

From under the Redbud Tree.....



The Redbud

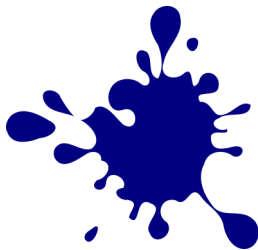
The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

November, 2019

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Change Your Spot



In the Old Testament, Jeremiah becomes so disgusted with his people's unfaithfulness and idolatry that he almost believes they can't change. He wonders whether a leopard can change its spots.

When a Sunday school teacher posed that question, one student pondered before replying, "Yes..If he doesn't like the spot he's in, he can change it."

Jeremiah reached a similar conclusion: His people could change their evil ways — their "spots" — if they chose to. "You can do good who are accustomed to do evil," he says (Jeremiah 13:23, NRSV). As another prophet later notes, God has shown us "what is good ... To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8, NIV). What spot — or spots — can you change?





Month of November

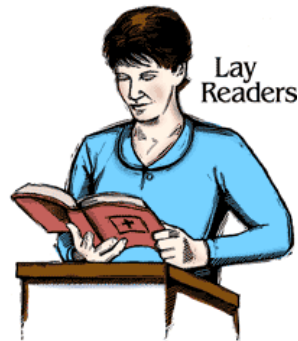
- 3rd - Finance Committee
- 10th - Ministry Committee
- 17th - Worship Committee
- 24th - Special Volunteers



- November 6 Robert Kearns
- November 7 Pete Wells
- November 11 Mary Smith
- November 5 Jan Clark
- November 16 Beverly Preble
- November 20 Norma Iffland
- November 23 Nancy Priest
- November 30 Elliot Ruegsegger



November 16 Mike & Marty Hasty



- Nov. 3 Carolyn Hannon
- Nov. 10 Wayne Faust
- Nov. 17 Don Crapnell
- Nov. 24 Gale Newman

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 NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

**Lillian Euers and
Loweta Rogers**



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 3rd - Gale & Janet Newman
- 10th- Gale & Janet Newman
- 17th- Pam Guth &
Barb Sandberg
- 24th - Pam Guth &
Barb Sandberg

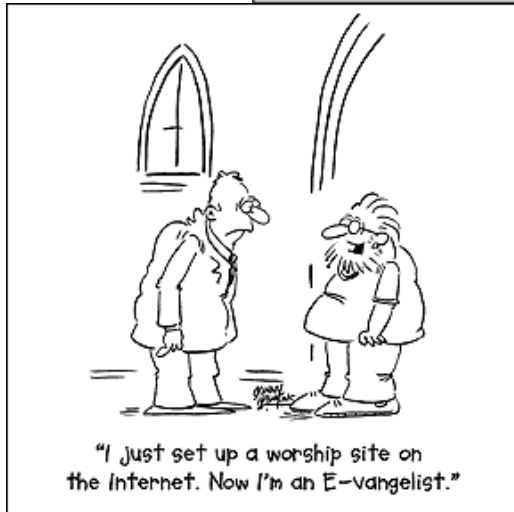


NOVEMBER 3, 2019
Phil and Ellen Jordan
Chuck Beall and
Cheryl Munson-Beall

For the month of November



CHURCH CHUCKLES



~~oops!~~

From a worship bulletin in Portland, Maine:

~~THIS YEAR'S FEAST INCLUDES:~~

turkey, gravy, masked potatoes ...

~~PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 22~~

We'd love to know the secret behind this *mashed* dish.





Reminder: When I am in the office, by myself, I keep the door locked for security reasons. Throughout the day I may step away from my desk to make a bathroom visit or I may need to take bulletins or posters to the fellowship hall or sanctuary. When I am here you will see my little white car in the front parking lot. So, if you should arrive and you see my car and the door is locked please give me a few minutes to get back to my desk. Thank you for your understanding. Office staff, Connie McLaurin



- All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 2019
- Daylight Savings Time ends, November 3, 2019
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2019
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Mareline Bond and Judy Sulephen

Please welcome Mareline and Judy into our church family at First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home.

Welcome
Our New
Members



It is time for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe boxes. A display will be in the fellowship hall with boxes to be filled and instructions. There is a change this year. NO toothpaste, candy or gum in the boxes. If you do not feel comfortable packing a box, I will be happy to take your money and fill one for you. The deadline for turning in boxes will be **Sunday, November 17th.**

Let's make lots of boxes!

Thank you,

Sarah Kelly



Thank You!

To my FPC family:

Thank you to all who have phoned, sent emails, or cards. It is so special and gives me a sense of being in touch with you all as I journey through this rehab. I have a ways to go but I am working hard and plan to be back as soon as possible.

Marilyn Wheat

Update on calling a new pastor:

Several points to make in helping you know and understand where First Presbyterian Church is in determining the future of pastoral leadership here at First:

[1] The survey on the potential giving of members that was done back in September of this year yielded a potential total monthly offering of approximately \$7250. This is what you as members of our church said you would support for the ongoing ministry of our church. That number represents about \$87,000 annual giving. At present our annual income needed to meet the expenses as well as doing ministry is \$104,000. Needless to say, we are far short of the income needed to meet expenses for the year. These numbers also reflect the reality that we are not able meet our current expenses and continue to pay Pastor Clark's monthly salary of \$2908. There are two solutions to this situation: (1) there needs to be an increase in offerings or (2) we continue to use our reserves until they are depleted. This is a decision that you as members of First Presbyterian Church have to make.

[2] The Session met in October with Rev. D.C. Adams who is our representative on the Committee on Ministry of the Arkansas Presbytery. Rev. Adams concluded from our financial report that we are very limited as to who might be available for a pastoral call. Compensation is the big issue. There are very few clergy available that are able and willing to serve on a part time basis, and with the limited resources we are able to offer. The reality is it could be a long, long wait!

It is important that you as members of the body of Christ here at First Presbyterian be kept informed of our situation. The Committee on Ministry is aware of our situation and will continue to be on the look out for possible candidates for our church. They, the Presbytery, cares about us and they want us to be a viable Presbyterian presence here in Mountain Home. As I mentioned earlier, there is a very limited supply of clergy seeking part time calls. We should continue to keep in our daily prayers God's guidance and direction in finding a clergy to serve the Lord here. *Pastor Clark*

Scripture Readings for the month of November

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

Sunday, Nov. 3rd

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, Nov. 10th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 17:1-9,

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov. 17th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98,

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov. 24th

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6,

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



For the month of September

Income:

Expenses:

\$9,812.00

\$9,662.68



The Women's meeting is **Tuesday, November 12, 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.

A dinner was served in September at Serenity, and another will be served in mid December.

All ladies are welcome to our meetings. Come Join Us!!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks for the gift of the glass cross and the cake on "Pastor's Recognition Sunday", October 6th. I appreciate all of you as part of the body of Christ here at First Presbyterian Church. The cross is beautiful. And the cake was great! The timing was perfect. Wow! It has been 3 years and 9 months since we started doing ministry together here at First Presbyterian. Life is good when you're having fun. Let's keep having fun.

Pastor Clark



Volunteers Needed

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 NOVEMBER, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
 <p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</p> <p>3 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service/ Communion 11am - Coffee hosted by Finance Committee 11am - Blood Pressure Screening-Deacons offering</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS FALL BACK</p>				 <p>Holy Cross Lutheran—Friday & Sat. 8:00 a.m.</p>	1 C L	2
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<p>10 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service Copper Kettle offering 11am - Coffee hosted by Ministry Committee</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12 9 am - Counters 1 pm-Women's Circles</p> 	<p>13 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 Worship Committee 1:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p> 	<p>14 Master Gardeners meet at 12noon SESSION MEETS FRIDAY AT 10:30 am</p>  <p>SESSION MEETS</p>	15 C L O S E D	16
<p>17 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by The Worship Committee</p>	<p>18 9 am - Counters</p> <p><i>Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good.</i></p> 	<p>19 10 am—Deacons meeting</p> 	<p>20 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 <i>What we're thankful for</i></p> 	22 C L O S E D	23
<p>24 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11 am - coffee hosted by Special Volunteers</p>  <p>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</p>	<p>25 9 am - Counters</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1:00 p.m. - Choir Practice OFFICE CLOSED TODAY FOR THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>  <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>	29 C L O S E D	30
		<p><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes..... I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p> 		<p>Publication Deadlines</p> <p>Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon by 2:00 pm Newsletter - Redbud deadline -MONDAY, November 25th 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>		

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