

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



# The Redbud

*The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church*

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### Rejoice! It's Easter!

Let not your heart be troubled  
Let not your soul be sad.  
Easter is a time of joy,  
When all hearts should be glad.

Glad to know that Jesus Christ  
Made it possible for men  
To have their sins forgiven  
And, like Him, to live again.



So at this joyous season  
May the wondrous Easter story  
Renew our faith so we may be  
Partakers of "His Glory!"

## Coffee and Cookie Teams



## Month of April

- 5th - Finance Committee
- 12th - Ministry Committee
- 19th - Worship Committee
- 26th - Special Volunteers



# For the month of April



- April 7- Joyce Hove
- April 7- Joy Henning
- April 18- Cheryl Munson Beall
- April 19- Norma Taylor
- April 19- Ruth Fine
- April 30- Janet Newman



April 10- Pastor Mike and Jan Clark

## Scripture Readings for April

Sunday, April 5th	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> <i>Matthew 21:1-11</i> <i>Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29</i> <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i> <i>Matthew 26:14-27:66</i>
Sunday, April 12th	<b>Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord</b> <i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i> <i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Matthew 28: 1-10</i>
Sunday, April 19th	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i> <i>Psalms 16</i> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i>
Sunday, April 26th	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Acts: 2:14a, 36-41</i> <i>Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19</i> <i>1 Peter 1:17-23</i> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>



- April 5- Carolyn Hannon
- April 12- Ellen Jordan
- April 19- Mary Smith
- April 26- Nan Jordan

## Ushers & Greeters



- April 5- Phil & Ellen Jordan
- April 12- Pam Guth & Barb Sandberg
- April 19- Susan & Robert Kearns
- April 26- Susan & Robert Kearns
- April 5- Pam Guth & Barbara Sandberg



- April 5- Pam Guth & Barbara Sandberg
- Robert & Susan Kearns
- April 9- **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- Don & Dee Crapnell
- Wayne Faust & Suzanne Smyth

## COMMUNION SET-UP TEAMS

- April 4- Lillian Euers and Loweta Rogers
- April 9- Mary Smith and Linda Brozowski



From the Pastor:



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Wow! What a journey we find ourselves on. Things have changed dramatically since the last Redbud. I find myself in the electronic age more so than I ever thought I would be. Unable to shake hands, hug people, make normal home visits, all has changed my life, and I must say, "not for the good". As was mentioned in last Sunday's message, we are all grieving in one way or another, sometimes in more than one way. In some places one has to have a COVID19 test before they can even see their doctor. NO more coffee chatters with friends. And so the list goes on. Much has changed in the last month. I am pleasantly pleased to see how many people are honoring the request to voluntarily stay at home as much as possible. I do believe that will make a difference in how quickly we recover from this crisis.

I grieve the thought that we will not be able to be together in the flesh, as a church family on Easter Sunday, one of the most important and meaningful days in our church year. And yet, the electronic age has at least provided us with a way to worship together, apart. And we can celebrate that opportunity.

I sense from everything I hear this journey could be long lasting. It is important that we as a body of Christ stay connected. Things we can do to stay connected: [1] call a couple of friends each day; [2] write a note to someone you know; [3] if you have email and the internet send a note to someone in your church family letting them know you are thinking about them. *(there is a list of most of our church members' email addresses in the back pages of our church directory)*. Stay in touch! Take care of yourself. Go for walks. Do some simple exercises in your home to stay fit. Jan and I dug out an old Nordic track exercise machine we had stored in the garage. At least we can get some good cardio workouts. Eat well.

And finally, stay in touch with the Lord. Pray daily. Set a time each day when you can focus on a conversation with God. Tell God your worries, your fears, your anxieties, God will understand and listen, like Jesus did in the resurrection of Lazarus in John 11.

We will get through this crisis. I truly believe that fact. It might take a bit longer than we would want it to. And, things might be a bit different than what we know today. But, I am certain we will make it through this crisis for the better. Our struggle right now is that we do not know what that difference will be. And that is part in parcel why we grieve. Take your griefs to God. God will listen. Stay in touch. I will be checking on our members from time to time by phone. For those of you who have email check it regularly as I will be sending out emails from time to time. And be sure to check into the website for our Sunday morning worship videos each week. We can worship together apart. Reminder: the website address is [www.fpcmh.net](http://www.fpcmh.net). That takes you directly to the web page. I want to say a special thank you to Kristi for her gift of computer skills and her tenacity in figuring out how to solve the electronic issues we have faced this week. Without her skills and gifts we would not be this far along in staying touch.

*Finally, even though we show the worship helpers, communion teams, etc., we will not be needing any of these ministries until further notice.*

Be at peace, Pastor Mike

The church office will remain open only on the usual dates and times. If you need something at church call Kristi, our office secretary, and let her know you want to get into the church. We are maintaining distancing regulations and there is hand sanitizer at the front door of the church office.

# The Church At Work



The Mission Committee took 255 pounds of food to the Mountain Home Food Pantry which helps local people. There were 293 hygiene products from our ongoing drive ending in March. Thanks so much for your support!



The Deacon's committee recently made a generous donation of \$1500.00 to Ozark Center of Hope and \$500.00 to the Van Matre Senior Center for "Meals on Wheels". As we minister to our flock we also minister to our community needs.



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home, Arkansas, met for a Stated Session meeting on March 17, 2020. A complete copy of session minutes or committee reports are available in the church mail room.  
-Mari Ruegsegger

## ***Financial Statement for February, 2020***

Expenses- \$10,037.65

Donations- \$5,786.00



## **Attention all Bookworms -- the library has seen some changes!**

There is a new bookcase just inside the library door that showcases several Guidepost collections generously donated by Wana Thacker. They are as addictive as chocolate! I couldn't wait to read about what was happening next for all these characters. Thank you for sharing, Wana!

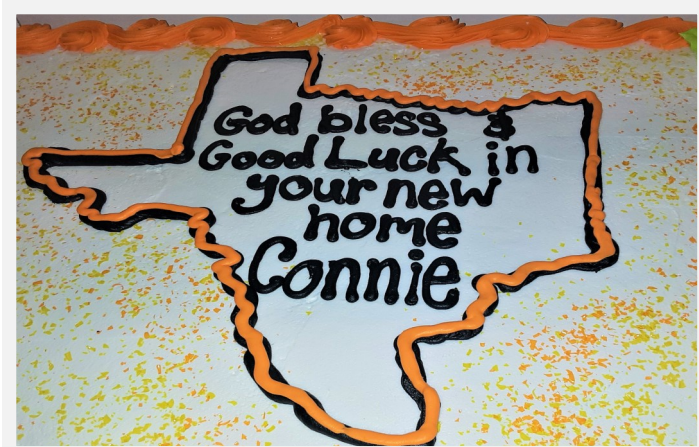
There is also a book/magazine exchange set up in the old nursery (near the office door). The library has run out of room for regular-print books, so we decided to set up a trading-post, of sorts. Help yourself to any books or magazines that interest you. You can bring in a book or magazine in exchange, but it is not a requirement. There are a lot of recent releases available, as well as cooking magazines, crafting books, gardening books, and mysteries by Robert Parker and James Patterson. Many thanks to Linda Brozowski for the additional bookcases for the nursery!



## CONGRATULATIONS CONNIE!

Connie's farewell party was held on March 15, 2020. For the last 8 years, she has taken care of the daily operations of our church. We will surely miss her!

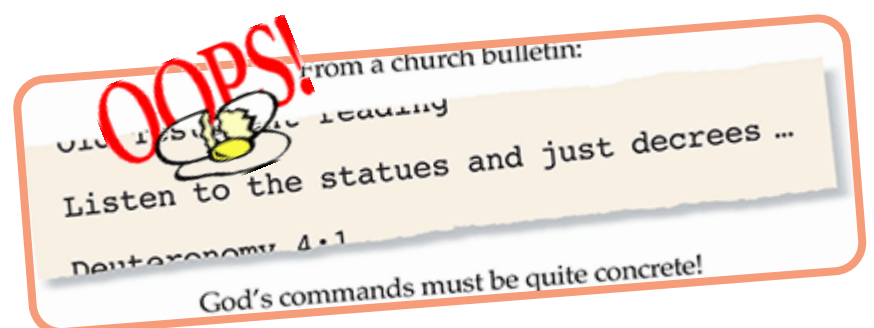
Best of luck and God's Blessings for your life adventures in Texas!



3/18/2020

Greetings to All,

Thank you for the great send off last Sunday! As usual, it was done so well and appreciated more than you know! I am not much of a public speaker so I hope my written words will convey my gratitude to each and everyone at FPC. You all made this journey with me and it wasn't always easy. But because of all the genuine, caring Christian folks at FPC we hung in there and continued God's work. And so, it's now time for Alan and me to return to Texas and family. Many thanks for the most generous gift and the cake social after service. You outdid yourself again. My new piece of jewelry will be enjoyed and hold dear the warm and special memories of you all. Thank you, Take care and be safe- Connie







## CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY

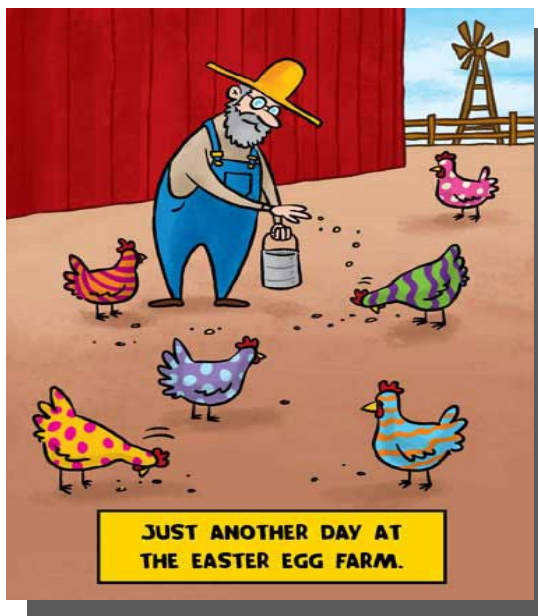
Our new office secretary is Mrs. Kristi Nelson. Kristi is married to Tim Nelson and they have one son, Noah.

Her husband Tim is the elementary music teacher at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary School in Mountain Home. Noah is a recent graduate from the University of Arkansas and is an Electrical Engineer with Collins Aerospace in Rockford, Illinois. Kristi is a retired public school teacher of 25 years. She taught music, mathematics and gifted and talented education classes. She is originally from northern Iowa; however she attended college at Arkansas Tech University where she met her husband, a native Arkansan! Kristi spends her free time working on mix-media crafts, reading, singing at church and learning new things.



...o...  
Nobody's perfect.  
Everyone makes  
mistakes. But some  
mistakes will teach  
you great lessons  
and make you a  
better person.  
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Please let the office know of any mistakes that you find in the REDBUD. We especially don't want to leave anyone's special day out accidentally!



# REDBUD CALENDAR APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> C L O S E D	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service/ Communion 11am - Coffee hosted by Finance 11am - Blood Pressure Screening-Deacons offer- ing 	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> C L O S E D 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by: Ministry Copper Kettle Offering  <b>RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER</b>	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> C L O S E D	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9am—Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Coffee hosted by Worship  <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>  1pm— Session	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> C L O S E D	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9am— Adult Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11 am - Coffee hosted by Special Volunteers  <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 	<b>C L O S E D</b>	
			<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; background-color: yellow;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Publication Deadlines</b></p> <p>Weekly bulletin - Wednesday afternoon            Newsletter - Redbud deadline -<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 23Rd</b></p> <p>Please submit all articles in writing.            You may drop them off at the office or email to:  <a href="mailto:fpcmh@centurytel.net">fpcmh@centurytel.net</a>            Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</p> </div>			

Church Office Hours  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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