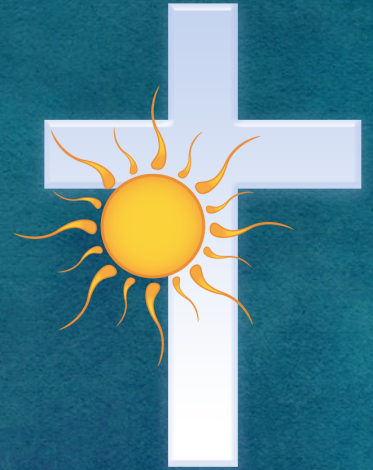
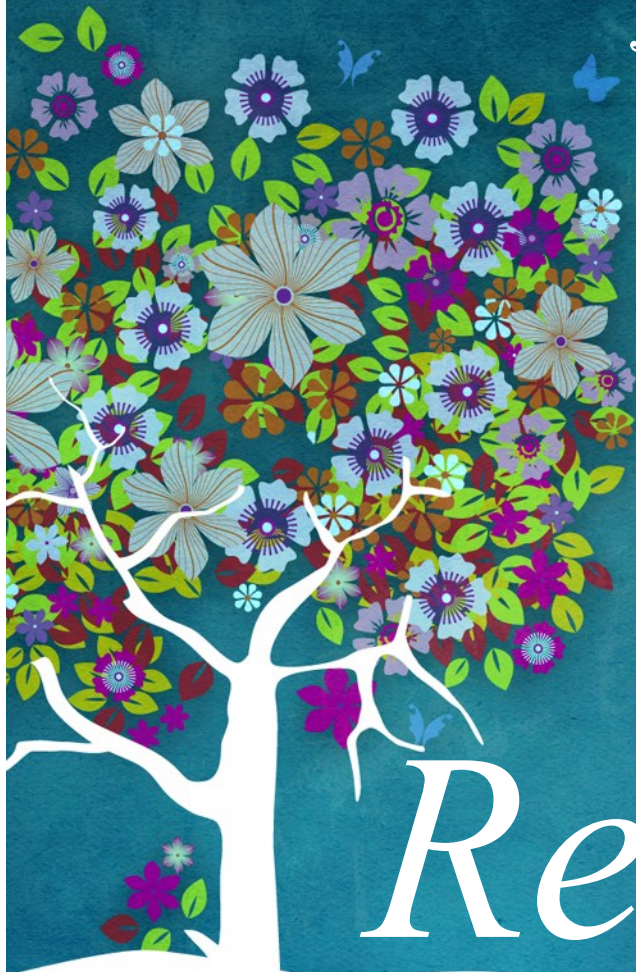


*From under the Redbud Tree.....*



# The Redbud

*August, 2021*

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

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### A Prayer About Slowing Down

“God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.”

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer*  
(edited by Sarah Bessey)



Dear members and friends,

First of all my wife and I want to thank everyone for your prayers of healing and the many cards wishing us well during our bout with the covid virus. It feels good to have such support. We are grateful for all your love and concern. We tested positive within about three days of each other. We are both at least three or four days out from our quarantine time. In conferring with our doctors we are considered safe to be out amongst the living again. That is good!

This has been quite a journey. Thanks to the great care of our doctors we were able to stay out of the hospital. We are so thankful for that. We both were able to receive the monoclonal antigen infusion soon after we tested positive. We both feel that made a world of difference in our recovery.

We want to thank everyone for their support in getting us food, medicine and needs met. Yes, we both received the two-shot vaccination back in March of this year through Baxter Regional Medical Center. We both also agree that without the vaccinations we would have been more seriously affected by the virus, and most likely hospitalized. We can't say it loud enough and clear enough, if you have not gotten your vaccination, PLEASE, PLEASE get in and get vaccinated. I recall asking my family doctor at a visit back in January of his year, "Why should I get the vaccination?" His answer was simple and straight to the point, "For two reasons. It will keep you out of the hospital and it will keep you from dying." He was right.

We are not out of the woods by any means. PLEASE, get vaccinated as soon as you can if you have not been vaccinated and wear your mask. It is the safest way to combat this dreaded virus. Trust me it is not fun, and we did not have to be hospitalized!

Please take care of yourselves and be safe. I understand some of you are hesitant and worry about being in church. I can truly understand the fear. If you choose not to participate in in-house worship I respect that choice. It will get better. Please stay in touch. We will do our best to provide online virtual Sunday worship services by way of our church website

[www.fpcmh.net](http://www.fpcmh.net) We will continue to offer Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to participate virtually you can stop by the church office during regular office hours and pick up a communion set for those in your family. Offerings have dropped since the pandemic has hit. We, the church, still need your financial support as the expenses continue. Please consider how you can continue to support the ongoing ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. Your support is appreciated.

God bless! Stay safe! Take care of yourself and wear a mask. It will get better. God loves you and so do I.

In Christ's love, be at peace, Pastor Mike



# Special Days & In Service



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3rd- Ian Ruegsegger  
August 5th- Marilyn Wheat  
August 9th- Mark Guth  
August 10th- Ralph Gillespie  
August 18th- Wana Thacker  
August 20th- Suzanne Smyth  
August 23rd- Fred Ruegsegger  
August 26th- Don Crapnell



**WEDNESDAY LECTIONARY BIBLE  
STUDY WILL RESUME ON  
AUGUST 4TH AT 1:30 PM IN THE  
NURSERY.**



August 3rd- TJ & Janeth Lawson  
August 12th- Nan & William Jordan  
August 28th- Jim & Nancy Priest

Lay  
Readers



August 1st- Mary Smith  
August 8th- Don Crapnell  
August 15th - Kay Kunkel  
August 22nd - Ralph Gillespie  
August 29th- Carolyn Hannon



August 1st-  
August 8th-  
August 15th-  
August 22nd-  
August 29th-

# The Church at Work



## Treasurer's Report for June 2021

Donations: \$6,611.85

Expense: \$7,472.74



## Deacon's Report for June, 2021

The Deacons met on June 15th, 2021 for their regular monthly meeting. They are excited to be welcoming three new deacons: Dee Crapnell, Jackie Hoff and Eleanore Wheeler. The deacons received the names of their new flocks and will be contacting them by mail this summer. Individual concerns of members or friends were shared. There will be no deacon's meeting in July or August.

♦ Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

## Session Meeting for June, 2021

The Session met on June 15th, 2021 for their regular monthly meeting. Updates included: addition of three new deacons: Eleanore Wheeler, Jackie Hoff & Dee Crapnell. Motion was made to replace Session member Barb Sandberg's position until the end of her term (term expires Dec. 2021). Motion carried. Session agreed that communion will remain in individual kit form and that the collection plates will remain at the entrances of the church. A motion was presented and then carried to replace the church office computer and the pastor's lap top.

## Mission Meeting Minutes

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for their cereal donations during the month of July! It was a big success!

- Mary Smith, Mission Committee



# Our Church Family



Thank you to Carolyn Hannon for her beautiful cupcakes! Despite some health challenges we were able to wish them both well on their new adventures! **BEST WISHES!**



## New Addresses:

Janet Newman's daughter's address (where she will be until her condo is ready):

Caroline Devoy & family  
3901 W. Arnold Road  
Rogers, Arkansas 72757

Janet's condo address:  
Butterfield Trail Retirement Village  
1923 E. Joyce Boulevard  
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Sarah Kelly  
12 Breckenridge Ct.  
Enterprise, Alabama 36330



# Scripture Readings for August



August 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

August 8 1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6: 35,41-51

August 15 Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

August 15th Lectionary Readings were incorrect in the Redbud. The listings in red are correct.

August 22 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34: 15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6: 56-69

August 29 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15



# JUST FOR FUN



## Texting FOR Seniors

**BFF** - best friend fell  
**BTW** - bring the wheelchair  
**TTYL** - talk to you louder  
**BYOT** - bring your own teeth  
**LMDO** - laughing my dentures out  
**FWIW** - forgot where I was  
**IMHAO** - is my hearing aid on?  
**OMMR** - on my massage recliner  
**ROFLACGU** - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."




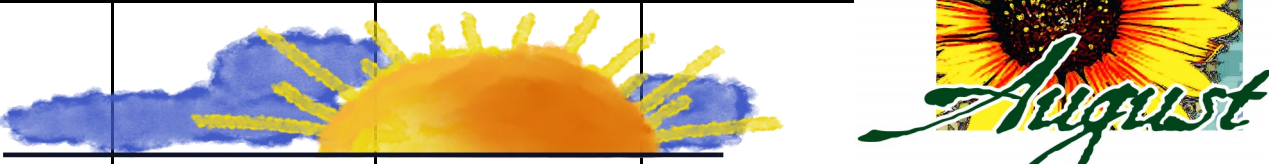
A-A-R-P! I wanna join the A-A-R-P!



The Retirement Village People



**CORRECTED COPY OF REDBUD CALENDAR AUGUST, 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 am- Adult Bible Study 10 am– Worship Service & Communion	<b>2</b> 9 am– Counters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm- Lectionary Bible Study (Nursery)  Mission Meeting 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> C L O S E D	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am- Adult Bible Study 10 am– Worship Service	<b>9</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 1:30 pm - Lectionary Bible Study (Nursery)	<b>12</b> Master Gardeners meet at 12:30 pm Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> C L O S E D	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 am- Adult Bible Study 10 am– Worship Service	<b>16</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>17</b> Session Meeting– 1pm  No Deacons Meeting!	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm - Lectionary Bible Study (Nursery)	<b>19</b> 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL IN MOUNTAIN HOME... WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDDOS! 	<b>20</b> C L O S E D	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am- Adult Bible Study 10 am– Worship Service	<b>23</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> REDBUD DEADLINE  1:30 pm– Lectionary Bible Study (Nursery)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> C L O S E D	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am- Adult Bible Study 10 am– Worship Service	<b>30</b> 9 am - Counters	<b>31</b>				
						



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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**

**fpcmh@centurytel.net  
Website: [www.fpcmh.net](http://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**