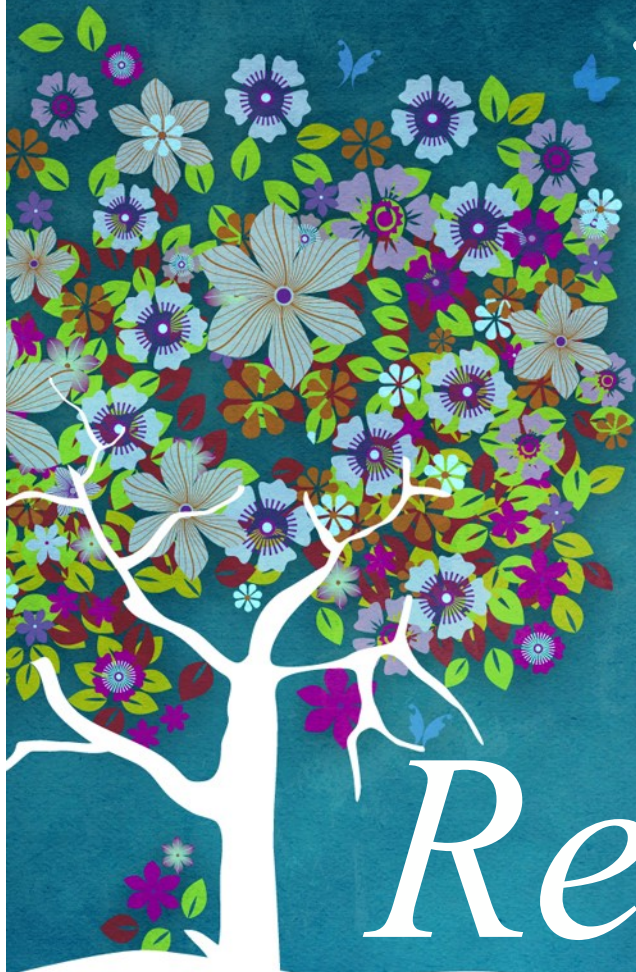


From under the Redbud Tree.....



The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

February, 2020

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Our Lenten Focus

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us to reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."



Month of February

- 2nd - Worship
- 9th - Special Volunteers
- 16th - Alternatives
- 23rd - Women's Circle #2



FEBRUARY Birthdays

Feb. 2	-	Stanley Andrews
Feb. 5	-	Pastor Mike
Feb. 6	-	Cathy Roevers
Feb. 9	-	Wayne Faust
Feb. 12	-	Alex Ruegsegger
Feb. 17	-	Rodger Buckels
Feb. 18	-	Dave Petersen
Feb. 21	-	Deborah Fountain
Feb. 21	-	Mari Ruegsegger
Feb. 23	-	Karen Gillespie
Feb. 23	-	Irene Lillis
Feb. 26	-	Fred Iffland
Feb. 27	-	Kay Kunkel
Feb. 27	-	Ron Smith

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!!

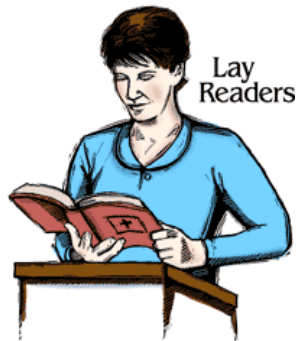
(We can't fix it...if we don't know it's broke!) We appreciate your help!

**COMMUNION SET-UP
TEAM FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**Mary Smith and
Susan Kearns**

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

Feb. 1	-	Don & Dee Crapnell
Feb. 6	-	Ron & Mary Smith
Feb. 10-	-	Gary & Sharon Adler
Feb. 14-	-	Bud & Barb Hough



Feb. 2nd	Mary Smith
Feb. 9th	Carolyn Hannon
Feb. 16th	Ellen Jordan
Feb. 23rd	Ralph Gillespie



FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- 2nd- Barb Sandberg & Pam Guth
- 9th - Barb Sandberg & Pam Guth
- 16th - Wayne Faust & Sherman Fine
- 23rd - Wayne Faust & Sherman Fine



FEBRUARY 2, 2020
Chuck & Cheryl Munson Beall
George & Joyce Hove

For the month of February



CHURCH CHUCKLES



From a church bulletin:

Today's Gospel Reading
Jesus calms the storm
Mark 4:35-41

That's one way to *calm* the waves!



African-American History Month

Valentine's Day Feb. 14th

President's Day Feb. 17th

Transfiguration of the Lord Feb 23rd

Ash Wednesday Feb 26th

Leap Day Feb 29th



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2019 ANNUAL REPORT is available in the Fellowship Hall.
One per family, please.



2020 Church Directory!!

Is now available in the
Fellowship Hall. Help
yourself!



FOUR WORMS IN CHURCH

A Minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alco-

hol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good, clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol.....DEAD

The second worm in cigarette smoke.....DEAD

The third worm in chocolate syrup.....DEAD

The fourth worm in good, clean soil.....ALIVE****

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back of the church and quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service!!



Scripture Readings for the month of February

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, Feb 2nd

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, Feb. 9th

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9s, Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12,

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, Feb. 16th

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20,

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



Looking for Love

Though not a fan of making New Year's resolutions, Jen Kramer decided to add meaning to 2018 by declaring it #theyearoflove. Each day she wrote a "love note" to a different person, expressing gratitude and offering encouragement. Recipients ranged from waiters and custodians to relatives and a terminally ill friend.

The experiment may have stemmed from the sudden, unexpected death of Kramer's father while she was away at college. "Why don't we say those things to people while they're here?" she tells the *Chicago Tribune*. "It's easy to be kind, and it's easy to tell people how you feel."

Kramer's campaign didn't cost a cent, yet it changed her life and touched hundreds of people in the process. Wherever she went, she discovered that "love showed up." It's simple, Kramer says: "You just have to look."



THANK YOU

A special 'THANK YOU' for the generous Christmas gift. We, Jan and I, have already found a good use for the money. We will eat healthier with an Emeril convection oven.

Pastor Mike and Jan



The Women's meeting is

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The Lesson: Chapter 3 in the new book "Love Carved in Stone- a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments."

The Hostess: Marty Hasty, The Leader: Pastor. Please continue to collect Best Choice labels for us.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m. With imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Meal to follow. Please bring to share: last names A-K: salads and L-Z: sandwiches.

REDBUD CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
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 <p>2</p> <p>9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service/ Communion 11am - Coffee hosted by Worship Committee 11am - Blood Pressure Screening-Deacons offering</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am - Counters</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 pm-Women's Circles</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1 pm Choir practice 2 pm Mission Cmte.</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>C L O S E D</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service Copper Kettle offering 11am - Coffee hosted by Special Volunteers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am - Counters</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 11 am Worship Committee 1 pm Choir practice</p> 	<p>13</p>  <p>Master Gardeners meet at 12noon</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>V A L E N T I N E S</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by The Alternatives</p>	 <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 am - Counters 10 am - Deacons meet Deacons Meeting</p>  <p>1:00 PM</p>  <p>SESSION MEETS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>C L O S E D</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11 am - coffee hosted by the Women's Circles #2</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am - Counters</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am - Lectionary Bible Study 1 pm - Choir Practice ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Ash Wednesday 4:00 P.M.</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>C L O S E D</p>	<p>29</p>
	<p><i>I've learned so much from my mistakes.....</i></p> <p><i>I'm thinking of making a few more!</i></p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Publication Deadlines</p> <p>Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon Newsletter - Redbud deadline -MONDAY - February 24th</p> <p>Please submit all articles in writing. You may drop them off at the office or email to: fpcmh@centurytel.net</p>		

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