

From under the Redbud Tree.....



The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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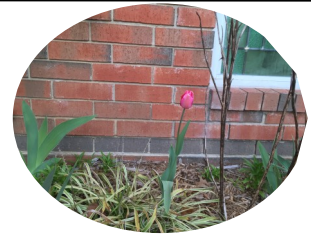
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Of Patience and Pruning

In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience." Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.





From the Pastor's desk:

I received this article the other day from my niece, Debbie Wilson, that I thought would be good to pass on to all of you. I am sure it is a piece that she received and wanted to pass on to her uncle Mike. It speaks well of our times and how we can be much better and bigger as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. It goes like this:

I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug; I actually take time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.

I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping off their kids, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our children.

I pray that the next time I sit in a crowded restaurant I take time to look around at the smiling faces, the loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.

I pray that the next time I'm sitting in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.

I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs a prayer; I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.

I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God, the God that provides us with the necessities of life, and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.

I pray that I never take for granted the ability to hop in my car and visit a friend, go to a show, or gather with my friends in a public gathering place.

I pray that the next time I am able to worship together with my sisters and brothers in the faith; I will be more appreciative of their presence in my life.

So, the truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and the weeks to come to create a new normal. This pandemic will change us, all of us in some way. I pray that it will be an change for the good in that we come to have a greater love and appreciation for the grace and gifts God provides us as we journey on in our faith.

Keep the faith. God is with us in this trying time. We will get through it for the better. I am convinced of that.

BE AT PEACE... Pastor Mike

Scripture Readings for the Month of May

Sunday, May 3th 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 10th 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-4

Sunday, May 17th 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:13-22

Thursday, May 21st Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 24 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

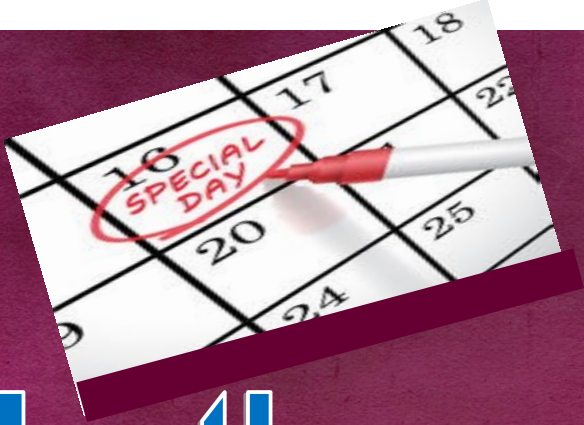
Sunday, May 31st Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23



WEBSITE DEVOTIONALS

New on our website (www.fpcmh.net) we are posting a daily weekday devotional. These devotionals will come from various Presbyterian publications that have offered churches resources at no charge during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Be sure to go online to check it out!





For the month of May



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 9 - Mike Hasty
- May 11 - Barb Hough
- May 24 - Jackie Hoff
- May 28 - Gary Adler



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 9- Cathy & Jerry Roever
- May 12- Ed & Stanley Andrews
- May 13- Robert & Susan Kearns



Special Dates



- National Day of Prayer- May 7
- Mother's Day- May 10
- Armed Forces Day- May 1
- Ascension Day- May 21
- Memorial Day- May 25
- Pentecost- May 31



MEMORIAL DAY



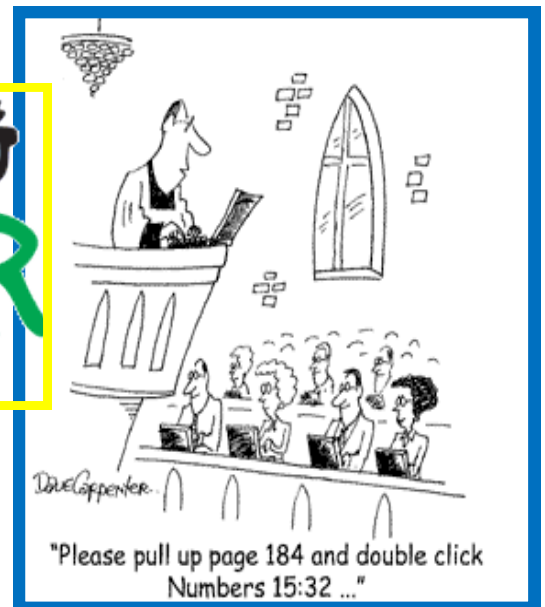
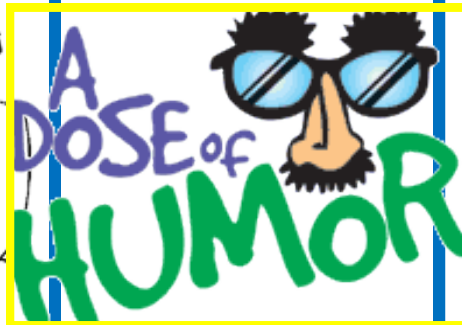
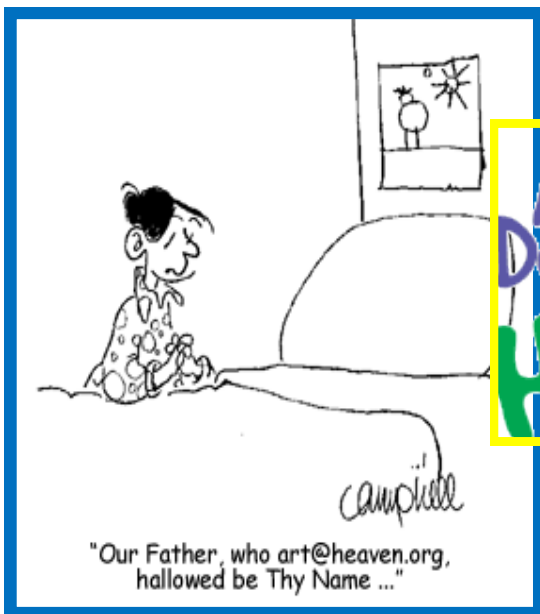
We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit. May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOOD DRIVE

The Mission Committee is asking those of you who are able to get to the store, to purchase an extra food item and drop it off at the church office during office hours.

There are baskets located just inside the office door to collect your food items. Food items needed most now: rice, grits, oatmeal, canned veggies, mayo, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter or other staple items. The ingathering will begin Monday, April 20th and run through May 29th.



Finances for the month of March, 2020

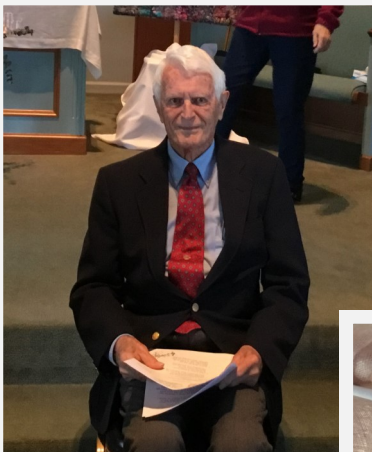
INCOME: \$17,054.00

EXPENSES \$8,871.60

Mission Statement

**First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas**

Our mission is to glorify God, reach out to people of all ages and in all levels of spiritual growth in worship, Christian education, music and fellowship. Trumpet the good news we share of God's love and forgiveness, of Jesus Christ and his gospel to people everywhere throughout the local church community and the world.





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REDBUD CALENDAR MAY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
		 <p>Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5, NRSV</p>			1 C L O S E D	2 C L O S E D
3 4th Sunday of Easter 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net 	4		6	7 National Day of PRAYER 	8 C L O S E D	9 C L O S E D
10 5th Sunday of Easter 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net 	11	12	13	14	15 C L O S E D	16 C L O S E D
17 6th Sunday of Easter 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net 	18	19	20	21  ASCENSION DAY Redbud Deadline	22 C L O S E D	23 C L O S E D
24 7th Sunday of Easter 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net 	25 memorial DAY 	26	27	28	29 C L O S E D	30 C L O S E D
31 Day of Pentecost 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net 						

The deadline for submissions for the June Redbud Is Thursday, May 21.
You will be made aware of any changes made to the

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

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