



A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Newsletter

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Many ministries served by your gifts

The book of Proverbs is not one of our most familiar Bible texts, but it does offer guidance in many aspects of righteous living. Consider this verse, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17). We don't often think of our giving in this way. But God's love for those in need is so great that He is willing, "metaphorically", to assume their debt, if we would only give (just as he did "actually" on the cross). And we usually don't think of consequences for our giving, such as being rewarded by God, but scripture is clear! We are expected to share our resources with those

in need, even if we do consider it "an option."

The Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines congregation has been the Lord's instrument through generous giving and through the work of our Missions Committee for many years. However, the funds allocated to missions has decreased again this year due to reductions in membership and giving. The Missions Committee, therefore, takes the responsibility of allocating and distributing your gifts all the more seriously and prayerfully and with a great sense of gratitude.

Led by Moderator Judith Rosenthal the committee's work is supported by the following members: Becky Wakefield (secretary), Vicki Rosenquist, Daryl Henry, Marcia Bauer, Priscilla Hayek, Nancy Patton (deceased), Richard McPheters, Bob Morrow, Norma Stevens.

Missions is by far the largest discretionary part of the budget. In 2023 this money provided funding for 25 different programs or agencies. These funds come from 6 Session approved accounts. These are the Congregational Mission Fund, \$1.00 Mission Fund, the Endowment Fund, the Luke 12:48 Endowment Fund, the International Mission Fund, and the Special Projects Fund.

Although the committee was dealing with budget cuts, we were blessed with a gift of \$15,000 from the estate of Chuck and Sue New. Four other individual gifts were made throughout the year which increased the total budget to \$58,556.



Members of the Missions Committee are (from left) Bob Morrow, Marcia Bauer, Norma Stevens, Priscilla Hayek, Daryl Henry, Judith Rosenthal, Richard McPheters, and Vicki Rosenquist. Becky Wakefield not pictured.

Jamie Federick photo

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When We Meet

Sunday worship service
Begins at 10 a.m.

Saturday informal worship
Begins at 4 p.m.
in Bailey Hall

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



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Using Mission Committee funds we focused on the hungry through Project Hope Food Bank and Arkansas Food Bank. Children and families were served through Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, Ouachita Children's Center as well as Ferncliff Camp and The Call.

Although 27 entities received funds, 13 received \$1000 or more representing approximately 79% of these funds. These included Ferncliff, Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, Samaritan Ministries, Meals on Wheels, Jackson House, Arkansas Food Bank, Project Hope Food Bank, Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinics, Potter's Clay, Village Churches Mission, PC USA Disaster Relief, and The Call.

And what about the "Dollars for Missions" collected in the offering plate each Sunday? These totaled \$2790 (42% less than 2023) and went in equal amounts to Ferncliff, Lyon College, the Presbyterian Church USA, Frontier Ministries, the University of the Ozarks, Vera Lloyd, and West End Presbyterian Church, and Medical Benevolences.

International Fund dollars, a separate account, went to the Haiti Educational Foundation, Solar Under the Sun, and Living Waters of the World. As is our usual practice, two thirds of Luke 12:48 Endowment fund distribution went to the Missions Committee with one third going to the Christian Education committee. Luke 12:48 endowment funds that went to Missions were equally divided between Vera Lloyd and Ferncliff.

But it's not just about monetary donations. A recurring mission project, the PB&J for Mother's Day

drive (peanut butter and jelly) was met with a record and enthusiastic response from the Kirk. 756 jars of peanut butter and 685 jars of jelly were given to Jackson House, Potter's Clay, Garland County Boys and Girls Club, Samaritan Ministries and Love Lunches. Another recurring project, Shoes, Socks, and Soups for Jackson House yielded the donation of 212 cans of soup, 127 pairs of shoes and countless socks.

You should know the Missions Committee distributed all your gifts to those organizations representing our brothers and sisters in need with a zero-fund balance at the end of the year. Also, all the recipients of your gifts expressed heart felt gratitude for your loving generosity.

The demand for the most essential services is growing each year. The Mission Committee continues to prioritize those ministries that feed the hungry, provide housing and basic health care for the homeless with special emphasis on helping children, families, and the elderly in our community.

The faith of the members of the Kirk continues to be evident in the generosity of giving to support the agencies that aid the least among us. For this willingness to share with those who have so little the Mission Committee members are incredibly grateful.

The prophet Isaiah 58:10 reminds us that as God's agents of justice "If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday!"

Gratefully,

Kirk in the Pines Mission Committee

"Live streaming" opened door to past Kirk connections

One of my realities recently having bronchitis is I had too much time on my hands. So, with apologies to my Kirk friends, I have a story to share that is a bit of a shaggy dog tale. The problem is, I'm not sure if this is a story about live streaming of church services; a story that falls into the 6 degrees of separation category; or the story of what happened to that girl who came to the Kirk when visiting her grandparents during summer vacations?

Context

Central to the story are the following people, who I have never met in person; Jesse (b.1917, d.2009) and Reed (d.1987) Shaw. Apparently, the Shaws were very active Kirk members; Pastor Leah Hrachovec, Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, Pennsylvania, granddaughter of Jesse and Reed.

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Live Streaming

Staying close to home recently because of bronchitis. I made the decision to stream Sunday services from Westminster PC, my prior church in Pennsylvania, rather than from one of the Village that stream their services. I completed the digital attendance pad during the live streaming. As expected, I received a personalized email from the communications director, who I knew from working with her committee during Westminster's roll out of their initial streaming technology. Unexpectedly, I also received an email from Pastor Leah. She wrote:

"Dear Bob,

It's always a joy to see your sign in from worship and know that you were joining in the service on Sunday. I went to many a service at Kirk in the Pines in HSV with my grandmother and grandfather. It's a beautiful place of worship, truly surrounded by those gorgeous pine trees. I'm sorry video streaming of their service has been a challenge for them; glad to have you join us anytime. Prayers for your full and fast recovery from bronchitis. May you feel Christ's promises afresh today, trusting he is "in the boat" with us.

Blessings, Leah "

Receiving Leah's email sparked a chain of emails between us.

Six Degrees of Separation

In my email exchanges with Leah, I came to the conclusion that she and I have walked in each other's footprints in the Village. Jessie and Reed Shaw lived on Sierra Lane, within a mile of where my parents lived on the south side of Lake DeSoto. When visiting my parents, I would often take my morning walks towards Sierra Lane and use that street as my cue to head back.

Leah shared that to this day, she can remember the names of her grandparents' neighbors. To this day, my sister and I can remember the names of my parents' neighbors. Life in the Village was much different during the early years of establishing HSV. While that generation of HSV residents have passed over, I am pretty sure there can be a spaghetti chart created that could connect Leah's grandparents to my parents through near-by residents and their mutual love of playing golf and supporting events at the Woodlands auditorium.

By email Leah shared memories of swimming in Lake DeSoto from the end of Sierra Lane. The week before, I drove to Lake DeSoto Beach to walk the Spillway Trail. Before I began walking, I took a picture of the lake that I sent to Leah. By pure fate / luck, in the lower left corner of my picture is the very point Leah would jump into the lake! For all the weirdness that



Lake DeSoto (Sierra Lane left upper corner)

Bob Newlin photo

creeps into my life, even I am a bit shocked about the timing and framing of taking that picture

Our email chain ended with Leah saying, "I am so happy to tell my mother that there is a Westminster friend who is now in HSV." Knowing that made me smile.

That Girl Had a Calling

That girl who attended services at the Kirk when visiting her grandparents is now the pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, PA. After graduating from high school in Stillwater, OK. She graduated from Grinnell College (Iowa) with a B.A. in psychology and received a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. In 2014, Leah completed a Doctor of Ministry in Parish Revitalization at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

When the Westminster Search Committee for a New Pastor connected with Leah in 2022, she was the Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater.

I am going to end this story with my belief that Leah's experience being in worship at the Kirk was a piece of her foundation for becoming a Presbyterian Church Pastor. And we all know how impactful our Kirk is!!!

Contributed by Kirk member Bob Newlin



LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, March 20
12:00 P.M.

Garland County Library presents:
Guest Speaker – Adam Webb, Exec. Director
“Enriching our Community through Meaningful Connections
through Educational Opportunities”

Sponsored by Kirk Education

BOX LUNCH \$13
Reserve by March 18

To reserve a lunch
contact Susan Morrow at:

susu2morrow@gmail.com

You may also bring your own lunch!

Bailey Hall, Kirk in the Pines
275 Asturias Dr., Hot Springs Village



Pianist Scott Carrell in Concert

Kirk Sanctuary
March 2, 3:00 pm

The HS/HSV Symphony Guild is delighted to present "Scott Carrell in Concert" as part of our Classic Concert Series. The concert will be held at the Kirk on Sunday, March 2, at 3 :00 pm.

Carrell is in demand as a soloist, collaborative artist, teacher, and adjudicator. He is described as being a natural at the keyboard. Mr. Carrell has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a pianist, collaborator, and composer, having performed in the U.S.A., Europe, and Asia.

Carrell has held residencies at many academic institutions. Concerto performances include appearances with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra, the Little Rock Wind Symphony, the New York Classical Players, the Russian String Orchestra, among many others.

Mr. Carrell received degrees from Southwestern University, the University of Illinois, and the D.M.A. from the University of North Texas. Carrell also studied with internationally known artists. He currently teaches piano, piano related courses, and music theory at Harding University in Searcy,



Scott Carrell

General admission is \$10 per person. You may register and pay in advance on the HS/HSV Symphony Guild website at <https://www.symphonyguild.org/> or this link [Scott Carrell HS/HSV Symphony Guild](#). Your email confirmation is your ticket. Or you may pay at the door. Please join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon with a variety of piano masterpieces. *Adapted from HS/HSV Symphony Guild publicity.*

Kirk in the Pines Financial Report Year to Date: January 31, 2024

	Month		Year to Date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund				
Receipts	\$36,643	\$45,556	\$36,643	\$45,556
Disbursements	\$36,643	<u>\$22,033</u>	\$36,643	<u>\$22,033</u>
Difference		\$23,523		\$23,523

Endowment and Program Funds

Checking Balance \$95,818

Special Funds

Memorial Fund \$106,747

Choir Fund \$9,388

Luke 12:48 Fund \$316,062

Endowment Fund \$1005,314

Maack-Ormsbee Fund \$56,287

Total Special Funds (Dec. 31, 2024) \$1,493,798

Total All Funds \$1,589,616

Mission Offering \$149

FOCUS ON FINANCE

Contributed by Sharon Gardner, Finance Moderator

- Did you know that in 2020, a mere five years ago there were 300 Kirk members and 216 households but now there are 201 members and 136 households.
- Last year (2024) there were pledges equaling \$325,752 with a budget of \$467,903. This year (2025) there are pledges of \$278,311 with a total budget of \$439,712.
- When we call a new pastor, our budget will need to increase about \$40,000 per year.

Your Finance Committee and Session are working diligently to balance our budget.

It is never too late to pledge your financial support for God's work at the Kirk! ⁵

New Elder Wendy Gage to lead Member Outreach

Wendy Gage was ordained and installed as an Elder of the Kirk on Sunday, February 23. She will serve as Moderator of Member Outreach, a position that she agreed to fill although it comes with no outline of duties. Thus, the full-page ad in the January issue of Voice in the Pines stating: "Wanted! Any and All OUTREACH Ideas. Big or small – We want them all!"

A native of Sacramento, CA, Wendy grew up in a home that did not encourage participation in any church. She graduated from Sacramento State with degrees in English and Accounting. She and Barron married in 1982 and moved to Fresno, CA, where Wendy worked for the Small Business Administration and later for a radiology firm until retirement.

While living in California, Wendy and Barron lost a close friend. At his memorial service, the friend's wife delivered a beautiful eulogy about her husband full of emotion but with no tears. Later, Wendy asked Barron "What does she have that we don't?" So they came to Christ and began their "church" life, knowing how important it is to bring people to Him through the church.

Wendy expresses her creativity through painting in watercolors. Throughout most of her life, she wondered if she could paint. After finally taking some lessons, she found out that she could indeed paint and enjoyed it very much! She has taught watercolor painting for a number of years, and now paints in her home studio for her own enjoyment or for consignment customers. More recently, she has



Wendy Gage

Bob Morrow photo

found enjoyment in quilting also.

Since moving to the Village in 2012 upon retirement, Barron and Wendy visited a few churches and finally came to the Kirk at the invitation of Sandy Adams, who was taking painting lessons from Wendy. She has served on the Communication Committee, the Worship Committee, and as a Greenhorn. As stated above, Wendy is looking for ideas and suggestions for the Member Outreach Committee as she sets out to "wing it."

Contributed by Barbara Worthley, Communications Committee member.

Lenten services and lunches to begin March 5th

Everyone is welcome to join us in Bailey Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays for Fellowship and the Soup and Bread Luncheons beginning March 5th with Ash Wednesday through April 9th. Pastor Hyde will lead the Ash Wednesday service which will include imposition of ashes.

Please fill out the form in the Church Bulletin if you plan to attend, and if you can bring soup or bread. If you are unable to bring anything, we encourage you to come and enjoy a hot bowl of soup as we all reflect on the meaning of this season of Lent. Place your completed form in the collection plate in the sanctuary narthex. If you have questions please call Pat Kuntz at 501-204-4385.

In Memoriam

Ellen Snyder Marshall

Ellen Snyder Marshall, 90, of Little Rock passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2025. She was born December 30, 1934, in Cooperstown, New York to the late Earl and Edith Snyder. She was preceded in death by her father, mother, stepmother, Louise Snyder, brother Wardell Snyder and her loving husband of 62 years, Harry Wilks Marshall.

Ellen grew up on her family's dairy farm in Cherry Valley, New York. She graduated from Oneonta State Teachers College, Oneonta, New York. She met the love of her life while working summers in the Catskills, New York. Ellen was a school teacher, teaching mostly kindergarten and first grade. Ellen and Harry and the family lived and traveled all over the United States and Europe and have a lifetime of memories and special friends from the Army Air Force Exchange Service years.

Ellen leaves behind her children, H. Wilks Marshall, Jr. (Susannah), Gina Marshall both of Little Rock and Jon Marshall (Amanda) of Safety Harbor, Florida. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Robert McCraney (Ma'Tiyaa), Jacob McCraney (Melanie), Harry McCraney, Katy McCraney, Daniel Marshall, and Haley Marshall and six great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, James Snyder, and a host of relatives and family friends.

Ellen enjoyed cheering for the Razorbacks. She took immense pleasure in cooking with a group of ladies at "The Kirk" called Helping Hands. She was an avid quilter and belonged to the quilting group "The Rippers". She was a member of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made in her honor to the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Dr., Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909, or a charity of your choice.



Randy and Donna Toney say thanks for love and support

Dear Kirk Friends,

It has been our honor and pleasure to serve you as music leaders at the Kirk. When we retired to HSV in 2014, we never thought we would be employees again – for almost 10 years!

It has been an enriching, fulfilling, and joyous journey. Your steadfast support and encouragement have made us better people, church members, and musicians. We made the Kirk our church home in 2015. Our plan was to find our places of service, but we did not plan to be employees! Now we return to the flock of Kirk members. Our support for the Kirk – its ministry, mission, and purpose – has never been stronger. The reception on our last Sunday was wonderful!

Your expressions of love and appreciation are greatly appreciated. We have learned so much from you, and you have become like family to us. Thank you for your love, support, and smiles.

Randy and Donna Toney

Pastor's Corner

We will soon begin our journey through the Lenten/Easter season, which also includes most of April, so I am listing my sermons and accompanying texts for the weeks through Easter Sunday. Having this information provides you the opportunity to use it as a devotional guide for this vital spiritual season of repentance, reflection, and celebration.

As is my practice, most of the sermon texts will be from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Since this is Year C, the Gospel of Luke is prominently listed, so we will look to the third gospel to guide us.

The theme of this Lenten season is, *The Journey*. Here is the schedule:

March 5, Ash Wednesday

What We Have in Common,
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

March 9, First Sunday in Lent

An Opportune Time,
Luke 4:1-13

March 16, Second Sunday in Lent

Ain't Nobody Got Time For That,
Luke 13:31-35

March 23, Third Sunday in Lent

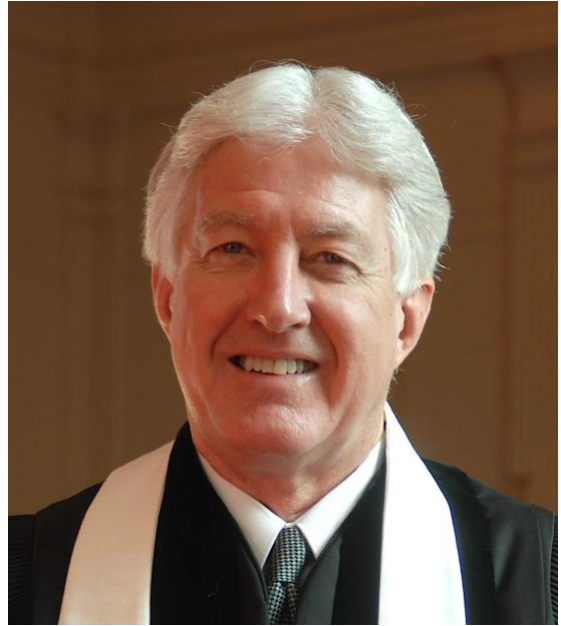
What Does Repentance Have to Do With It?,
Luke 13:1-9

March 30, Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Company God Keeps,
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 6, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Fix In Us Thy Humble Dwelling,
1 John 4:13-21



Pastor Randy Hyde

April 13, Palm/Passion Sunday

The Lord Needs It,
Luke 19:28-40

April 20, Easter Sunday

But...,
Luke 24:1-12

A final note: I have mentioned before that my plan has been to preach, on the first Sunday of each month, on one of our great hymns of faith. That emphasis will continue.

For **March 2**, which is Transfiguration Sunday, the sermon is, *In Our Own Strength*, based on Martin Luther's hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The text is Psalm 46:1-11. See also **April 6**, above. That sermon comes from *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.

Appreciatively,
Randy



**If you don't know,
Say Hello!**

Remember to greet visitors at worship
and invite them to coffee hour!

There have been a lot of staffing changes happening this February. Not only is February 23 the last Sunday before the retirement of our music staff, Randy and Donna Toney, but the position of Business Administrator has been eliminated in an effort to right-size the office for the church we are today. This means we no longer have Beverly Schaumburg with us in the office to rely on. Each of these people will be greatly missed. We will all want to say goodbye to them and thank them for their years of service to the Kirk. In fact, a reception for each of them is planned. We had a reception/coffee hour after Sunday worship on February 23 for the Toneys and will have a reception/coffee hour after Sunday worship on March 16 for Beverly. You won't want to miss this.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 10th and 11th, we will again be hosting our Ministry Architects' consultants, Sara Bailey and Krista Mulhollen. They will be here to meet with our Re-Visioning Team and other Kirk leadership to develop three documents pertaining to the Kirk's future: a Mission Statement, Core Values and 3-year goals with 1-year benchmarks. Together they will set forth our Vision for the Kirk. You can see how important this is as we move forward. It will be especially helpful to the Pastor Nominating Committee as they talk with potential candidates for our new called pastor. If any of our members would like to attend, please call Ruth Hamilton for details. You are welcome to come.

Good news—we have found and hired a new Choir director, Tina Kneisler. She will start on March 1st. And lastly, plans are underway for our upcoming Lenten journey as we move toward the Cross and then Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5th with Rev. Hyde leading a time of worship and the imposition of ashes. Our traditional soup and bread lunch will follow.

The Clerk's Corner

Ruth
Hamilton



Highlights of the February Stated Session Meeting:

- Deaths since January 17, 2025: Ellen Marshall, February 5, 2025; Services will be held at a later date.
- Transfer of Membership: Terry Arant has transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, TX; a letter was received from Ben and Karen Meek notifying us that they have joined First Christian Church, Manhattan, Kansas.
- New Member: We welcome Terry Gardner who has rejoined the Kirk now that he has moved back to the Village.
- Church Statistics as of January 17, 2025: Members: 201 Family Units: 136
- Saturday worship supply: Rev. Bill Seitz, February 1/8/15/22.
- Ordination/Installation: The ordination/Installation of Wendy Gage as an Elder will be held on Sunday, February 23 during the worship service.
- New Choir Director: Tina Kneisler has been hired as new Music Director of the Kirk.



Upon the Windowsill of Heaven

*Every morning lean thine arm awhile
Upon the windowsill of heaven
And gaze upon the Lord
Then with vision in thine heart
Turn strong to meet thy day.
Author Anonymous*

Saturday Informal Worship New Series: “Life-Changing Words”

The season of Lent is upon us! Lent is the 40-day period prior to Easter, minus Sundays, and it is observed by remembering the realities of God’s love for the world, expressed in Jesus Christ. Why “minus Sundays,” you ask? Well, Sundays are always to be thought of as mini-Easter celebrations on their own, so they aren’t included.

Historically speaking, Lent is considered to be a time of study, reflection and introspection that seeks God’s will for our individual lives (and humanity), as well as anything that prevents us from living up to it. You might say that we scrutinize our own lives through the lens of God’s great love and purpose.

Each year at Lent I focus on a series designed to help us “scrutinize our own lives through the lens of God’s great love and purpose.” This year the series will be known as “Life-Changing Words.” I’ll be sharing one specific word each week in hopes that use of that word might lead to needed change / transformation. Each week I’ll show how the word of the week is used in scripture to bless lives.

Sadly, I’ll be absent on a couple Saturdays during Lent, so I’m actually starting the series early: indeed, this very Saturday! You are welcome to join us in Bailey Hall at 4 p.m. to hear the first “Life-Changing Word.”

Pastor Bill Seitz, Saturday Informal Worship

Try these online Lent resources as you prepare for Holy Week

https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1 Faculty of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offer Lent devotionals which can be viewed online, downloaded as PDFs or listened to as audio recordings of the scripture and devotional.

<https://katebowler.com/lent/> Three Lent devotional resources that can be downloaded free from one of the most popular devotional leaders online, Kate Bowler.

<https://d365.org/> d365.org has provided daily devotionals since 2006 and is sponsored by the CBF, Presbyterian Church (USA) and Episcopal Church. Special series highlight the seasons of Advent and Lent. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, d365 aims to inspire readers to live a relevant faith in a changing and complex world.

“Stepping Up to the Plate”

Each of us is having to take on more responsibilities at the Kirk. We all love the Kirk and want to see it continue to flourish, so we give more, and we work more.

As an example, Jean and Darell Fisher volunteered to take on the responsibility of Head Shepherds. Jean said, “We knew that Vicki Rosenquist had lots on her plate, so we thought we could relieve her of continuing as Head Shepherd.”

That’s the spirit, Fishers!

*Contributed by Dotty Rector,
Communications Committee member*



STARTS MARCH 9th

SPRING
Forward

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
1 HOUR ON SATURDAY
NIGHT, MARCH 8TH**



WELCOME, Tina Kneisler, our new Kirk Music Director

The Kirk has a long history of excellence in its music ministry. We have enjoyed nearly ten years of guidance and growth under the dynamic duo of Randy and Donna Toney. They say that all good things must come to an end, and while Randy and Donna will not be at the helm any longer, the music ministry excellence will definitely NOT come to an end!

We are delighted to welcome Tina Kneisler as our new Director of Music. Tina and her husband, Ron, have been members of the choir since 2021 and she is well known to the choir already. Tina has a Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in choral music education from Bowling Green State University and she has 35 years of experience in leading church music programs. Tina is very excited and honored to be offered the opportunity to do it again. It is truly a calling and a passion for her. We look forward to hearing what is coming next!

Contributed by Patty Barnes, Communications Committee member



Tina Kneisler

Member Outreach wants your help and ideas



I have received some input about a "first-time visitor" package. There have been some very good ideas and thank you all for that. Please keep the ideas coming about outreach.

In response to your input, I have put in place a first-time visitor bag. It includes a brown bag, Kirk coffee cup, Kirk pen, Hershey's bar, post card to send their information to the Kirk, Kirk pamphlet informing the visitor of our Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines activities and our mission statement. A bag is given to all the first-time visitors.

The Membership outreach committee met earlier this month and came up with a few ideas for Kirk wide activities. We are looking at an event blessing our furry pets, a yard sale/parking lot sale, a visit to Subiaco Monastery, and the Rubber Band factory in Hot Springs. Any ideas are gratefully welcomed and appreciated.

My contact is wendy.gage101@yahoo.com or 559-970-9834.

Congregational Care cares for Kirk members and friends

The Congregational Care Committee seeks to care and serve those in our faith community providing compassionate comfort to those in need. We seek to build and create an inclusive community through tangible support including providing respite care for weary caregivers, gift cards and notes to those who need a special get well wish or birthday wish. One of our Congregational Care committee members distributes knitted and crocheted prayer shawls around the community and to our members. These handmade prayer shawls are contributed by various Kirk members. Members of the Congregational Care Committee also help with transportation needs, meals and basic shopping needs. And, importantly, the Kirk *Prayer Tree* is coordinated through the committee.

We continue to look for creative and meaningful ways to collectively step out of our own lives to show love and generosity to those in our church family who are in need.

To learn more about our current ministry, please contact the Kirk office 501.922.1333 or Susan Pendergrass, 407.595.2945 Congregational Care Moderator, for more information.

Contributed by Susan Morrow, Communications Committee Member and Susan Pendergrass, Congregational Care Committee Moderator



Congregational Care Committee: From left, Susan Pendergrass (Moderator), Becky Wakefield, Judith Rosenthal, Martha Nielsen, and Blair Stroud. Not pictured, Marcia Bauer, Donna Gold, Emily Faulk, Marian Thiel, Allison Harvie, and Carol Clark (Pastoral Care Coordinator). *Bob Morrow photo*



Randy and Donna Toney were the honorees at a February 23rd celebration marking their retirement after nearly 10 years leading music at the Kirk.



Brunch was organized by the Greenhorns who contributed breakfast casseroles supplemented by more goodies from the congregation. Norma Stevens (left) and Judith Rosenthal (center).



Choir President Linda Heitz (above) was Master of Ceremonies with added comments by the Toneys and Pastor Hyde. A video with images and music by the Kirk choir and Donna and Randy at the piano produced by Sharon Gardner set the mood for the bitter sweet occasion.

Kirk thanks Randy and Donna Toney with 1st class celebration





March Birthdays

6 Ray Bates	14 Bill Worthley	18 Mel Kuntz
8 Joyce Hayek	15 Vicki Rosenquist	23 David Salmen
9 Duane Sonnenburg	16 Rita Martick	25 Paul Hayek
11 Dave Hamilton	Patricia Poole	28 Vianne Huff
13 Jim Adams	17 Mike Hoagland	31 Norma Stevens
Cindi Erickson	Kelle Wolf	

March Anniversaries

6 Beverly & Jack Bullard	54yrs	16 Jamie & Rick Federick	34yrs
6 Leslie & Jim Pfeiffer	33yrs	20 Della & Jim Reimers	66yrs
12 Melissa & Robert Sonnen	33yrs	28 Bob & Vianne Huff	65yrs

Beverly Schaumburg appreciates support, memories, & cards

Dear Kirk Family and Friends,

After 28 ½ years I am no longer an employee of Kirk. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you and have many fond memories that I will take with me. I want to thank all of you for your many cards and support. I will miss all of you.

God's Love and Blessings
Beverly Schaumburg

Sharon Gardner says thanks for prayers, cards, food & love

Dear Kirk family,

I want to thank you for all the calls, even when I didn't know what I was talking about, cards, prayers, food and love I received following surgery. I am happy to say the surgery went very well. I am so blessed to have all of you as family!

Thank you again.
Sharon Gardner

SAVE THE DATE
Reception honoring Beverly Schaumburg
March 16th, 11:00 am, following worship.

Kirk Calendar



(Changes may occur – check with Kirk office)

**March 2, 3pm, Scott Carrell
Piano Concert, Sanctuary**

**March 16, 11:00 a.m.
Reception for Beverly
Schaumburg**

**March 20, 12:00pm, Christian
Ed. Lunch and Learn**

**Ash Wednesday Service,
11:00 am, March 5, followed
by lunch.**

**Lenten Services and Lunch,
11:00 am March 12, 19, 26**

Ageless Grace/Tai Chi-
March 4, 11, 18, 25 - 3:30
Bailey Hall

Pilgrimage Renewal- March
1, 10:00, Smallman Parlor

Helping Hands- March. 11 -
9:00

Choir Rehearsal- Wed. 3:00,
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Committee Meetings

Session- March. 14, 10:00

Administration- March 11, 10:00

Communications- March 12, 2:00

Cong. Care- March 27, 10:00

Finance Committee- TBD

Member Outreach- March 12,
1:00

Missions - March 13, 3:00

**Ministry Architects onsite
March 10 & 11**

Kirk Staff

Randy Hyde- Pastor

Tina Kneisler- Music Director

Ruth Manweiler- Pianist (informal worship)

Carol Clark- Pastoral Care Coordinator

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

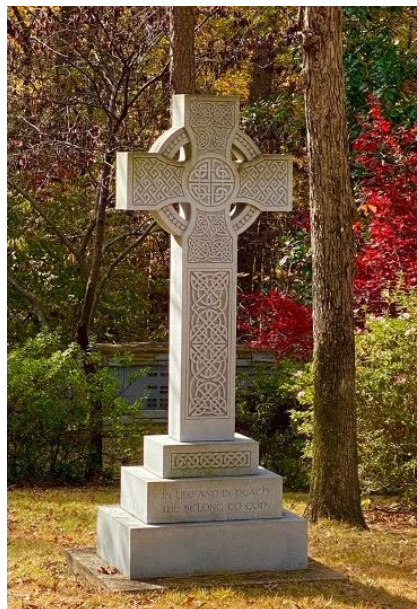
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