

From under the Redbud Tree.....



The Redbud



*The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas*

June, 2020

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The Holy Spirit

We often talk about the "power of the Holy Spirit."

In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we discover that the apostles did some really amazing things, and they did these things in the "power of the Holy Spirit."

In fact, we're told that whatever we attempt to do that is not done in the power of the Spirit is doomed to failure.

The power of the Holy Spirit is not just for a special few. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit was for all of us.

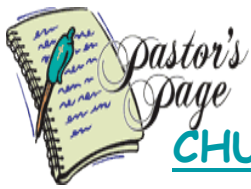
All of the Spirit's power— for us.

All of the Spirit's truth— for us.

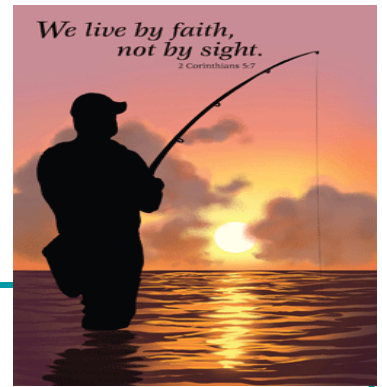
All of the Spirit's comfort— for us.

All of the Spirit's guidance— for us.

The human spirit fails, except when the Holy Spirit fills. — Corrie Ten Boom



CHURCH UPDATES FROM PASTOR CLARK



Session Meeting

The Session met for their regular meeting on May 19, 2020. They voted to withhold re-opening the church for regular Sunday worship service until after the June Session meeting on June 16, 2020. I realize there are a number of people who are anxious and ready to re-open worship services. It is in the best interest of our members, both their safety and well-being that the decision to delay opening back up was made. There are many factors to consider in making the decision to re-open the church. Be patient. We will be together again.



Virtual Communion (Distribution of the Communion Serving)

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, June 7th by way of virtual worship. If you would like to participate in this service we will have individual communion sets available for pick up on June 2nd, June 3rd, and June 4th between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. at the church office.

When picking up the individual serving all you have to do is drive up under the office canopy and someone will bring the Holy Communion serving set to you. Written instructions will also be included as to how to open the serving, as the container is a bit tricky.

If you know of someone who cannot pick up the Communion serving set and would like to participate and you are able to deliver it to them, it would be greatly appreciated!

Please let our volunteer know who you are delivering to.

Virtual Communion

As stated above we will be celebrating Holy Communion by way of virtual worship on Sunday, June 7th. All you have to do is pick up your Communion serving set at the church the week before. (see article above regarding that process.) I understand that Holy Communion is to be served in community. Unfortunately, that is not an option at this time due to the COVID-19 virus. Our next best thing is to offer Holy Communion by virtual worship. Other Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery are offering Holy Communion in a similar manner. The Session approved trying this at the June 7th virtual service. I realize it will not be like being together in worship, but it is at least a better option.

June Events



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 3 - Kim Terrell
June 6- Ellen Jordan
June 25- Linda Brozowski



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 18- Ruth & Sherman Fine
June 21- Ralph & Karen Gillespie
June 25- Bob & Linda Brozowski
June 27- Pete & Sissy Wells

Special Dates in June

June 7- Trinity Sunday
June 14- Flag Day
June 20- 1st day of summer
June 21- Father's Day



BRING A FAN TO CHURCH

We will again be participating in the "fan" ingathering as there are many in our community who do not have the luxury of air conditioning. We will be gathering fans during the entire month of June. Please drop off the fan at the church. You may put the fan in the Nursery just inside the office entry. If you cannot get out and purchase a fan, a cash donation of about \$20.00 will help purchase a fan. Please mail in or leave donations with Kristi, our church secretary. Designate the gift as "fan." Thanks to all who see the importance of this ministry.



Scripture Readings for the Month of JUNE

Sunday, June 7th

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 14th

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-1:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 21st

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

May 12, 2020

Dear Church Family,

You have showered us with love since Gale's passing and my family and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The phone calls, emails and cards have been very comforting. Thank you for missing him, too.

With love,

Janet Newman





PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM LOAN/GRANT

The Federal Cares Act was passed to provide financial relief to small businesses and organizations in order that they could continue to employ their workers during the Covid-19 Pandemic and shutdown.

One of the programs was called the Payroll Protection Program. This program would provide a loan through a local bank and approved by the SBA. The amount of the loan was equal to the organizations average payroll for a two month period. If the organization used the loan to retain all of their employees through June 1, 2020, then the entire amount of the loan would be forgiven. In short, the loan would be a grant. The Federal Government would reimburse the bank for the loan, plus pay additional fees to the bank.

The First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home qualified for such a loan. We applied, were approved and obtained a forgivable loan from First Security Bank in the amount of \$14,300.00. This money has already been received and deposited. On another positive note, an anonymous donor within our church, gave the FPCMH a gift of \$10,000.00.

This helps to offset our recent losses in the Texas Presbyterian Fund due to the stock market sell off. The loss recorded in the 1st quarter was \$40,000.00. Fortunately we had recently moved all of that account into more conservative funds, or the loss would have been much greater.

-Gale Newman
Finance Chairman

Treasurer/Bookkeeper's Report, Session Meeting May 18, 2020

For the month of April 2020:

6 Deposits	\$ 8,046. 00
29 Checks/Debits	\$ 8,971. 39
SBA/PPP Loan	\$14,300.00
Ending Bank Balance:	\$37,542.38

Finance Report for April ,2020

Firstly, I'd like to recognize our great loss due to the passing of Gale Newman. He did an amazing job as Finance Elder in the short time he was given and will be deeply missed. During the month of April 2020, First Security Bank approved our request for a loan under the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) offered through the Federal Small Business Administration. As the signatory approved by Session members, I signed the loan papers on April 16, 2020, and \$14,300.00 was deposited into our checking account. When we can show that this money was spent for payroll expenses by November 2020, the loan will be forgiven/paid off by the SBA/PPP. To this end, copies of payroll statements will be provided to First Security Bank after the monies have been spent, sometime the first week of August 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Priest, Treasurer

Church Family



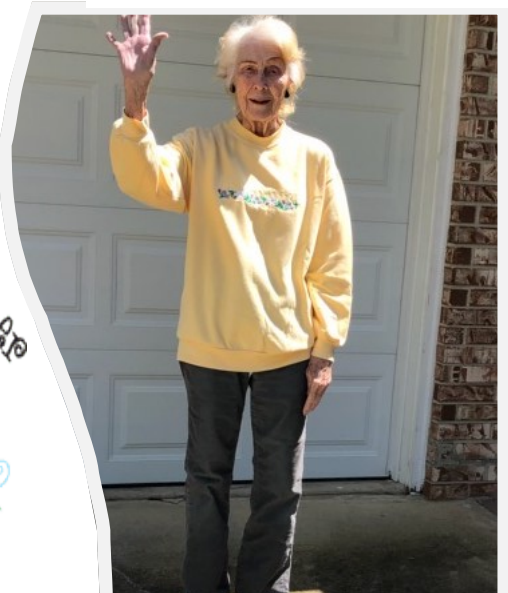
During this time of isolation due to Covid-19, First Presbyterian Church has been fortunate to stay connected with each other through phone calls, email, photo visits and also through our website: www.fpcmh.net. Most importantly it has given us a means to worship together each week safely. We want you to be able to access the website when you need a few words of encouragement, or just see a friendly face! We are starting a "This and That" page where you can offer tips for others to stay encouraged, share a special bible verse, or even to make someone smile with a funny story. Send your "This and That" to the church office so that we can add it to the new page! Feel free to share the website address with your friends and neighbors. Everyone needs to feel that they are not isolated right now.



Judy with her great-grandson Hudson, born on May 16th.



A friendly wave from Lou!



THE CHURCH AT WORK



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is being called into action to nominate someone to fill the empty Session seat vacated at the death of Gale Newman. If you are interested in serving the Lord here at First Presbyterian by serving on the Session, please contact one of the following Session members: moderator Kay Kunkel, Barb Sandberg or Sissy Wells. It would be helpful if the person/nominee had some financial background as the position to be filled is Finance Moderator.

Session Meeting

The Session held a stated online meeting on May 5, 2020. Complete minutes from the meeting are posted in the mail room of the church. If you would like to have a copy of the meeting minutes emailed to you, contact Kristi at the church office and she will email them to you.









Food Drive for May



The Mission Committee's food drive through the month of May was very successful. The First Presbyterian Church donated 230 pounds of food for the Food Pantry as of May 26th, with more to be donated! Your generosity is much appreciated!!

REDBUD CALENDAR JUNE, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
	1 <u>BRING A FAN</u> <u>TO CHURCH</u> <u>INGATHERING</u>	2 Pick up communion serving sets at the church (drive thru) 9am—1pm	3 Pick up communion serving sets at the church (drive thru) 9am—1pm	4 Pick up communion serving sets at the church (drive thru) 9am—1pm	5	6 C L O S E D
7 Trinity Sunday 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net COMMUNION 	8	9	10	11	12	13 C L O S E D
14 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net FLAG DAY 	15	16 SESSION MEETING 1 PM (ZOOM)	17	18 	19	20 C L O S E D
21 10am - Worship Service www.fpcmh.net FATHER'S DAY 	22 *Redbud Deadline*	23	24	25	26	27 C L O S E D
28 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10am— Worship Service www.fpcmh.net World AIDS Sunday	29 	30	JULY			

The deadline for submissions for the June Redbud
Is Monday June 22nd.
You will be made aware of any changes made to the
calendar by Pastor Clark .



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