



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church September, 2013

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The Redbud Tree

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Church School Classes Resume in September

SUNDAY SCHOOL - taught by Don Crapnell - held in the Library every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. beginning September 8th. The students in this year's class will explore the Book of Peter 1 & 2.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - taught by Pastor Nancy - held in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. beginning again on September 11th. This class will explore the Book of Acts.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES - taught by various members - held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. They will be studying the Horizons book study titled "An Abiding Hope - the Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy."

LEARNER'S CHOICE - this year Pastor Nancy would like to offer a short-term study (3-4 sessions) on a topic to be determined by the suggestions of the congregation. The dates and times will be determined based upon the schedules of students. Please let Pastor Nancy know if you have suggestions for a class.

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. For the bake sale, contact Nancy Pool. For large items, if you have no other way to bring them to the church, call

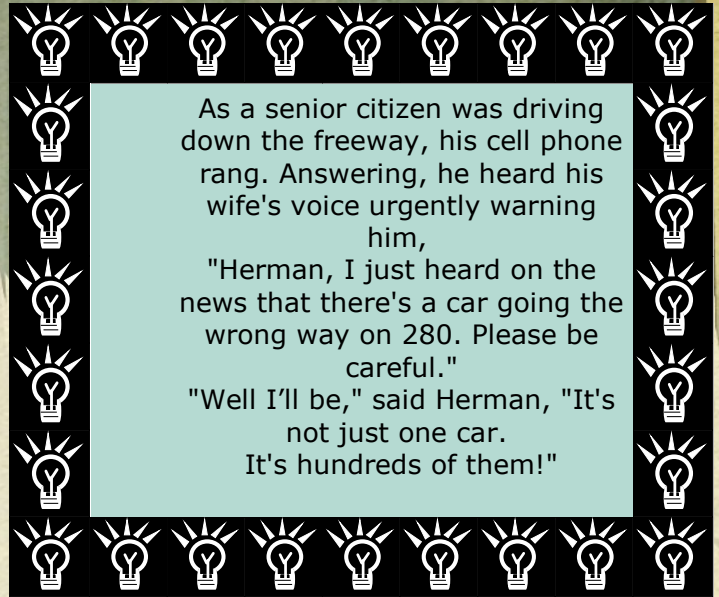
Linda Minch 431-8206. She will make arrangements to come and preview the item to see if it is suitable for the sale and, if so, she will then make arrangements to have it picked up. Please hang all clean clothes on hangers. Wire hangers will be available in the Fellowship Hall after any Sunday service. **DON'T FORGET WE WILL HAVE A JEWELRY BOUTIQUE /DEPARTMENT!** So, please if you have any kind of jewelry you would like to donate remember to bring it by the church office.

Linda Minch will be available at the church garage on August 28th and 29th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for you to drop off your items. The following week, September 3, 4, 5th, you may bring your items to the church between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

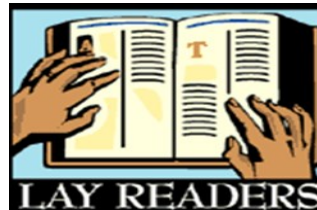
All of the proceeds go toward local charities.

The Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet September 10, 2013, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the last lesson in last years study book "Brothers and Sisters in Harmony." I am ordering next year's books which cost \$9.00 each and the theme will be "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." I will collect the money for these study books to turn into the church treasurer at this time. Any questions call Dee Crapnell, 491-5058.



As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him,
"Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful."
"Well I'll be," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1 September	Charlotte Cherry
8 September	Doris Nichele
15 September	Wayne Faust
22 September	Ralph Gillespie
29 September	Don Crapnell

Communion Servers

Don Crapnell
Karen Gillespie
Ralph Gillespie
Joyce Johnson
Shirley Johnson
Kay Kunkel
Nancy Priest
Wana Thacker
Charlotte Cherry to assist Pastor Nancy

Session Highlights from August 21, 2013

Our Clerk of Session recently attended a meeting of Cluster 2 clerks of session for a yearly review/audit of the minutes. Our records were found to be in good order.

The nominating committee is working & meeting regularly to select a slate of officers for the class of 2016.

Building & grounds personnel are busy filling cracks in our parking lots & repainting the handicapped area sections. Hats off to these gentlemen for their hard work in the hot Arkansas weather!

The recent adult vacation Bible school was a success & plans are being made for an even bigger & better one next year.

Plans for the rummage sale are moving along with volunteers needed to sort, price, & set up. Bakers for the bake sale are also needed. We will host a fund raiser dinner on World Communion Sunday following worship service. In November a fund raiser dinner honoring our veterans is being planned. Proceeds of the dinner will benefit our adopted families.

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.

Thank you!!

I wish to thank everyone who participated over the summer providing Special Music for our Sunday morning services. I am sure the congregation appreciated and enjoyed their music.

Charlotte Cherry
Dee Crapnell
Mark Gouth
Nan Jordan
John Martin
Janet Newman
Nancy Pool
Nancy Priest
Pastor Nancy Taylor
Alaina Tuberville

Marilyn Seel

**THE CHOIR WILL RETURN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Grandparents reflect God

A woman and her grandson were spending the day together. Suddenly, the boy had an "a-ha!" expression and asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" The grandmother smiled to herself and mentally polished her halo a bit. "No," she replied. "How?" "You're both old!" the boy said.

Ah, but most grandparents really are like God in many ways — kind, loving, forgiving, understanding, comforting, creative, wise. Above all, they've guided us to walk in God's paths.

Thank you, God, for these special people who have lived long enough to become like you, in many ways.

September Birthdays

- 4 Trent Jordan
- 11 Marilou Balogh
- 13 Tom Jordan
- 13 Donna Gamelin
- 14 Laurie Foos
- 14 Doris Nichele
- 14 Linda Minch
- 18 Shirley Johnson
- 22 Elida Foster
- 26 Rev. Bill Henning
- 26 Georgianna Tonne
- 30 Richard Tonne

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 can't fix it if we don't know it's broke!)
We appreciate your help!***



Adoptive Family Mouse

We have a couple of very busy mice in our church that work with our Adoptive Families. Our first mouse has done a great job with our original family (Ashley, Aiden and Bryson) which we began assisting last October, 2012. Now, with the addition of our newest mouse another family is receiving some much needed assistance due to your generosity. This little family consists of a single mom and two adorable little girls. We have already assisted in back-to-school needs for the first grader. These mice put time and effort into this rewarding endeavor. Just witnessing their excitement, in helping these families, assures that they love being involved in such a gratifying project. The latest information on our adoptive families is posted on the board in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you know these busy mice?

September Anniversaries

- 6 Jesse & Deborah Lively
- 12 Jim & Irene Lillis
- 14 Herm & Verneda Hinzmann
- 30 Howard & Ronnie Stromberg

Actual Writings on Hospital Charts By Doctors!!

1. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
2. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
3. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
4. She is numb from her toes down.
5. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
6. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

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| September 1 & 8th | Ruegsegger family & Suzanne Smyth |
| September 15 & 22 | Norma & Fred Iffland |
| September 29th | Key & Ken Kunkel |

GREETERS

- September 1 & 8 - Georgianne Tonne**
September 15 & 22 - Suzanne Smyth
September 29 - Carolyn Saul

“Education is learning what you didn’t even know you didn’t know.”

Special Person of the Month

Welcome to new church members, Chuck and Peggy Whitcome, as our special persons of the month of September.

Peggy was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She attained all of her schooling in Hopkins, Minnesota. She worked in the Minneapolis area school systems for many years. Peggy has a daughter from a previous marriage. Peggy and husband, Chuck, spent last winter in Pensacola enjoying the warm climate. She now enjoys reading, music and gardening.

Chuck was born and raised in Northwood, Iowa. After school he attended the University of Minnesota and Mankato State. He ultimately became a teacher in high schools in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. He taught English and Spanish and became a High School Principal. Chuck was also in the Army Signal Corps where he attained the rank of sergeant.

Chuck has always loved to travel and has done so to almost half of the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico. He likes to spend his time gardening, fishing and hunting. Chuck has two daughters from his first marriage.

OKAY.....now you know just a little bit about this couple. So, you can engage them both to find out "*More of the Story*" of the Whitcomes. I always like to know why others have come to Mountain Home and what they like about living here. It's interesting, to me, to know where they like to eat and even what they like to watch on TV....I might be missing something *really* worth watching! Being a sports fan I am interested in what sports they follow AND any other juicy bits you can discover.

So, get out there and get the facts. So then we'll know "*The Rest of the Story!!*"

P.S. Be sure to let us know.



Monday, September 2nd

The church office will be closed.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

It means so much to me to be a pastor of such loving and thoughtful people as our congregation here in Mountain Home. It would have been so hard without you beside me this summer. The summer of 2013 has been a challenging one for me. It began with my father being admitted to the hospital for respiratory and heart problems over Memorial Day weekend. My father passed away in early August and my brothers and sisters and I were able to share some time together as we buried him next to my mother, who had died a few years back. Please know how much I appreciate all that you have done for me and my family. You prayed for us, sent cards and flowers and gave other assistance which encouraged me in a tough time of my life.

Thank you, thank you so much again and again. I am so grateful to be a part of First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home. God bless you all!

Your Pastor,

Nancy Taylor

Coming Soon!!

Crossword Puzzles

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Seven Months Ending July 31, 2013

REVENUE

	<u>ACTUAL MONTHLY</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$10,711.00	\$78,773.00
Initial Offering	0.00	605.00
Interest	93.81	154.42
Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00
Loose Offerings	832.00	4,540.28
Sunday School	0.00	144.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00

Total Revenue

\$11,936.81	\$84,516.70
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EXPENSES

Worship & Planning	\$95.78	\$1,645.19
Personnel	11,659.26	73,095.55
Evangelism & Outreach	0.00	828.26
Church Growth	301.28	2,066.93
Administration	1,369.92	7,783.33
Building & Grounds	1,486.70	17,583.90
Christian Education	-97.26	164.34
Strategic Planning	0.00	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$14,815.68	\$103,167.50
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NET INCOME (LOSS)

(\$2,878.87)	(\$18,650.80)
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(This is an excerpt of a lovely letter from the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage following our Sunday, August 25th Worship and pot luck dinner)

Dear 4th Day,

The “Taste of Pilgrimage” at Mountain Home held yesterday was wonderful! We had thirty-one (31) attend. Of course that does not count the congregation of FPC – Mountain Home, who welcomed us warmly and fed us good too.

The following is the number of members that were present from ten different congregations across the state:

**Mountain Home – 4
Yellville – 7
McGehee – 3, plus 2 children
Hot Springs Village – 4, plus one spouse
Westover Hills – 1
Horseshoe Bend – 4
Malvern – 1
Mt. Vernon - 3
Jonesboro – 2
Paragould -1
Walnut Ridge -1**

It was a day made to sing praises to God! Thank you to the musicians who helped in leading the songs. Thank you to Rev. Nancy Taylor and Sissy Wells at FPC Mountain Home for inviting us, finding places for people to stay overnight and for allowing us to share our joy in song!

Thank you for making it so special. It was a day we will always remember!

Blessings to all,

Peg David, ARPP Chair

REDBUD CALENDAR SEPTEMBER, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 communion 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Circle #3 11 am blood pressure Screening Deacon's Offering	 OFFICE CLOSED	3 SET UP FOR RUMMAGE SALE.....	4 10 am - Nominating Committee 6:30 Choir	5 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	6 Rummage sale	7 Rummage Sale
8 9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Circle #1 Copper Kettle Offering 	9 9 am Counters	10 1 pm Women's Circle	11 10 am Bible Study 1-4 pm Emergency Response Training 6:30 pm - Choir 	12 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 11 am - Worship Meeting	13 C L O S E D	14
15 9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Building & Grounds	16 9 am Counters	17 5:15 pm Session	18 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm - Choir	19 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 12 - 4 pm MASTER GARDENERS	20 C L O S E D	21
22 9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Deacons	23 9 am Counters 10 am Deacons Mtg.	24 9 am Fellowship of Love	25 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	26 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	27 C L O S E D	28
29 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Church Growth	30 9 am Counters		<u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u>		C L O S E D	
<u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Monday, September 23rd 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>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>			



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

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

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

Secretaries:
Connie McLaurin,
Helen Harding,
Carolyn Saul

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

