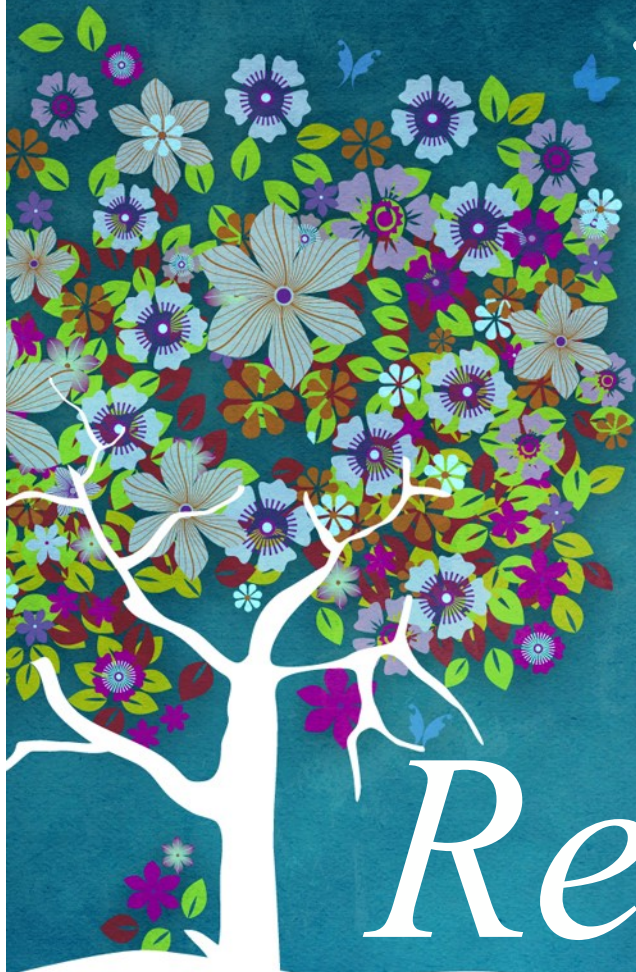


From under the Redbud Tree.....



The *Redbud*

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

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All Workers Are Essential

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But Martin Luther emphasized the importance— and even sanctity— of all types of labor. The reformer pointed out that “God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does.”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Piz-za,” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about His work in the midst of your work whether you realize it or not.”

The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your co workers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what work that you do, no matter what that work is.”





Have you ever wondered what it takes to videotape our Sunday morning worship service here at First Presbyterian Church?"

Here's a behind the scenes look at how virtual worship has changed our "normal."

The following are the general steps we take to produce the virtual worship service each week:

- [1] The worship bulletin is completed by Wednesday, prior to video taping. (Requiring all announcements and music selections to be in to the office by Wednesday noon)
- [2] Multiple bulletins are printed by 9 am Thursday, including special directions for our "camera crew."
- [4] Prior to everyone's arrival, the video camera (Pastor Clark's camera on his laptop) is set up and adjusted in the sanctuary.
- [4] The lighting in the church is adjusted, air conditioning turned on by 9 am to make it comfortable for video taping (Especially in the heat of the summer!)
- 3] The reader, organist, and singers arrive by 10:30am (This is the day of video taping)
- [5] Video taping the service requires about 6 people including the pastor, organist, singers and lay reader who must be socially distanced and wear masks unless speaking.
- [6] Following the video taping of the worship service there is a separate video taping of the special music, if done by the choir, which requires additional adjustments.
- [7] The Pastor's laptop is given to Kristi, our office secretary, to be downloaded onto a flash drive to be uploaded onto her personal drive on her home computer. (????) *** all this takes about 2.5 to 3 hours to complete
- [8] On Saturday Kristi's husband Tim, takes all the video taped "stuff" and somehow puts it all together into a meaningful worship experience. This includes dubbing in the ensemble, when applicable, or dubbing in Karen Diers special music. This is all done by Tim at no expense to us, the church. We are so thankful that he is willing to help us out.
- [9] After the video is processed, it then travels to the FPCMH's YouTube Channel where it is produced for website viewing. (This is a slow process)
- [10] The video is then uploaded to the church website, hopefully before the sun rises on Sunday morning!

We do realize it is not the most professionally done recording, as we are amateurs! However, we do not have to purchase camera equipment. We do not have to find someone to run the camera or buy equipment to video. If anyone is willing to take over the videotaping & processing of the online worship service, please contact the office or Pastor Clark.

Important Dates in September

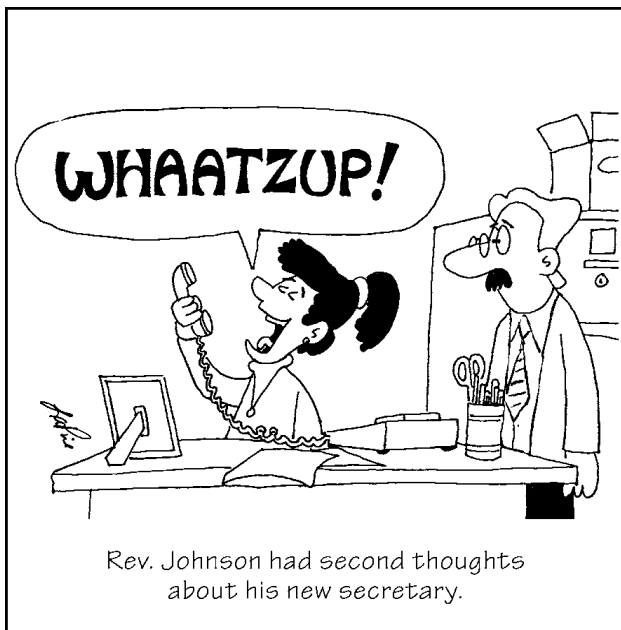


BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 4th– Margie Williams
Sept. 16th– Barb Sandberg
Sept. 16th– Marianne Vest
Sept. 26th– Georgianna Tonne

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 12th– Jim & Irene Lillis



Important Days in September

Sept. 1– World Day of Prayer
Sept. 2– Labor Day
Sept. 4– Eat an Extra Dessert Day
Sept. 5– International Day of Charity
Sept. 6– Read a Book Day
Sept. 8– Grandparents Day
Sept. 11– Patriot Day/9-11
Sept 12– National Day of Encouragement
Sept. 21– International Day of Peace
Sept. 23– First Day of Autumn
Sept. 28– Ask a Stupid Question Day



Church Matters



It's time to start thinking about Christmas Shoe Boxes, again. Now is a good time to buy inexpensive school supplies for your boxes. The campaign will start the first of October and continue until the second Sunday in November. More information will be coming later in September.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Phyllis Gladson
c/o Serenity Place
4000 N. Main Street
East Peoria, Illinois 61611

Bill and Joy Henning
111 Pony Express Trail
Willow Park, Texas 76087

Bud Hough
(Bud's room number is not yet available)
Good Samaritan Village
300 Good Samaritan Drive
Mountain Home, AR 72653



In the church office we have a few extra funeral cards from Sharon Adler's graveside service that was held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at Kirby Tucker's Memorial Mausoleum Open-Air Chapel. If you would like one stop by the office and pick one up. We continue to remember Gary and their family in our prayers.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY:

DEPOSITS: \$9,121.55

EXPENSES: \$10,400.91

UNCLEARED CHECKS: \$5,564.80

The Session held their monthly meeting on August 18th. Minutes of the meeting were not available at the time

of printing. The next Session meeting is on September 15th.





Guidelines and Rules to Reopen Church for Worship

The following list of guidelines and rules to reopen church for “in house” worship was created by Barb Sandberg, Kay Kunkel and Pastor Clark according to the CDC guidelines for churches. It was reviewed and approved by the Session at their June meeting.

- 1) All church entrances will be locked except the two entrances to sanctuary.
* PLEASE use only those two entrances on Sundays.
- 2) Upon entering for worship each person’s temperature will be checked by someone at the entrance. * If temperature is over 99 degrees you will be asked to leave.
- 3) As you enter you will be given a worship bulletin and a form to complete letting us know you attended worship on that date. Please complete and deposit in container as you leave. This is important if there is a need for contact tracing.
- 4) A hand sanitizer dispenser will be placed at each entrance. We ask you use the hand sanitizer as you enter.
- 5) All hymnals and Bibles will be removed from pews for safety sake.
- 6) Pews marked with a streamer will be the pews you may sit in. (Only every other pew.)
- 7) You are asked to sit six feet apart in the pew. Maximum of three people to a pew. Exception: couples or family members sitting together.
- 8) Pews will be numbered with a sign on each pew. Pews on east side of sanctuary will be numbered with odd numbers. Pews on the west side of the sanctuary will be even numbered pews.
- 9) Dismissal following worship: Ushers will dismiss from back to front. We ask that you keep six feet apart as you leave. The east side of the sanctuary will exit to the outside aisle and leave through the front doors. The west side of the sanctuary will exit by the side aisle and exit through the courtyard door. **Please honor six foot distancing as you leave worship.**
- 10) Please do not enter the Fellowship Hall. There will be **NO** fellowship time either before or after worship.
- 11) Offering: There will be offering plates placed at each entrance where you may place your offerings or as before, you may mail in your offerings.
- 12) Masks **MUST** be worn during your time in worship. Please bring your mask or we will have masks available at the door for you.

Scripture Readings for the Month of September

SUNDAY , SEPT. 6

Ezekiel 33:7–11
Romans 13:8–14
Psalm 119:33–40
Matthew 18:15–20

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Genesis 50:15–21
Romans 14:1–12
Psalm 103:(1–7) 8–13
Matthew 18:20

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Jonah 3:10–4:11
Philippians 1:21–30
Psalm 145:1–8
Matthew 20:1–16

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Ezekiel 18:1- 4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32









Mission Food Basket Report

Pastor Clark has delivered **220 additional pounds** of cereal and other food items to the Mountain Home Food Basket since 7/1/2020.

Thank you for your hearts for giving!



REDBUD CALENDAR SEPTEMBER, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
		1 Pick up Com- munion Sets 9am -12 noon at the church	2 Pick up Commun- ion Sets 9am-12 noon at the church	3 Pick up Com- munion Sets 9am-12 noon at the church	4 C L O S E D	5
6 Virtual Church Service www.fpcmh.net With Holy Communion	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	8	9	10 	11 C L O S E D	12
13 Virtual Church Service www.fpcmh.net 	14	15 SESSION MEETING 1 PM	16	17	18 C L O S E D	19
20 Virtual Church Service www.fpcmh.net	21	22 	23	24 	25 C L O S E D	26
27 Virtual Church Service www.fpcmh.net	28	29	30			
Please let the office know of mistakes you no- tice in the Red- bud. These Covid- 19 times make all things different!						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

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870-425-3799**

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Website: www.fpcmh.net**

**Rev. Mike Clark,
Transitional Pastor**

**Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee: 11:00 a.m.**

**Secretary: Kristi Nelson
Bookkeeper: Nancy Priest**