

A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Newsletter

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Dotty Rector is chosen PW Woman of Faith for 2023-2024

How does a person come to faith and continue to live it out through the years? Well, Dotty Rector, our new Woman of Faith for 2023-2024, attributes it to God at work in her life through the Presbyterian Church. She was a cradle Presbyterian, baptized and confirmed in first Presbyterian Church West Allis, Wisconsin. Through her loving parent and faithful leaders of Sunday school classes, youth group meetings and Presbyterian summer camp experiences her faith journey began and grew. Dotty knew God's presence as she moved through her college years, her marriage, her career which began as a social worker, progressing to training for psychotherapy, and motherhood. She and her husband were members and strong participants in Heritage Presbyterian Church, and it was there that she was ordained as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. As she said, "she led a blessed life".

But then her life changed with the untimely death of her husband. At 43 years of age she was left with a house, 3 young children and a dog. Along with her grief, she had to find her new identity as a single person since she was no longer part of a couple. She reports now that it was only her faith that kept her going. With that faith, time, and the help of a friend of her husband, she was able to work things through. And that friend became her friend too. In fact, he later became her husband, Gary Rector. She says that "God has been with



Dotty Rector, 2023-2024 Woman of Faith
Jamie Federick photo

her the whole way and has led her and Gary to a faith-filled marriage."

When she and Gary retired and moved to the Village in 1994, they transferred their membership from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Wisconsin to the Kirk. Since then, she has continued to serve God in her life, and especially
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When we meet

Sunday worship service
begins at 10 a.m.

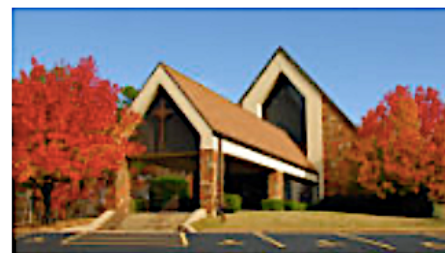


Saturday informal service
5 p.m. In Hoffius Hall

Wednesday Bible Study
9-10:30 a.m. Hoffius Hall



For more meeting times see
www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar



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 here in the Kirk. She has developed programs, taught classes, sung in the choir, served on committees, been the Moderator of PW, served on the Session as Moderator of Congregational Care and Moderator of Communications, and baked countless loaves of bread for Kirk dinners. Throughout the years of her life, she has given a lot of service to the Presbyterian Church. But she prefers to look at it differently. She sees it as God giving to her. She knows that God has used the Presbyterian Church and its people to be a vital instrument in shaping and nurturing her life of faith.

Contributed by Ruth Hamilton, PW Moderator

PB&J drive exceeds expectations by far!



Bruce Dale delivered peanut butter and jelly to the Potter's Clay just in time since they had just run out! From left, Bruce Dale, Patience Brakebill and Chris Brakebill.
Photo by "Miss Vickie"



Thanks to the generosity of the Kirk congregation the Mission Committee's Peanut Butter and Jelly drive was a huge success! A total of over one thousand jars of peanut butter and jelly were collected by Mother's Day, 2023. Donations went to Jackson House, Potter's Clay, and the Cedar Mountain Boys and Girls Club. Pictured above are members of the Mission Committee (from left) Becky Wakefield, Nancy Patton, John Davis, Ken Wolf, Daryl Henry, Judith Rosenthal, and Bruce Dale.

Jamie Federick photo

Maack Ormsbee Scholarship applications are now being accepted! Due June 30th!

- Applicants must be members/employees or families of members/employees of Presbyterian Kirk in The Pines for a minimum of three years.
- The applicant must have proof of registration at an accredited State University/College, Presbyterian Church USA University or an accredited Trade School before the fall academic semester.



Questions? Contact the Kirk office, 501-922-1333 or Susan Morrow, 501-231-5541

PW finished year with inspiring Gathering

Reverend Leslie Roper (right), the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, was guest speaker at the last Gathering of the Kirk PW year on May 8th. Susan Morrow lit the Christ Candle and read quotations from St. Theresa of Avila which was followed by an engaging and inspiring sermon by Rev Roper. Her message was on an important but sometimes overlooked female hero of the Bible, Esther. Barbara Fuquay led the “Least Coin” offering. Hymns were sung with piano accompaniment and special music provided by Karen Meek.

Following worship, the group enjoyed a wonderful luncheon of salads (below) prepared by the Greenhorns (bottom, right). From the left are Jane Moore, Becky Wakefield, Judith Rosenthal and Carol Clark.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Moderator, Communications Committee



Bob Morrow photo



Bob Morrow photo



Jamie Federick photo

Psalms will be subject of summer Bible study

It has been said that whereas most scripture speaks to us, the Psalms speak for us (Athanasius). The book we think of as “The Psalms” is actually a collection of 150 individual poems and songs composed by many authors over hundreds of years. The book, divided into five sections, has been called the “hymnbook of the Israelites” and contains the full-throated poetic praises and petitions of God’s chosen people used in Temple worship, for study, and in prayer. They are “no holds barred” and at times shockingly direct expressions of faith by God’s chosen people in a just and covenantal God and in all circumstances.

But Christians too have used the Psalms in worship from the very beginning. Christ liberally turned to the Psalms in his teaching and his personal prayer, and altogether the New Testament has upwards of 186 references to the Psalms. The Psalms are the backbone of our liturgy, especially in our music and particularly in our own hymnbooks. Importantly, for Christians, at least retrospectively, the Psalms point to Jesus the Messiah: his life, death, resurrection, and glorification. Despite the importance of the Psalms

Messiah: his life, death, resurrection, and glorification. Despite the importance of the Psalms in Christian life, the book is infrequently studied in its entirety.

This summer, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a Bible study called “A Summer of Psalms” to be held on Wednesday’s, June 28 through August 9 from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We will study the Psalms as a whole and selected psalms individually. Our primary study material will be the Psalms, of course, but we will also be using music, poetry, art, and video. The study leader, Elder Bob Morrow, will draw from many other resources including work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis, Walter Brueggemann, Bernhard Anderson, John Stott, Timothy Keller, and others. We will go beyond studying the Psalms from a historical and technical point of view to go deep into what the Psalms tell us about ourselves, our faith, and our Lord.

Study guides and handouts will be provided. Sign up begins Saturday June 3rd and Sunday June 4th at worship to help with initial set-up, but it is not necessary to attend every week to benefit from this study. You can also sign up by calling the Kirk office at 501-922-1333.

Contributed by the Christian Education Committee

A Summer of Psalms Study Outline

Week 1	June 28	A Book of Praises
Week 2	July 5	Singing the Story of Israel
Week 3	July 12	Cries from the Depths
Week 4	July 19	From the Bottom of the Heart
Week 5	July 26	Singing the New Song
Week 6	August 2	Marching to Zion
Week 7	August 9	My Cup Overflows



The Pastor's Corner

Some of you are old enough to remember David Letterman's "Top Ten Lists." The following are ten of my own suggestions for living a faithful Christian life.

- Pray for someone today. Ask God to be with them and to strengthen them for whatever they might be going through.
- Make time to read the Bible every day. Perhaps a Psalm or Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel (chapters 5-7).
- Take several minutes each day to be quiet and, as Fred Buechner says, "listen to your life!" Slow down and listen for God's voice calling.
- Do something for someone else today—however small or anonymous.
- Write a letter or make a call to tell someone you know what a difference their life and friendship has made in your life.
- Visit someone in a hospital or nursing home this week.
- Invite someone you know to join you or your family in church this week. An invitation continues to be the number one reason most people eventually become involved in a church.
- Try to reach out to a neighbor or colleague at work—perhaps share a lunch and your faith when appropriate.
- Renew your giving practices—Are you giving enough of your "time, talent and treasure" to the work of the Lord.



Pastor Bill Bailey

- Make a renewed commitment to get more deeply involved in the Kirk. Make time to give yourself to the Lord's work.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list, just traditional practices that Christians have honored through the ages. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminded us, the Christian faith is not just doctrines and ideas we believe; it is something we must live out every day.

Peace,

Toney's are grateful for care and support

Thank you to our Kirk family for your cards, prayers, and care upon my father's passing. Randy and I are blessed to be a member of such a loving and thoughtful church family.

Donna Toney

TOP 10



The Kirk Choir has worked very hard during the 2022-2023 choir year, and now it's time for our regular summer format. We are grateful for the many talented musicians that add to the worship experience we enjoy during Saturday and Sunday worship.

First, however, the choir will have its 2nd annual Summer Bash at the Wiard's lake house on Wednesday, June 7. We enjoy relaxing and visiting with choir members as we gaze over Lake Balboa. All choir members and their significant others are invited. Thanks to Janette and Bill (and Brian!) for opening their home to us.

The summer music plan is not final yet, but you will hear Treble in the Village and Journey, as well as the return of last summer's Motet Choir. Other solo and duet possibilities are coming together, but not ready for publication. The men of the choir, accompanied by our four-hand specialists, Donna and Fran, are preparing a new arrangement of the spiritual *Joshua fit the Battle of Jericho*.

We hope our music offerings enhance your worship at the Kirk. Aptly stated in the Directory for Worship, a portion of the PC-USA Book of Order, "[musical offerings] ...awaken us to God's presence... [they] should evoke, edify, enhance, and expand worshipers' consciousness of the reality and grace of God." We aspire to do so every week.

Contributed by Randy Toney, Kirk Music Director



Shepherd group 7 enjoyed beautiful weather and great food at their May dinner on the porch at Fisherman's Wharf in Hot Springs. From left (front) Rosemary Clavell, Jim Hess, Sheila Stanley, Jean Fisher and Sarah Owen. From left (rear) Bob Morrow, Bill Stanley, Susan Morrow, Robin Terry, Mike Terry, Dave Hamilton, Ruth Hamilton and Darell Fisher.

Judy Turner, loving wife, mother, artist and faithful servant

Judy A. Turner passed away on April 23, 2023, surrounded by family. Her life impacted many people and she will be missed greatly. She was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on January 18, 1936, to Marjorie and Donald Jackson. At the age of eight, her family moved to Pittsburgh, PA. Judy received an associate's degree from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh and worked as a commercial artist in an ad agency.

In 1963 her soon to be husband, Richard, relocated from Indiana, moving in across the hall of the same apartment building. They immediately hit it off and were married on Dec. 14, 1963. The couple purchased a home in a suburb of Pittsburgh and their first son, John, was born the following year. She was a wonderful wife and mother, balancing both well while supporting Richard in a career which involved extensive travel. Their daughter, Nora, was born in Feb. 1966. In 1967, the family moved to Tallmadge, Ohio, after a job change for Richard.

In addition to her role as mother and wife, Judy had many civic endeavors including President of PTA, co-managing a little league team for Nora, working on the executive committee for the League of Women Voters for several years, and serving as campaign manager for two mayoral elections in Tallmadge.

Judy and her family traveled during the summer months, enjoying trips to many national parks. They also spent time camping; the most interesting trip being one to the southern shore of James Bay in Ontario. In 1987, this appreciation of travel was further realized when Richard took a new position in his job, and the couple moved temporarily to a small village in Luxembourg, made a new circle of friends, and had a new adventure, exploring Europe. Over the course of the transfer, Judy and Richard saw many incredible sights, including the city of Trier, Germany, during Fasching (Mardi Gras), Keukenhof Garden at Easter (when thousands of tulips are in full bloom), and Budapest, Hungary, for a short cruise on the Danube. Judy's extended family visited, and she was happy to share time with Nora and John (and future bride, Marie) and Richard's sister and mother. At the end of the two year assignment, the couple took two



Judith Anne Turner

weeks for a final grand tour and drive through Germany, Switzerland, Italy and a ferry to Greece.

In 2000, Richard retired and the couple started a brand-new adventure, traveling in an RV to see all 48 contiguous US states, four Mexican states, and seven eastern provinces of Canada. They made surprise visits to relatives and friends from coast to coast, filling their National Park passport to overflowing as they traveled.

Judy was instrumental in organizing the Tallmadge Cancer Relief Association for the citizens of Tallmadge. The TCRA helped by paying medical bills, providing comfort and companionship, paying for cancer related medications, and helped to locate resources, support groups and information regarding cancer. In 2004, Judy and Richard settled in Donna, Texas. The home was close to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico, where a free clinic was located, and this became an organization in which Judy was extensively involved. She became the secretary (Richard the director), and she helped to provide support to many through the collection and distribution of clothing and household goods. The clinic also provides medical, dental, and optometry services otherwise unavailable to the impoverished people of this town in Mexico.

During Judy's lifetime, her love of art never wavered. She continued creating many beautiful

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paintings, sketches, and other artwork. She had an incredible eye for color and detail. Her portfolio included oil and watercolor pieces as well as ink drawings. Her family is grateful to have her artistry to enjoy. Judy's talent provides an almost tangible connection to her as they see her perspective of the world.

Christian faith was a strong foundation to Judy's life. She attended several congregations and also sang in the choir. This faith provided support to her when she and her husband endured the loss of their children to illness. Judy was preceded in death by her mother and father, Marjorie and Donald, her sons John in 1999 and Neil in 1968, and daughter, Nora last year (2022).

She is survived by her husband, Richard, daughter-in-law, Marie, and three granddaughters, Laurel (Dwayne), Emma (Lennon), and Claire, and great grandson, Archie, as well as cousins, nieces/nephews and their families.

Her infectious smiles and laughter, incredibly generous spirit and compassion for others will also be missed by many close friends and acquaintances. A memorial service was held at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Church, 275 Asturias Dr, Hot Springs Village, AR, on May 7 at 2 pm in the Memorial Garden with a small reception following. Funeral service will be held at Eastwood Church of the Brethren, 581 Darrow Rd, Akron, OH, on May 27, 2023, at 12 noon. Interment will be at Tallmadge Cemetery.



Memorial Garden roses. *Bob Morrow photo*

Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to *gittith*.
A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your
enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of
them, human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the
angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your
hands; you put everything under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the
wild,

⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!



From the Kirk Clerk

We welcomed Rev. Bailey back from his much deserved European trip. Then we reviewed committee reports which in summary included:

1. A summer Bible study is scheduled on the Psalms, Wednesdays, June 28 through August 9.
2. A "Fun, Fish, and Fellowship" event has been scheduled for July 19th.
3. Darell Fisher is conducting a safety audit of the building.
4. "Kirkin O' Th' Tartans" will be celebrated September 24th.
5. The PB&J project reached nearly 1000 jars. A HUGE thank you to the congregation!

As we head into the heat of the summer, remember that worship services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning are COOL places to be.

Session Report

The Session voted by email to remove the Covid signs on entrances to the Kirk and the Covid statement from the worship bulletin.

Loss of Friends of the Kirk

Judy Turner died on April 23, 2023. A memorial service took place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2023, in the Memorial Garden followed by a reception in Hoffius Hall. Interment will be in Ohio at a later date.

Rev. Heinrich Eiler died April 5, 2023. He was a retired Presbyterian Minister and Member of the Presbytery. Rev. Eiler and Jean joined the Kirk on May 10, 1994. They relocated to be closer to family several years ago. Memorial services are pending.

Church Statistics as of May 19, 2023:

Members: 238 Family Units: 158

Detailed Committee reports:

Administration Committee: Dave Hamilton reported that the policy manual review is ongoing.

Building Committee: Bill Worthley reported that the painting of the men's restroom in the narthex is complete. Work is now beginning on the parlor.

Communications Committee: The committee met and consensus was reached on proceeding with the enlarged Village Voice ad.

The Clerk's Corner Tony Booth



Christian Education Committee: Attendance has been excellent at the "Caring for Ourselves and Others" workshop and the discussions have been energetic and stimulating. For those who may have missed them, video recordings of each of the sessions are on the Kirk's website under the "NEWS" tab. The final two sessions will be May 24th and 31st.

There will be a summer Bible study "A Summer of Psalms" beginning on Wednesday's June 28 through August 9, from 9 to 10:30, led by Elder Bob Morrow.

Fellowship Committee: Pat Kuntz announced that 90 people participated in the Kirk picnic on May 3. Save the date for a Fellowship Committee sponsored "Fun, Fish, and Fellowship" dinner July 19th in Hoffius Hall.

Finance Committee: Sharon Gardner reported for the Finance Committee that the Audit report had been received with no discrepancies noted.

Memorial Garden and Grounds: Priscilla Hayek reported that we are working with a landscape company to clean up the Kirk grounds along Asturias. A professional survey of needs indicated that outside grounds work might cost as much as \$2,000. Funds for this work were approved.

Missions Committee: Judith Rosenthal shared that The Peanut Butter and Jelly project was a resounding success. We far exceeded our goal with the latest count being 569 plus jars of peanut butter and 451 plus jars of jelly. We thank the Kirk family for their enthusiasm and generosity in helping provide good protein for Jackson House and Potter's Clay to give to those in need.

Worship Committee: Gail Salmen reported receipt of a thank you letter from Project Hope Food Bank for the \$717 raised from "virtual Easter lily" donations.



Women's participants were from left (front) Sarah Owen, Karen Meek, Eve Webb, Peggy Trent, Susan Morrow, Jean Mowry, Tina Kneisler, and Barb Henry. From left (rear) Linda Hommema, Jamie Federick, Fran Stroud, Dotty Rector, Millie Croson, Cindy Morgan, Sharon Gardner, and Patty Barnes.

Bob Morrow photo

April 30 Women's Sunday was a special blessing for all

Women's Sunday is an annual worship service organized by the Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Women and represents one of the longstanding traditions of this active group and a highlight of the Kirk year. The worship service is provided entirely by the women. Ruth Hamilton led the service as liturgist and Susan Morrow led a Kirk women's choir, accompanied by Donna Toney, in the moving harmonic anthem "The Prayer" (Fettke). Reverend Carol Clark (right), a perennial favorite, provided the message "Rhoda's Story: When Life Gives You Lemonade." Her scripture text was Acts 12:12-17 which featured the female disciple Rhoda who carried the message of Peter's miraculous release from prison to incredulous male disciples. Donna Toney treated the congregation as well with a beautiful interpretation of Mozart's K332: "Allegro". If you missed this very special service, you can experience it on the Kirk website, kirkinthepines.org, by going to the **SERVICES** tab.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator



The Women's Sunday service was followed by a special reception at Coffee Hour. A large group of Kirk parishioners (left) enjoyed the exceptional food and great fellowship. The reception was organized by Vicki Rosenquist with the assistance of many others from the PW.

Bob Morrow photo

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

Year to Date: April 30, 2023

	<u>Month</u>		<u>Year</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 34,748	\$ 32,285	\$ 138,992	\$ 151,745
Disbursements	\$ 34,748	\$ 30,489	\$ 138,992	\$ 116,487
Building Fund:				
Receipts	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,335	\$ 17,600	\$ 16,643
Disbursements	\$ 4,400	\$ 2,328	\$ 17,600	\$ 15,113
Total all Funds:				
Receipts	\$ 39,148	\$ 35,620	\$ 156,592	\$ 168,388
Disbursements	\$ 39,148	\$ 32,817	\$ 156,592	\$ 131,600
Checking Balance				\$ 78,322
Special Funds:				
Memorial Fund				\$ 91,313
Choir Fund				\$ 10,108
Luke 12:48 Fund				\$ 271,977
Programs Fund				\$ 16,260
Endowment Fund				\$ 703,623
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 52,203
Total Special Funds (Jan 31, 2023)				\$ 1,145,484
Total all Funds:				\$ 1,223,806

\$421 for Mission!

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. 421 dollars were collected in April.

If you wish to give more than one dollar, please use the envelopes provided in the pew racks. We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

Thinking of you.....

Each Saturday and Sunday the Congregational Care Committee asks Kirk members to sign a beautiful card to be mailed to a church member who has not been able to attend services due to illness or disability. Please add your signature to these cards and join the congregation in wishing others well. Thank you.

Kirkin' Once Again on the Way!

QUIZ ALERT! Shades of school days? Most reading this are aware embedded in the name of our church is the Scottish or Northern English word translated “church”— it is “Kirk”. Thus Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines covers all the bases - denomination, function, setting. But what does the word KIRKIN' signify?

The Clue! Why do you attend the Kirk? Bill Bailey, Randy and Donna and the Kirk Session pray it's for the blessing of music, message, and fellowship.

The Most Desired Question! Last One! What is a Tartan? If you're even but a “wee bit o' a Scot” you might know Tartan is “traditional plaid, unevenly spaced, multicolored yarn woven into wool cloth”. They are the individual Emblem of each Scottish Clan.

A passing grade is attendance at the once again returning KIRKIN O' TH' TARTAN Celebration, **Sunday, September 24th** here at our own Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, including the **Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band** of BATESVILLE, AR.

Scottish but have no Tartan of your own? Take prompt advantage of information available in the Narthex. Time is limited. Direct questions to Sharon Gardner, Patty Barnes, Cheryl Boehmke or Nell White.

**Extra credit (added cookie?) if you bring
a friend — or two!!!**

Sharon Gardner,
Kirkin' Committee Chairperson

90 attend annual Kirk picnic on Lake Balboa



Not only was the food great but so was the entertainment at the Annual Kirk Picnic in the Balboa Lake pavilion. A cast of seven, organized by Ben Meek performed a skit demonstrating ways to engage visitors to our Kirk. From left, Ben Meek, Judy Corwin, Dave Hamilton, Carol Clark, Sarah Owen, Karen Meek, and Bruce Dale. Ben is moderator of Member Outreach.

Jamie Federick photo

Table 7 waits patiently for their number to be called to queue up for delicious barbecue provided by Clampit's Country Kitchen. From left Walter Fuquay, Barbara Fuquay, Clark Mowry, Ron Levitt, Dave Hamilton, Rick Federick, Ruth Richards, Jean Mowry, Rita Martick, Tom Martick.

Jamie Federick photo



Satisfied Kirk picnic goers are all smiles. From left Ken Wolf, Kelle Wolf, Ro Easter, Dick Easter, Edie Loveday, Dennis Faulk, Emily Faulk, and Sheila Stanley.

Jamie Federick photo



Happy dates



June Birthdays

3	Ted Hommema	14	Jan Holtberg	24	Chuck New
5	Diana Milligan	18	Nancy Otto	28	Bill Wiard
12	Ellie Elsenheimer	20	Sherry Bingham	30	Barbara Booth
13	Anne Bailey		Linda Wessel		

June Anniversaries

2	Nancy & Lu Otto	62 yrs.	19	Charlotte & Dick Massey	41 yrs.
5	Ro & Dick Easter	68 yrs.	20	Martha & Wayne Copeland	36 yrs.
6	Ruth & Dave Hamilton	59 yrs.	22	Norma & Steve Stevens	38 yrs.
10	Merilyn & Mike Sietz	61 yrs.	24	Wendy & Barron Gage	40 yrs.
14	Barbara & Daryl Henry	51 yrs.	27	Marjorie & Gene Carlisle	70 yrs.
17	Beverly & Fred Raskin	46 yrs.	28	Patricia & Kenneth Poole	65 yrs.
17	Janette & Bill Wiard	23 yrs.			



A hearty group turned out for a Memorial Garden workday on April 28th. From left, Mel Kuntz, Priscilla Hayek, Judith Rosenthal, Cheryl Boehmke, Dick Turner and Marcia Bauer. *Tom Hayek photo*



The Mail Corner

Booths are grateful for care and concern

Dear Kirk family,

Tony and I want to thank you for all the love you showed us during my recent ankle adventure. The cards and calls to cheer us, the food to nourish us and, especially the prayers to hasten my healing.

We are truly blessed to belong to such a caring congregation.

Barbara and Tony Booth

“Caring” workshop proves a favorite with Kirk congregants

After a great kickoff by Elder Ben Meek, the Christian Education Committee sponsored workshop, “Caring for Ourselves and Others”, continued through April and May. The carefully crafted program provided in-depth information on a wide range of topics having to do with aging and caregiving.

Kathy Packard, of Oaklawn Center on Aging, addressed the many available resources for the elderly in our area. She later returned to discuss caregiving for those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. She used role playing to put participants in touch with the confusing world of dementia.

Sally Fittsizer, PhD, AARP volunteer and former UAMS professor, spoke on “preparing to care” and subsequently gave an information filled talk on “brain health” including current science on how to maximize cognitive function with aging. According to Fittsizer, exercise, at least 30 minutes a day, is the best measure to preserve brain health. A healthy diet avoiding processed foods is also felt to be important.

Jason Clenney, Area Manager for Arkansas Hospice, spoke on dispelling your fear of hospice and palliative care. Victoria Porter, LCSW, Garland County Grief Counseling, will speak on “Rebuilding Your Life After Caregiving” at the final session, May 31st.

You can watch all these session on the Kirk website, kirkinthepines.org, and clicking on the **NEWS** tab. Many thanks to Sharon Gardner for recording the whole series of presentations.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator



Kathy Packard (left), demonstrates, with the aid of Nancy Patton, how to assist someone with dementia to stand. ***Bob Morrow photo***



Sally Fittsizer, PhD, Arkansas AARP volunteer. ***Bob Morrow photo***



Jason Clenney, Area Manager for Arkansas Hospice, a non-profit agency that provides hospice and palliative care throughout Arkansas.

Bob Morrow photo

Lefty, Jim Hess, led Kirk golf for many years

This is the time of year when golfers emerge from hibernation to hit the links with friends and family. For many years Spring also marked the beginning of the Kirk golf season. Formal Kirk golf activities once included an annual 2-day tournament sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and first initiated by Ernie Smith (later coined the Ernie Smith open). This event, which involved Kirk members, was designed as a fellowship opportunity. It was in his role as Moderator of Fellowship that left-handed golfer and Elder Jim Hess first took on responsibility for organizing the event which subsequently led, as it naturally does, to more. Even after rotating off the Session Jim continued to coordinate the annual Kirk tournament for some time.

Jim's first foray into golf was in his youth but he soon gave up the sport to work and help raise a family. When the kids were raised, he resumed playing. His work took him into sales and sales trips often provided the opportunity to get in a round in various places. He was soon hooked and sought every opportunity to play.

He joined the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers playing often in their nationwide tournaments along with Kirk members Paul Hayek and Dennis Faulk. These three and other Arkansans won first place representing Arkansas in 2013. He also played for many years in the Dupont World Amateur which included over 4,500.

Jim also enjoyed playing the Robert Trent Jones golf trail in Alabama, his favorite being the Gadsden course. He retired from coordinating the Ernie Smith Open tournament but continued to organize the "Kirk Golfers" which began as a Shepherd Group. That too fell by the wayside with Covid.

Jim is currently sidelined by injuries but hopes to return to playing golf someday soon. If you see him on the course, or elsewhere, please remember to thank him for all he did for supporting the fellowship of Kirk golfers over the years.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator



Jim Hess (center) watches Dennis Faulk tee off (left) while Paul Hayek looks on.

Jamie Federick photo, May 2019

Save the Date

Fun, Fish,

.....and Fellowship

5:30 pm, July 19th

Hoffius Hall

Catered by..

Riverside

More to follow !



Kirk Calendar



(Changes may occur – check with Kirk office)

Bible Study
“A Summer of Psalms”
June 28- 9:00-10:30

Choir rehearsal- Cancelled

Pilgrimage Renewal- June 3- 10:00

Helping Hands- June 13- 9:00

PW Circles- Summer Break

Shepherd Group 1- June 8-
 1:00-3:00

Shepherd Group 7- Dinner
 June 8

Committee Meetings

Session- Cancelled

Member Outreach- June 6,
 9:00

Fellowship- June 8, 10:00
 (Conference)

Finance- June 8, 10:00,
 (Parlor)

Mission- June 8, 3:00

Christian Education- June 15,
 9:00

Congregational Care- June 19,
 10 :00

Communications- June 29,
 10:30

Kirk Staff

William B. Bailey- Senior Pastor
Randy Toney- Music Director
Donna Toney- Organist/Pianist
Carol Clark- Congregational Care Coordinator
Chris Taylor-Wilmoth- Secretary
Beverly Schaumburg- Business Administrator
Arthur “Chip” Johnson- Sexton

Session

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