

## A WORD- from Rev. Kane

Fruit.  
Pentecost in the Pines.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea. (Hymn – “Spirit of Gentleness”).

There is a wind of joy and excitement, quietly blowing through the Kirk. In this season of Pentecost the gifts of God's Spirit are moving into our hearts and lives.

Our 2 wonderful worship services are "alive" with the inspiring singing and special music offered for us. Voices are rejoicing with the fresh, creative sharing of the Good News of the Gospel. Smiles and laughter overflow in the worshippers and quiet contemplation and praise and awe of God's Graceful Presence. The peace of Christ is penetrating every heart to share and receive this gift.

As we blessed the animals, the Spirit of calm descended upon God's creatures, with thanksgiving from receivers of such 4 -legged love and affection.

During memorial services on rainy, overcast mornings, the Spirit of hope and peace surrounded family and friends celebrating their loved one's life and legacy.

On Friday mornings, the Spirit is opening up hearts and minds to remember the past with tenderness and receive the new life and creation of God's stirring and resurrection in the Kirk in this new chapter of our history.

Let us pray for God's Spirit of restlessness to stir up dreams and visions and fresh new beginnings among us here in the Kirk. God



**Reverend Jeff Kane**

always moves forward, not backward, in new creation in Christ!

Join us as we celebrate and share God's fresh Spirit of freshness and grace!!

Blessings.

Rev. Jeff Kane.

### Pentecost in the Pines

June 7. Communion. Glad and Generous Hearts.  
Acts 2: 37-47

June 14. The Beautiful Gate.  
Acts 3:1-16

June 21. One heart and Soul.  
Acts 4:23-37

June 28. Peter's Shadow.  
Acts 5 12-16.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE KIRK

- **Saturday Worship – 5:00 p.m., Bailey Hall, Rev. Jeff Kane leading worship.**
- **Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Rev. Jeff Kane leading worship.**
- **“Fridays with Jeff”- Continues in June on the first, third, and fourth Friday, 10-12, Bailey Hall**
- **Arkansas Presbytery meeting- June 13<sup>th</sup>, First Presbyterian Church, Conway Arkansas**
- **Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>- Peanut Butter and Cereal Collection Ends. Donate NOW**
- **Patriotic Concert by “Top of the Rock” Women’s Chorus- July 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**
- **Annual Kirk Fish Fry- July, TBD**
- **Installation of Reverend Kane– July 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary, Reception to Follow**

*Find more events by clicking on the CALENDAR tab on the Kirk website [kirkinthepines.com](http://kirkinthepines.com)*

## Kirk Mission Funds in Action

# Jackson House

*(The following is the first of several articles in the next few months highlighting the organizations supported by the Kirk in the Pines Mission Budget)*



*From [jacksonhouse.org](http://jacksonhouse.org).*

Jackson House is an interfaith community crisis intervention center in Hot Springs that provides emergency assistance to those in need in Garland County. It is not a residential facility, but instead Jackson House staff offer information on community resources, provide transportation assistance and daily lunches, operate an emergency Food Pantry, conduct a toy program, and distribute both hygiene kits and clothing.

Jackson House accomplishes these and other essential services by utilizing volunteers both directly and in concert with other community service organizations. In 2025, volunteers at Jackson House served more than 60,000 lunches and provided over 18,000 children with Christmas toys and other essentials.

The staff at Jackson House seeks to provide community support in a manner where people in crisis can come and get help in a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. They work with

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people from all walks of life to ensure the people in our community have the resources and help they need. Jackson House is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization funded by local sources and does not seek government funds. Additionally, they operate thrift shops at two locations in Hot Springs where donated items are sold to the public and revenues are used to support client services. Donations to Jackson House from the Kirk in the Pines are sourced from budgeted Mission Committee general funds as well as funds from the Kirk investment account. Over the past ten years the Kirk has donated over \$42,000 to this wonderful local service organization. If you are interested in more information about Jackson House, or wish to volunteer, email:

Janie Smith, Executive Director, at [Jsmith@jacksonhouse.org](mailto:Jsmith@jacksonhouse.org) or

Cherysh Lowe, Assistant Director, at [clowe@jacksonhouse.org](mailto:clowe@jacksonhouse.org).

You can also find more information on Jackson House at [jacksonhouse.org](http://jacksonhouse.org).

*Contributed by David Deas, Communications Committee member*

## Missions Committee is busy putting your gifts to work in 2026 (Through April 30, 2026)

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services - \$5,967

Ferncliff Camp - \$5,967

Cooperative Christian Ministries & Clinic -\$1,000

Jackson House - \$1,000

Meals on Wheels - \$1,000

Project Hope Food Bank- \$475 (Easter Lily donations)

Presbyterian Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing - \$152



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



## Presbyterian Women add to Kirk Missions giving



It is well known that the Kirk is very generous in its mission giving. From the \$1 given in the offering plate each Saturday and Sunday to larger amounts donated from our church mission budget. But did you know that our two Presbyterian Women Circles, Joy and Grace, have also contributed to deserving entities (charities). Both national and local groups benefit from their pledges, although the main focus is on children and those in crisis.

They support their national organization, Presbyterian Women PC(USA), as well as many closer to home. Vera Lloyd and Ferncliff support children's needs with a caring environment and loving support. Among many local agencies PW supports are Jackson House and Potter's Clay, located in Hot Springs that help people with basic daily needs such as food, clothing, or shelter. Ouachita Children's Center and Boys and Girls Clubs, also supported by PW, primarily focus on children who need guidance and support. Project Hope Food Bank and Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic care for families who are struggling from the lack of adequate nourishment and medical attention also receive funds from PW. The Kirk PW shared approximately \$3,000 with these agencies helping those in our community in so much need.

Our PW Circles have even given to our own Helping Hands ladies, so their food ministry can continue to thrive. So you can see that the Kirk's Presbyterian Women Circles not only meet for Bible study and fellowship, but they support and provide monetary support for many worthwhile organizations. All women of the Kirk are invited to join a PW Circle. The new year begins in September. Look for more information later this summer or ask one of our two circle leaders, Rosalyn Halbert or Becky Wakefield.

*Contributed by Vicki Rosenquist, PW Treasurer*

## Joy Circle brings joy to Mountain Pine High School Counselor

The counselor at Mountain Pine High School, Lillian Alderman, was very appreciative of the donation of hygiene products from Presbyterian Women's Joy Circle. On Wednesday, May 20, five ladies from the circle traveled to the high school to present two full boxes of items such as shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and deodorant. A tour of the special room in the counselor's office revealed that these items were needed to replenish the supply.

The Joy Circle collects these items at our monthly meetings throughout the year. This is the second year for this mission project, and the circle plans to continue this worthy activity. In late May, before school is dismissed for the summer, we deliver the collected items to the high school for distribution to the students in need.

We had a wonderful visit with Ms. Alderman, the counselor, who is herself a graduate of Mountain Pine High School and has worked there for many years.

She expressed much gratitude for the gift. She was happy to learn that we plan to visit her again with the needed items in May 2027.

*Contributed by Barbara Worthley, Communications Committee and Joy Circle member*

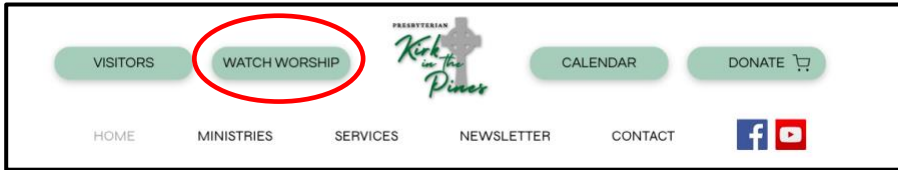


From left, Alice Cox, Mary Ann Reynolds, Ms. Alderman, School Counselor, Barbara Worthley, Rosalyn Halbert, and Vicki Rosenquist.

*Staff Photo*

# Here's how to watch Kirk Sunday worship "livestream"

If you are under the weather or out of town you can watch Sunday worship live through our "livestream."

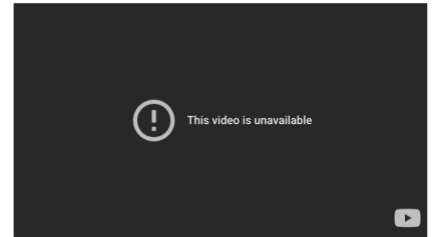


First, go to kirkinthepines.com. Click the tab that says "Watch Worship" shown in the red circle. Wait until right before the service starts at 10 am.

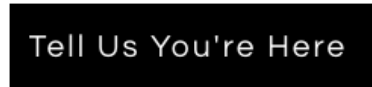
If you see a black screen like the one to the **right**, it means the live streaming has not begun. **WAIT!** The service "goes live" at 10 am.



You can also watch previously recorded services **(left)** by scrolling down and clicking on the service you want to watch.



Also, let us know you are watching the service live by clicking on "Tell Us You're Here" shown on right. **→**



Questions? Contact [kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com](mailto:kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com)



## PEANUT BUTTER AND CEREAL FOR FATHER'S DAY

### Deadline Father's Day Sunday, June 21

# WE CAN BEAT LAST YEAR'S RECORD!

## (Record: 555 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER, 301 BOXES OF CEREAL)

Put your donations in collection containers marked "Peanut Butter and Cereal" in Bailey Hall. You can also make a monetary donation to purchase peanut butter and cereal. Make your check to Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, PB&C on the memo line and put in the offering plate or take to the office.



## New Elders installed on May 31st

### *Judy Rosenthal*

Judy Rosenthal was installed on May 31st as a Ruling Elder on the Session and will assume the role of Moderator of the Mission Committee. Kirk members need no introduction to Judy.

Judy has been an active member since 1996, when she and her husband Bob joined the Kirk. She wanted a "hands-on" job. So, at a time when the Kirk was very involved in hands on work at Ferncliff, she joined the Mission Committee. She was its secretary for many years, then became moderator for the remaining 1 1/2 years of a retiring moderator. She just completed another term on the Session, Class of 2025, in December.

Judy has served on the Memorial Reception Committee for many years and is the current leader of the committee. The Memorial Reception Committee plans and provides receptions following memorial services.

She continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of Presbyterian Women, where she served as secretary for 11 years and was named "Woman of Faith" in 2011. If that is not enough, she is also a "Greenhorn" and participates in their Helping Hands ministry.

Judy was a Baptist when she married Bob. He was a Presbyterian. She is "very much in favor of women having decision making responsibilities in the church." This is one of the reasons she moved her membership to the Presbyterian Church.

Judy has been serving in an interim appointment to the Session as Missions Moderator for the last several months. According to Judy "the focus of the Mission Committee is threefold: meeting the needs of children, families, and the elderly. The committee decides how to apportion funds allocated to missions to 20 plus charitable agencies, mostly local. The committee also sponsors recurring mission food and clothing drives for the agencies we support."

"We do the best we can to help the people who need the help," Judy says. "The committee is composed of wonderful members. I am looking forward to another three years."

*Contributed by Dotty Rector and Bob Morrow.*



Judy Rosenthal  
*Bob Morrow photo*

### *Vicki Rosenquist*

I don't know Vicki Rosenquist's middle name but it should be "servant." Vicki joins the Session for a second time and will serve as Moderator of the Fellowship committee. You may know Vicki as the Coffee/Cookie Calendar Coordinator from her frequent pleas for volunteers to help with Coffee Hour. But Vicki's involvement with the Kirk runs deep.

Vicki is a lifelong Presbyterian. She was baptized in a Presbyterian church in Atlanta, Georgia at the age of 6 months and confirmed at the same church at 12 years of age. To be fair, she briefly joined a United Methodist church for 2 years in a small Georgia town before moving to the Village in 2011. She and David joined the Kirk in 2012 and immediately started serving in vital roles in our congregation.

In 2017 Vicki was ordained as an Elder and became Fellowship Committee Moderator. She then took on the role of Head Shepherd from 2020-2024. She has more recently served as a member of the Revisioning Team and the Pastor Nominating Committee.



Vicki Rosenquist  
*Bob Morrow photo*

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Vicki has played important roles in supporting the Kirk Presbyterian Women. In addition to being a member of the Grace Circle, she served as PW Moderator from 2020-2024. She then took on the role PW Treasurer in December of 2024.

You may have noticed the beautiful garden outside Bailey Hall. Over the years the maintenance of the garden has been provided by many Kirk members. Vicki now maintains the Bailey Hall Garden which is a constant seasonal source of beauty gracing the entrance to Bailey Hall. Vicki also serves on several committees of the Session including Missions and Grounds. If all this is not enough, Vicki co-chairs the Christmas Giving Tree along with Mary Ann Reynolds.

In assuming the role of Fellowship Moderator Vicki says, "I have a strong desire to serve Jesus in whatever way I can. I feel promoting fellowship among church members is important to building a strong church foundation. I enjoy planning ways to make this happen." She also wants you to know that she is "open to suggestions that would strengthen the Kirk's Fellowship program. By trying new activities and ideas, I hope to grow our church." *Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Committee Moderator*



*Dearest Kirk Choir,*

*I had opportunity to listen to our recent choir anthems on our website. My heart is so full of gratitude. Gratitude for not only the beautiful music we make together, but also the blessing of the spirit in which you sing. Thank you for being the willing musicians to serve throughout the year, and yes even during this summer. You are a prime example of the willing ministry of this church. You care about our church and minister to each other in a way that is such an inspiration. I see the God through you. I see the Spirit in you. We are indeed blessed here at the Kirk. Thanks be to God.*

*Your humble servant, Tina*



# SAVE THE DATE

**TOP OF THE ROCK CHORUS**  
*Patriotic Concert*

*Celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup>*

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Kirk Sanctuary** <sup>7</sup>

If you were at church on Saturday or Sunday, May 9th/10th, you heard Rev Kane’s sermon entitled “Do You Love Jesus? His text was John 21:15-19. It was Jesus talking to Peter post Easter. He said three times, “Peter do you love me?. Feed my lambs.” Well, that was also how Rev. Kane started his first meeting with the Kirk Session members. He opened with prayer, lit the Christ candle, and then asked each of us individually, “Do you love Jesus? And he added a follow-up question. “Then how do you feed His lambs? Each of us reaffirmed our love for Jesus and shared what we tried to do in our lives to feed His lambs. It was a meaningful time of sharing before we got into the business at hand.

When members join the Kirk they are asked the question “do you affirm your belief in Jesus Christ as Lord, and Savior?” But it is well that we think about that follow-up question too—how do I, individually, feed His lambs? And how do we, collectively as the Kirk, feed His lambs? Because surely the two have to go together.

**OUR VISION**

A Presence of Christ in the Village

**OUR MISSION**

We are a caring Christian community, striving to welcome, nurture, and inspire those who seek the Word of God and desire to grow in faith, fellowship, and service to others.

**The Clerk's  
Corner**

**Ruth  
Hamilton**



**Highlights of the Session Meetings—May 8, 2026**

**Deaths since April 8, 2026:** Carolyn Starr, May 14, 2026

**Church Statistics as of April 10, 2026:** Members—149 Households—109

**Presbytery Meeting:** June 13, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church, Conway.

- The Nominating Committee submits the names of Judy Rosenthal and Vicki Rosenquist as nominees to be Session Elders, Class of 2028. A Congregational Meeting will be called to hold an election for these positions May 31, 2026
- Office hours will be 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Monday through Thursday from June 1 to August 27.
- The Sunday morning worship service is now being streamed. Watch it on the Kirk’s website at [kirkinthepines.com](http://kirkinthepines.com), or on your browser at “presbyterian kirk in the pines YouTube.”
- Motion: move to allow Carol and Rev. Jeff Kane to bring the Canine Companion dogs, Yokota and Fettuccine, to activities at the Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church. Both have all their required vaccinations and are insured by the Canine Companions Inc of California. Capes and gentle leaders are required equipment. Motion passed.

## Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship Deadline June 30 !

Maack-Ormsbee 2026-2027 Scholarship Applications are available on the pamphlet rack in the Kirk office hallway & in the narthex.

To be considered for a Maack-Ormsbee scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Members/employees and families of members/employees of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, AR with membership/employment for a minimum of Three (3) years.
- Proof of registration at an accredited State University/College. Presbyterian Church USA university or accredited Trade school
- 2 letters of recommendation.
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA

For more information contact:

Susan Morrow at [susu2morrow@gmail.com](mailto:susu2morrow@gmail.com) or 501-231-5541 or the Kirk Church Office at [kirkoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:kirkoffice1@gmail.com) or 501-922-1333. Application forms can be submitted either by email or paper submission by the June 30, 2026, deadline.

*Contributed by Susan Morrow, Christian Education committee*

### 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8



If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and

If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

## Financial Report- Year to Date April 30, 2026

	<u>April-26</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Revenues	25,041	152,033	111,973
Investment Fund Draw			24,164
Expenses	(39,978)	(120,259)	(136,138)
Change in Net Assets	(14,937)	31,774	(0)
\$1 Mission Giving	320	889	867
Cash Balances		84,982	
<b><u>Texas Presbyterian Funds (March 31, 2026)</u></b>		1,712,580	
<b>Investment Fund</b>	1,164,112		
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship	63,164		
Memorial Garden	122,307		
Choir	11,478		
<u>Luke 12:48</u>	<u>351,519</u>		
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>548,468</b>		

Texas Presbyterian Foundation Funds are reported quarterly.

### ***Kirk Receives Mission Initiative Grant Award***



Kirk in the Pines was awarded \$500 in grant funds in May from the Mission Initiatives Grant. These grant funds will be used to expand the Kirk monthly homemade meal preparation and delivery ministry, which is known as Helping Hands. This monthly ministry meets homebound seniors' needs for well-balanced nutritious meals along with providing social contact for our most vulnerable senior population. This ministry is totally run by volunteers. The purpose of Mission Initiatives grants is to provide seed money for service projects, outreach ministries, and faith-based community initiatives that go beyond church walls.

If interested in volunteering for this ministry, contact Susan Pendergrass, Congregational Care Moderator, 407-595-2945. *Contributed by Susan Morrow, Finance Committee Moderator*

# Second "Blessing of The Animals" was huge success

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, a Blessing of the Animals was held at the Kirk and was enjoyed by all. We heard rave reviews from the attendees, 15 barking dogs of all sizes, 40 humans, and one horse. Village cats and other pet species decided to "sit out or lay out" from these activities. Maybe next year!

There were plenty of treats to chew and "areas" to smell without any significant incidents or misunderstandings. I got the inside "poop" or "scoop" from one pup who told me he had plans on growing up to be as good as the Doberman he had just met. This was one of the first events the Kirk's new pastor, Rev. Jeff Kane, was excited to officiate over.



Pet owners enjoy the shade while awaiting the beginning of the service.

Joyfully, he led the human owners in praise of song and prayer. You couldn't have asked for a more perfect day and the temperature was dog approved. But the big (and I mean BIG) surprise was the arrival of a special guest star for the show. No fanfare, as the large trailer was pulled into the parking lot.

There was a lot of tail wagging and sniffing going on until each sniffing nose was directed toward the arrival of another 4-legged show stealer! A large, magnificent horse, Boogie, was led down the ramp by its owner, Sarah Owen.



Boogie, the horse, and her friend Zoe, the dog greet one another. Boogie is led by owner Sarah Owen and E.J. Pangle has Zoe in hand.

Since I am a bark translator, the barks were: "Wow! What the.. No way! Quick, run for your life!" I think I can truthfully say that not one of these canines (in their minds) had ever seen a dog this large. Although, Boogie was cool as a cucumber, these dogs were not! Every pup, every shy canine, and the Doberman were barking their heads off at the sight of this huge creature.



Rev. Kane (left) blesses Fannie, one of Jane Moore's two dogs, From left Rev. Jeff Kane, Jane Moore, Priscilla Hayek, and Woody White



Wendy Gage, organizer of the event, is shown here with Lucy.

They quickly calmed down when this 28-year-old horse didn't threaten them whatsoever. Some brave pups came close enough to pick up pieces of carrot and apple horse treats that dropped on the ground. One dog told me: (bark translation, again) "I haven't had this good a time in years." Personally, I haven't either!

*By Judy Corwin*

*Robert and Melissa Sonnen photos*

# Kirk choir celebrates another year making music



Kirk choir members and others enjoy a good laugh at the choir picnic. From left, Donna Toney, Carol Clark, Randy Toney, Norma Stevens, and Rev. Jeff Kane.



Sarah Owen (left) and Melissa Sonnen performed an impromptu rendition of "It's Your Thing" by the Isley Brothers.



Kirk Music Director, Tina Kneisler, leads the line for a barbecue feast. From left, Bob Morrow, Melissa Sonnen, Ruth Hamilton, Dave Hamilton, Sarah Owen and Tina Kneisler.



Kathy Allison (left) and Carol Kane with Fettucine, a companion dog in training.



Choir members (left) enjoyed a casual moment and some relaxed fellowship after a delicious meal.

*Robert Sonnen photos*



# Happy dates

## June Birthdays

- |                 |                   |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 9 Randy Hyde    | 18 Nancy Otto     | 28 Bill Wiard    |
| 13 Anne Bailey  | 20 Sherry Bingham | 30 Barbara Booth |
| 14 Jan Holtberg | 26 Donna Gold     |                  |

## June Anniversaries

- |                           |       |                             |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 2 Nancy & Lu Otto         | 65yrs | 17 Beverly & Fred Raskin    | 49yrs |
| 5 Ro & Dick Easter        | 71yrs | 17 Janette & Bill Wiard     | 26yrs |
| 6 Ruth & Dave Hamilton    | 62yrs | 18 Tina & Ron Kneisler      | 41yrs |
| 8 Debbie & Elton Endicott | 41yrs | 19 Charlotte & Dick Massey  | 44yrs |
| 10 Merilyn & Mike Seitz   | 64yrs | 24 Wendy & Barron Gage      | 43yrs |
| 14 Barb & Daryl Henry     | 54yrs | 27 Marjorie & Gene Carlisle | 73yrs |



*Fill our food pantry boxes with canned goods (soup, beans, canned meat) and unopened boxes of non-perishable staples*

*Food pantry boxes are located in the Kirk office hallway, the narthex, and Bailey Hall.*

# *Worshiping God, Serving Christ, Loving Others*

## **Kirk Staff**

**Rev. Jeffrey L. Kane-** Pastor  
**Tina Kneisler-** Music Director  
**Chris Taylor-Wilmoth-** Secretary  
**Arthur “Chip” Johnson-** Sexton  
**Fran Stroud, Donna Toney-**Organists/Pianists  
**Patty Barnes-** Saturday Worship Pianist

### Session

**Clerk of the Session:** Ruth Hamilton  
Dave Hamilton- Administration  
Robert Sonnen- Building  
Donna Toney- Christian Education  
Bob Morrow- Communications (Trustee)  
Susan Pendergrass- Congregational Care  
Vicki Rosenquist- Fellowship  
Susan Morrow- Finance  
Priscilla Hayek- Grounds/Memorial Garden  
Judith Rosenthal- Missions  
Wendy Gage- Member Outreach

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