

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



# The Redbud



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

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## The Light of the World

In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

How often we long for light! In recent years we've agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

...LET  
YOUR  
LIGHT *shine*  
MATTHEW 5:16



Greetings ,

**Wow!** We are finally getting back to what life was like over a year ago. It is so good to see everyone back in the pews. We will start back with fellowship time after worship, beginning Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. A special program is being put together for the opening, June 6<sup>th</sup>, fellowship Sunday. People have eagerly signed up to provide cookies and crumpets as we fellowship. Let's keep the munchies simple and easy, for everyone's sake.

There will be changes in my office hours beginning the week of May 31<sup>st</sup>. I will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays as I will be offering a Thursday morning Bible Study each week. The Bible study is open to anyone who wants to be in the Word and how it applies to their faith journey. Bring a friend if you wish.

We are still in need of people to serve on the Worship Committee and as deacons. Let me know if you are willing to serve the Lord in either of these ministries.

Out of the respect and safety of your fellow worshippers we do ask that if you have not had your COVID19 vaccination, **PLEASE** wear a mask at worship and during fellowship time. Also, as committees begin to meet again, the same request is made, if you are a member of a ministry committee, **PLEASE** wear a mask if not vaccinated.

All of our meetings will be meeting in person for the remainder of the year. We thank the Presbytery for providing us with the subscription for zoom meetings this past year. It was truly a blessing helping us to stay in touch and do the business and ministry of the Lord.

Take care of yourself. Be safe. Love each other. Share the Good News  
- Pastor Mike



# June Events



June 3 - Kim Terrell  
June 6- Ellen Jordan  
June 16- Kristi Nelson  
June 25- Linda Brozowski  
June 28- Bob Brozowski



June 4- Tim & Kristi Nelson  
June 19- Ruth & Sherman Fine  
June 21- Ralph & Karen Gillespie  
June 25- Bob & Linda Brozowski  
June 27- Pete & Sissy Wells



## SERVING IN JUNE

### GREETERS

June 6- Lauren & Nancy Priest  
June 13- Lauren & Nancy Priest  
June 20- Lauren & Nancy Priest  
June 27- Lauren & Nancy Priest

### LAY READERS

June 6- Nancy Priest  
June 13- Ralph Gillespie  
June 20- Mary Smith  
June 27-

## COOKIE VOLUNTEERS FOR

### FELLOWSHIP

June 6- Sissy Wells & friends  
June 13- Ruth Fine, Sherman Fine,  
Karen Gillespie  
June 20- Sarah Kelly, Michele  
Wells, Marty Hasty  
June 27- Ruth Ramaker, Tim & Kristi  
Nelson

# The Church at Work

## DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's held their scheduled April meeting on April 20, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall.

The Deacon's shared information about members who were ill, or needed extra care.

## SESSION MEETING

The Session held a stated meeting on April 20, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Highlights included: praise for the congregation in following Covid-19 protocol during in-house worship services, potential of live streaming, and the approval of new member Eleanore Wheeler. Complete minutes from the meeting are posted in the mail room of the church.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee's fan drive during the month of May was very successful. Thank you for always going the extra mile to help the needy in our community.

As a reminder, as we return to in-house worship, please do not put any trash in the hymnal racks on the back of the pews. The sanctuary is warm during the week, and cough drops and wrappers tend to stick to the bottom making them difficult to remove!





# Church Family

## Meet our New Member: Eleanore Wheeler!

*"My husband and I moved to Gamaliel, AR. thirty-three years ago from South Bend, Indiana. For eighteen years, we were owners of a resort, then re-located to Mountain Home. I was recently widowed last October. I retired after 44 years, from a career in nursing.*

*I have two daughters, Wendy and Debby. Our family pet is an eleven-year old Jack Russell Terrier, and a true companion.*

*My interests include recipe and cookbook collecting and I'm known for substitutions when special ingredients aren't available! I love travelogues, being outdoors, talking to people and solving Sudoku puzzles.*

*I am very proud to be a member of First Presbyterian Church." - Eleanore Wheeler*



## Actual announcements found in church bulletins:

**"The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'  
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'"**



**"Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm.—Prayer and medication to follow."**

**"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."**

**"Miss Charlene sang 'I will not Pass This Way Again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."**

**"Thank you Steve, who once again has worked hard to clean the pastor off the basement floor."**

**"Visitors are asked to sing their names at the church entrance."**



## *"Come Celebrate What God Has Done"*



When: June 6, 2021 following worship service

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Bring your own mask

Food, fun and fellowship!



### **PHONE NUMBER UPDATES!**

**Judy Sulephen– Cell: 870-656-9044**  
**(home number is no longer a working number)**

**Don & Dee Crapnell– 870-499-2194**

### **PASTOR'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**



**"JESUS SAID TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM: 'IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES, AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE.'"**

#### ***John 8:31-32***

As commanded by Jesus, we **ARE** to stay in His Word. I would like to resume our weekly Bible study here at First Presbyterian. Beginning **Thursday, June 3rd at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall we will again have the opportunity to engage in God's sacred Word in an hourly Bible study. Please come, come to grow in the Word. Bring your Bible. Bring an inquisitive mind. Be prepared to delve into the Word of God in various ways. This is another way we can experience God's Grace.

# Scripture Readings for the Month of JUNE

Sunday, June 6th

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

*Genesis 3:8-15*  
*Psalms 130*  
*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*  
*Mark 3:20-35*

Sunday, June 13th

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*  
*Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15*  
*2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17*  
*Mark 4:26-34*

Sunday, June 20th

4th Sunday of Pentecost

*Job 38:1-11*  
*Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32*  
*2 Corinthians 6:1-13*  
*Mark 4:35-41*

Sunday, June 27th

5th Sunday of Pentecost

*Lamentations 3: 22-33*  
*Psalms 30*  
*2 Corinthians 8:7-15*  
*Mark 5:21-43*

*"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning."*

*- Psalm 130:5-6*

*"for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' " - Mark 5:28*





# REDBUD CALENDAR JUNE, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
		1	<b>2 MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 2PM–NURSERY</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<b>3 10 am Pastor's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<div style="background-color: #f5f5dc; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: center;">             4 C L O S E D           </div>	5
<b>6</b>  10am - Worship Service 11am– Fellowship  Holy Communion  <u>DEACON'S OFFERING</u>	7	8	9          Pastor Clark in office	<b>10 10 am Pastor's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<div style="background-color: #f5f5dc; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: center;">             11 C L O S E D           </div>	12
<b>13</b>  10am - Worship Service 11am– Fellowship  <u>COPPER KETTLE OFFERING</u>	<b>14 FLAG DAY</b> 	<b>15 DEACON'S MEETING 10 AM Fellowship Hall</b>  <b>SESSION MEETING 1 PM Fellowship Hall</b>	16          Pastor Clark in office	<b>10 10 am Pastor's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<div style="background-color: #f5f5dc; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: center;">             18 C L O S E D           </div>	19          26
<b>20</b>  10am - Worship Service 11am– Fellowship  	<b>21</b> 	22	<b>23</b>  <b>*Redbud Deadline*</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<b>10 10 am Pastor's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</b>  Pastor Clark in office	<div style="background-color: #f5f5dc; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: center;">             25 C L O S E D           </div>	
<b>27</b>  10am– Worship Service 11am– Fellowship	28	29	<b>30</b>  Pastor Clark in office			
<u>PASTOR MIKE WILL NOW BE IN THE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS</u>			<u>The deadline for submissions for the June Redbud IS Wednesday June 23rd.</u>			



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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

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**Rev. Mike Clark,  
Transitional Pastor**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

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