



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church June, 2013

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The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I have been watching our roses bloom lately. They start out as tiny buds – pips, really and over a day or two, explode into the most vibrant bundles of color – reds, hot pinks and pale soft creamy pink petals abound in our church courtyard.

We are like that bud; we are produced by the roots and stems of our physical growth. If we are lucky, we also begin to mature spiritually. We start to see the importance of relying on God, of having faith, hope and love in our hearts. The spirit within us grows; it gets stronger and bigger; and like a budding flower, it blossoms into all sorts of beauty.

The trick is, it can never be put back into that little bud. Like a corn stalk that can never be put back into the kernel of seed corn; like the oak tree that can never be shrunk back into an acorn, our spirits can never compress back into our old habits and patterns. As Oprah says, once we know better, we do better. When we do better, it is pretty much impossible to go back to the way things once were.

Our spiritual journey is a never-ending spiral and as we keep winding up the mountaintop, the path gets steeper and narrower. Our expectations for ourselves become more demanding, and going back to old bad behavior just doesn't work anymore. We are beautiful blossoms, and can't be put back into our former tiny buds.

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Enjoy the journey, blossom and mature.
May God be with you as you grow,

Your Pastor,
Nancy Taylor

Mistaken Identity

Two cars waited at a stoplight. When the light turned green, the first driver didn't notice. The woman behind him pounded her steering wheel and yelled. When the light turned yellow, she honked, made an obscene gesture and cursed. Hearing the commotion, the man looked up and accelerated through the intersection just as the light turned red. The woman ranted at missing her chance to get through.

Suddenly, she heard a tap on her window and looked up to see a policeman. He told her to get out and place her hands on her car. The bewildered woman was hustled into the patrol car, booked at the station and placed in a cell.

Eventually, the original officer returned and apologized for the mistake. "I noticed your behavior," he said. "Then I saw the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the Christian fish emblem. Naturally, I assumed the car was stolen."

IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

Join us for a free seminar that will help you understand - and prevent - identity theft. Presented by 1st Security Bank and Wealth Management and Grant CPA.

Thursday, June 20th

From 11:30 am - 5 pm

At the Vada Sheid Center

Scheduled appearances by the FBI, U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Postal Inspector. For more info. Please call Dan Rankin at 870-424-8018 or Martha Grant at 870-492-7122



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

2 June

Janet Newman

9 June

Don Crapnell

16 June

Kay Kunkel

23 June

Sharon Adler

30 June

Ralph Gillespie

Communion Servers for June

Gary and Sharon Adler

Wayne Faust

Sherman Fine

Joyce Johnson

Sarah Kelly

Fred Reed

Wana Thacker

Janet Newman will assist Pastor Nancy

June Birthdays

- 1 Rev. Fred Taylor**
- 3 Roberta Allen**
- 6 Ellen Jordan**
- 7 Ronnie Stromberg**
- 11 Mary Blankenship**
- 11 Opal Snow**
- 11 Clint Minch**
- 14 Joycelyn Johnson**
- 15 Phyllis Rowe**

June Anniversaries

- 12 James & Betty Preyer**
- 16 Sam & Joyce Hofer**
- 20 Gale & Janet Newman**
- 21 Ralph & Karen Gillespie**
- 27 Pete & Sissy Wells**

GREETERS

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| June 2 & 9 | Doris Reeves |
| June 16 & 23 | Mary Golden |
| June 30 | Marge Gunter |

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| June 2 & 9 | Nancy Pool & Nancy Priest |
| June 16 | Robert & Yvonne Kilpatrick |
| June 23 & 30 | Carl & Bev Jansma |



Bet you don't know this mouse, our.....
Summer Mouse!

This is a really busy mouse. I am sure that he is, right now, working in his garden. He is quite the gardener. He is also our financial mouse and it is his job to generate reports and oversee our financial records for the church.

This mouse is an Elder in our church and devotes hours weekly in making sure all runs as expected. He also insures that the church payroll gets turned in for timely disbursement to our church staff. When you next see this busy mouse ask him when the tomatoes will be ripe!

Do you know this busy mouse?

During this season of new life, transplanting is part of new growth. Many here are "transplants" like Peggy and me. When transplanting, great care must be taken. Proper soil, the right depth, nutrients, proper watering, and proper placement in the ground are all imperative. This group, this church, this Christian atmosphere, has given Peggy and me a "new life" in Christ's community of Saints. Because of this class, Sunday School and entire congregation, we have taken root and are growing in our faith

Chuck & Peggy Whitcome

Session Highlights May 21, 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.

*We had 54 visitors during the month of April!

*Rummage sale being planned for September 6th & 7th with Clint & Linda Minch in charge as co-chairmen. Proceeds to local charities: The Christian Clinic & Kindness, Inc.

*An adult vacation bible school is being planned in conjunction with Holy Cross Lutheran Church to be held at Good Samaritan's Hillside Lodge on July 21-24th. More information to come.

*A prayer chain is being formed with a sign-up sheet located in the fellowship hall or you can call Nancy Priest.

*Welcome New Members: Richard Holmes, Charles (Chuck) & Peggy Whitcome, and William (Bill) & Lowetta Rogers. These new members will be presented to the congregation on June 9, 2013.

Our friends and family of 1st Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for everything you did for mom's service. We greatly appreciate each and everyone of you. It really meant a lot to all of us. Mom always felt at home in this church. Thank you all again,

With love,

The family of Linda Dicken and Megan Bunch

To our dear friends and Church Family.....

Please know how much we appreciate all you have done for Paul and me. The food was wonderful, the cards were so much enjoyed, the visits were exceptional, and transportation terrific. If I started naming people to thank I would be sure to leave someone out. So, not to miss anyone:

To all....many thanks for everything!

Our love from both of us.... to all of you.

Lois Cannedy

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the church picnic on Pentecost Sunday. A special thank you to the grillers: Dave Petersen, Richard Holmes and Clint Minch. And a big thank you to everyone for all the great picnic side dishes that were brought by all who attended. We always have the best food and fellowship!

Special Person of the Month

Velma Shaw

Our special person of the month of June is Velma Shaw.

Velma was born on a farm near Brooklyn, Iowa. She attended both her grade school and high school in Brooklyn. Shortly after graduation she married. Her husband was serving in the military and stationed in London and Germany during WWII. When the war was over they moved to California and lived there 23 years. During that time Velma worked as a bookkeeper. Their next move was to Bullhead City, Arizona for 19 years. Velma has lived here in Mountain Home for the past 10 years. Velma's husband passed away some 20 years ago. She and her husband raised one daughter and now have 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren!

Velma keeps busy by bowling twice a week. Throughout the years she bowled in the National Tournaments and was able to do some traveling because of that. When asked her most favorite place she has traveled she replied "Minnesota". She loves all the lakes there and the fishing was really enjoyable. She also stated she loved her trip to Canada and Lake Louise. Velma calls the bingo numbers, for the bingo games, at her apartment complex. She also volunteers at the Hospital every week. She is one busy lady!

I tried to get Velma to tell me some deep, dark secret about herself.....she wouldn't budge! She did tell me that in high school she tried her hand at singing in the Chorus until the teacher kicked her out because she wasn't any good. Well, I guess that makes her just a little less than perfect!

Velma shared that her favorite food is Chinese and her favorite color is purple and when asked her favorite TV shows she was quick to respond NCIS and Castle. She most enjoys the mystery shows.

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Velma also enjoys reading and cross word puzzles and would enjoy visits, cards and phone calls from her friends.

Thank you, Velma, for being our Special Person of the month.

While attending mass one Sunday, a little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on.

Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A lawyer died and went to heaven. He was greeted by St. Peter, who was pleased to see him arrive. "Wow, this is exciting. We don't have too many 157 year-olds here in heaven," said Peter.

"157?!" exclaimed the Lawyer. "I was only 63 when I died!"

Peter said, "Well, according to the number of hours that you have billed..."

Ever wonder where the Copper Kettle money goes that is donated each month? The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is responsible for this money which is spent on food for the food basket and also delivering the food that is donated. Dick and Shirley Johnson are the coordinators for this project. Dorothy Ortlip is the relief person in the event of their absence. Dick and Shirley invited me to join them this past month while doing this project. What a great experience it was for me to see how compassionate they are in shopping for this food and making sure that they are getting the best value for the money that is donated and purchasing food they know families need. A BIG thank you to Dick and Shirley for doing this each month. The next time you see them in church, say thank you for doing such a great job!

JoAnn James, E&O Committee

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Four Months Ending April 30, 2013

REVENUE

	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$10,404.00	\$45,257.00
Initial Offering	0.00	605.00
Interest	7.61	47.75
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	600.00	2,084.28
Sunday School	66.00	109.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00

Total Revenue

\$11,077.61	\$48,103.03
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EXPENSES

Worship & Planning	\$177.02	\$603.30
Personnel	10,582.15	42,081.88
Evangelism & Outreach	95.48	321.08
Church Growth	133.87	1,408.73
Administration	1,115.64	4,532.85
Building & Grounds	1,900.62	10,680.85
Christian Education	0.00	72.65
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$14,004.78	\$59,701.34
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NET INCOME (LOSS)

(\$2,927.17)	(\$11,598.31)
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REDBUD CALENDAR JUNE 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u> <i>(Presbytery meeting will be held Saturday, June 1st at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock!)</i>			<u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, June 20th Please submit all articles in writing. You may drop them off at the office or email to Connie McLaurin: fpcmh@centurytel.net			Presbytery Meeting 2nd in Little Rock
2 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service / Communion 11 am Coffee hosted by E&O Committee 11 am blood pressure Screening Deacons Offering	3 9 am Counters	4	5	6	7 C L O S E D	8
9 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Building & Grounds Copper Kettle Offering	10 9 am Counters	11	12	13 12-4 pm Master Gardeners	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15
16 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Deacons <i>Father's Day</i>	17 9 am Counters	18 5:15 pm - Session	19	20	21 <i>First day of Summer</i>	22
23 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Church Growth Gary Adler Preaching	24 9 am Counters	25 9 am Fellowship of Love	26	27	28	29
30 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Circle #4 Carl Cook Preaching			<i>I've learned so much from my mistakes I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>			



June, 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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