

## *Education Committee awards \$6,000 in Maack-Ormsbee scholarships for 2025-26*

The Kirk scholarship award committee members Susan Morrow, Martha Nielsen and Nancy Wood announce two scholarship award winners for the 2025-2026 academic year. (Committee member Beverly Carpenter was unable to attend due to travel).

We are pleased to announce that a Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship for the upcoming academic year is awarded to **Elena Clark** who attends University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Elena is the granddaughter of Carol Clark.



Elena Clark

Elena's goals for her upcoming sophomore year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville are to continue her academic studies in exercise science on a Pre-Physical Therapy track with a long-range goal of pursuing a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Elena shares that "this past school year has truly been the best year of my life." She concludes with "Praise God and Woo Pig Sooiel!"

We are also pleased to announce that a Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship for the upcoming academic year is awarded to **Corrin Kennedy** who will attend Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA. Corrin is the granddaughter of Helen VanStone (not pictured).

Corrin will be studying Kinesiology & Athletic Training at Cornell College as a freshman with a long-range career goal in collegiate athletic training. Corrin participates in extracurricular sports activities along with her pursuit of academic success. Corrin expresses a desire to "leave a positive impact on her community" and to make a difference in the lives of athletes. Corrin is grateful for the financial assistance that will allow her to focus on her academic goals.

*Contributed by Susan Morrow,  
Education Committee Moderator*

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## When We Meet

**Sunday Traditional Worship**  
10 a.m.- Sanctuary  
**Saturday Informal Worship**  
5 p.m.- Bailey Hall



## **The Kirk in the Pines Moving Forward**

### **A Report on the Work of Ministry Architects**

It's been a year now since the Session decided to embark on a time of introspection and discernment with the help of the consulting firm, Ministry Architects. Our two Ministry Architect consultants, Sara Bailey and Krista Mulhollen came alongside of us over this last year to help us examine our mission, our values and our goals. They have helped us develop a clear sense of who we are and good practices for who we want to be. Their wealth of knowledge and experience from working with churches around the country have helped enable us to identify our strengths and challenges, develop a vision for our future, and strengthen our systems and processes.

As this year together draws to a close, it's time to recap for you what has been done and the ongoing plans. Here's what's been happening:

- We began a year ago in August of 2024 when our two consultants visited the Kirk to conduct a 3-day church-wide assessment of our ministries. They held multiple small group sessions with the congregation, Session members, and staff to hear our joys, frustrations, and dreams. They then synthesized what they had heard into a written report that identified assets and challenges for the Kirk, provided context for the Kirk compared to other churches across the nation, named best practices in ministry, and provided recommendation for a renovation process. Their findings along with recommendations towards a sustainable approach for future ministry was then presented to the congregation at a Wednesday night dinner in Bailey Hall.
- A 5-member ReVisioning Team had been elected by the congregation to help carry out the recommendations coming from the report. So, in November the consultants again traveled to the Kirk for a 2-day in person meeting with these team members.
- A third visit from the consultants was a 2-day Visioning meeting in March of 2025. They met with the Re-Visioning Team, Session members, the Pastor Nominating Committee and others in the congregation to develop a new mission statement that articulated the Kirk's purpose, along with core values that define the spirit of the Kirk, and future goals to carry us into a healthy and sustainable future.
- Throughout the year the Re-Visioning Team has been working on the long list of recommendations. They have had monthly Zoom meetings and many phone conversations with the consultants as they have shared progress on given tasks, celebrated accomplishments, and discussed additional recommendations.

So, what are these recommendations that are being worked on—some accomplished, some underway, and some still to be tackled. This is only a partial list:

- A plan for thanking volunteers
- A plan for recruiting volunteers
- Planning Intentional welcoming strategies for visitors to the Kirk
- Strengthening ties between Saturday night and the Sunday morning services
- Creating systems for managing the new membership database
- Following up with those members who are not attending

- Shoring up communication and “marketing” strategies (continued from pg. 2)
- Creating a church logo
- Redesigning the church website
- Installing a new financial accounting and data management system
- Evaluating staff positions for effectiveness and efficiency
- Working toward launching a New Member Class
- Creating a unified Mission Statement and Kirk Values
- Establishing 3-year goals and measures for their assessment
- Updating job descriptions for both ministry areas and staff positions
- Examining and updating church procedures
- Strengthening the stewardship program
- Developing a yearly planning calendar

As you can see, it's been a busy year for the Re-Visioning Team, Session members, and staff as they've partnered with our consultants. It's been a year of discovery, looking with fresh eyes at who we are, who we want to be and the direction we want to go. We're grateful to Ministry Architects for coming alongside us with a structural road map and the tools needed to help us fulfil our mission. Year two is now beginning and, with God's help, the Kirk will continue to move forward into a strong and healthy future.

Ruth Hamilton, Clerk of Session

## **Respite volunteers are needed...** **...for homebound Kirk members**

**The Kirk has only two volunteers that help relieve caregivers so they can shop, go to doctor's appointments, or take a break from constant caregiving.**

**Do you have a few hours a month to spare?**  
**Qualifications: A warm heart and Christ's love.**  
**Would you consider helping to fill this gap and share**  
**Christ's love with someone in need?**

**For more information call Susan Pendergrass at 407-595-2945**

**Matthew 25:40**  
**“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one these**  
**brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**



## Family Man, Farmer, Social Worker Meet Nathan Chennault Vera Lloyd's New CEO

**"Somebody has to tell the children that it doesn't have to be this way."**

It's a conviction that Nathan has carried with him through every step of his career. Born and raised in Monroe, Louisiana with a children's home down the street, he saw early on how steady guidance can impact a young person's life. After earning his Master's degree in Social Work and becoming an LCSW, Nathan dedicated himself to being that positive influence for the children who need it most—counseling, overseeing clinical teams, and leading youth-focused residential programs much like Vera Lloyd, including CEO of Millcreek Residential Treatment Center in Fordyce, AR. Now he steps in as our Chief Executive Officer, ready to provide our youth with the safety and support that they deserve.

Nathan's default setting is to learn, share, and leave things better than he found them, and a restless curiosity drives a lot of how he spends his time. He often finds himself skimming the latest trauma-care journals - his idea of light reading-before heading out to disassemble a stubborn tractor carburetor just to see how he could improve it. Years of Coast Guard service gave Nathan the calm to tackle a crisis, and his experience as a counselor has taught him the patience for achieving long-term growth, one conversation at a time.



At home, Nathan, his wife, and their three children tend to a lively farm in Sheridan. Evenings are spent feeding the ducks, checking on LuLu the pig and Lucy the exotic cow, and coaxing oak boards into sturdy furniture in the woodshop. "I just like taking care of things," he says. In every corner of the farm, as in his leadership, the goal is simple: give life the attention it needs to thrive.

*Provided by Vera Lloyd Presbyterian  
Family Services*



*LuLu the pig*



## 81 Kirk members and friends feasted at annual Fish Fry



Janet and Randy Hyde (from left) joined Ruth Hamilton, Becky Wakefield, Donna Toney and (foreground) Barbara and Toney Booth, Dave Hamilton, and Harry Wakefield at the "head table."  
*Bob Morrow photo*



Above, Riverside Catering didn't disappoint with plenty left for second helpings. From left Jim Reimer, Vianne and Bob Huff, Kelle Wolf, Tony Booth, and Eve Webb. *Robert Sonnen photo*



Hi Kirk Choir and Music Enthusiasts!

First thank you to all of those who offered their special gifts and talents over the Summer. You are the reason that the Kirk is such a special place for music. Your willingness to serve is so appreciated.

We now look forward to the beginning of another choir year. We will kick off rehearsals at the end of August on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at the usual 3:00-4:00 pm time in the choir room. The first Sunday we will sing will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the Sunday after Pilgrimage, so mark your calendars accordingly please. I have missed our time together as a choir and look forward to another wonderful year!

I would also like to take a moment to invite and to encourage all interested singers to attend, even if you haven't in the past. Our rehearsals are productive and fun. We also provide rehearsal aids which will help you learn your music, and our members are encouraging and helpful. You will come for the music and stay for the fellowship. We are indeed a caring bunch!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am glad to help in any way I can! See you all in the pews.

*Tina Kneisler, Kirk Director of Music, 803-629-4929*



Donna Toney at the piano led the enthusiastic group in singing five favorite patriotic songs. *Robert Sonnen photo*



Melissa Sonnen (standing) visits with Barbara Booth while folks begin to gather. *Robert Sonnen*



## Financial Report- Year to Date June 30, 2025

	Month		Year to Date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund				
Receipts	\$36,643	\$39,505	\$219,855	\$228,580
Disbursements	\$36,643	<u>\$37,178</u>	\$219,855	<u>\$190,093</u>
Difference		\$2,327		\$38,487

### Endowment and Program Funds

Checking Balance \$99,175

#### Special Funds

Memorial Fund \$111,391

Choir Fund \$9,543

Luke 12:48 Fund \$329,810

Endowment Fund \$1,049,042

Maack-Ormsbee Fund \$58,735

**Total Special Funds** **\$1,558,521**

(as of June 30, 2025)

**Total All Funds** **\$1,657,696**

**Mission Offering (June 2025) \$254**

## LEARN TO QUILT !!!

Come and have fun making a quilted **9-patch wall hanging** with us. Kits with all necessary materials are furnished. You will learn how to piece the squares, applique designs, add sashing and borders, and how to bind your quilt. Bring your sewing machine or use ours. Bring your own lunch since lunch will not be provided.

**When: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

**Where: Conference Room (Kirk Office)**

Cost: \$39.00 (for supplies)

Pay by August 3rd

Contact Melissa Sonnen at:

**SonnenArtStudio@aol.com**

**Sponsored by Kirk Member Outreach**

## *In Memoriam*

### **Patricia Smart Maack Ormsbee**

Our sweet and loving mother, Patricia (Pat) Smart Maack Ormsbee 96, passed away peacefully in the loving company of her family on July 2, 2025. Pat was born Feb. 3, 1929 in Hinsdale, Illinois, the daughter of Chauncey Smart and Florence Fleck Smart. She grew up in the family home in Downers Grove Township where the Smart family had homesteaded since the 1830's. Besides her parents and brother, the household included her grandmother Smart and beloved Smart aunts Cora, Grace, Ada, and Nelle. Her aunts were teachers at one room schoolhouses that Pat attended until high school. Her aunts had a significant impact on Pat's life, leading her to continue the family tradition of teaching.

Pat attended Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. It was there that Pat "the country girl" met Kenneth Ballentine Maack "the city boy" from Chicago. Pat graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1951 and she and Ken married that summer. They started their married life in the Chicago area where Pat taught elementary school. Shortly they moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where their three children were born, then moving to Brookfield, Wisconsin to raise their family. After her youngest finished grade school, Pat returned to teaching, finding that second graders were her favorite. Ken's success at work resulted in a number of international award trips they enjoyed together, as well as numerous family vacations. Pat and Ken lived in Brookfield for over 30 years. They were active members of Brookfield United Church of Christ.

In 1993, they retired to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas where they were drawn to a retirement community with year-round golfing. Unfortunately, Ken died in 1994, early into his retirement. Pat continued living in Hot Springs Village for another 30 years. She held leadership roles in AAUW, PEO and was a member of Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church. She met and was married to Elliot Ormsbee until his death in 2010.

Later, she developed a caring friendship with Horace Shankwiler until his death in 2018. Pat supported many causes dear to her heart, most



importantly the opportunity for education, particularly for women. She created and endowed numerous scholarship funds through AAUW, her church and local high schools in Arkansas.

In 2022 at the age of 93, Pat moved to be near her daughter in Boise, Idaho. She enjoyed three years of active assisted living at Meadow Lake Village, participating in nearly all outings and activities. For all that knew Pat, she'll be remembered as kind, humorous, social and joyful.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Lewis Dickinson, husbands Kenneth Ballantine Maack and Elliot Ormsbee, brother William Smart, nephew William Smart IV and niece Lisa Smart. She will be sadly missed by her children; Share Maack (Eric Schulman) of Boise, ID., Karen Maack (Pete Dixon) of South Lake Tahoe, CA., Steve (Kathy) Maack, of Kokomo, IN., grandchildren; Rebecca (Cody) Shuler, Markus Maack, Casey (Anna) Dixon and Sam Dixon and great grandchildren; Chance, Jett and Quinton Shuler and Sawyer MacEwen.

A memorial service was held at Meadow Lake Village, 650 S. Arbor Lane, Meridian on Friday July 11, 2025 at 2pm. The family will gather at a later date for a graveside burial at the family pioneer graveyard, Cass Cemetery in Darien, Ill. Memorials to honor Pat's legacy can be made to Planned Parenthood or any scholarship fund of your choice. Funeral arrangements by Bowman Funeral Home, Boise, ID.

## Howard Baldwin

Howard Emery Baldwin, 99, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, passed away, Monday, July 14th, 2025. He was born October 4th, 1925 in Portland, Oregon, to the late Melvin Milton and Emma Katherine (McCrum) Baldwin. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, his wife, Jeanette (Holroyd) Baldwin and all of his siblings.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Laura Ann (Rodney) Stecher and Wendy Diane (Randy) Pearson and his son Thomas William (Kathy) Baldwin, his grandchildren, Jason McVey, Eric McVey, James Pearson, Chris Pearson and Tyson Baldwin, great-grandchildren along with many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Howard was very proud of his education and was a proud veteran of our United States Army Air Force where he served during World War II but his fondest memories were the births of his 3 children. He enjoyed his working career in the paper industry and his retirement to Hot Springs Village. "All great times with loving and caring people." He played the French horn in High School and the Hot Springs concert band for 15 years. He was a member of the State of Oregon and Oregon State University sports halls of fame. He was manager of Oregon State University basketball team in 1949 and they were 4th in the nation.



Howard stayed active with golf, music, athletics, walking, jogging, swimming, camping, boating, flying and reading.

Howard wants to be remembered "as a good person who dearly loved God, his family, friends and country."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider donations to be made in Howard's memory to the Hot Springs Community Band and/or St Jude's Hospital. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 24 at The Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

## PW resumes September 8

Our new PW year for 2025-2026 kicks off on Monday, September 8, with Joy and Grace Circles meeting again after the summer. This year we are having a "hands on" mission activity at the Gatherings in December and May. If you are a new member of the Kirk, it would be a good idea to visit both Circles. Joy meets in the morning at 10:00. Grace meets in the afternoon at 4:00. All women are invited to join us, as we have faith, fellowship, and fun! We hope to see you there. Look for more info on PW Sunday, August 24.

*Contributed by Becky Wakefield, PW Moderator*





**SAVE THE DATE !**

**Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Workday  
September 18, 2025**



**Where? Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center  
27411 Kanis Road, Paron, AR, 72122**

**DAC work 9am-12:00pm, 12:00-1:00 lunch  
Tour Ferncliff after lunch!**

**More information coming soon!**

## Pastor's Corner

Carey Nieuwhof wrote the following a few years ago, but his thoughts are timeless, at least for the age in which we find ourselves. This is not an attempt to step on the toes of Ministry Architects, but I think it underscores what we are finding in our working relationship with them.

### 10 Predictions About the Future Church and Shifting Attendance Patterns

**1. The potential to gain is still greater than the potential to lose.** Why? Because the church was Jesus' idea, not ours. Because of that, it will survive our missteps and whatever cultural trends come along our way.

**2. Churches that love their model more than the mission will die.** Churches are like companies in many respects. Those that show innovation around the mission (Apple, Samsung) will always beat companies that remain devoted to the method (Kodak). Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus is the mission. Desperately clinging to our traditions is the model.

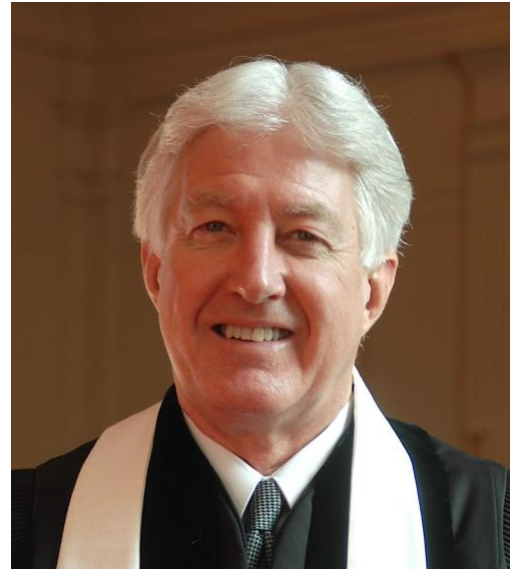
**3. The gathered church is here to stay.** The church is inherently communal. Gatherings shift and take on different appearances, but Christians will always come together to do more than could be done on their own.

**4. Consumer Christianity will die and a more selfless discipleship will emerge.** Consumers ask, "What's in it for me?" The gospel calls us to die to ourselves, to lose ourselves for the sake of Christ.

**5. Sundays will become more about what we give than what we get.** Our gatherings will change, will become less about us and more about Jesus and the world he loves. It is the kind of outward focus that drove the rapid expansion of the first-century church.

**6. Attendance will no longer drive engagement; engagement will drive attendance.** Nuff said.

**7. Simplified ministries will complement people's lives, not compete with people's lives.** "Churches that focus their energies on the few things the church can uniquely do best will emerge as the most effective churches moving forward."



**Pastor Randy Hyde**

**8. Online church will supplement the journey but not become the journey.** The journey has to do with relationships, when people are face to face with one another.

**9. Online church will become more of a front door than a back door.** A church's online presence will be a first (church) home for many people. That's why streaming is so important, and we have to keep our website updated.

**10. Gatherings will be smaller and larger at the same time.** Size is irrelevant to a church's effectiveness. "We will see the emergence of bigger churches and smaller churches at the same time as the gathered church continues to change."

Start the conversations!

Appreciatively,  
Pastor Randy

### August Sermons

**August 3** *First Steps*

Hosea 11:1-11

**August 10** *Homeland Security*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**August 17** Catherine Allsbury preaching

*An International Incident*

2 Kings 5:1-19

**August 24** Joel Gill preaching

*S'more Than Enough*

1 Kings 17:8-16; John 6:1-14

**August 31** *Following the Instructions*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16



## The Clerk's Corner

**Ruth  
Hamilton**



As Clerk I get to have a big picture of what's happening at the Kirk, and one of the biggest things I see falls in the category of communication. We all know that communication is important in our life, and it's something that's experienced in a multitude of ways—spoken, hand-written, electronic, by video, on TV, in ads, etc. Even smiles are a form of communication. But have you ever thought about how important it is for the church's mission? In worship we communicate with written, spoken and musical words. During the week we communicate by actions. But in the church of today we need to use as many tools as

possible to communicate God's Good News. Working with Ministry Architects, the Kirk's Communication Committee has been busy creating and implementing all sorts of important ways to communicate. Why not look around to see where the Kirk is communicating to both you and the community? I think you'll be surprised.

### Highlights of the June Stated Session Meeting:

- **Deaths since June 13, 2025:** Patricia Maack Ormsbee, July 2, 2025
- **Church Statistics as of July 11, 2025:** Members—197 Households—133
- An interment service and reception for Dottie Isaacson will be held July 17 at 10:00. Rev. Randy Hyde will officiate.
- **Motion:** The Christian Education Committee moved that two scholarships of \$3,000 each be funded from the Maack Ormsbee Scholarship Fund for 2025. **Motion passed.**



Shepherd Group 2 enjoyed a Tex-Mex treat on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at El Padrino restaurant. From left, clockwise: Nell White, Bob Corwin, Marian Thiel, Judy Corwin, Woody White, Barbara Mulley, James Wagner, Bob Huff, Viane Huff, and Kelle Wolf. This group meets the third Friday each month for lunch in or near the Village. Contact E.J. Pangle at 501-915-2104 or Jean Fisher at 501-922-9344 if you are interested in joining the fun and having a good meal.  
*Photo by El Padrino staff*





# Happy dates



## August Birthdays

3	Barbara McAnarney	11	Melissa Sonnen	23	Pat Koller
8	Judy Stewart	13	LuDean Walston	27	Cynthia Morgan
	Sharon Hogue	14	Beverly Carpenter	28	Jim Hess
11	Barb Henry	23	Carol Clark		Barbara Harris-Chambliss

## August Anniversaries

1	Donna & Randy Toney	44yrs	23	Judy & Duane Sonnenburg	66yrs
6	Eleanor and Donald Elsenheimer	65yrs	30	Emily & Dennis Faulk	67yrs
10	Joyce & Paul Hayek	67yrs			

### Special Announcement:

We have recently transitioned to a new membership database. If you notice inaccuracies in the spelling of your name or the date of your birthday or anniversary, please email [kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com](mailto:kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com).



We can be unhappy about many things, but Joy can still be there ... it is important to become aware that every moment of our Life we have an opportunity to choose Joy ... it is the choice that our true Freedom lies, and that Freedom is, in the final analysis, the Freedom to Love.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

*Contributed by Dotty Rector,  
Communications Committee Member*

## Kirk Calendar



(Changes may occur – check with Kirk office)

**Quilting Class, August 5, 9:00 a.m.**

**Presbyterian Women Sunday, August 24**

### Regularly Scheduled Events

Ageless Grace/Tai Chi- August 5, 12, 19, 26 - 3:30 Bailey Hall

Pilgrimage Renewal- August 2, 10:00, Smallman Parlor

Helping Hands- August 12 - 9:00

Kirk Choir Practice resumes August 27, 3:00, Choir Room

### Committee Meetings

Session- No August Meeting

Administration- August 12, 10:00

Communications- August 6, 1:45

Cong. Care- August 28, 10:00

Fellowship Committee- August 12, 10:00

Member Outreach- August 6, 12:45

## Kirk Staff

**Randy Hyde-** Pastor

**Tina Kneisler-** Music Director

**Kathleen Kinney-** Organist/Pianist

**Ruth Manweiler-** Pianist (informal worship)

**Chris Taylor-Wilmoth-** Secretary

**Arthur “Chip” Johnson-** Sexton

### Session

**Clerk of the Session:** Ruth Hamilton

Dave Hamilton- Administration

Robert Sonnen- Building

Susan Morrow- Christian Education

Bob Morrow- Communications (Trustee)

Susan Pendergrass- Congregational Care

Pat Kuntz- Fellowship (Trustee)

Sharon Gardner- Finance

Priscilla Hayek- Grounds/Memorial Garden

Wendy Gage- Member Outreach

Judith Rosenthal- Missions

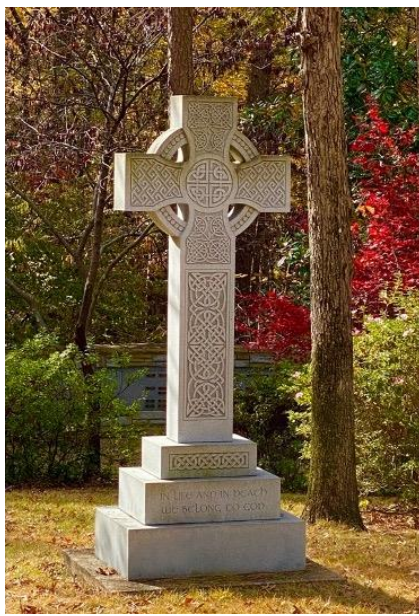
Jane Moore- Worship (Trustee)

**PW Moderator-** Becky Wakefield

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