



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church July, 2013

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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A Note From Pastor.....

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Francis Scott Key, the author of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" found himself in the midst of the highly unpopular War of 1812 and was commissioned to take part in a prisoner exchange attempt with the British. While on a sea voyage to negotiate the exchange, he anxiously watched ..."the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air ..." and must have asked himself if our country would survive. At the dawn's early light, Key spotted the flag still waving boldly in the air and penned "The Star Spangled Banner" which is now sung at every sports event, political rally and most other gatherings as a tribute to our country and an affirmation of our patriotism and freedom.

The 4th of July weekend is a good time to remember our country's early struggles to become free from the British and also our own struggles to gain freedom from unwanted foes that inhabit our lives. Freedom from unhealthy eating habits, money problems, relationship difficulties all fall under the category of things from which we need to be freed.

So, it is a good idea to remember that even though it is important to honor and revere our country and its freedoms, it is even more important to pledge allegiance to God. Only by surrendering our shortcomings to God will we ever become truly free. Celebrate our freedom as a nation; it is a good time to rejoice. But be glad also for a forgiving God who wants us to be free forevermore.

Happy Freedom Day!

Your Pastor,
Nancy Taylor

Rummage sale



Evangelism & Outreach is sponsoring a church wide rummage and bake sale on September 6 & 7th, so be thinking about what you can donate and

where you can help volunteer. We appreciate all your help! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to help. You can call Linda Minch, JoAnn James or the church office if you have any questions. Fro the bake sale, contact Nancy Pool. For large items, if you have no other way to bring them to the church, call Linda Minch 431-8206. She will make arrangements to come and look at the item to see if it can be used in the sale and, if so, will then make arrangements to have it picked up. Please hang all clean clothes on hangers. Wire hangers will be available in the Fellowship Hall after any Sunday service. All of the proceeds go toward local charities.

Actual Announcements taken from Church Bulletins!

Thursday night - potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

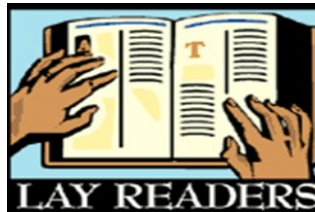
The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.



Library News!

Beginning immediately, my husband and I will be traveling for an extended period. While the library will be cared for, no new books will be added...unless someone would like to take over this rewarding job. Please let the Christian Education committee know if you are interested.

Kathryn Templin



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

7 July	Nancy Priest
14 July	Chuck Beall
21 July	Fred Iffland
28 July	Ralph Gillespie

Service of Remembrance and Hope As a believing community of faith, it is important to confirm together our hope in eternal life through Jesus Christ. We need to celebrate the lives of those who are now in the sweet communion of so great a cloud of witnesses and we need to affirm that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God. Our church family will gather for a Worship Service of Remembrance and Hope on Saturday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. The service will include Scripture, hymns and prayers and will be an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before us. Please make plans to attend this important event in the life of our church.

July Birthdays

3 Charlotte Cherry
 12 Evalyn McGill
 14 Carolyn Hannon
 17 Ed Euers
 21 Bob Foos
 21 T.J. Lawson
 24 Christopher Constantine
 29 Andrew Ruegsegger
 30 Kathryn Templin

IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN GET YOU STORED IN OUR RECORDS!! THE SAME GOES FOR ANY MISTAKES YOU MAY SEE!! We appreciate your help!

July Anniversaries

1 George & Marilyn Wheat
 8 Ken & Kay Kunkel
 11 Carl & Beverly Jansma
 14 Jack & Marion Coffman
 23 Bruce & Barb Ferguson

GREETERS

July 7 Barbara Fink
 July 14 Carolyn Saul
 July 21 & 28 David Petersen

USHERS

July 7 & 14 Chuck & Peggy Whitcome
 July 21 & 28 Wana Thacker & Irene Lillis



Our Dedicated Mouse

This little mouse should really be called the 'energizer bunny' because she just goes and goes.

This mouse delivers the Sunday sermon (on a CD) to one of our shut-ins. This little mouse is very involved in the Ladies sewing group (Fellowship of Love) and regularly attends Wednesday Bible Study. This mouse also helps keep the books in the Library straight and keeps the library table decorated and sometimes with treats!! She also provides most of the treats/trinkets for the children's time. This little mouse is a retired RN....that explains the caring nature!

I have been told this mouse has wonderful children; two of which are sons. When they come to town to visit they receive a "Honey Do List" and when they leave, things are in better shape than when they arrived.....what a deal! Plus, this little mouse always has a smile and a laugh to share!!!

Do you know this busy mouse?

This is the year that Carolyn Saul will be turning '90'. Her daughters are planning and hosting a big birthday party and lunch here at the church on July 14 in her honor. Everyone is welcome. Information is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

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Pennies from Heaven



As we get closer to our joint First Presbyterian - Holy Cross Lutheran Adult Vacation Bible School on July 21 - 24th, our work group thought it would be fun to participate in a friendly competition. We would like to see which church can collect the most change by July 24th. All the change collected will be donated to Heifer International. If that isn't enough incentive to donate your change, the winning church's pastor will have to wear an angel costume and stand out front and wave to drivers and pedestrians for an hour. (Press credentials not required for photographers!) There is a change bank in the office, fellowship hall and narthex.

Let's show everyone what an angel our church has in Pastor Taylor!

Hello everyone,

Nancy has told me that you were asking about how the boys and I are doing. We are honestly doing great. Recently we have moved into a nice house that is HUD approved (income based) and the boys have a big backyard to play in and just so much more space than before. The boys are both continuing pre-school at Kidspiration which allows me to work full time and even overtime. Aiden will be turning 4 in September and starting at Mountain Home Head Start. Bryson is walking, running, climbing, trying to talk and they are both growing up so fast!

Bryson has an appointment in Little Rock Wednesday the 26th of June to see if things are getting better. If they are not he will be getting surgery to remove tissue from his inner thigh and placing it around his trachea so it will stop collapsing and breathing will become easier and much better.

I really want to say how sincerely grateful I am for all of your help. Tears are welling up in my eyes as I write this. If it wasn't for your help financially, emotionally and spiritually...I don't know where the boys and I would be today. Helping me get Bryson down to Little Rock has made it to where I now know what is wrong with him and how it will be fixed. Financially there was no way for me to have him there several times a month.

Before the help I was struggling to just keep my rent paid, electricity on, and gas in my car and diapers on the boys. You all have given me the motivation to keep trying to make things work and to keep pushing through everything for my babies.

I am very happy to say that at the moment, my bills are all paid and caught up. I am no longer extremely stressed. Knowing that I have so many wonderful people beside me, helping me through any obstacle is an amazing thing. Going from having nobody to having so many people pushing you to stay strong, do what is right and do what is necessary is just uplifting and a great feeling. Thank you all so much for helping Bryson, Aiden and me so much and for standing by my side through some really rough times. You have all, honestly, changed our lives for the better. We love you all!

Love,
Ashley



We need your help! Our church is sponsoring an Adult Vacation Bible School that will be held in mid-July. One of the events during the VBS will be Bingo! We are looking for prizes to give away to winners. So, can you look through your closets for all those items you received as gifts -- but can't really use? Things like decorated coffee mugs, candles, hand lotion, hand wash, key chains, maybe even slippers, hats and gloves. We hope to give it all away -- but if we have anything left over -- we will donate the items for our fall rummage sale. Be sure to mark your calendar for July 21-24 -- our first annual Adult VBS!!!

Also needed for the Adult VBS: As a craft and mission project, we are also going to be making tote bags for children in need. We would like to fill the bags with items a child might enjoy and be comforted with in a time of transition. They would be items similar to the ones we do for the Christmas boxes. Things like stuffed animals, crayons, color books, soap, wash cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, other small toys, etc. Please don't forget things an older child might enjoy and need. For more information, contact Nancy Priest.

To the First Presbyterian Family:

I would like to send my thanks for all the thoughts and prayers that you have sent my way.

I would also like to thank the church family for being such a wonderful support and inspiration to my mother.

God Bless,

**Sandy Teague
(Marge Gunter's daughter)**

"Don't speak unless you can improve the silence."

----- Spanish proverb

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers in honor of Joyce!

Ken Frasure and Family

Thank you to all who have sent prayers, cards and calls expressing their concern and condolences for Judy. It is very appreciated.

Wayne Faust

Our Social Director, Fred Reed, is now announcing the play "Peter Pan" will be at the LYRICS THEATER in Harrison, AR on August 11 at 2 p.m.



There will be a sign up sheet the second week of July on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend. The final count must be given by Monday a.m., August 5th. The tickets will be \$10 per person.

If you have any questions you may call Dee Crapnell at 491-5058 after the eighth of July; then, Fred Reed after the 15th of July. Thank you.

Special Person of the Month

Carolyn Saul

Our special person of the month was born in Lost Springs, Kansas and grew up in the oil fields of Kansas along with one brother and two sisters. One of those sisters was her identical twin. And...NO...she says they never pulled any shenanigans by fooling people and switching places. Well, that's what she says.

Carolyn married following WWII to Ernest Saul her high school sweetheart and remained married for 44 years. She and Ernest had three daughters...*DRAMA*...Linda, Nancy and Cindy. Carolyn has 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grands.

Before she married she worked for Gulf Oil but, once married, she stayed home to raise her three daughters. When the last one was a senior in high school she went back to work as bookkeeper for the Chamber of Commerce in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The family moved a lot over the years. Upon her husband's early retirement they moved to Denver for Ernest to attend Horology school (watch making). With this change in his career they moved to Clarion, Iowa where he owned a jewelry store. During those ten years, while he ran the store, she worked for Hagie Manufacturing as a bookkeeper. Due to her husband's health they made one more move in 1974 to Mountain Home. Ernest fished a lot...so he agreed to let her go back to work. For the next 25 years she worked as an Administrative Assistant for various local nursing homes. As you can see Carolyn has a strong work ethic along with some valuable skills. Which means...here at FPCMH we are truly blessed to have her as a talented and dedicated volunteer for these past 10 years or so. Some of Carolyn's many volunteering roles have been:

Norfolk Food Bank

Baxter Regional Auxiliary

Department of Human Services

First Presbyterian Church

Her service here at FPC has been as Deacon (currently), E & O Committee, Worship Committee, Nominating Committee, and Special Volunteers. She mails out the bulletin and CD's to our shut-ins each week. She keeps track of addresses and phone numbers in our church directory. She sends out the prayer notes to the churches we lift up in prayer each week.

She proof reads any and all work that is produced in the office before it goes to final print.

It was almost impossible to dig some deep, dark secret from Carolyn. But, some things did surface. Her favorite color is **RED** and her favorite foods are 'her mac & cheese' and spinach. She is an avid fan of football and basketball, both college and pro. She watches as much as she can. But, her only 'must see' TV is Jeopardy. So, she has to be home every-day by 5 p.m. for her show! She and her twin sister played the snare drum in the marching band in high school....who knew! They always dressed alike..even into adulthood. Whenever Carolyn bought an outfit she would send one to her sister. The sister has passed away but, Carolyn has lots of duplicate clothes in her closet.

When asked about travels, Carolyn shared that once retired her husband bought a travel trailer and they traveled the country. This was not her idea and she was not particularly a fan of this type of vacationing because you were still cleaning and cooking. I'm with you Carolyn...give me a cozy hotel room with room service!!

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INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Five Months Ending May 31, 2013

REVENUE

	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$9,709.00	\$54,966.00
Initial Offering	0.00	605.00
Interest	7.10	54.85
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	640.00	2,724.28
Sunday School	20.00	129.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00

Total Revenue

\$10,376.10	\$58,479.13
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EXPENSES

Worship & Planning	\$233.82	\$837.12
Personnel	9,960.36	52,042.24
Evangelism & Outreach	-157.79	163.29
Church Growth	91.02	1,499.75
Administration	872.38	5,405.23
Building & Grounds	3,233.21	13,914.06
Christian Education	268.98	341.63
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$14,501.98	\$74,203.32
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NET INCOME (LOSS)

(\$4,125.88)	(\$15,724.19)
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REDBUD CALENDAR JULY 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 am Counters	2	3		5 C L O S E D	6
7 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Finance Committee 11 am blood pressure Screening Gary Adler Preaching	8 9 am Counters	9 5:15 pm Session	10 11 am Christian Ed.	11 No bells until the 1st Thursday in September NO MASTER GARDENERS	12 C L O S E D	13
14 10am Worship Service 11 am lunch and birth- day party for Carolyn Saul hosted by her family.	15 9 am Counters	16	17	18	19 C L O S E D	20
21 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Worship Committee	22 9 am Counters	23 9 am Fellowship of Love	24	25	26 C L O S E D	27
28 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Special Volunteers	29 9 am Counters	30	<i>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>			

**Please verify committee meetings with the
chairperson as days/times are subject to change!**

**NO BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING - JUNE, JULY
& AUGUST!**

Publication Deadlines

Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm
Newsletter - Thursday, July 25th
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.



July, 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 Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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