



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church May, 2013

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

This month will mark the day we celebrate as Mother's Day each year. Traditionally the second Sunday in May, mothers throughout the country are showered with flowers, served breakfast in bed, lovingly honored, or in some cases appropriately ignored. It is a bittersweet paradoxical day.

For most, it is a time to reminisce about the days when Mom was there to support, love and protect us. It can be a sad day, though, when the mother who once loved us is no longer living. Then, there are those who weren't blessed with a loving mother. In some cases, she just wasn't around. In others, Mom was neglectful or even abusive. For children in that category, Mother's Day is sometimes even painful.

Another category to which Mom's Day is not so joyful are the many young women who would love to have a child, but aren't able to conceive. Year after year they struggle as friends all around them bear children. It somehow doesn't seem fair to be deprived of something so easy for so many. And, tragically, Mother's Day is almost unbearable for those who have lost a child.

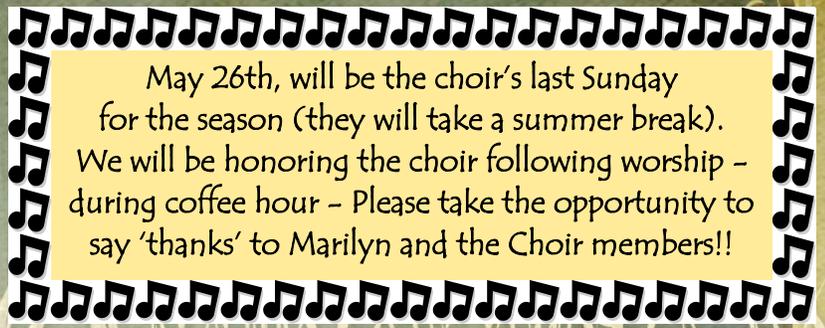
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So, I have mixed feelings when I am preparing my sermon and prayers for Mother's Day Sunday. I want to honor all of those women who have lavished love on their children but I want to be sensitive to those for whom the day is one of loss and pain. In my own case, I mark the passing of my own mother who died several years ago, but I rejoice and revel in the gift of my own precious daughter. And, I look ahead to the day when grandchildren will come into my life.

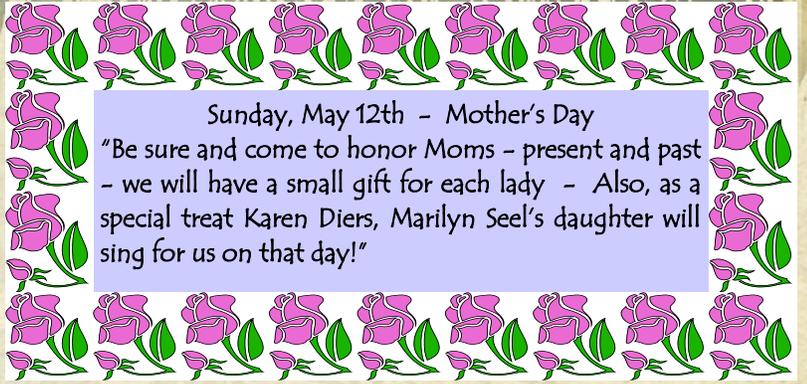
May God bless all those women who nurture us and help us grow,

Your Pastor,

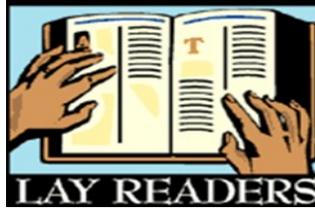
Nancy Taylor



May 26th, will be the choir's last Sunday for the season (they will take a summer break). We will be honoring the choir following worship - during coffee hour - Please take the opportunity to say 'thanks' to Marilyn and the Choir members!!



Sunday, May 12th - Mother's Day
"Be sure and come to honor Moms - present and past - we will have a small gift for each lady - Also, as a special treat Karen Diers, Marilyn Seel's daughter will sing for us on that day!"



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

- 5 May
- 12 May
- 19 May
- 26 May

- Barbara Hough
- JoAnn James
- Wayne Faust
- Ken Kunkel

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver

May Communion Servers

Chuck Beall, Patty Gamelin, Fred Iffland, Bob Kearns, Sue Kearns, Doris Nichele, Wana Thacker and Barb Hough, as Lay Leader, will assist Pastor Nancy,

May Birthdays

3 Marion Coffman
3 Blakely Jordan
5 John Boland
6 Gordon Buenger
7 David White
9 Chris White
11 Barb Hough
14 Dick Johnson
19 Payton Storm
20 Deborah Lively
21 Gary Adler

May Anniversaries

2 Maurice & Nancy Sheehy
5 Milt & Donna Gamelin
13 Robert & Susan Kearns
31 Bill & Kathryn Templin
31 Fred & Norma Taylor

GREETERS

May 5 & 12 Christopher Constantine
May 19 & 26 Fred Reed

USHERS

May 5 & 12 Gale & Janet Newman
May 19 & 26 David Peterson & Suzanne Smyth

The Prayer of "Wow"

When we are stunned to the place beyond words,
when an aspect of life takes us away from being
able to chip away at something until it's down to
a manageable size and then to file it nicely away,
when all we can say in response is "Wow,"
That's a prayer.

Anne Lamott,
Help, Thanks, Wow



Well now... I'm about the busiest mouse in this church. I am the epitome of a "multi-tasker". The list of duties I perform are too numerous to list in this little space. You always know when I'm around....cause you will hear my distinctive laugh. (I laugh a lot!) I also LOVE little sheep and lambs. I have a large collection of all sorts of sheep and lambs on display in my office...of course...not the real ones. When you figure out who I am.... be sure to stop by and visit!

We ALL know this busy mouse!

Just a Reminder!!

Sunday, May 19th - Pentecost Sunday
So, be sure to wear red - but go casual
because the Church Picnic will be held
right after church!!

Highlights of the Monthly Stated Session Meeting
April 16, 2013

These minutes are for information only - they have not yet been approved by the Session and may contain errors, misinformation or omissions. They will be amended, corrected and/or revised by the Session at their next stated session meeting and then approved by the Session.

- ◆ Gary Adler, Commissioned Lay Pastor will preach at Bull Shoals on April 28th.
- ◆ The Cell Phone Workshop is filling up fast. There seems to be a lot of community interest in this event.
- ◆ We had 75 visitors in March.
- ◆ The church picnic is Sunday, May 19th which is Pentecost Sunday. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to share.
- ◆ The church will not sponsor a little league baseball team this year. There are more sponsors than teams, this year.
- ◆ Choir Appreciation Sunday will be May 26th.
- ◆ Our One Great Hour of Sharing donations totaled \$763.92.
- ◆ A new dishwasher has been installed in the kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hough,
Clerk of Session

I deeply appreciate the cards, phone calls, flowers and expressions of encouragement I received during my recent dental experience. When our life journey takes us into uncharted areas, it's so nice to have the support of others who have walked this path ahead of us. A special thank you to Nancy Priest for filling in for me with the Session minutes. You are truly a loving, one of a kind church family.

Thank you so much!
Barb Hough

Prayer, Praise and Potlucks
The Presbyterian Way
Sunday, May 5th

If you are curious about "All Things Presbyterian", please join Pastor Nancy on Sunday, May 5th for an informative and fun opportunity to learn about our faith. We will meet from 2-5 p.m. at the church and we'll share a meal after the class. Whether you are a first time visitor, wanting to ask questions; a seasoned veteran, wanting to brush up on belief; or anywhere in between, there will be valuable resources available for all. Pastor Nancy has more information and can be reached at: 870-425-3799 office or her cell phone 870-656-5528.

Master Gardeners is looking for.....
A Shepherd's Hook and Bird House for the Garden
If you can help please contact:
Kay Kunkel

Special Person of the Month

Janeth (Jan) Lawson

Our May Special Person of the month is someone you'll enjoy getting to know better. Jan has been around!.....I will explain.

She was born in Honor, Michigan. After finishing school and leaving Honor she obtained her degree and majored in Library Science from Central Michigan University. She then moved to Bay City, Michigan and took a job as a librarian. Later on she worked for the Department of Defense in Goose Bay, Labrador. This is where she met her husband, T.J., and this is where the journey began. T.J. was in the Air Force and they moved around the United States....11 different bases which included a 2-1/2 year stint in Hawaii. Oh, you poor dear.....it must have been so difficult....2-1/2 years *in paradise!*

Jan and T.J. have two daughters. One lives in Virginia and the other in Oregon. They also have one granddaughter. They moved to Mountain Home 20 years ago from Virginia but, they do enjoy life here in the Ozarks and Mountain Home.

Jan loves to read....imagine that. Seriously though, she is creative and talented. She is an extremely, accomplished quilter. You have seen some of her work. She was part of the group who provided the church with those beautiful banners for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Jan and T.J. have traveled all of the USA except Alaska. Jan, it might be time to finish filling that 'bucket list' and take an Alaskan cruise. When I asked Jan where was her favorite travel destination, either state side or international...she quickly responded Austria. Austria is a 'Kodak Moment' from any angle. Jan's daughter was attending school abroad and Jan was able to visit her and take some amazing trips to beautiful places, i.e. Prague, Budapest, Bratislava and other cities in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria. Now, you see what I mean....Jan has been around!

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While visiting with Jan I ask her to share something about herself that most people would not know...she replied that she loves to do genealogy research on family. Wow, such hard work and dedication! Her favorite color is blue and when asked her favorite food....she didn't skip a beat.....PORK CHOPS!

Jan and T.J. enjoy following professional football....especially the Denver Broncos. They got 'the bug' for the Broncs after living in Colorado for several years. They watch basketball but, only during March Madness.

Jan shared one more bit of trivia about herself.....TV. When asked her favorite TV program she, again, did not hesitate and replied, a resounding, NCIS with an occasional Antiques Roadshow thrown in.

I think you will all agree that Jan is a very interesting Special Person of May that we now certainly enjoy knowing better!

This is one of the beautiful banners that Jan was instrumental in creating for our church.



What does the word Pentecost mean?

Pentecost comes from the Greek word for “fiftieth.”

Why does Pentecost fall on different dates each year? Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. Since the date for Easter varies from year to year, the date for Pentecost does too. This year Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 19th.

Why do we wear red on Pentecost? Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Red and other flame colors are associated with the Holy Spirit.

What happened on the first Christian Pentecost? Fifty days after the resurrection, the believers were gathered in one place. Suddenly the Holy Spirit filled the house with “a sound like the rush of a violent wind”. (Acts 2:2) Tongues of fire appeared above each believer, and they all began to speak various languages. The nonbelievers who witnessed all the noise and commotion were astonished. Some thought that the Christians were drunk. Others could not believe their ears – the believers were speaking their native tongues. Peter took the lead and explained to all present that they are not drunk, nor is it some trick. The prophet Joel has predicted all that was happening: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh” (Acts 2:17).

What is the Jewish festival of Pentecost? Pentecost, one of the major Jewish festivals, is a celebration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The giving of the Law defined Israel as a nation. In the same way, Christians see the giving of the Spirit of Christ as the event that defines the church.

What are some of the symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit? Air, wind, water, flames, and the dove are all symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit.

What are the important themes of Pentecost? Evangelism and mission – taking the message of the resurrection in word and deed to the four corners of the earth are themes of Pentecost.

Is Pentecost also the church’s birthday? Some celebrate the birthday of The Church (the universal church) on Pentecost. Calvin felt that the church traced its roots back to Adam and Eve. Either way, Pentecost is a celebration of a new start for the Christian community.

Resources:

“Reformed Worship”, by Howard L. Rice and James C. Huffstutler

“Seasons of the Church Year, The Thoughtful Christian”, by Kathleen Bostrom

CHURCH PICNIC



May 19th, Pentecost Sunday, brings the 50 day Easter Season to a close, but it also marks a new beginning as this is when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. We celebrate this date as the birthday of the Christian Church and it is represented by the liturgical color **red**.

On this Sunday, the E & O Committee will host a church picnic for all members and guests. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Committee and all attending are asked to bring their favorite picnic dish and **wear casual red**.

A sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall for those attending.

Financial News

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Three Months Ending March 31, 2013

REVENUE	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$11,851.00	\$34,853.00
Initial Offering	0.00	605.00
Interest	5.50	40.14
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	773.00	1,484.28
Sunday School	21.00	43.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00
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Total Revenue	\$12,650.50	\$37,025.42
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EXPENSES		
Worship & Planning	\$101.57	\$426.28
Personnel	10,361.35	31,499.73
Evangelism & Outreach	215.60	225.60
Church Growth	811.11	1,274.86
Administration	766.24	3,417.21
Building & Grounds	2,697.41	8,780.23
Christian Education	72.65	72.65
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,025.93	\$45,696.56
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$2,375.43)	(\$8,671.14)
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REDBUD CALENDAR MAY 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u></p> <p><i>(Presbytery meeting will be held Saturday, June 1st at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock!)</i></p>			<p>1 10 am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 pm - E & O Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm - Choir</p>	<p>2 10:00 - 11:00 Alleluia Ringers</p> <p style="color: red;">National Day of Prayer!</p>	<p>3 C L O S E D</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 2 - 5 pm 'Prayer, Praise, and Potlucks'</p> <p>9 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship Service / Communion</p> <p>11 am Coffee hosted by Nominating Cmt.</p> <p>11 am blood pressure Screening</p> <p>Deacons Offering</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Counters</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1pm Ladies Circle Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>11 am Christian Ed.</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p> <p>11 am Worship Committee Mtg.</p> <p style="color: green;">12-4 pm Master Gardeners</p>	<p>10 C L O S E D</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship Service</p> <p>11 am Coffee Hosted by Men of the Church</p> <p>Copper Kettle Offering</p> <p style="color: magenta;"><i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 am Counters</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p>	<p>17 C L O S E D</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship Service</p> <p>11 am CHURCH PICNIC</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Pentecost Sunday</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am Counters</p> <p>10 am Church Growth</p> <p>11:30 am Men of the Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:15 pm - Session</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p>	<p>24 C L O S E D</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Worship Service</p> <p>11 am Coffee Hosted by Circle #3</p> <p>11 am <u>Choir Appreciation Sunday</u></p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>9 am Fellowship of Love</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>30 Alleluia</p> <p>10-11 am Ringers</p>	<p>31</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Presbytery Mtg. in Little Rock @ 2nd Presbyterian</p>

Publication Deadlines

Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm
 Newsletter - Monday, May 27th
 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.

I've learned so much from my mistakes

I'm thinking of making a few more!





May, 2013

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

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

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

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