

A WORD from Rev. Kane

Celebrations abounding at the Kirk in July.

Please join us as we celebrate the 250th Birthday of our country at the Kirk. Our talented and dedicated music folks are providing us opportunities on July 4 and July 5 to lift our voices to give thanks for the incredible blessings of our 🇺🇸 America and future. God bless America !!!!

Please join us for my installation as your pastor on Sunday, July 26 at 3pm in our beautiful sanctuary. I am so honored to be your pastor and to be officially installed in the Kirk, surrounded by family and friends. My son Ben of Second Presbyterian Church Little Rock will be offering the sermon. My wife Carol and I are so proud of his life, family and ministry.

I appreciate all your prayers and generous support. It has been so much fun to share in the



Reverend Jeff Kane

Father's Day home-made pie 🥧 fellowship and raise \$ and contributions to our annual Peanut Butter 🥜 and Cereal mission to help our many missions offering food and the love of Jesus.

God bless you all. See you in church.



TOP OF THE ROCK CHORUS
Patriotic Concert
Celebrating our nation's 250th
July 5th, 3:00 pm, Kirk Sanctuary

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
IN BAILEY HALL**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE KIRK

- **Saturday Worship – 5:00 p.m., Bailey Hall, Rev. Jeff Kane leading worship. July 4th special “Celebrating America” patriotic sing along.**
- **Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Rev. Jeff Kane leading worship.**
- **“Opening Our Family Album”- Bible Study in Genesis “Opening Our Family Album” led by Rev. Kane. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14 -10 :00-11:30 a.m., Bailey Hall**
- **Patriotic Concert by “Top of the Rock” Women’s Chorus- July 5th, 3:00 pm, Ice Cream Social to follow.**
- **Lunch and Learn- Becky Choate, Project Hope Food Bank, July 16th, 12:00 pm.**
- **Installation of Reverend Kane– July 26th, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary, Reception to Follow**
- **Annual Kirk Fish Fry- August 12th, 5:30 pm, Bailey Hall**

Find more events by clicking on the CALENDAR tab on the Kirk website kirkinthepines.com

Kirk Mission Funds in Action

Potter’s Clay

(The following article is the latest in a series highlighting organizations sponsored by funds from the Kirk in the Pines Mission Budget.)



For over thirty years the Potter’s Clay Ministry has operated as a haven for Hot Springs area women and children in crisis. This Christian based organization was first opened in 1984. Directed by three generations of the Brakebill family, currently the ministry is led by Chris and Patience Brakebill.

From the beginning, Potter’s Clay has served women who suffer from addiction, homelessness, or abuse. Resident clients are provided with a secure environment which includes room, food, clothing, and counseling. Residents attend services at The Gap Church and participate in classes which include Encountering Jesus, Christian Growth, and Anger Management. In addition, clients have the opportunity to attend “A Getting Ahead” class which addresses financial management. Space is available at the Hot Springs facility to accommodate 35 to 40 residents for either short or long term stays, and the shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

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Potter's Clay Ministries is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, but most of its funding (approximately 60%) comes from sales generated through the organization's Thrift Store at 1013 Malvern Avenue. Other funding comes from churches, civic organizations, and individual contributions. Potter's Clay does not receive any funds from either state or federal government agencies. A testament to the effectiveness of Potter's Clay can be found in the stories found on their website of women whose lives have been forever changed by this vital ministry. Volunteer opportunities exist in a wide range of roles from Thrift Store sales to children's activities to fundraising. The contact information for the organization is listed as 110 Crescent Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901 – (501) 624-1366.

Contributed by David Deas, Communications Committee member

Kirk parking lot to get much needed TLC



Cracks in our parking lots are too many to count. Resurfacing will fill cracks, resurface the entire parking lot with a seal coat, and repaint stripes and handicap indicators.

Bob Morrow photos

So, what do you call a story about a parking lot? An "auto-biography."

This parking lot story is one of continuing upkeep and maintenance in an effort to ensure everyone's safety while traveling to and from Kirk activities and worship. It is time to give our much-used parking lots (Sanctuary, Bailey Hall, office and choir parking lots) some maintenance. Cracks will be cleaned and filled, and a seal coat applied to protect the surface from the elements and prolong useful life.

Upon the recommendation of the Grounds Committee the Session approved the \$22,500 project cost, which is the lower of two submitted bids. The contractor that was chosen recently did the same work for Balboa Baptist parking lots. The project cost will be covered by the ample cash reserves on hand due to the generous gifts and contributions from Kirk members and friends. Work will be scheduled to begin July 6th, weather permitting, and take an estimated three days.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to care for the gift of our church facility and grounds.

Contributed by Susan Morrow, Finance Moderator and Communications Committee member

Family turned out for Millie Croson's 90th



Members of Millie Croson family helped her celebrate 90 full years of life. Pictured below, front row from left, Millie Croson, Karen and Brett Patten; back from left grandson Aidan Patten, Caroline Still (Aidan's fiancé), and Greer Patten. Aidan and Greer are former Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship Award recipients.

Bob Morrow photo

Carol Clark's granddaughter and friends visit the Kirk

Granddaughter Elena Clark and three of her friends paid a visit to grandmother, Carol Clark to see Hot Springs. They also attended Sunday worship with Carol. Elena Clark is a former Maack-Ormsbee Scholarship Award recipient. From left, Camryn Patterson, Elena Clark, Carol Clark, Salem Colburn, Peyton Glass.

Gail Salmen photo



ATTENTION



We need Coffee servers for July and August! No servers, no coffee at coffee hour.

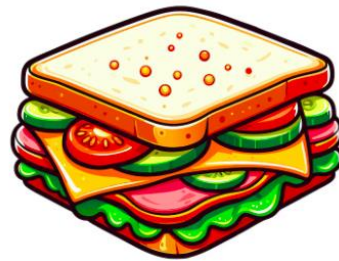
**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE
SIGNUP SHEET POSTED IN
BAILEY HALL**



Women from the Kirk Choir sang "On Eagle's Wings" at the Saturday worship service on June 13th. They were accompanied on the guitar by Ron Kneisler. From left, Bev Raskin, Ron Kneisler, Tina Kneisler, Melissa Sonnen, Sarah Owen, Fran Stroud, Barb Henry, Judy Pugh.

Robert Sonnen photo

Lunch & Learn **July 16th, 12:00 pm** **Project Hope**



Please join us for a Lunch & Learn program on July 16th. Becky Choate, Project Hope community awareness coordinator, will be our highlighted speaker. Project Hope is one of the charitable agencies that is supported by your gifts through the Mission Committee.

The program will begin at noon in Bailey Hall. Becky will speak about Project Hope Food Bank and answer many of your questions. Sandwich lunches from Artfully Baked and Brewed are available for \$13.

Please email Donna Toney, dhtoney@gmail.com, to reserve either a ham or turkey lunch. You can pay at the event. The deadline for reserving a lunch is **noon July 14**.

Contributed by Donna Toney, Christian Education Moderator

Saturday night service 20th anniversary marked by thanksgiving and fellowship

On June 27th, the Kirk celebrated the anniversary of the Saturday night service. Nearly 60 attended the festive service and celebration. One former leader, Rev. Dave Nottrott returned to celebrate and Pastor Bill Seitz, who recently led worship for two years was on hand as well. In addition to the usual time for hymn singing, sharing and prayer, Rev. Kane preached, and Ron and Tina Kneisler played an arrangement of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" on bass guitar and piano. A special cake made for the occasion was completely consumed during the celebration as well as other delicious treats. The occasion was a very fitting tribute to the faith and commitment of so many to the Saturday worship service.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator



From left, Rev. Bill Seitz, Rev. Dave Nottrott, and Rev. Jeff Kane.



Ruth Richards (above) cut the large cake (below) commemorating the 20th anniversary.



Tina Kneisler on the piano and Ron Kneisler on the bass guitar



Jim Reimers, current worship leader, addresses the large group that gathered to celebrate and worship.

Robert Sonnen photos

CONGRATULATIONS Bob Corwin

On June 16th Kirk member Bob Corwin was honored by the Quilts of Valor organization for his service in the U.S. military. A citation was read which delineated his service in the United States Air Force Strategic Air Command during the Cold War from 1954-1957. He retired his post as a Captain and was honorably discharged. In addition to the citation, he was awarded a hand-crafted quilt in a stunning red, white, and blue pattern.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor organization is to cover service members and veterans with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Bob is seen here receiving his quilt which was presented by Peggy Helmer (left) and Peggy Farnsworth.

Bob Morrow photo



Kirkin O' the Tartans is coming Sept. 20th



We will once again be celebrating the Kirkin O' the Tartans ceremony at the Kirk on September 20th at 10:00 am. As you know, this is a time-honored celebration originating in Presbyterian churches where we remember our Scottish heritage with blessing of the tartans, honor our ancestors, rededicate ourselves to God and our church.

We carried 34 tartans in in 2023. We will likely have too few family members of each tartan to carry in procession into the Kirk.

So, we need volunteers! You don't have to be of the clan to carry a particular tartan. You definitely don't need to have Scottish heritage to participate.

You just need to volunteer. If you are willing to help, please contact Jane Moore at dorafannie6@gmail.com as soon as possible. Help us make this Kirkin O' the Tartans the best ever at the Kirk. *Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator*

Donna Toney leads as the 29 Tartans on display at the 2018 Kirkin' leave the sanctuary following the service of worship. From the front: Donna Toney (McIntosh), Karen Sorensen (Sutherland), Judy Rosenthal (Scott), and Carol Sue Williams (Thompson). *Jamie Federick photo*

In Memoriam

Carol Sue Williams, 86, of Kansas City (formerly Hot Springs Village, Arkansas), passed away on May 31, 2026. Born February 22, 1940, in Hamilton, Missouri, she was the daughter of Marion Overton and Vivian Loraine Ridings. She graduated from Penny High School in 1958 and attended Christian College.

Carol Sue had a long career at Kansas City Power and Light, where she met her husband, Bill Williams. They married on August 10, 1974, and later retired to Hot Springs Village to enjoy golf, family, and community life. While retired, she and her sister, Sallie, created a business making fabric napkins that have been enjoyed by many.

A dedicated volunteer, she was a 68-year member of P.E.O. and active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Gene Williams (January 7, 2003), her sister Sarah (Sallie) Ridings Huss, and her brother John Ridings. She is survived by her stepchildren, Gary (Pam) Williams of Kansas City, MO, and Craig (Joni) Williams of Lee's Summit, MO; 7 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren and many generations of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place in Hamilton, MO, during the fall of 2026. Those wishing to honor Carol Sue's memory may make tax-deductible contributions to the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF). Donations can be sent to Marilyn Daggert, 46 San Pablo Way, Hot Springs Village, AR, 71909.



Installation of Rev. Kane will begin a new era for the Kirk

The installation of a minister in Presbyterian polity is a formal occasion when the whole church recognizes a minister's call to lead a congregation. This involves the congregation, the Presbytery, and other clergy in the Presbytery. It formally concludes the minister's transitional period and marks the beginning of his or her ministry at the church and beginning of a new covenantal reciprocal relationship between the minister and the church.

On July 26th at 3:00p.m. Rev. Jeffrey Kane will be installed in a ceremony that will include many. Rev. Leslie Roper, Minister at First Presbyterian Hot Springs and Rev. William Seitz of Mena will be charging the congregation and Rev. Kane personally with the high calling of our Lord Jesus Christ. Priscilla Hayek will represent the Pastor Nominating Committee and Claire Rhodes, CRE from Hot Springs will be present as well. Rev. Ben Kane, (Rev. Jeff Kane's son) Pastor and Head of Staff at 2nd Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, will preach. The Kirk Choir will provide special music for the occasion. And in keeping with our Scottish heritage, a piper will set a celebratory tone for the proceedings.

Please join us as we mark this important milestone in our church's history and our future as the body of Christ at the Kirk. *Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator*



The Kirk music program has been busy this summer!

You have probably noticed your choir has continued into the summer months! We wanted to keep continuity for Reverend Jeff and the choir agreed. Thank you, choir! Both Donna Toney and Fran Stroud have offered excellent leadership at the organ and piano. We are so blessed to have such amazing talent in our congregation. The Spirit flows.

We have also included the Saturday service in providing some special music. Ron Kneisler will continue to help with his guitar, and Patty Barnes provides her wonderful leadership at the piano. She will also help in organizing this service as Martha Nielsen will step aside for now. Thank you so much Martha for your dedication and service involved with our Saturday worship.

I am also so grateful to special musicians and choir members who have offered their talents to make our Saturday service extra special! Thank you for your support!

SPECIAL EVENTS ARE HAPPENING. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

- 7/4 5:00 PM Patriotic Sing Along at Saturday worship (come sing your favorites!)
- 7/5 Special music for Sunday morning! Piano organ duets. Baritone soloist Ron Kneisler.
- 7/5 3:00 PM Patriotic Concert by Top of the Rock Chorus followed by an ice-cream social.
- 7/26 3:00 PM Installation of Reverend Jefferey Kane. This service will include a bagpipe and special choir selections!

The choir has also welcomed two new visitors! Welcome Mariah and Janice!

If you would like to participate in the choir or have a special talent to offer our music for Saturday or Sunday, please reach out to me and we will get you what you need!

Blessings,

Tina Kneisler
Director of Music
Kirkpinesmusic@gmail.com

THANK YOU ALL !

*My dad, Bill Morrow, and all our family would like to thank all of those in the Kirk who have expressed love and concern and especially for your prayers. The card so many of you signed was a very special gift. It brought tears to his eyes, and he read every name! He loves the church and his friends here. God bless you all.
Bob Morrow*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

The June Session meeting was held in the Music Room this month as the AC in the Conference Room was temporarily out of order. It makes us all reflect on how blessed we are to have such a beautiful, debt-free church building with its variety of meeting spaces. It has been passed to us by all those Kirk members that came before us, and we intend to maintain that gift and pass it along to future generation. And speaking of maintenance, Priscilla Hayek, our Grounds and Memorial Garden Committee Elder brought forward a motion to resurface the parking lots this summer. It's been 8 years since we last did it, and those eight winters have taken their toll. Priscilla is scheduling the work and hopes it will take no more than 3 days to completed. We'll let you know when the work will begin.

On another note, the more exciting part of our meeting was to review the exciting events coming to the Kirk this summer. Be sure to check out the calendar to see the special worship, education and fellowship opportunities being held in July and August. The most noteworthy of them is the July 26th Installation Service of our new pastor

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**



This is where Presbytery representatives come to the Kirk to “officially” install Rev. Kane as chosen by God through the voice of our congregation to serve as our new minister. There is a Presbytery Commission made up of Ministers and Elders from around the Presbytery as well as Kirk Elders. We, the Kirk congregation, will be there to welcome, support and rejoice with Jeff as he is installed. A reception will follow the service in Bailey Hall. So be sure to put 3:00, Sunday, July 26th on your calendar.

Session Highlights:

- **Church Statistics:** Members—147, Households—108
- **Membership:** Terry Gardner has moved to Arizona and asked to be removed from the rolls. Tyler Hamilton has asked to become a Member of the Kirk. Motion: move to accept Tyler Hamilton as a member of the Kirk. Motion passed.
- **Deaths:** Carol Sue Williams, May 31, 2026; Cora Jane Pope, former member and wife of Rev. Sam Pope, June 4, 2026.
- **Presbytery Meeting:** Susan and Bob Morrow attended the June 13th Presbytery meeting as the Kirk's voting delegates.

The Kirk rejoices in the baptism of Marian Thiel



The first baptism at the Kirk in many years occurred at the Saturday night worship service on June 6th. The Sacrament of Baptism was performed by Rev. Jeff Kane (left) and flowers were presented to Marian by Susan Pendergrass (right). Marian is very active in the life of the Kirk through her work with Congregational Care and participation in the Greenhorns. She is a regular at the Saturday night service. Please congratulate Marian when you see her.
Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator, Robert Sonnen photos



springtime
–suzanne babbie

oh to rest quietly,
inhaling the sweetness

of spring flowers,
flowing thru an open

window...a soft breeze
blowing sheer curtains

like sails on a ship, only
hums of buzzing insects

and chants of chortling birds
accent the quiet calm

this is true bliss...a peaceful
offering from nature

Financial Report- Year to Date May 31, 2026

	<u>May-26</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Revenues	31,322	183,355	139,967
Investment Fund Draw			30,205
Expenses	(27,726)	(147,985)	(170,172)
Change in Net Assets	3,596	35,370	(0)
 \$1 Mission Giving	 303	 1,192	 1,083
 Cash Balances		 91,617	

Texas Presbyterian Foundation Funds are reported quarterly.

New Bible Study: Opening the Family Album

**Studies of our Spiritual Ancestors
Adam and Eve through Joseph**

Join Reverend Kane for an enriching Bible study
exploring our spiritual ancestors in the book of Genesis.

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7 and 14.
10:00 -11:30, Bailey Hall

Bring a friend!

PB&C food drive sets new donation record!

The second annual Kirk Peanut Butter and Cereal drive sponsored by our Mission Committee yielded ample results to help meet the needs of local agencies that help feed the homeless. A total of 557 jars of peanut butter, 310 boxes of cereal, and 76 jars of jelly (per request from *The Call*). This means we beat last years totals. Hallelujah!

The agencies that received these gifts of a generous Kirk were Jackson House, Potter's Clay, The Call, Samaritan Ministries, and The Boys and Girls Club.

We are very grateful for the continued generosity of Kirk members and friends and your support of Mission Committee initiatives.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Mission Committee Member



Mission Committee Member Daryl Henry and grandson Colin (right) are loaded for delivery of peanut butter, cereal, and some jelly to area agencies. *Chip Johnson photo*

Please welcome our newest member, Tyler (Ty) Hamilton



Ty has been visiting the Kirk for nearly 25 years now, whenever he comes to the Village to see his parents, Ruth and Dave Hamilton. Over the years his fondest memories of the Kirk include the Christmas Eve services he's attended and the times he's been here at Thanksgiving and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner (including kitchen duty helping to cleanup dishes). He remarks that he finds the members always warm and welcoming, and the worship services meaningful. Having been raised in the Presbyterian church, he feels right at home here in the Kirk.

You'll be able to greet him on various holiday visits or during a summer weekend. His home is in a Dallas suburb where he works for the Mesquite School District. As a teacher his specialty is special education, teaching life skills to blind and partially blind children. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and has a master's degree from UALR.

Currently he is doing advanced study for the hearing impaired at Texas Tech University. Next time you see him, ask him about his work. He loves talking about it.

You may wonder why he wants to join the Kirk since he lives 5+ hours away? He explains that since our worship services are now being live-streamed, he's been watching it every Sunday and wants to become a more permanent part of our church family. And we're happy to have him.

Provided by Ruth Hamilton, Clerk of the Session



Happy dates



July Birthdays

4	Ted Smith	18	Helen Van Stone	25	Alice Cox
5	Susan Pendergrass	19	Harry Wakefield	27	Jay Nielsen
6	Hannah Bailey	24	Terry Gardner	28	Dick Massey
9	James Knox		Jim Patton		Bill Drews
15	Bob Morrow	25	Sharon Gardner	30	Nell White
	Patty Barnes				

July Anniversaries

6	Anne & Bill Bailey	53yrs	29	Vicki & David Rosenquist	48yrs
20	Barbara & Tony Booth	63yrs			

KIRK FISH FRY

FISH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Catered by Riverside
\$20.00 per person

August 12, 2026
5:30 p.m., Bailey Hall

Includes fish, chicken strips, fries, slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, lemonade, tea and dessert.
Take out available ONLY for the homebound.

Sign up at church begins July 11th & 12th
Ticket sales will open to the community on July 21st
QUESTIONS? Call Vicki Rosenquist 706-371-2877

Worshiping God, Serving Christ, Loving Others

Kirk Staff

Reverend Jeffrey L. Kane- Minister

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 (Trustee)

Susan Morrow- Finance

Priscilla Hayek- Grounds/Memorial Garden

Judith Rosenthal- Missions

Wendy Gage- Member Outreach

Jane Moore- Worship (Trustee)

PW Moderator: Becky Wakefield

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