center has been serving Hot Springs since 1945 and is designed to improve living standards for low income residents. Tutoring and youth programs are provided, as well as domestic violence and substance abuse prevention programs. Every summer the center sends youth ages 11-18 to “Kids Across America,” a non-denominational Christian camp.

West End Presbyterian Church, a small racial-ethnic church in Arkadelphia, and the Kirk have developed a close working relationship. We have helped to restore facilities and have furnished funds to refurbish the church, parsonage, and a classroom building.

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home is Changing Lives

When Kirk member Ethelee Beverly was a child, she played with her little cousin Virginia at their grandmother's home. On July 23, Ethelee had the honor of introducing her cousin to members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines at a supper sponsored by the Kirk Mission Committee and catered by Café 1217. Moderator Dottie Isaacson offered a warm welcome.

Virginia Scott and her younger brother were orphaned early in life and moved from place to place, living with various relatives. The children found a permanent home in 1953. The caregivers at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello welcomed them with open arms.

"That move changed our lives," said Scott.

Scott attended Lyon College. Later she enrolled at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in technical writing. She taught at UALR for many years. Now this mother of two and grandmother of three is on the staff of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services and travels around the state to spread the word about the positive work being done at the facility.

Young people who come to Vera Lloyd are assigned by a judge, either through the Department of Human Services or through the Department of Youth Services. Most are between the ages of 10 and 18.

All are non-violent. However, the youth receive professional counseling in a nurturing environment to help them overcome past experiences. Many have passed through numerous foster homes before coming to Vera Lloyd. Each has a social worker who monitors his progress.

The teens live in five group homes on campus, three for girls and two for boys. Each home is a residence for eight young people. Two adult house parents, called "family leaders," guide the activities in each setting. Residents are taught social skills. They also participate in cleaning, cooking, and doing their own laundry. Guests who visit in the homes are treated with courtesy.

Most of the students attend Monticello High School. Those referred by the Department of Youth Services continue their education in an alternative school. Four youth are now enrolled in college and still receive support from Vera Lloyd.

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services is supported by congregations of the Presbyterian Church USA and gifts from individuals. Churches in Arkansas Presbytery offer many kinds of help. Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines provided scholarships for 30 youth and 14 staff members to attend Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center outside Little Rock this summer. Other churches host groups for picnics, ballgames, and special activities.



Virginia Scott, pictured center, is greeted by Dottie Isaacson, Moderator of the Kirk Mission Committee, pictured left, and Ethelee Beverly, pictured right. Scott spoke to members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines on the topic: "Life at Vera Lloyd."

RED CROSS TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULED, OCTOBER 31

The Congregational Care Committee will sponsor another American Red Cross Training Course in the Kirk Conference Room on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008. Participants will learn how to operate a heart defibrillator (A.E.D.) and will receive instruction in C.P.R. and the Heimlich maneuver. The training course requires 4 ½ hours and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To be certified, an individual must participate in the training, demonstrate satisfactory performance of skills criteria, and pass a short written exam.

The class is open to first-time takers, plus those who want to be recertified. A person must be recertified every year to keep his skills up-to-date.

It is important to have certified individuals, who attend each of our three church services, ready to cope with emergencies. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to be prepared.

The cost of the course is \$30.00, check payable to "Garland County Chapter, American Red Cross."

PLANNED GIVING.....A WAY TO RETURN TO GOD WHAT HE HAS GIVEN TO US.

A Presbyterian couple of modest means in their fifties did their estate planning and decided to write their will to include what they called their "charitable adoption."

First they established a Donor Advised Fund at Texas Presbyterian Foundation where they could deposit some mutual fund shares as a convenient means of making gifts of appreciated assets to various charities.

Then they wrote their will to distribute their assets four ways, even though they only have three kids—the fourth "child" was their Donor Advised Fund! Now, after both parents are gone, the children will be able to make distributions to various ministries in memory of their parents.

Will this work at the Kirk? Sure it will. Last year a member of our congregation thoughtfully established a Charitable Gift Annuity for the benefit of the Kirk. Should you want more information on this subject or any other method of giving to the Kirk, you may contact a member of the Finance or Stewardship Committee.

KIRK MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY GOING WELL

The Medical Transportation Ministry of the Kirk is going well, according to Larry Bradley. He currently has 27 volunteers to drive members of the congregation to their own medical appointments, but Larry will also arrange for transportation to visit friends and family who are patients in the hospital.

To make arrangements, please give Larry at least 48 hours notice, if at all possible. Specific guidelines for this ministry are included in the July 2008 newsletter.

Remember—the fee structure has been eliminated now, so give Larry Bradley a call at the church office (922-1333) or at his home (501) 321-1002. You may leave a message, and he will get back with you.

We hope all who need medical transportation help will take advantage of this new service.



PW Gears Up for an Exciting Year

A New Beginning

Presbyterian Women will begin the new year with six circles and the evening Kirk Konnection. The morning circles will meet in members' homes at 9:30 a.m., and the afternoon circle will gather at Good Samaritan at 1:30 p.m. Circles meet the second Monday of the month. The Kirk Konnection meets the fourth Monday, 7-9 p.m. in Hoffius Hall.

All women of the Kirk are invited to participate in PW activities. If you are interested and we missed calling you, please call Ruth Naggs, 922-4962, or Karen Patty, 922-0015.

The first circle meeting will be September 8. *"Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor"* is the title of our Bible study this year. If you do not have your study book and annual women's directory, you may pick them up at the church office.

The PW Cluster V Fall Gathering will be Saturday, September 13, at First Presbyterian Church in Malvern. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. worship; lunch cost is \$7.50. Contact Ruth Naggs, 922-4962, for more information. We will be carpooling to the gathering.

Gathering Together

Our first Kirk Gathering will be Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Bill Bailey will present the Bible study, *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor: The Poor Hear Good News*. Luncheon will be provided by the Greenhorns. Elizabeth Brakebill, executive director of the Potter's Clay, will present the program after the luncheon.

Ferncliff Day Retreat

The Ferncliff Retreat date is still to be worked out, but our tentative date is Tuesday, October 21. Watch for more information in the October newsletter. We will reflect, relax, enjoy a great lunch, and see how our Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center is growing.

2008-2009 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

Moderator	Ruth Naggs
Vice Moderator	Sue Thayer
Secretary	Judy Rosenthal
Treasurer	Carol Sue Williams
Assistant Treasurer	Sallie Huss

Circle Meetings:
September
November
January
February
April

Luncheon Gatherings

October 13	Gathering
October 21	Ferncliff Retreat
December 8	Christmas Luncheon
March 9	Gathering
May 4	Award Luncheon
June 1	Salad Luncheon



Gardening -- Alpha to Omega

Our first meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 25. Workshops will be on the fourth Thursday each month, September to May (except for November and December). As in years past, meetings will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m.

This month we will take a pictorial trip through Chando Gardens in Weatherford, Texas and discuss plans for our memorial garden.

At the close of last year's meeting we received several excellent suggestions for speakers this year. We plan to invite as many as possible. More information on specific speakers for each meeting will be in next month's *Voice in the Pines*.

If you have questions, contact Jerral Johnson, 922-6641 or Yvonne Jones, 922-9232.



Reverend Ernie Smith

Ernie's Kirk Golf Mixer

Kirk member and retired minister, Ernie Smith was an active player for many years in the Kirk's annual golf tournament which began as a scramble in the early 1980s. After undergoing several name changes, beginning this year the tournament will be known as "Ernie's Kirk Golf Mixer."

The 2008 18-hole tournament will be Saturday, Oct. 11 at Coronado Golf Course with a.m. tee times. The two flights, Open and Grand Master (age 77 and over), will each have closest-to-the-hole for men and women on front and back nines; long drive, men and women Open flight, and closest-to-the-line, Grand Masters flight, men and women.

Teams will be determined by random draw. The "Peoria Handicap System" will be used for scoring. First, second and third place winners in both flights receive prizes.

Sign-up dates are Sept. 6-7; 13-14 and 20-21. Golfers' entry fee is \$5 plus green and cart fees. Dinner afterward at 7 p.m. in Hoffius Hall is \$5 each person. Awards will be presented after dinner.

Teams and tee times will be posted Oct. 3 in Hoffius Hall.

Presbyterian Cursillo

Oct. 16 – 19, 2008

at

Ferncliff Presbyterian Center

Take advantage of this opportunity to grow spiritually, experience God's unconditional love and grace, renew your relationship with the living Christ, and have a lot of fun doing it!

Highly recommended by lay members and pastors representing 33 Arkansas Presbyterian churches.




Applications are available outside the Kirk Office, at www.presbyteryofarkansas.org, or arpc.registrar@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>  <p>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>8:00 TOPS 9:30 PW CT 10:00 Men's Cooking 2:00 Memorial Com 1:30 Big Band 7:00 Shepherd Gr. #9</p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Communion Service 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:40 Adult Focus Group</p>  <p><small>HOLY COMMUNION</small></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:30 Circle Mtgs. 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>8:00 TOPS 1:00 Session Meeting 1:30 Big Band 7:00 SOMA</p>
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2008

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>3</p>  <p>9:00 Bible Study 9:00 Embroidery Guild 1:00 Symphony Guild 3:30 Education Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>9:00 Christian Faith 9:00 Fellowship Com 1:00 Evangelism 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Finance Mtg. 10:00 Scotland Mtg. 5:30 Cursillo Ultreya</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Bible Study 1:00 Heifer Project 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith & Film</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Christian Faith 9:30 Potter's Clay 2:00 Planning & Coordinating 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 Men's Assoc. 10:30 Scotland Mtg. 7:00 pm Couples Marathon Bridge</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Christian Faith 2:00 Gardening W/S 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>

What? A Scottish Fiesta?

A good time was had by all at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines' Scottish Fiesta on Wednesday night, August 13. Almost 140 attended the event sponsored by the Christian Education and Evangelism Committees.

The evening's festivities began with a dinner. Ruth Hamilton, Moderator of the Evangelism Committee, explained

how the food plans for the evening were a challenge.

"With the program centering on Scotland, the big question was what could the menu be? Haggis, something made famous by Robert Burns? Bangers, a sausage served at every Scottish breakfast? Bubble and squeak, whatever that is? We didn't think so. Instead, we swung from the sublime to the silly. Why not do something opposite? How about a Mexican dinner?"

And so Hoffius Hall was awash in bright yellow tablecloths adorned with small colored flags of Mexico and Scotland. Chips and salsa awaited everyone, and plates of typical Mexican fare were served. To help transition from one part of the world to another, the dessert was wholly Scottish—Walker's Shortbread imported straight from Scotland.

The program began with beautiful strains of Celtic music played by Linda Brockinton on the mountain dulcimer. After Sally Fink, Moderator of Christian Education, made the introductions, Linda explained that the dulcimer is the only original American instrument. Its unique design was drawn from the musical heritage of early Appalachian settlers who represented many different cultures. Linda showcased the dulcimer's soothing sounds in several songs, but she ended with a rousing Irish tune.

Helen Fisher, featured speaker and resident Scottish expert, gave an interesting and informative presentation on a snippet of Presbyterian heritage, the Kirkin'. Not only did she discuss Scottish clans, tartans and the historical background of a Kirkin', she also spoke about the Kirk's plans for a Kirkin' in September, 2009.

On display around the room were many of the colorful plaid tartans that represent families in the Kirk's congregation. A book table and bulletin board were also featured to help with any family research that might be needed to discover a connection with a particular clan, region or regiment. It was a great evening. But then, it's always good when the Kirk family gets together.



The Little Red Box

On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper in our congregation. According to tradition, the Communion table is covered with a white parament on which we place the elements of the sacrament—the bread and the cup. Sometimes the silver service is used and the elements are distributed to the congregation by the elders. At other times, the worshipers proceed to the table and partake of the elements by intinction, with stoneware vessels used for juice and bread. An oil lamp is usually on the table signifying Christ as the Light of the World.

However, there is another item on the table which has aroused interest. That item is a little red box, rectangular in shape. It is always placed on the front of the table, directly in the center. That box symbolizes the method in which Communion is taken to the homebound or ill.

An elder is designated to take Communion to those who cannot attend worship but want to receive the sacrament. Bread and juice are placed in similar boxes and, along with an order of worship, are taken to those unable to attend. The box on the table does not contain the elements but represents the method used for offering this sacrament.

The Lord's Supper is important for all of us. It provides a never-ending source of spiritual nourishment as we are invited to experience the joy and gratitude that flow from the power and fullness of God's love. It also reminds us of Jesus' command at the Last Supper, that we open ourselves to God's love. Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives take on new meaning.

The "little red box" is one way we share Communion with others. Christ is present at the Lord's Supper...not physically present, but spiritually present in the sacrament, whether the elements are served in silver, stoneware, or a little red box.



Kirk Choir Begins Soon

Kirk Choir rehearsals begin "officially" on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Our first Sunday to sing will be Sept. 7 at the 8:30 service.

We have received the music for our special Christmas program, *A Festival of Carols*. You will hear mostly familiar carols arranged by Joseph Martin.

We are offering a first look at the Christmas music on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 27 at 4:00. We encourage all returning choir members and any who are interested in singing with us this year to attend that rehearsal.

If God has blessed you with singing talent and experience, we would love to have you join us in choir. We are especially in need of basses and altos.

Kirk Bells Begin in October

Kirk Bells will meet for eight weeks, beginning the first of October, day and time still to be determined. We will be preparing to play in worship during Advent/Christmas, and also in the Kirk Choir Cantata. Anyone interested in bells, either experienced or beginners, should talk with Larry or Barb.



ept. 1 Norm Martin
 ept. 2 Gail Walter
 ept. 4 Robert Berry
 ept. 4 Helen Gene Heath
 ept. 4 Stewart Kuhn
 ept. 4 Jane Vance
 ept. 6 Pat Nommensen
 ept. 7 Jerry King
 ept. 7 Joanne Lammers
 ept. 7 Joy Reynolds
 ept. 8 Gloria Hepner
 ept. 8 Anne Jennings
 ept. 8 Madge Martell
 ept. 9 Lorraine Berry
 ept. 10 Gail Salmen
 ept. 10 Louise Witte
 ept. 12 Rosemary Clavaeu
 ept. 12 Neil MacIntosh
 ept. 12 Betty Mossman
 ept. 14 Shirley Lytle
 ept. 14 Dan Wier
 ept. 15 Harry Marshall
 ept. 16 Jeanette Pugh

Sept. 17 Tom Hightower
 Sept. 17 Frank Moore
 Sept. 17 Rhonie Zymboly
 Sept. 18 Fran Burr
 Sept. 18 Beverly Mueller
 Sept. 18 Edward Russell
 Sept. 19 Bill Carson
 Sept. 19 Nancy Deem
 Sept. 19 Bus Ormsbee
 Sept. 20 Donn Allison
 Sept. 20 Joyce Leeming
 Sept. 22 Barbara Fuquay
 Sept. 22 Peggy Trent
 Sept. 23 Suzanne Patterson
 Sept. 23 Beverly Raskin
 Sept. 24 Millie Smart
 Sept. 25 Janice Clark
 Sept. 25 Dorothy Currence
 Sept. 26 Ed Holt
 Sept. 26 Joan Maxwell
 Sept. 27 Pete Porter
 Sept. 28 Georgia Tieperman
 Sept. 29 Warren Cain
 Sept. 29 Beverly McFadden
 Sept. 30 Marjorie Carlisle



Sept. 1 Bill and Virginia Burnell
Sept. 1 Bill and Marci Drews
Sept. 1 Don and Donna Garrard
Sept. 4 Norm and Char Martin
Sept. 5 Stan and Martha Fast
Sept. 5 Gordon and Wilma Smith
Sept. 5 Walter and Barbara Fuquay
Sept. 6 Mervin and Pat Mull
Sept. 7 Bill and Ruth Naggst
Sept. 8 Stewart and Eileen Kuhn
Sept. 8 Robert and Linda Smith
Sept. 10 Max and Fran Simmons
Sept. 11 Bob and Judy Corwin
Sept. 11 Tom and Sally Fink
Sept. 11 Bob and Ginnie Hastings
Sept. 12 John and Joan Maxwell
Sept. 14 Vern and Evelyn Plueckhahn
Sept. 15 Tom and Rita Martick
Sept. 19 Bruce and Margery McIntos
Sept. 19 Ken and Kelle Wolf
Sept. 20 Bob and Harriet Jones
Sept. 21 James and Karen Knox
Sept. 23 Bill and Joanne Rich
Sept. 24 James and Nell White
Sept. 25 Wendell and Yvonne Jones
Sept. 25 Don and Peggy Trent
Sept. 28 Richard and Ellen Harkey

Dear Kirk Friends

JANIE SMITH tells us that Ferncliff is in need of a washer and dryer. If you are trading up your appliances or can help in some way please contact the office or Janie.

-- LAST CALL --
**2nd Annual Presbytery-Wide
 Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast
 October 12-18, 2008**

When: Leave on Sunday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. from and return Saturday, October 18th to Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs.

Where: In the area of Orange Grove, Mississippi through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Cost: The cost is \$20.00 per day for room and board.

Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Organizational Meeting: September 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs.

Participants and supporters who cannot attend may want to buy and donate gift cards from Lowe's (the closest building supply store to the work site).

More Information: Contact Susie Wright (501.525.1367 or 501.620.3335 for details)

SPIRITUAL VITAMINS

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything:

They just make the best of everything they have!

I'm back home at Good Sams. Still have to use a walker—and not very well.

Thanks to all the wonderful people who visited me.

A special thanks to the women who make the shawls. Mine is pretty and special because I can't crochet.

Love to you all,

Iva Dee Warren

My sincere thanks to all the friends of the Kirk who kept me in their prayers during my hospital stay. To Bill, Don and Larry for their hospital visits and prayers with my family and myself. They really sustained me. Thank you.

Joy Reynolds

Pat and I thank you for the special attention we received during my cervical spine surgery and the pneumonia that followed. We deeply appreciate all the cards, calls, prayers and visits from so many Kirk friends. How fortunate we are to be a part of such a caring family

*In His love,
 Tom Hightower*

Mere words are inadequate to express my sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness that were shown to me and David during his illness and death. The outpouring of love and concern has been incredible and I am so very grateful. God's love has certainly been shown through you, our Kirk family.

*In Christian love,
 Carolyn Starr*

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$1,310.00 for the month of July 2008.

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

**One Service of Worship
Sunday
10:00 a.m.**

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Bill Bailey	Senior Pastor
Don Trent	Pastoral Associate
Larry Bradley	Minister of Music
Janie Smith	Visitation Coordinator
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Sallie Huss	Secretary
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The 15th of each month.**

Paul Glenn Head, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army
Gabriel Hodgson, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force
PFC Adam Sandifer, grandson-in-law of Tom & Ethelee Beverly, Kuwait
Christopher Kotz, nephew of Bob & Judy Corwin, Iraq, 14th Marine Regiment
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Jeff Alt, great-nephew of Ralph & Lou Dowling, U. S. Air Force
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Spc. Christopher Blake Cowart, son of Doneice Cragg, Camp Slayer, Bagdad, Army National Guard