

*From under the Redbud Tree.....*



# The Redbud

*The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church*

*December, 2019*

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### COMING ATTRACTION!

Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W.E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it. "Sangster adds: "It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say.

**'Get ready. He is coming!'"**





Coffee and  
cookie teams

## Month of December

- 1st - Alternatives
- 8th - Women's Circle #2
- 15th - Personnel & Administration
- 22nd - Missions
- 29th - Building & Grounds



Dec. 2 Joyce Hofer  
Dec. 8 Sue Mahoney  
Dec. 11 Sarah Ruegsegger  
Dec. 12 Patti Gamelin  
Dec. 14 Sherman Fine  
Dec. 17 Loweta Rogers  
Dec. 20 David Buff  
Dec. 22 Sarah Kelly

**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!!**

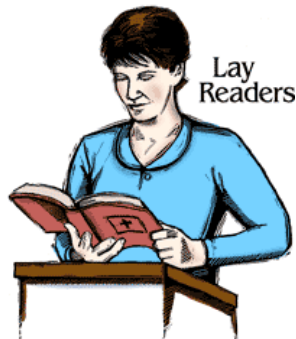
*(We can't fix it...if we don't know it's broke!) We appreciate your help!*

**COMMUNION SET-UP  
TEAM FOR DECEMBER 24, 2019**

**Bob & Susan Kearns**



Dec. 7 David & Vicky Buff  
Dec. 28 Phil & Ellen Jordan



Dec. 1st Ellen Jordan  
Dec. 8th Ralph Gillespie  
Dec. 15th Nan Jordan  
Dec. 22nd Nancy Priest  
Dec. 29th Mary Smith



## FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

1st - Ralph Gillespie & Cathy Roever  
8th- Cathy Roever & Barb Sandberg  
15th - Sherman & Ruth Fine  
22nd - Wana Thacker & Ralph Gillespie  
24th - Chuck Beall & Cheryl Munson Beall  
29th - Wana Thacker & Suzanne Smyth



24th - Wayne Faust & Suzanne Smyth  
Mike & Marty Hasty

# For the month of December

# CHURCH CHUCKLES



From a church newsletter:

You're invited:

Enjoy breakfast with Santa Clause.

Bring your camera for photos.

That's an interesting clause about Santa Claus.



**HELP NEEDED this Saturday, November 30th  
at 11:00 a.m. at church to hang the greens  
and decorate the Christmas tree. The more  
help, the quicker the task is done.**

**SEE YOU SATURDAY!!**

### FOR THE THINKERS

Do twins ever realize that one of them was unplanned?

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2"s Day". (It does fall on a Tuesday).

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses!

Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.







- 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019
- 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019
- 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2019
- 1st day of winter, December 21, 2019
- 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2019
- Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2019



Picture provided by Marty Hasty



A Big Thank You.....to everyone who gave of their time and effort to fill a shoe box. Sarah Kelly reports we ended up with a whopping (biggest ever and bigger than last year) total of **153** boxes. That's a big achievement for our little church. **MANY THANKS** to everyone and to Sarah Kelly for the endless hours she puts into this wonderful project....every year!



If you would like to send a card to Vicky Buff while she is in Houston for medical care you may send it to:

Mrs. Vicky Buff  
930 Oak Parkway Drive  
Houston, Texas 77077

## 2020 Church Directory!!



Please notify the church office if you have had a change in your mailing address, email address, phone number, etc!! We will be starting the 2020 church directory soon and need all changes you may have. Thanks for your co-operation!  
Your Office Staff

*Christ  
IS Coming!*



It's time to decorate the church. We will meet the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 11:00 a.m. The more hands, the quicker it goes! Please plan to help.....you are needed! Any questions contact Wana Thacker.

### Lighting of the Advent Candles



#### Candle lighters for Advent

- Dec. 1st - Carolyn Hannon & Velma Shaw
- Dec. 8th - Mike & Marty Hasty
- Dec. 15th - Ralph & Karen Gillespie
- Dec. 22nd - Gale & Janet Newman
- Dec. 24th - Barb Sandberg & Cathy Roever



### *Poinsettias for Advent*

If you would like to order a Poinsettia in Honor of and/or in Memory of someone special, please fill in the following information and return this slip to the church office. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and your memo "Flower Fund" poinsettia.

Thank you, Worship Committee

**(The suggested donation this year for your poinsettia is \$15 or more which will go into the Flower Fund-Sanctuary).**

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 22nd**

I would like \_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (s).

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Scripture Readings for the month of December

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home, Arkansas, met for a Stated Session meeting on

### 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

Sunday, Dec. 1st

*1st Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122, Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, Dec. 8th

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13,

Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, Dec. 15th

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10,

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, Dec. 22nd

*4th Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 7:10-16,

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

*Christmas Eve*

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Sunday, Dec. 29th

*First Sunday of Christmas*

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23



The Women's meeting is **Tuesday, December 3, 2019** at 1:00 p.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall.

The Lesson: Chapter 1 in the new book "Love Carved in Stone- a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." The Hostess: Marilyn Seel, The Leader: Nancy Priest.

Serenity plans are in progress.

All ladies are welcome to our meetings.

Come Join Us!!

### THANK YOU!

Don and I want to thank you for all the prayers that were prayed for us along with the cards sent. Everything went well. We felt your prayers and they were heard by the LORD. We appreciate every prayer and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

In His love,

Don and Dee Crapnell





# Volunteers Needed

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## DECORATING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Volunteers needed to help decorate the fellowship hall for every event and/or season change. Sissy Wells will provide all of her decorations which will be stored here at the church. Everything is provided and nothing will be charged or purchased by the church. You may also provide decorations of your own, but not required. This is a fun project and will require two people to sign up each month you would like to help. If you have more questions or need more information please contact Sissy at 870-701-3899.

Due to ongoing health issues Sissy is soliciting your help. Please sign up in the fellowship hall to let us know you are interested in this fun position.

THIS WILL BE FOR NEXT YEAR, 2020



# REDBUD CALENDAR DECEMBER, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Alternatives 11am - Blood Pressure Screening-Deacons offering	<b>2</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>3</b> 1 pm-Women's Circles 	<b>4</b> 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1 pm Choir practice  Mission Cmte. 2:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service Copper Kettle offering 11am - Coffee hosted by Women's Circle #2  Congrega-tional meeting following worship	<b>9</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 Worship Committee 1 pm Choir practice 	<b>12</b> Master Gardeners meet at 12noon 	<b>13</b> C L O S E D	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - <b>Annual Church Christmas Party</b> 	<b>16</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>17</b> 10 am - Deacons meet	<b>18</b> 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1:00 p.m. - Choir Practice 11:15 am - Ministry Cmte.	<b>19</b> <b>SESSION MEETS FRIDAY AT 10:30 am</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>1st day of winter</b>
<b>22</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by The Mission Committee	<b>23</b> 9 am - Counters 	<b>24</b>  <b>Candlelight Service at 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Christmas DAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> C L O S E D	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11 am - coffee hosted by Building & Grounds	<b>30</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>31</b> Office closed  <b>New Year's Eve</b>			<b>C L O S E D</b>	
	<i>I've learned so much from my mistakes.....</i>  <i>I'm thinking of making a few more!</i>		<b>Publication Deadlines</b> Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon Newsletter - Redbud deadline -WEDNESDAY December 20th Please submit all articles in writing. You may drop them off at the office or email to Connie McLaurin: fpcmh@centurytel.net			

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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