



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church March, 2014

From under.....

The Redbud Tree

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

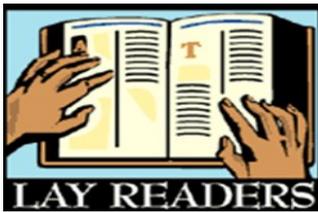
The first Sunday in March will mark the last Sunday before Lent and it is traditionally the day when the story is told about Jesus going up the mountain and being "transfigured" into a bright being along with Moses and Elijah. Turns out that Peter, James and John go along for the ride and plan to set up camp. When they see the light and hear God's voice, they want to hang out there for a while. Nice thought, but Jesus isn't going for it. Jesus sends all three of them back down the mountain.

Have you ever had a mountaintop experience? By that, I mean a time when you felt so close to God, when you were so aware spiritually, that you didn't ever want to leave? When that happens, we usually plan to stay in that mode and live there. But it doesn't ordinarily happen that way. God probably has another plan for you. Usually we have to climb back down off the mountain and get busy once again with the work God has for us to do in the valley. God has other plans for us, and they usually work out much better than the one we had in mind.

Don't get me wrong, it's good to have a plan, to know where you are going, to see a path up ahead. But planning is one thing, expecting results another. My "plan" is to "plan" – but not plan results. I leave the outcome up to God well, most of the time!

Have a great day in God's Hands!

Your Pastor,
Nancy Taylor



Lay Leaders

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 2nd - Gary Adler
- 9th - JoAnn James
- 16th - Sarah Kelly
- 23rd - Sharon Adler
- 30th - Sissy Wells

Special and Fun Dates for March 2014

- Transfiguration of the Lord - 2nd
- Ash Wednesday - 5th
- World Day of Prayer - 7th
- 1st Sunday in Lent - 9th
- DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME - 9th**
- Girl Scout Sunday - 9th
- 2nd Sunday in Lent - 16th
- St Patrick's Day - 17th**
- First Day of Spring - 20th
- 3rd Sunday in Lent - 23rd

THANK YOU

Bud and I want to thank our church family for the cards & phone calls you showered us with for our anniversary. Also, we acknowledge your kind words regarding our recent story in the Living Well magazine & for all the copies you saved for us to send to family & friends. Please note, we now have more than enough magazines! Thank you for making our anniversary a most memorable occasion. Bud & Barb Hough

I'm out of bed and I made it to the keyboard. What more do you want?



Lent in the Library

I invite you to join with me in daily reading and reflecting during this Lenten Season on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. In "God's Abundant Table", Cynthia M. Campbell brings us back to the essentials - the sharing of bread, the invitation to hospitality, the creation of relationships. In addition to daily readings, participants will meet weekly for six sessions on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. We will meet in the church library beginning March 6.

You may purchase the book (\$9) and sign up for the class in the church office. If you have questions about the class, you may contact me through the church office.

Rev. Cindy Saul,
Facilitator and Friend of the Church

Communion Servers For the month of March

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| March 2nd | Chuck Beall |
| | Wayne Faust |
| | Barb Hough |
| | Fred Iffland |
| | Dick Johnson |
| | Shirley Johnson |
| | Ken Kunkel |
| | Wana Thacker |



- 4 Vicky Buff
- 5 Nancy Sheehy
- 5 Janeth Lawson
- 5 Fred Reed
- 13 Frank Zortman, Sr.
- 20 Lillian Euers
- 20 Velma Shaw
- 21 Mary Martin
- 22 Polly Millhouser
- 22 Marilyn Seel
- 25 Doris King

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!)



March Church Mouse

This little mouse is still having to bundle up from the cold weather and I suspect is growing weary of winter! But, that does not deter this mouse from being always cheerful! This little mouse has a spouse that is a die-hard fan of the "Fighting Irish" of Notre Dame. This little mouse works diligently here at FPCMH as the Clerk of Session. If you have guessed who this little mouse is....then make a point to say "thank you" the next time you meet. We appreciate all the hard work this little mouse does for us!

Do you know this busy church mouse?

USHERS FOR MARCH

- 2nd & 9th - Sherman Fine & Opal Buck
- 16th & 23rd - Wana Thacker & Richard Holmes
- 30th - Chuck & Cheryl Munson-Beall

GREETERS FOR MARCH

- 2nd & 9th - Richard Holmes
- 16th & 23rd - Carl Jansma
- 30th - Carolyn Saul

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Barb Hough for taking me to the Hospital following my fall on the ice, and staying with me until I was able to come home. I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and phone calls. It is so wonderful to have such a caring church family! I especially want to thank Sharon Adler for taking over the Worship Meeting in my absence.

Joycelyn Johnson

March Anniversaries

- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Bill Henning
- 14 Roger & Celia Millard
- 28 Harold & Anna Williams

Special Person of the Month

For the month of March, 2014

Our Special Persons are:

Sue and Joe Mahoney

If you haven't met the Mahoney's ...you need to. If you're not sure who they are....they are easy to find each Sunday. They are at service with Sue's dog...Gizmo (an English Mastiff). Gizmo is a service animal for Sue. I understand Gizmo is a finicky eater. He looks healthy to me. Joe says it really doesn't take that much to feed him. Sue has Multiple Sclerosis and Gizmo is trained to know when she is about to suffer an attack and can react accordingly. Gizmo even sleeps with Sue and if an attack is imminent he will prevent her from getting up. Imagine the training that is involved with service animals....truly amazing!!

Sue was born in Brunswick, Maine but the family moved to North Hollywood, California where she attended grade school. Her high school years were in Mission Hills, California. She then continued for a year at Valley College. She entered the work force as a courier and traveled the entire state.

Joe is originally from Chicago and completed all his schooling there. After high school he joined the U.S. Navy and served for over eight years. He was assigned on five different ships and sailed all over the world.

Sue and Joe have two sons, three daughters and four grandchildren. They only have one son here in the area. In their early marriage they settled in California where Joe passed a very difficult state exam in order to enter the heating and air-conditioning profession. He worked in that field for forty years. They moved to the Mountain Home area about twenty-five years ago. Sue worked in the Friend Fruit Orchard stand for fifteen years. Sue and Joe then owned the Jean Scene shop in Gassville for ten years. One of Sue's hobbies was upholstering antique furniture. After moving to Arkansas Joe worked as a home inspector. After that Sue and Joe dabbled in "house flipping" which involved buying, fixing up and repairing and the eventual selling of houses.

Joe shared that Sue's favorite color is blue and that both their favorite food is Italian! I was unable to drag out of Joe their favorite TV shows but, he mentioned they watch shows like 'Law and Order'. Joe did say he spends a lot of time being on the computer. So....if you don't want your secret told....tell it to Joe because you can't get him to
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'give up' much. I tried to get some deep, dark secret...but I got 'nothing'!

However, the one thing I did get from this interesting couple....is that they have a strong work ethic and have worked hard throughout their life. They are, obviously, devoted to one another as well.

So, when next you meet....be sure to introduce yourself to this interesting couple and their amazing...Gizmo, too!

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with worship that focuses on the themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

Traditional words used during the service are "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We receive everlasting life only as a gift of God's grace.

Ash Wednesday worship is a call to observe Lent as a time of self-examination and repentance, of prayer and self denial, of Bible study, of meditation on Jesus' life and death and of giving oneself to others, especially those who suffer and are in need.



Ozark Center of Hope

The church received an acknowledgment from the Ozark Center of Hope for our monthly financial support and a detailed report for 2013. It is a resource center to combine the efforts of several churches, organizations and individuals in providing help in the Twin Lakes area to community clients who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

THANK YOU

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated soup, crackers and money for our "Souper Bowl of Caring". A special thank you to the youth of our church for helping in the collection of this food. As a result, we donated 227 cans of soup, 8 boxes of crackers and with our regular collection of food, our church donated 424 lbs. in February. Thank you!

- The largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the US is hosted by New York City. It began in 1762 and is attended by more than a million people each year.
- Green is the color most associated with St. Patrick's Day because it represents spring and is the official color of Ireland.
- "Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck".

REMINDER:

**THE NEW START TIME
FOR CHOIR PRACTICE IS.....
1:45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAYS**

FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

With all the holidays and our horrible winter weather, you haven't heard from us for the last two editions of The Red Bud. However, due to the advanced planning by the various committees of the church, the day to day operations of the church continued to flow in an orderly manner. The Session appreciates the dedication of the office staff for the smooth running of the office during the holidays, Pastor Nancy's education absence, and the staff's diligence in opening the office during the inclement weather.

Donations of food for the Mountain Home Food Basket totaled 429 pounds including 227 cans of soup collected on "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday.

The annual Session Retreat will be held on March 25th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The stated session meeting will begin immediately following the retreat.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hough, Clerk of Session

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.



Ash Wednesday
Pot Luck
March 5th, 5:00 p.m.

At 5:00 pm we will meet for a Pot Luck meal and immediately following we will have our Ash Wednesday service. Please bring your dish to pass and also your own plate and silverware for your meal.

Invite

someone

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards and expression of sympathy at the loss of our son and grandson. For the ladies who had prepared for cake and coffee after the memorial service for our son Tom which we had to cancel because of the weather.

The help we received to our car in the snow storm after church. All your prayers and concern have helped us through this rough time.

The latest help and prayers we have needed with Harold's health problems. We thank Pastor Nancy for her prayers, for our deacon Marilyn Wheat and members who have helped in other ways, we are very grateful. Thank You!

Harold and Anna Williams

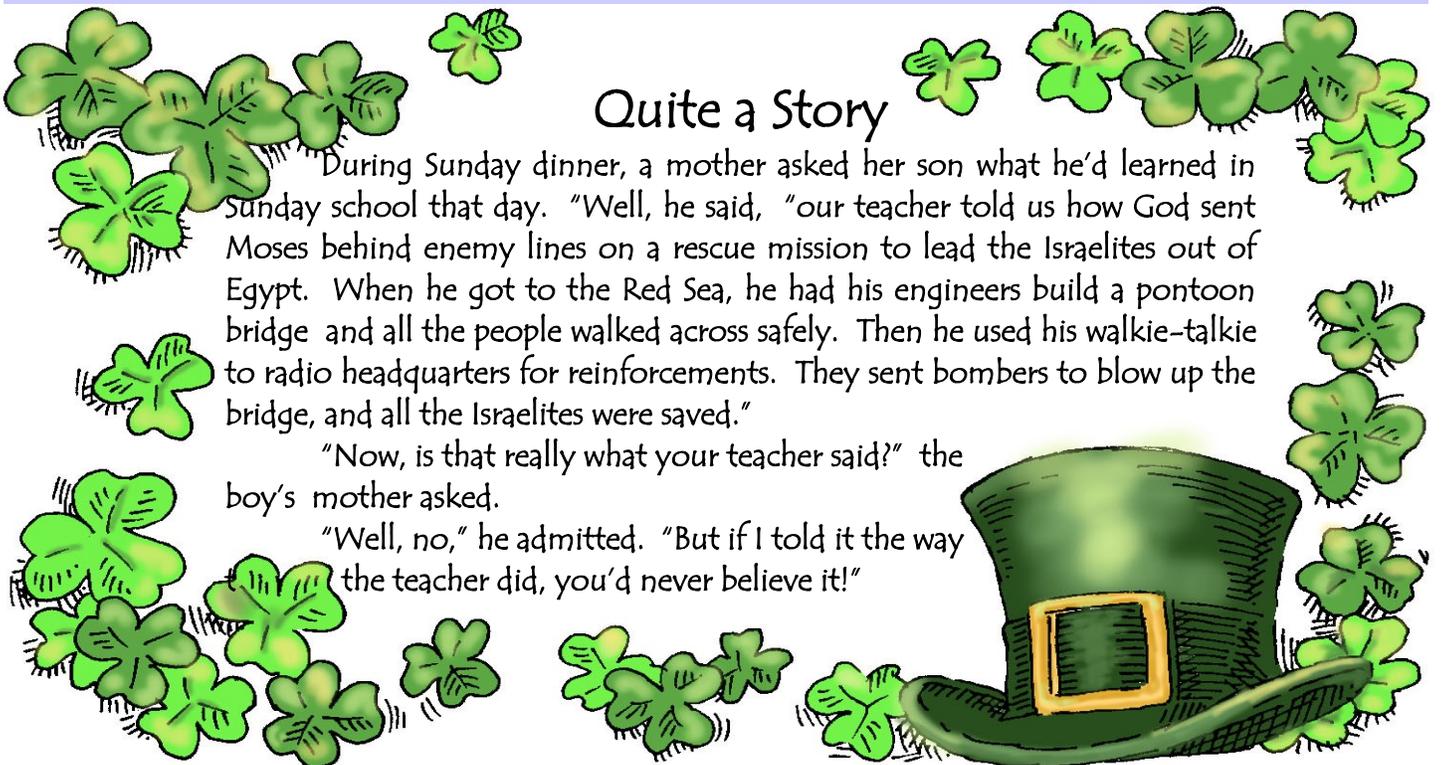


Quite a Story

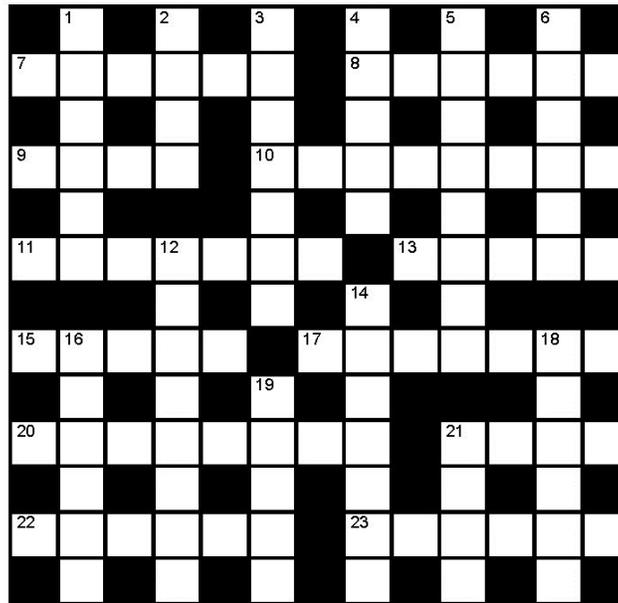
During Sunday dinner, a mother asked her son what he'd learned in Sunday school that day. "Well, he said, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, is that really what your teacher said?" the boy's mother asked.

"Well, no," he admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



Zephaniah



Across

- 7 Describes assembly. Zeph 3:18 (6)
- 8 God's holy nation. (6)
- 9 The 40 day season celebrated before Easter. (4)
- 10 "For Gaza shall be forsaken, and _____ a desolation." Zeph 2:4 (8)
- 11 "In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, _____ thou hast transgressed against me." Zeph 3:11 (7)
- 13 "I will also leave in the _____ of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord." Zeph 3:12 (5)
- 15 God promises "thou _____ not see evil any more." Zeph 3:15 (5)
- 17 "Every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he _____ not." Zeph 3:5 (7)
- 20 "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his _____." Zeph 2:3 (8)

- 21 "For then will I _____ to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent." Zeph 3:9 (4)
- 22 "For I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity _____ your eyes, saith the Lord." Zeph 3:20 (6)
- 23 The leader of Israel who anointed the first two kings: Saul and David. (6)

Down

- 1 The favored son of Jacob who was sold into slavery. (6)
- 2 "He will _____ in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." Zeph 3:17 (4)
- 3 "They shall also build houses, but not _____ them." Zeph 1:13 (7)
- 4 "Her prophets are _____ and treacherous persons." Zeph 3:4 (5)

- 5 Type of offering they willingly offered unto the LORD in Ezra 3:5. (8)
- 6 Jesus healed the ill and cast these out of people. (6)
- 12 Christianity is a _____. (8)
- 14 The physical symbol of being washed clean. (7)
- 16 "In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' _____ with violence and deceit." Zeph 1:9 (6)
- 18 The past tense form of the answer to clue #21 across. (6)
- 19 One of Jesus' disciples who denied him three times and later became a leader among the apostles and early church. (5)
- 21 "And it shall come to pass at that _____, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees." Zeph 1:12 (4)

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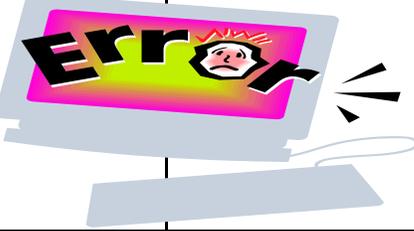
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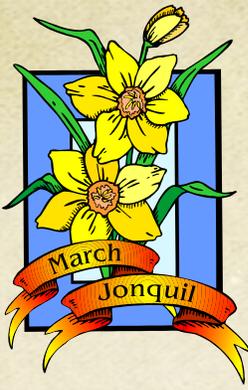
INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Ending February 24, 2014

REVENUE	<u>CURRENT MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u>
Pledges	\$8,568.00	\$19,092.00
Initial Offering	20.00	135.00
Interest	13.25	16.40
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Loose Offerings	316.07	702.24
Sunday School	35.00	64.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00
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Total Revenue	\$8,952.32	\$20,009.64
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EXPENSES		
Personnel	3,740.72	14,557.97
Administration	1,161.95	2,463.85
Building & Grounds	1,808.36	3,279.25
Worship & Planning	\$0.00	\$361.07
Missions	50.81	50.81
Ministry	59.40	79.40
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,821.24	\$20,792.35
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$2,131.08	(\$782.71)

REDBUD CALENDAR MARCH, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes.....</i></p> <p><i>I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p>							1
<p>2</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service/communion</p> <p>11am - Coffee hosted by Circle #3 11 am - Blood Pressure Screening Deacons Offering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transfiguration of the Lord</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Counters</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Meeting.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Ladies Circle Meeting #1, 3 & 4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>1:45 pm Choir</p> <p>3:30 Mission meeting</p> <p style="color: blue;"><i>5 pm - Pot Luck supper followed by Ash Wednesday Service</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p> <p style="color: red;">11:15 am - Lent in the Library</p>	C L O S E D	8	
<p>9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> <p>9 am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Personnel & Admin. Copper Kettle Offering</p> <p style="color: blue;">1st Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Counters</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>10 am - Bible Study</p> <p>1:45 pm Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p> <p style="color: green;">12 - 4 pm Master Gardeners</p> <p style="color: red;">11:15 am - Lent in the Library</p>	C L O S E D	15	
<p>16</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10am Worship Service</p> <p>11 am Coffee hosted by Building & Grounds</p> <p style="color: blue;">2nd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>17 9 am Counters 11:30 -Men of the Church</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>18</p> <p style="color: black;">3:00 p.m. Session</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 am - Bible Study</p> <p>1:45 pm Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p> <p style="color: red;">11:15 am - Lent in the Library</p>	C L O S E D	22	
<p>23</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Deacons</p> <p style="color: blue;">3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Counters</p> <p>10 am - Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 am - Fellowship of Love 9:30 am - Elders Retreat/Session Retreat until 3pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am - Bible Study</p> <p>1:45 pm Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10-11 am Alleluia Ringers</p> <p style="color: red;">11:15 am - Lent in the Library</p>	C L O S E D	29	
<p>30</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Circle #4</p> <p style="color: blue;">4th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9 am Counters</p>	<p>Publication Deadlines</p> <p>Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, March 20th 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 style="color: red;"><u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u></p>			



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

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