



Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church November, 2014

*From under.....*

# The Redbud Tree

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Dear Church Family,

You know, week after week, I stand in the pulpit and proclaim the good news to you - that God is with us, that God is in charge, and that eventually everything will turn out OK. But sometimes, I wonder if you are thinking to yourself, "That's all fine and well, Pastor Nancy, but I have real problems - life and death problems - and I am not so sure that your cheerful - optimistic - enthusiastic- glass half-full attitude really applies to my situation."

And you know what-- I get that, I really do ... No one will ever really know the fear, the pain, the suffering you might be facing even right now. No one. I will probably never know most of the suffering that most of you have been served. But I do know this: Everyone's been served some suffering in their life. Everyone.

As I look around our congregation, I see people who have survived all kinds of suffering and pain. And my hunch is that you have survived mostly because of your faith.

Not because of financial security, because you may have lost that.

Not because of a beloved spouse, because you may have lost that.

Not because of good health, because you may have lost that.

But because of your faith - that leads you to hope; a hope for a

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better tomorrow. And that's when I find myself grateful - that none of us have to do this alone. I am thankful for our church family - that you believe in me as I believe in you. And that we believe in God, who is always with us.

Giving thanks always,  
Your Pastor,  
Nancy Taylor

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

**Sunday, November 2nd  
All Saints Sunday**

**Gary Adler, Sharon Adler, Chuck Beall, Wayne Faust, Sherman Fine, Karen Gillespie, Doris Nichele and Wana Thacker**

## THANK YOU

Marty and I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers for my sister, Judy. Thank you also for your continued prayers for our family upon her death, for all the cards and expressions of caring and concerns. Thank you, Pastor Nancy, for praying with us.

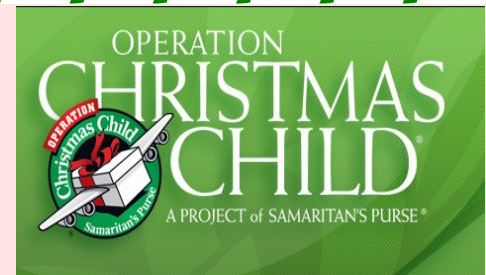
We are so grateful that God has blessed us with such a caring church family. God's blessings to all of you!

Mike & Marty Hasty

**Would you like to help  
with assembling of the  
Fellowship Hall  
Advent Decorations?**

**We will be gathering on  
Thursday morning, November 6th at 10:30 a.m.**

**No talent required!! If you  
have a glue gun and an extension  
cord, please bring them. If you  
have any questions, please call Sissy  
Well; at 499-3413.**



**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 leftover items to share with others or to make extra boxes. The deadline for boxes to be in is **Sunday, November 23rd**. If you have any questions you may contact Sarah Kelly.





- 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
- 28 Michelle Andrew, Custodian
- 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!)*  
**We appreciate your help!**

#### NOVEMBER SPECIAL DATES

- ♦ All Saints' Day, November 1st
- ♦ Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 2nd
- ♦ Veterans Day, November 11th
- ♦ Christ the King Sunday, November 23rd
- ♦ Thanksgiving, November 27th
- ♦ First Sunday of Advent, November 30th

## November Anniversaries

- 23 Dick & Shirley Johnson
- 24 Gordon & Lori Buenger



- 2nd & 9th - Chuck & Peggy Whitcome
- 16th & 23rd - Carl & Bev Jansma
- 30th - Velma Shaw & Opal Buck



- 2nd & 9th - Phyllis Gladson
- 16th - Carolyn Saul
- 23rd & 30th - Doris Reeves



**Lay Leaders**

#### FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Gary Adler
- 9th - Sarah Kelly
- 16th - Sherman Fine
- 23rd - Don Crapnell
- 30th - Sissy Wells



## Session Highlights

### October 28, 2014

- ◆ Personnel Committee is studying possible options regarding filling the vacancy of a part time secretarial opening following the recent death of our Helen Harding.
- ◆ The deacons continue tending to the needs of our church family as the needs are made known to them. Our deacons rely on us to advise them of our concerns so please let them know when they can be of service to us.
- ◆ All Saints Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ A Retreat for Women is being planned for early spring. Watch for more information as the planning moves forward.
- ◆ Come check out the library for new books being placed monthly.
- ◆ We collected 903 pounds of food and potatoes for the Food Basket in September and delivered in October. Great Job! The food challenged families in our community continue to need our assistance.
- ◆ November 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Fellowship Turkey Dinner Night featuring a turkey dinner with all the trimmings all for the price of \$10.00. See Jo Ann James for tickets or the church office.
- ◆ December 18<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas party. More information on this fun event will be forthcoming as plans come together.
- ◆ We continue to support Operation Christmas Child by bringing in our filled shoeboxes. Please see the stage area in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline to turn in your filled box is Sunday, November 23rd.
- ◆ As noted above, your session is working hard planning events & activities for our church, do your part & participate.

## *In Memory of Helen Harding*

Last month our church lost a devoted and faithful employee. Helen Harding passed away on October 16, 2014. She served our church and church office for over 14 years. We surely will miss her.

Helen had this wonderful way of doing her job and making it look incredibly easy even when stress, detail and deadlines got in the way. We never really knew all of the things Helen did until she would be gone for a few days and then, when someone would come in and ask about a project, we would mostly say, "Not sure, I think Helen was in charge of that."

Helen was always here and on time. ALWAYS. If it was her turn to open the church office, we knew she would be here and usually plenty early. There were so many days when we could tell that she was hurting or exhausted or ill, but she never let on that she was anything but "just fine." She fooled us – some of the time; but as her health challenges began to get the best of her, and even when we began to notice that her breath was a little shorter and her eyes a little less bright, she carried on as if nothing was bothering her at all. We are pretty sure that she loved working in the church office because she usually took the opportunity to work extra hours, even on holidays.

Her loyalty was unmatched. She was Catholic, and very faithful to her church, attending every Saturday afternoon; however she was always so respectful of our Presbyterian way of doing things here. She consistently (and sometimes insistently!) made sure that our liturgy and our prayers met the criteria and theology for the Presbyterian Church (USA). She attended our Sunday services when there was a special event and in fact, had planned to attend the Pastor Appreciation Sunday service and annual church picnic. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be.

One of the things we knew we could count on was Helen's honesty and trustworthiness. Handling money was sometimes a necessary part of her job and we always knew that the funds were safe with her. She took over the treasurer's job last year and helped with the installation of the new in-house accounting system. When our CPA firm no longer produced the payroll checks, they began to be generated out of the church office. Since protocol requires that the pay checks be signed by someone other than staff, it was very important to her that everyone knew that she wasn't signing those checks anymore ONLY because of the protocol and not because of any reflection upon her honesty or integrity. She knew how important trust and honesty are in a church setting, and her actions never gave us any reason to question her integrity.

If you wanted to confide in Helen, the information was held completely confidentially. There was never even a doubt that your secrets were safe with her. She carried an endless treasure of confidences that were never divulged. If information needed to be passed on in the church office, we never hesitated to trust Helen with it. She was a safe keeper when it was to be kept confidential.

Helen was a tiny woman in stature, but her shoes will be enormous to fill. In fact, they will probably never be filled because Helen Harding can never be replaced.

*May you rest in peace, dear friend, we will miss you.*

**Church Supper,  
Wednesday, November 19,  
2014, 5:30 p.m.**

**Please reserve and pay by  
November 9th  
to the church office  
or JoAnn James  
\$10.00 per person**



**YOU WILL ENJOY A  
CATERED TURKEY  
DINNER WITH DRESSING,  
MASHED POTATOES AND  
GRAVY, GREEN BEAN  
CASSEROLE, CRANBERRY  
SALAD, ROLL, PIE AND A  
DRINK.**

**Please sign up and pay by the  
9th so we will have a head  
count for the caterer.**

## **CHURCH CHUCKLES**

**3-year-old Reese: "Our Father,  
Who does art in heaven, Harold is  
His name. Amen."**

**A little boy was overheard praying:  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better  
boy, don't worry about it. I'm hav-  
ing a real good time like I am."**

**The Sunday school teacher was  
carefully explaining the story of Eli-  
jah the Prophet and the false  
prophets of Baal. She explained  
how Elijah built the altar, put wood  
upon it, cut the steer in pieces and  
laid it upon the altar.**

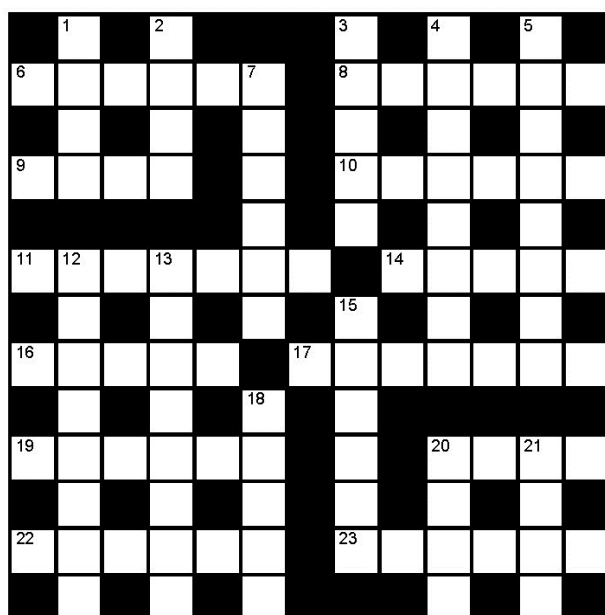
**And then Elijah commanded the  
people of God to fill four barrels of  
water and pour it over the altar. He  
had them do this four times.**

**"Now, said the teacher, "can any-  
one in the class tell me why the  
Lord would have Elijah pour water  
over the steer on the altar?"**

**A little girl in the back of the room  
raised her hand with great enthusi-  
asm. "To make the gravy."**

**A tiny but dignified old lady was  
among a group looking at an art  
exhibition in a newly opened gal-  
lery. Suddenly one contemporary  
painting caught her eye. "What on  
earth, "she inquired of the artist  
nearby, "is that?" He smiled conde-  
scendingly, "That, my dear lady, is  
supposed to be a mother and her  
child." "Well, then," snapped the  
little old lady, "why isn't it?"**

# Jude



## Across

- 6 "Thou \_\_\_\_\_ the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them." Psa 89:9 (6)
- 8 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 1:6 (6)
- 9 "Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall \_\_\_\_\_." Isa 13:7 (4)
- 10 What they did not have. Jude 1:19 (6)
- 11 The son of Azareel. Neh 11:13 (7)
- 14 "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own \_\_\_\_\_; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." Jude 1:13 (5)
- 16 The man who led Israel out of Egypt. Jude 1:9 (5)
- 17 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the

flesh, God \_\_\_\_\_ his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh," Rom 8:3 (7)

- 19 "Let the brother of low \_\_\_\_\_ rejoice in that he is exalted." James 1:9 (6)
- 20 Enoch was the seventh from \_\_\_\_\_. Jude 1:14 (4)
- 22 Another word for dirty. Jude 1:8 (6)
- 23 Ahiam's father. 2 Sam 23:33 (6)

## Down

- 1 The brother of James. Jude 1:1 (4)
- 2 "Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is \_\_\_\_\_ upon usury:" Deut 23:19 (4)
- 3 "Happy is that people, that is in such "\_\_\_\_\_:" Psa 144:15 (1, 4)
- 4 Sent away. 2 Sam 14:14 (8)

5 "And at \_\_\_\_\_, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth," Neh 11:29 (8)

- 7 The disciple who saw Jesus and believed. John 20:29 (6)
- 12 The plain mentioned in Judg 9:37 (8)
- 13 "And he that shall swear by heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon." Matt 23:22 (8)
- 15 Jude said there were spots in these in Jude 1:12. (6)
- 18 A type of stone. Ezek 10:9 (5)
- 20 "\_\_\_\_\_ for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." Joel 1:15 (4)
- 21 "Heaven and earth shall pass \_\_\_\_\_: but my words shall not pass \_\_\_\_\_." Mark 13:31 (4)

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## INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Ending October 28, 2014

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b><u>CURRENT MONTH ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL YR. TO DATE</u></b>
Pledges	\$8,789.71	\$115,899.46
Initial Offering	0.00	635.00
Investment/Interest Income	0.00	8264.13
Miscellaneous	0.00	20.00
Loose Offerings	374.00	5,233.34
Sunday School	23.00	207.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	50.00
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$9,186.71</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,308.93</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel	3,810.09	103,485.83
Administration	1,024.86	13,198.20
Building & Grounds	972.95	27,189.84
Worship & Planning	\$15.54	\$1,847.81
Missions	0.00	2,807.11
Ministry	0.00	426.29
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$5,823.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$148,955.08</u></b>
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<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>\$3,363.27</u></b>	<b><u>(\$18,646.15)</u></b>

**Note: Investment/Interest Income also includes income from Texas Presbyterian Foundation.**

### More Than a Tithe

On his 10th birthday a sensitive boy received ten shiny silver dollars from a thoughtful uncle. The child was very appreciative. He immediately sat down on the floor and spread the coins before him. Then he began to plan how to use the money. He set aside the first dollar saying, "This one is for Jesus." He then went on to decide what to do with the second, and so on until he came to the last dollar. "This one is for Jesus," he said. The boy's mother interrupted, "But I thought you gave the first dollar to Jesus." "I did," the boy replied. "The first one really belongs to Him, but this one is a gift to Him from me."

**Dr. Stephen Olford**

*The Grace of Giving*, 2d Revised Edition, 1990, Encounter Ministries



# REDBUD CALENDAR NOVEMBER, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Please verify committee meetings with the chairperson as days/times are subject to change!</u>		<u>Publication Deadlines</u> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Thursday, November 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.				1
<b>2</b>  9am - Adult Sunday school 10am -Worship Service Communion Sunday 11am - Coffee hosted by Circle #1 11am - blood pressure screening  Deacons Offering	<b>3</b> 9 am - Counters 10 am - Worship Mtg. 2 p.m. - Nominating Committee	<b>4</b> 1:00 p.m. - Ladies Circles 1, 3, & 4	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study 1:00 p.m. - Mission Mtg.   Wednesday Bible Studies	<b>6</b>  10:30 - Assembling Decorations for the Fellowship Hall. 9 - 10:00 a.m. Alleluia Ringers 1:45 p.m. - Choir	C L O S E D	8
<b>9</b> 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Circle #3  Copper Kettle Offering	<b>10</b> 9 am - Counters 2 p.m. - Nominating Committee	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day 	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study   Wednesday Bible Studies	<b>13</b>  9 - 10:00 a.m. Alleluia Ringers 1:45 p.m. - Choir   Master Gardeners 12 noon - 4pm	C L O S E D	15
<b>16</b> 9am - Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Personnel Committee	<b>17</b> 9 am - Counters  <b>Deacons Meeting</b> 10 am - Deacons Mtg. 11:30 am - Men of the Church 2 p.m. - Nominating Committee	<b>18</b> 2 p.m. - Ministry Committee  <b>Church Session Mtg</b> 3 pm - Session	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study 5:30 p.m. - Church Supper - Turkey Dinner & the trimmings   Wednesday Bible Studies	<b>20</b>  9 - 10:00 a.m. Alleluia Ringers 1:45 p.m. - Choir  Redbud Deadline	C L O S E D	22
<b>23</b> 9am - Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Building & Grounds Committee Last day for Christmas Shoe boxes	<b>24</b> 9 am Counters	<b>25</b>  Fellowship of Love 9 a.m.	<b>26</b> No Bible Study	<b>27</b> Office Closed  	C L O S E D	29
<b>30</b> 9am - Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am Coffee Hosted by Deacons Committee 1st Sunday of Advent		I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!				



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 and  
Carolyn Saul

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

