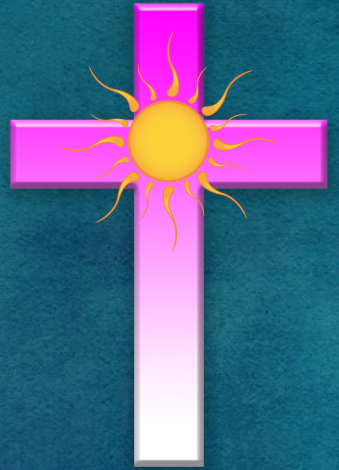


From under the Redbud Tree.....



The Redbud

August, 2019

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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A Day Away in a Quiet Place

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (*Mark 6:31, NIV*).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with friends. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest" (*Matthew 11:28, NIV*).



Congratulations!

A special congratulations to Mari Ruegsegger on her recent graduation from Arkansas State University nursing program. Mari graduated July 30 at the Mountain Home campus with a Practical Nursing degree. Way to go Mari! The world will be a safer and healthier place.

You will be receiving a letter and report from the Session appointed Resource Adhoc committee in mid-August which will be the focus of a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 25th following worship.

PLEASE read over the report and come with questions and input. This meeting will help in determining our next step in searching for a pastor.

Do you know someone who is unchurched, or maybe is not attending church right now. Maybe it is someone who has been looking for a church home and has just not found the right place to worship. "We are a welcoming church!" I hear this all the time. Why not reach out to someone, extend the hospitality beyond the front doors. Read our Mission Statement which is printed in the Sunday morning worship bulletin each week. It says we are to reach out to people of all ages. We are to TRUMPET the GOOD NEWS we share of God's love and forgiveness. What a story! What an opportunity! Wouldn't it be interesting if we designated August as "bring a FRIEND TO CHURCH month. I wonder what would happen. Would we see new faces? Would we be sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to those outside our own church community? Who knows! Try it, you might like it!

DID YOU KNOW? Our average worship attendance on Sunday mornings is between 51 and 56. According to our church records we have 82 people who are members of First Presbyterian Church. Of those 82 members, 14 are either shut-ins who are not able to attend worship or have moved. In doing the math we can figure we have about 65 to 68 members who are able to worship on a regular basis. Averaging out the numbers we are averaging over 65% attendance. **That is remarkable!** For our size and numbers we ARE doing some good ministries here at First Presbyterian. I want to thank you all for your efforts as we serve the Lord and our community. And, I am most certain that the Lord also appreciates and blesses all of what we do. Our future is uncertain as to how we are going to be served in pastoral leadership. It is imperative that you attend our congregational meeting on August 25 as we discern where we go from here. There are options. There are different directions we can take in how we continue serving the Lord here at First Presbyterian. Be there!



Coffee and
cookie teams

Month of August

- 4th - The Deacons
- 11th - Women's Circle #1
- 18th - Finance Committee
- 25th - Ministry Committee



August 1	Sharon Adler
August 3	Ian Ruegsegger
August 5	Marilyn Wheat
August 9	Mark Guth
August 10	Ralph Gillespie
August 16	Rev. Sam Hofer
August 18	Wana Thacker
August 20	Suzanne Smyth
August 23	Fred Ruegsegger
August 26	Don Crapnell

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!!

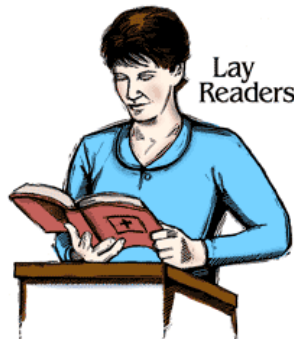
(We can't fix it...if we don't know it's broke!) We appreciate your help!

**COMMUNION SET-UP
TEAM FOR AUGUST 3, 2019**

**Cathy Roever &
Susan Kearns**



August 3	TJ & Janeth Lawson
August 12	Nan & William Jordan
August 28	Jim & Nancy Priest



For the month of August

August 4 -	Mary Smith
August 11 -	Ralph Gillespie
August 18 -	Nan Jordan
August 25 -	Nancy Priest



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- 4th - Mike & Marty Hasty
- 11th- Mike & Marty Hasty
- 18th- Cathy Roever &
Carolyn Hannon
- 25th - Cathy Roever &
Carolyn Hannon

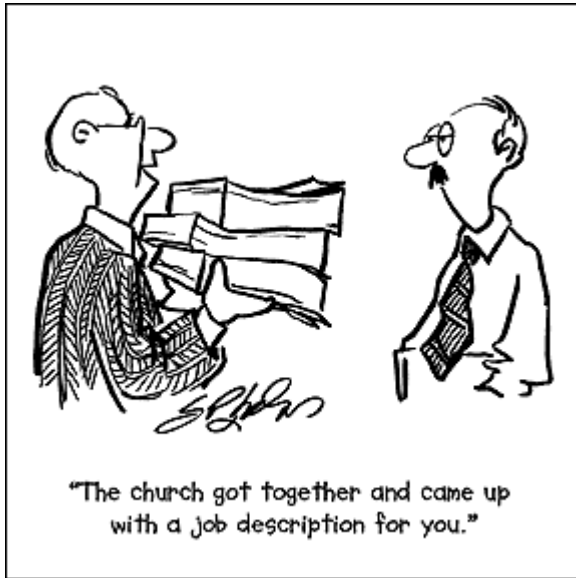


AUGUST 4, 2019

**George & Joyce Hove
Kay Kunkel & Sherman Fine**



CHURCH CHUCKLES



The graveside service had just ended when there was a frightening clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning accompanied by even louder thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and said calmly, "Well, she's there."



From a church newsletter:
More than 200 people attended.
Thanks for being apart of this special event!
Watch for next year's date.

If you had to be apart from us that day,
plan to be a part of next year's event!



TO: First Presbyterian Church, Mountain Home, Arkansas

On behalf of the Presbytery of Arkansas, we want to thank you for your interest and donation of \$200 to our recent disaster relief.

Your thoughtfulness will assist the Disaster Preparedness and Relief Subcommittee in ministering to God's children affected by the flooding.

Thank you,

**Courtney Bacon-Latina, Secretary
Disaster Preparedness & Relief Subcommittee**



The Women's Circles will meet:

Tuesday, September 3, 2019,

At 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Please continue to collect Best Choice coupons for us.



EVERYTHING I KNOW, MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

You taught me to appreciate a job well done:
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside."

You taught me religion:
"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet!"

You taught me about time travel:
"If you don't shape up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

You taught me logic: *"Because I said so, that's why."*

You taught me irony: *"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about!"*

You taught me the science of osmosis: *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."*

You taught me about contortionism: *"Will you look at all that dirt on the back of your neck?"*

You taught me stamina: *"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."*

You taught me about weather: *"Your room looks like a tornado went through it."*

You taught me about hypocrisy: *"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times: don't exaggerate."*

You taught me envy: *"There are millions of kids less fortunate who don't have wonderful parents like you do."*

You taught me about anticipation: *"Just wait until we get home."*

You taught me about medical science: *"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way!"*

You taught me E.S.P.: *"Put on your sweater; don't you think I know when you are cold?"*

You taught me foresight: *"Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."*

You taught me humor: *"When that lawnmower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me!"*

You taught me about my roots: *"Shut that door — do you think you were born in a barn?"*

You taught me wisdom: *"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."*

You taught me about receiving: *"You are really going to get it when we get home!"*

And — Mother, Dear — you taught me about justice: *"One day, you will have kids and I hope they turn out just like you."*

Scripture Readings for the month of August

Sunday, August 4th

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11,
Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22,
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 18th

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29 — 12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 25th

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-15
Luke 13:10-17

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home, Arkansas, met for a Stated Session meeting on Friday, May 21, 2019, at 10:30 p.m.

The session meeting day and time has been changed from 3rd Tuesday to the **3rd Friday of each month and the time has been changed from 12:30 pm to 10:30 am** to adjust to session members schedules.

NO SESSION MINUTES

Thank you, you are able to see a complete copy of session minutes or committee reports in the mail room.

Mari Ruegsegger
Clerk of Session



Hymn Requests

If you filled out a form and made a Sunday music request and it has not been included in the music for Sunday worship, it is probably due to copyright laws. Music is protected for 70 years after the author's death when it is on file with a copyright certificate. Any song or musical work published in 1922 or earlier is in the Public Domain in the USA. So unless a hymn is in our hymnal or in Public Domain and since we do not have copyright privileges, then we cannot reproduce it to use as an insert in our Sunday worship service.

Now you may be thinking.... "I have seen the song I requested in the bulletin before," and you may have. However, we now have a better understanding of our legal and moral Christian obligation in regard to the use of someone's copyrighted music. We appreciate your participation in our summer music selections and your understanding of how and why these selections are made.



REDBUD CALENDAR AUGUST, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
			10 am - Lectionary Bible Study	1	2 C L O S E D	3
4 10am - Worship Service/ Communion 11am - Coffee hosted by The Deacons 11am - Blood Pressure Screening-Deacons offering	5 9 am - Counters	6 	7 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 2:00 Mission Committee 	8 Master Gardeners meet at 12noon 	9 C L O S E D	10
11 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Women's Circle #1 Copper Kettle Offering	12 9 am - Counters 	13	14 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL IN MOUNTAIN HOME... WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDDOS! 	15 SESSION MEETS FRIDAY AT 10:30 am 	16 C L O S E D	17
18 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Finance Committee	19 9 am - Counters	20 	21 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 11:15 am - Ministry Committee	22	23 C L O S E D	24
25 10am - Worship Service 11 am - coffee hosted by: Ministry Committee CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP	26 9 am - Counters REDBUD DEADLINE	27	28 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study	29	30 C L O S E D	31
	<i>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>			Publication Deadlines Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Redbud deadline - Monday, Aug. 26th 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.		

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