



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church January, 2014

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The Redbud Tree

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For Everything a Season

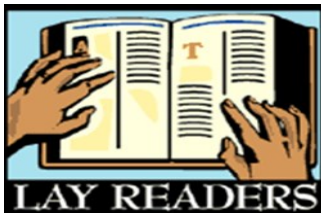
Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. "What did you see?" he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. "Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life," he counseled his children. "Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived.

"Furthermore," he added, "don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn."

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....2014



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- 5th - Fred Reed
- 12th - Janet Newman
- 19th - Ken Kunkel
- 26th - Ellen Jordan

Special Dates for January 2014

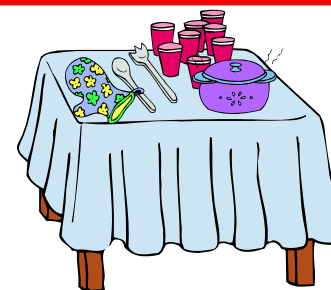
New Year's Day - 1st
Epiphany, 6th
Baptism of the Lord - 12th
Martin Luther King day - 20th
**Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity - 18 - 25th**



CHRISTMAS PICTURES

**I HAVE RECEIVED SOME REALLY CUTE
CHRISTMAS PICTURES WHICH YOU MAY
VIEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.FPCMH.NET**

ENJOY!!



POT LUCK

**The Missions
Committee
will host a pot-
luck luncheon
following the
worship ser-
vice on February 9th. Drinks and des-
sert will be provided by the committee.**

January Birthdays

- 1 Dee Crapnell
- 2 Susan Kearns
- 4 Gale Newman
- 7 Howard Stromberg
- 9 Duane Farris
- 15 Lowayne Wedge
- 21 Helen Harding
- 22 Yvonne Kilpatrick
- 25 Betty Preyer
- 27 Chuck Beall
- 28 Connie McLaurin
- 31 Robert James

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!

Church Chuckles

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited.....until you try to sit in their pews.



January Church Mouse

This little mouse has a busy, professional life of her own and a busy church life, as well. This mouse is on the E & O committee and always involved in the many church events. She is always helping to coordinate dinners, holiday gatherings and always involved in the cleanup. This mouse was very busy during last summers big, successful garage sale. This little mouse always has a smile for you and a genuine concern for fellow church members.

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If you know this little mouse.....greet her and thank her for all she does here at First Presbyterian Church.

Do you know this busy mouse?

USHERS FOR JANUARY

5th & 12th - John & Mary Martin
19th & 26th - Gale & Janet Newma

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

5th & 12th - Beverly Preble
19th & 26th - Chuck Whitcome

January Anniversaries

- 7 Bill & Loweta Rogers
- 18 Chuck & Cheryl Munson Beall
- 19 Robert & Yvonne Kilpatrick
- 28 Fred & Norma Iffland
- 31 Ed & Lillian Euers

Special Person of the Month

For the month of January, 2014

Our Special Persons are:

FRED and DEBBIE STEPP

Fred and Debbie recently became members of our church family. We are pleased to welcome them.

Debbie was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and attended school there through the 6th grade. Then the family moved to Mountain Home. After high school Debbie studied to become an LPN and a RN (Registered Nurse). She is still working toward her Bachelors and Masters degrees. She has two children from her first marriage. She has worked in the offices of Dr. Terkeurst and Dr. Johnson. Debbie is a busy lady being active in the VFW, Elkettes, Eastern Star and Fleets Reserve Clubs. Debbie enjoys cooking, sewing, reading and traveling. Debbie and Fred have been on four different cruises and other travels including a trip to Niagra Falls which was a real highlight of their many travels.

Fred was born in Fowler, Indiana where he attended school through the 6th grade after which time his family also moved to Mountain Home. Fred completed his high school years here in Mountain Home and promptly joined the Navy. He retired 22 years later in 1995. During those years he sailed to many ports-of-call including Viet Nam and Iraq. When he retired from service it was with 100% disability so some things are very difficult for him to do now. But, once you speak to him you realize his sense of humor and upbeat personality. So, it's apparent that Fred probably hasn't let too much in life get in his way. Fred enjoys writing stories and poetry. He also loves hunting and fishing. Fred belongs to the VFW, Elks, Masons and Fleet Reserve and one of his hobbies is stamp collecting. After retiring from the Navy Fred began searching for Debbie. He finally found her and now they are married.....

BUT WAIT.....now for the rest of the story! Fred shared that in high school he fell in love the minute he laid eyes on that little redhead, Debbie. He thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. He was just a poor kid and was afraid to talk to her so he started writing poetry for her. She enjoyed his poetry and they became boy friend and girl friend. But, as life will happen it can take you down another path. In this case it did lead

Fred back to Debbie. Debbie was the reason Fred began his poetry which he still enjoys today.

Fred and Debbie enjoy life together and some of their favorites are:

Television - Big Bang Theory

The Black List

The Walton's (which

Fred says is on TV

every day). Who knew!

Favorite Food - chicken (for both)

Sports - Fred enjoys college sports

But, saving the best for last.....when I quizzed Fred to give me some deep dark secret (one that no one probably knows) he quickly 'gave up' Debbie. So, beware...Debbie has black belts in Hapiko, Karate AND Taekwondo!! I do hope, for his sake, he had permission to give me this information on Debbie.

Now you know Fred and Debbie a little better. Be sure to introduce yourself to this interesting couple and make them welcome here at First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer for a new year

Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt. Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

Betty Scott Stam



Our New Members were introduced

Sunday, December 29th

If you haven't already, please introduce yourself and make them welcome to our church!

They are:

Connie and Diller Leaman

Fred and Debbie Stepp

The Ruegsegger Family

Mari & Fred

And children:

Sarah, Alex, Ian, Elliott and Andrew

Epiphany's significance

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolized the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.



"What goes up — must come down"

Help Needed!!

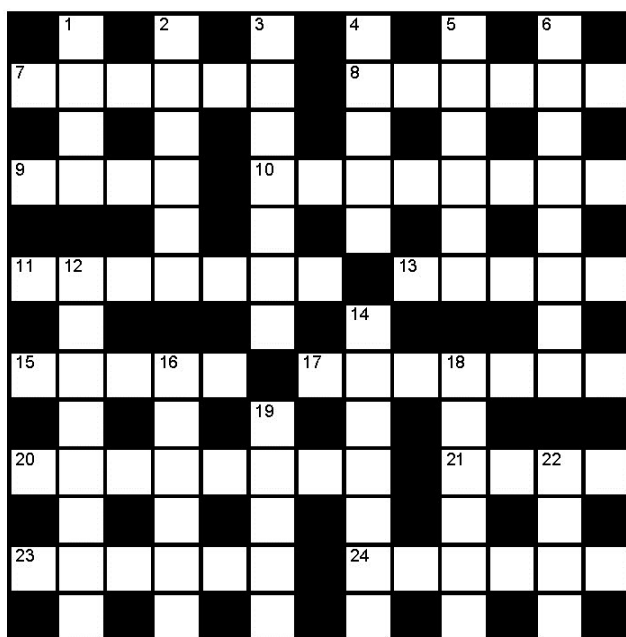
Take down decorations

Friday, January 3, 2014

9:30 a.m.



Joel



Across

- 7 The son of Jacob who was thrown into a pit. Gen 37:22 (6)
- 8 "And I will shew wonders in the _____" (sing.) Joel 2:30 (6)
- 9 One of the cities mentioned in Joel 3:4. (4)
- 10 "Pure _____ and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27 (8)
- 11 The KJV is a translation, or _____, of the Bible. (7)
- 13 Joel describes the _____ lion in Joel 1:6. (5)
- 15 "I will also gather all nations, and will _____ them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people ..." Joel 3:2 (5)
- 17 "Let the _____ be wakened, and come up to the vally of Jehoshaphat:" Joel 3:12 (7)
- 20 "Proclaim ye this among the _____;" Joel 3:9 (8)

- 21 "Beat your plowshares _____ swords," Joel 3:10 (4)
- 23 Jesus healed people and drove these out of them. (6)
- 24 Who were ascending and descending on the ladder in Jacob's dream? Gen 28:12 (6)

Down

- 1 Zion and Jerusalem are both referred to as _____ in Joel 3:17. (4)
- 2 To turn from sin. Joel 2:14 (6)
- 3 "He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches _____ are made white." Joel 1:7 (7)
- 4 "But Judah _____ dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation." Joel 3:20 (5)

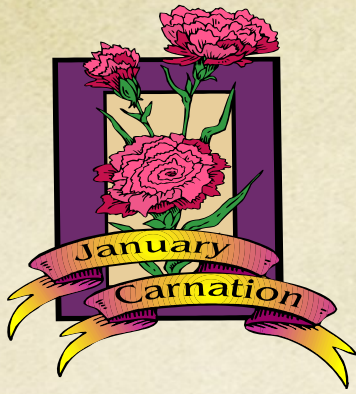
- 5 The sign in Luke 2:12 – a babe lying in a _____. (6)
- 6 "Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a _____ wilderness," Joel 3:19 (8)
- 12 "The sun and the moon shall be _____," Joel 3:15 (8)
- 14 A name that means "anointed" in Dan 9:25. (7)
- 16 "For a _____ is come up upon my land," Joel 1:6 (6)
- 18 "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great _____." Joel 2:21 (6)
- 19 God will pour his spirit on this. Joel 2:28 (5)
- 22 "_____ ye your children of it," Joel 1:3 (4)

King James Version

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REDBUD CALENDAR JANUARY, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>I've learned so much from my mistakes.....</i> <i>I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>				 Office Closed	2 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	9:30 am taking down decorations 4
5 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am -Worship Service / communion 11am - Coffee hosted by Circle #4 11 an - Blood Pressure Screening Deacons Offering	6 9 am Counters 10:30 am Worship Mtg.	7 1:00 p.m. Ladies Circle Meeting #1, 3 & 4	8 10 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir 3:30 Mission meeting	9 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers 12 - 4 pm Master Gardeners	10 C L O S E D	11
12 9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Finance Copper Kettle Offering	13 9 am Counters	14	15 10 am - Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	16 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	17 C L O S E D	18
19 9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11 am Coffee hosted by Ministry	20 9 am Counters 11:30 - Men of the Church	21	22 10 am - Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	23 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	24 C L O S E D	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Worship	27 9 am Counters 10 am - Deacons Mtg.	28 9 am - Fellowship of Love 3 pm - Session	29 10 am - Bible Study 2:00 pm Choir	30 10-11 am Alleluia Ringers	31 C L O S E D	
Publication Deadlines Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, January 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>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</i>			



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

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Mr. Gary Adler, Lay Pastor

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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