



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church April, 2013

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The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."

Many of you know that I collect sheep. Well, not real sheep, but stuffed animals, figurines and pictures of sheep. My largest sheep is a big ceramic cookie jar that the janitor at a church I served found for me at a garage sale. I don't keep cookies in it - too much of a temptation. The smallest sheep that I have is hand blown glass, created by our own resident craftsman, Phil Jordan. In between are an array of lambs and sheep made of all sorts of materials and substances. They are created to be salt and pepper shakers, candy bowls and picture frames. I like them all, especially the ones that were given to me as gifts. Kids who visit my office are fascinated by the sheep and love to play with them. And I love that they love them.

Sheep are pretty dumb creatures. They don't look beyond where their noses are, so they need to be led to food and water. They are pretty helpless to defend themselves, so are very vulnerable to attack. Their coats hamper them; they don't shed, so they need to be shorn. Continued page 2....

I love sheep because I identify with them and that's why the 23rd Psalm is so dear to me. I need a Good Shepherd, one who will lead me to still waters and green fields. I am comforted by the Good Shepherd's staff that protects me. Even when I walk through dark times, the Good Shepherd is there to guide me. I want goodness and mercy to be a part of my life forever....that's why I collect sheep.

May God richly bless you,

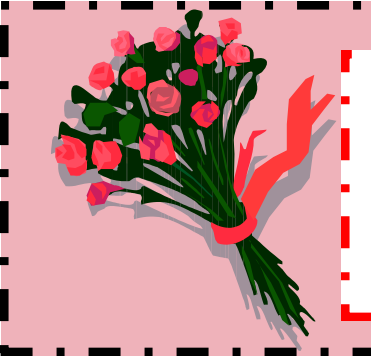
Your Pastor,

Nancy



Save the date:

May 19th - Church
Picnic on Pentecost
Sunday



The Flower Chart

The Flower Chart has moved
back into the Narthex

After Easter

After is every Christian's middle name. In his autobiography *A Song of Ascents*, missionary E. Stanley Jones tells of an African man who changed his name to After immediately following his conversion. Because all things were new and different and important after he met Christ, the man wanted to reflect that new reality in his name as well as in his thinking.

Easter is what makes us After Christians. After Easter, nothing in life is ever the same again.



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

7 April

14 April

21 April

28 April

Fred Reed

Doris Nichele

Barbara Fink

Ellen Jordan

A little girl diligently pounded away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

April Birthdays

7 Carolyn Edwards
7 Joy Henning
7 Jim Rowe
7 Anne Rucker
15 Bernard Bailey
16 Rose Chick
18 Cheryl Munson-Beall
19 Norma Taylor
19 Ruth Fine
20 Trey Jordan
28 George Wheat
30 Janet Newman

April Anniversaries

2 Chuck & Peg Whitcome
6 Dr. Peter & Betty Dykstra
15 Howard & Barbara Fink
17 Paul & Lois Cannedy

DEACON'S MEETING

**DEACON'S MEETINGS ARE HELD THE
4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00
A.M.**

GREETERS

April 7 & 14	Yvonne Kilpatrick
April 21 & 28	Kathryn Templin

USHERS

April 7 & 14	Clint Minch & Opal Buck
April 21 & 28	Bob & Susan Kearns



Our Busy Church Mice

Well, another busy little mouse is out there. You may not see what this mouse does each week, but believe me ...it's important stuff! Every Monday she copies (burns) CD's of the Sunday worship service so they can be mailed out to our people who are unable to come in to the church service. I know that those CD's bring much comfort to these folks. This little mouse is on a couple of committees, as well, and was recently very involved in the Adoptive Family Fund Dinner that was a big success! Many thanks to the hard work of this busy mouse!

Do you know this little mouse?



Beautiful Banners

I hope, by now, you have seen the beautiful Lenten Banners that were hand made by our Banner Committee. They are truly beautiful. Much thought, time, talent and love shows through in these works of art. Beautiful fabric and design makes up these two banners. Many thanks to a great group of ladies who put their heads together to create these lovely banners! I know the compliments have been many....kudos to all of you for your hard work!!

Sissy Wells
Judy Faust
Phyllis Gladson
Janet Newman
Jan Lawson

The banners were quilted by Joyce Havner at Thus and Sew Quilt Shop.

Also, thanks to Wayne Faust & Sherman Fine for assembly of the banner stands!

Church Chuckles

A woman is making pancakes for her kids, and the kids start arguing over who is going to get the first pancake. Deciding it's a goodtime for a morality lesson, she says to them, "You know, if Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'let my brother have the first pancake'." One of the brothers looks at the other and says, "Okay, you be Jesus!"



**LET US
HELP YOU!**

CELL PHONE WORKSHOP
Let us know you're coming
870-425-3799

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

FOLLOWING WORKSHOP

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring your cell phone

Dear Rev. Nancy and Church Members,

Thanks so much...you really brightened my day!

You are "each one" very special to me. Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I know prayers got me through this.

Love & Blessings,

Norma Taylor

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1:3

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel over the generous love and support that you have shared with Pete and me during this difficult time. Your cards, calls, flowers and visits have lifted my spirits, but most of all, I have felt your prayers moving me toward getting better.

A special thanks to Pastor Nancy. I couldn't have made it through those long nights in the hospital without your presence with me. I so appreciate all the folks who have so graciously "picked up the ball" and carried through on making this Lenten season a meaningful experience for our congregation. I am so blessed to be a part of an exceptional congregation with such willing and caring folks.

My healing is going much slower than I would like.....patience is a lesson I am learning every day. I pray that I can soon be back with all of you.





Love,
Sissy










Special Person of the Month









Polly Millhouser








This month our Special Person for April is Polly Millhouser. In hearing the name Polly...I thought....I don't know anyone by that name so, certainly that makes it special. Actually, the name is English. It is the medieval variant of Molly. The reason for the change in the initial consonant is unknown. The name Polly is also found in the Irish language. Vermont has the most people with this name and 1939 marked the height of it's popularity.







Our Polly was born in Waukegan, Illinois and she attended both grade and high school there. In 1937 she moved to Hawaii to be with her sister. She attended a business college in Honolulu and was able to find work at a finance company. Polly was actually there in Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941. Sounds like Polly is one of our members of "The Greatest Generation". Later she actually worked at Pearl Harbor.






Polly met her husband, a Marine, at Pearl. After the war they moved back to Evanston, Illinois (1945) and she took a job with an insurance company. Polly and her husband had two daughters and now one grandson. The daughters visit her each year...usually in the spring. Polly and family later moved to Arlington Heights and upon retirement in 1988 she and her husband moved to Mountain Home. That same year she joined our church. Polly has also served as a Deacon.




Polly has done some traveling which she enjoyed. She has traveled to the East coast and to visit friends in Idaho. She used to enjoy sewing but her eyesight now prevents that. She still enjoys reading with large print books.



I do know something about Polly....that most people probably do not.....she does her exercises in the garage. Way to go Polly!! You are an inspiration to all of us who need to exercise somewhere....anywhere!




Polly misses coming to our church but has trouble seeing and hearing which makes it very difficult for her. She would enjoy visits, cards and phone calls from her friends.



"OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!"

Children often see things that adults miss. My 8-year-old son often peers out the window first thing in the morning, as likely on a rainy day as a sunny one, to proclaim, "It's a beea-YOU-tiful day!"

Spring varies greatly, from chilly to warm, from rain to sun, from slush and mud to newly green grass and budding plant life. Our lives vary too, of course, between easier days and harder ones, times of relaxation and hours of stress. What if we approached it all with childlike confidence? — that, no matter what comes, life is beautiful because God walks beside us the whole way.



INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Two Months Ending February 28, 2013

REVENUE

	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$13,941.00	\$23,002.00
Initial Offering	5.00	605.00
Interest	5.56	34.64
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	406.28	711.28
Sunday School	12.00	22.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00

Total Revenue

\$14,369.84

\$24,374.92

EXPENSES

Worship & Planning	\$24.71	\$324.71
Personnel	10,501.08	21,138.38
Evangelism & Outreach	10.00	10.00
Church Growth	-89.75	463.75
Administration	1,644.51	2,650.97
Building & Grounds	4,657.35	6,082.82
Christian Education	0.00	0.00
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$16,747.90

\$30,670.63

NET INCOME (LOSS)

(\$2,378.06)

(\$6,295.71)

REDBUD CALENDAR APRIL 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Publication Deadlines Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, April 24th. Please submit all articles in writing. You may drop them off at the office or email to Connie McLaurin: fpcmh@centurytel.net Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.					1 C L O S E D	2
	1 9 am Counters 	2 1pm Women's Circle Meeting	3 10 am Bible Study 5:00 p.m. - E & O Meeting 6:30 pm Choir	4 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	5 C L O S E D	6
7 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted By Christian Ed 11 am Blood Pressure Screening	8 9 am Counters	9	10 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	11 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 11 am Worship Committee Mtg. 12-4 pm Master Gardeners	12 C L O S E D	13
14 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Worship Cmt. Copper Kettle Offering	15 9 am Counters 10 am Church Growth 11:30 am Men of the Church	16 5:15 pm - Session	17 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	18 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	19 C L O S E D	Cell Phone Workshop
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28 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Personnel Cmt.	29	30	<u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u>			



April, 2013

Pastor,
Reverend Nancy L. Taylor
Mr. Gary Adler, Lay Pastor

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Secretaries:
Connie McLaurin,
Helen Harding,
Carolyn Saul

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