



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church November, 2013

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Pastor David L. Hansen wrote this a while back:

There is one fact of ministry that cannot be emphasized enough. We talk about the long hours pastors work, and the tendency for burnout. We talk about how congregations and pastors can work together better. We talk about educational requirements, and skills. But there is the one fact that matters most. One fact that we don't talk about enough, and which not enough people realize: We (pastors) love you.

Every pastor I know deeply loves the people he or she has been called to serve and deeply loves the church. Deeply. We don't do this work because of the pay; we don't do it because of the prestige or authority of the pastoral office; we don't do it because we think it is holier than other work.

We do it because we love the people we serve and we love the church. Whether a senior pastor or an associate, whether a rector or a bishop, whether a chaplain or a preacher, everyone who is in ministry is in it because we love the people.

Trying to be a pastor is a very curious thing. I am not talking about being a preacher or a minister but a pastor to the people. Some religious leaders are accused of playing God. And I admit, some prance around on national television telling cute stories and making rash promises which entertain but don't really comfort us spiritually. These folks can pretend to know what God's will is for us as if they had a connection to God that we can only hope to have someday. Cont.....



**I'm busy now
can I
ignore you
some other
time???**

Evalyn McGill has been kind enough to keep us updated on Doll Jones, a past parishioner. Doll received the nice card signed by the congregation and her husband said it really gave her a boost. She will be back at home soon and still rehabbing.

FROM THE LIBRARY.....

Please take a look around your home to see if two books from the **Miracles of Marble Cove** series are hiding some where. They are *Still Waters* (vol. 6) and *A Midnight Clear* (vol. 7).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

Kathryn Templin

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Real pastors are different. Pastors stand in for God. A good pastor will be there for you in good times and in bad -- a strong and steady force. You can be mad at your pastor if you are afraid of being mad at God and it's OK. Good pastors don't take it personally. I personally shake my fist at God a lot. Cancer is cruel, Parkinson's is terrifying and Alzheimer's is, well, awful. Lots of folks in our congregation suffer from these and other horrible diseases. We have others who have lost loved ones and suffer in their grief. It's not fair; and I intend to ask God when I get to heaven why folks that I love have to suffer.

In the meantime, I am trying to be a good pastor -- the kind who stands still and loves her flock no matter what; the kind that God would be proud to call His servant.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Nancy



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**3rd - Sarah Kelly
10th - JoAnn James
17th - Wayne Faust
24th - Sherman Fine**

Communion Servers

**Chuck Beall, Wayne Faust,
Shirley Johnson, Ellen Jordan,
Phil Jordan, Gale Newman,
Janet Newman and
Wana Thacker**

Sarah Kelly to assist Pastor Nancy

October Session Highlights

A new custodian, Michelle Andrew, has been hired on a permanent basis.

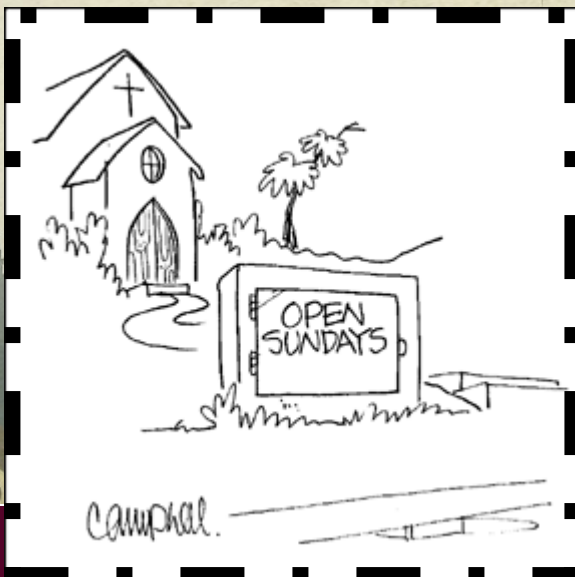
The outer secretarial office is being remodeled to allow more privacy when the staff is updating confidential computer data.

Christmas Shoe boxes now available for filling with the deadline date of November 24th. Any items you have left over from filling your boxes can be added to the Christmas wrapped box on the stage in the fellowship hall. We can use the extras & perhaps fill additional boxes.

Our website is being upgraded with special thanks to our office staff. Seems there's no end to the talents of our office staff.

New church leaders elected by the congregation on October 13th with installation on October 27th.
Deacons: Marilyn Wheat & Chuck Whitcome;
Elders: Sharon Adler, Fred Iffland, Joyce Johnson, John Martin, & Clint Minch

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.

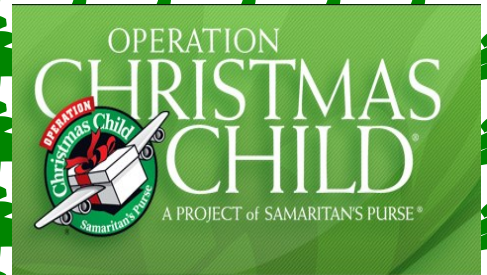


Hundred-dollar word.....

During his lifetime, English poet and novelist Rudyard Kipling achieved both fame and fortune. One day a newspaper reporter approached him and said, "Mr. Kipling, somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to more than \$100 per word."

The reporter pulled a \$100 bill out of his pocket, gave it to Kipling and said, "Here, now give me one of your hundred-dollar words."

Kipling looked at the money, pocketed it and said, "Thanks!"



It is operation Christmas Child.....shoe box time again. A display is set up in the fellowship hall with boxes and flyers that contain lots of information and tags to put on your boxes, designating boy or girl and their age. If you do not think that you can fill a box, we will take donations and fill one for you. A box will be on the stage to collect left over items to share with others or to make extra boxes. The deadline for boxes to be in is **Sunday, November 24th**. If you have any questions you may contact Sarah Kelly.

November Birthdays

- 1 Dorothy Ortlip**
- 3 James Preyer**
- 6 Robert Kearns**
- 7 Pete Wells**
- 9 Tom Rucker**
- 13 Herm Hinzmann**
- 14 Robert Kilpatrick**
- 15 Pastor Nancy Taylor**
- 16 Beverly Preble**
- 16 Roger Millard**
- 19 Phyllis Gladson**
- 20 Norma Iffland**
- 22 Margaret Parks**
- 23 Nancy Priest**
- 25 Carol Townsend**
- 26 Jesse Lively**
- 30 Elliot Ruegsegger**

***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!)***

November Church Mouse



This little mouse works many months out of the year in our church courtyard. Now, time is drawing nigh and the growing season will be gone. But, this little mouse was responsible (along with her crew) for all the beautiful flowers, beautiful new refurbished fountain and new brick flower bed that we

have enjoyed over the last several months. If you work in your garden then you know how dirty, hot and tired you can be after yard work! Along with the Master Gardeners this little mouse put in many hours of hot and dirty work so that our court yard would shine.....and shine, it does! Many thanks to our dedicated little church mouse!!

Do you know this busy mouse?

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

3rd & 10th - Carl & Bev Jansma
17th & 24th - Susan & Bob Kearns

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

3rd & 10th - Debra Fountain
17th & 24th - Barbara Fink

Actual Writings on Hospital Charts By Doctors!!

- ♦ 1. Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
- ♦ 2. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- ♦ 3. The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.
- ♦ 4. Skin: Somewhat pale but present.
- ♦ 5. The patient has left white blood cells at an other hospital.
- ♦ 6. The patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

November Anniversaries

23 Dick & Shirley Johnson
24 Gordon & Lori Buenger

Special Person of the Month

John and Mary Martin

What a ring it has.....John & Mary. It made me think of all the different types of John & Mary duos I have ever heard of. The 1969 movie "John and Mary" with Dustin Hoffman and Mia Farrow, the US folk-rock duo, John & Mary, John & Mary's Pizzeria from up state NY which has been around since 1952, John & Mary's hand crafted line of leather bags, the English ship Mary & John which sailed in 1630 from England to New England, Massachusetts and then of course the biblical reference. James and John were the cousins of Jesus and their mother Salome was sister of Mary, mother of Jesus. What a variety of John & Mary duos! And yes, we now have our John & Mary.

This dynamic duo met on a blind date in May of 1963 and married December 8, 1963, and according to John "she has dedicated herself these last 50 years to try and annoy him any way possible". Mary you need to try harder.....he always seems very happy and smiling every time I see him. As you might expect, from that sweet southern accent, Mary was born in Culloden, Georgia. Mary worked many years in clothing factories, a drapery factory and also for Gillette. She has lived all over including St. Paul, MN, San Diego and 3 years in Guam. Her favorite food is spaghetti & meatballs and fish. Her favorite color is blue. She collects antique dolls and angels. John stated that he was the first angel she collected. I replied....."I don't think so!" Mary and John watch mostly the History channel and HGTV and movies. When they were younger they did loads of square dancing and ball room dancing. Mary probably had 50+ square dancing outfits in her closet at one time. They both agreed their most favorite travel destination is Hawaii and Guam.

The other half of this duo is JOHN. He was career military and loved it. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and lived in Melrose and Wheaton. After school he joined the Navy. He attended Nuclear Power training and worked in submarines for 6 months at a time. He also went through intensive Seal training. He re-upped and earned a Masters in Electrical Engineering. He served in Viet Nam, Hong Kong, Sasebo, Japan and Guam. After the Navy John and Mary moved to Madison, GA where he worked for Georgia Pacific. They moved to Mountain Home in 1981. Here in

Mountain Home they owned and operated an antique and rare coin shop for 10 years. But, now retired they enjoy themselves. John's favorite food is also spaghetti & meatballs and wouldn't you know it...his favorite color is khaki. John is a member of the American Legion and the Fleet Reserve Association. He enjoys fishing and has a very large stamp collection that keeps him busy. They also enjoy following football.....more specifically, the Arizona Cardinals.

John and Mary recently became members of our church and we welcome them in our fellowship and encourage all of you to get to know them better.

It will be rewarding!

Hallelujah!!

Our Website is now LIVE!!

We hope you go on line often to visit; it will be updated on a regular basis. You will find the last 12 months of our church newsletter. Remember, when you are viewing pictures you only need to click on it if you want to see it in a larger format.

We plan to continue improving and changing the site as we go along. There are plans to add pictures of upcoming events for all to see and enjoy.

**We hope you enjoy it
and visit often!!**

The Power of Perspective

Two friends, Al and Zeb, ran into each other. Noticing that Al was on the verge of tears, Zeb asked what was wrong.

Al said, "Three weeks ago, my boss gave me a \$3,000 bonus."

"Congratulation!" Zeb declared.

"Hold on," replied Al. "I'm just getting started. Two weeks ago, my uncle died and left me \$50,000."

My sympathies on your uncle's death," said Zeb, "but what a nice gift he left you!"

"Then, last week," continued Al, "I learned the IRS made some mistakes over the years. They sent me a refund of almost \$1 million."

"Wow!" exclaimed Zeb. "Then why so glum?" To which Al replied,

"This week.....nothing!"

Honoring our Veterans

Monday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m

Join us for dinner and a program of 'Celebration' for all veterans.

We will provide dinner at a cost of \$8.00 per person to include:

**Lasagna, Bread sticks, Salad, Cake
Ice Tea and Coffee**

**A rip-roaring celebration is being
planned! You do not
want to miss it!!**

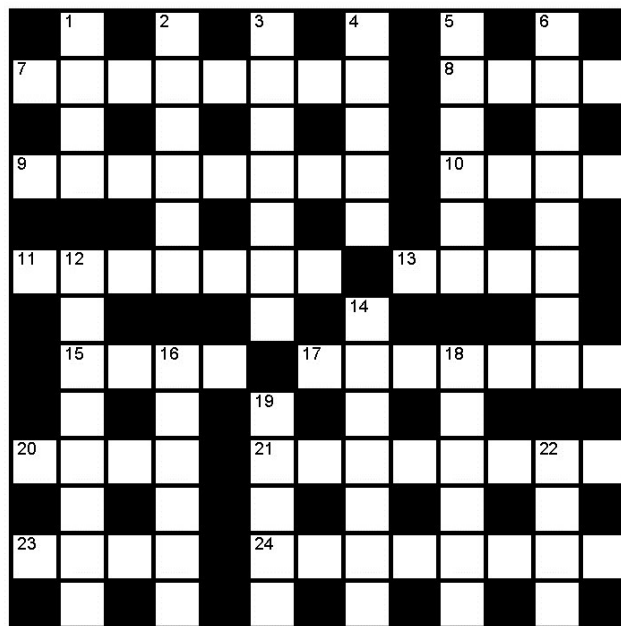
**For more information please
contact Fred Reed at
425-5133**

**All proceeds go to our
'Adoptive Family Fund'**



"When you are down to nothing, God is up to something!"

Ezra



Across

- 7 "What then shall I do when God riseth up? And when he _____, what shall I answer him?" Job 31:14 (8)
- 8 "Ye are _____ unto the LORD ..." Ezra 8:28 (4)
- 9 Those of the captivity who kept the passover. Ezra 6:19 (8)
- 10 "And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the _____ ..." Isa 25:6 (4)
- 11 The children of Asaph were _____. Ezra 2:41 (7)
- 13 One of the sons of Ham. Gen 10:6 (4)
- 15 What Joseph gathered in Genesis 41:49. (4)
- 17 King Cyrus brought these forth in Ezra 1:7. (7)
- 20 17 Across were in silver and what other metal? Ezra 1:6 (4)
- 21 What did the LORD God give Cyrus? Ezra 1:2 (8)

- 23 "That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, _____ am I." 1 Sam 3:4 (4)
- 24 "... because thou sore _____ after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?" Gen 31:30 (8)

Down

- 1 The priests did this in Lamentations 1:4. (4)
- 2 The city where David stayed in 2 Samuel 1:1. (6)
- 3 "And Judah said, The strength of the _____ of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish ..." Neh 4:10 (7)
- 4 A type of song. Amos 6:5 (5)
- 5 One of the sons of Reuben. Gen 46:9 (6)
- 6 The place where Jacob built an altar. Gen 35:7 (8)
- 12 "Thus they _____ the Benjamites round about, and

chased them, and trode them down with ease over Gibeah toward the sunrising." Judg 20:43 (8)

- 14 John, whom Jesus loved, was "_____ on Jesus' bosom ..." John 13:23 (7)
- 16 "And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will _____ thee out of the hand of the terrible." Jer 15:21 (6)
- 18 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then _____ destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thes 5:3 (6)
- 19 This is needed to work with gold and silver. 2 Chron 2:7 (5)
- 22 In Ezra 2:63 they were not to eat of the "_____ holy things." (4)

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REDBUD CALENDAR NOVEMBER, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u></p>					1 C L O S E D	2
3 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service / communion ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 11am - Coffee hosted by Special Volunteers 11 am blood pressure Screening Deacon's Offering <i>Daylight savings ends</i>	4 9 am Counters	5 1 pm - Ladies Circle Meetings (1, 3 & 4)	6 10 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir 3:30 pm - E & O Meeting	7 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	8 C L O S E D	9
10 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Personnel Committee Copper Kettle Offering Mission Sunday.	11 9 am Counters  5:00 pm Veteran's Day Dinner & Program	12	13 10 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	14 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 11 am - Worship Meeting 12 - 4 pm MASTER GARDENERS	15 C L O S E D	16
17 9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Nominating Cmt.	18 9 am Counters 10 am - Deacon's Meeting 11:30 am - Men of the Church	19 5:15 pm - Session REDBUD DEADLINE	20 10 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	21 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	22 C L O S E D	23
24 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Men of the Church	25 9 am Counters 10 am Deacons Meeting	26 9 am - Fellowship of Love	27 10 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	 Office closed	29 C L O S E	30
<p><u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Tuesday, November, 19th 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.</p>			<p><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p>			



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

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

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

Secretaries:
Connie McLaurin,
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