



The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

OCTOBER 2021

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For the Love of Animals

St. Francis of Assisi, known for his affection for animals, is honored on October 4th. Some congregations observe this day by blessing pets, remembering that God pronounced animals—along with all creation—good.

God saved not only Noah's family but animals of all kinds from the Flood. And despite Jonah's protests, God had compassion on Nineveh—“and [its] many animals” (Jonah 4:11). How intriguing that the prophet adds this point!

Care for all living creatures is clearly part of the divine character. Animals don't do anything to earn God's favor except be themselves. From this, we can learn that God pours out love unconditionally. As Psalm 36:6 (CEV) declares, “All people and animals are under your care.” —*Home Touch*

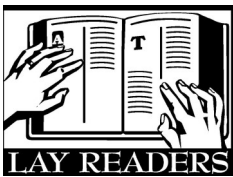




Pastor Mike will be on a much needed vacation beginning Monday, October 4th through Monday, October 18th. There will be Sunday morning worship services on October 10th and October 17th. There will be no Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study on October 6 and October 13, 2021.

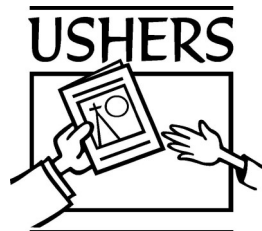
The Session will still meet at its regular time and date: Wednesday, October 19th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!



Serving in Worship Services

Oct. 3– Mary Smith
 Oct. 10–Carolyn Hannon
 Oct. 17- Doug Wells
 Oct. 24– Mary Smith
 Oct. 31– Don Crapnell



Oct. 3– Ellen & Phil Jordan
 Oct. 10– Ellen & Phil Jordan
 Oct. 17– Loweta Rogers
 Oct. 24– Sherman Fine
 Oct 31– Loweta Rogers

Church Leadership Meetings

SESSION MEETING

The Session met on August 17, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. There were no minutes to approve from July, as there was no meeting of the Session.

Ralph has coordinated the power washing of the front sidewalks of the church as well as the removal of some dead trees on the church property. Volunteers from the church have helped with trimming branches that were touching the church building. During the extreme temperatures in September, they are all to be commended !!

The new office computers are up and running very well.

Further discussion was held concerning church finances.

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's last meeting was on June 15, 2021 in the church library. New Deacons Jackie Hoff, Eleanore Wheeler and Dee Crapnell were announced as they have volunteered to fill vacancies left by Janet Newman and Sarah Kelly. The Deacons shared the joys and concerns of their flocks.

The Deacons did not meet in July and August and will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the church library. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021.

- Marty Hasty, Deacon Moderator

Treasurer's Report for August, 2021

EXPENSES:

Cleared checks: \$8,624.10

Outstanding checks: \$5,371.55

DONATIONS: \$7,275.00

31 AUGUST 2021 CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$7,869.00

Special Dates in October



Oct.2– Sissy Wells

Oct. 8– Lou Strong

Oct. 14– Phil Jordan

Oct 18– Doug Wells

Oct. 23– Nan Jordan

Oct. 24– Bud Hough



Oct. 12– Mark & Pam Guth

World Communion Sunday
-October 3, 2021

Columbus Day observed
-October 11, 2021

Reformation Sunday
-October 31, 2021



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The "Women of the Church" will meet **October 12th, 2021** at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lesson five will be on "Thou Shalt Not Murder" given by Eleanore Wheeler.

All women of F.P.C. are welcome to attend.

Please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated for the Coronavirus.

FPC Member & Friends contact information changes: *(Don't forget to update your Church Directory!) *

Phil & Ellen Jordan– email philjordan736@gmail.com

Mary Smith cell phone– 870-404-7932 **Ron Smith cell phone**– 870-404-9680

MISSION News

The Mission Committee met on **September 1, 2021** in the Fellowship Hall. Highlights from their meeting included setting dates for projects that involve all members & friends of the church. The Session has decided to cancel the churchwide picnic this year due to Covid-19.

October 1st– November 8th are the dates for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes. You may begin ordering online by using the link on our website (fpcmh.net.) Carolyn Hannon has graciously offered to help anyone who would like to order online, but is not able to.

From Nov. 15th—Dec. 20th the church will be collecting cleaning supplies for Alpha House and Serenity House. The church Christmas party has been set for December 12th, 2021 after church. This date is temporary and will be decided on by the Session at their November meeting. The next meeting is set for October 6th, 2021 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes Start NOW !!

<u>What?</u>	Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes
<u>When?</u>	Starting immediately until November 8th, 2021
<u>Where?</u>	You may pick up empty boxes at the church. Information about what items are appropriate for certain ages are available, and also what should and shouldn't be put in to the boxes to be shipped.
<u>How?</u>	Make a donation of \$25.00 to FPC with "shoeboxes" marked on the memo line of your check. The counters will put your donation in the Shoebox account, and a volunteer from the church will make a box for you!
<u>Where (online)?</u>	Make a shoebox online at our website fpcmh.net. There are very clear directions on the first page guiding you through the box building process. It's very easy & Samaritan's Purse will make and ship your shoebox for you!

FPCMH's Shoebox goal is **100 shoeboxes**!! Can you help us meet our goal???

SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3- 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

Sunday, October 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 24- 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Sunday, October 31 Reformation Day/23rd day after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

PRAYER CONCERNS







"Did not our **hearts**
burn within us ...
while **he opened** to us
the **Scriptures?**"

Luke 24:32, ESV



If you have a prayer concern/request please contact Marilyn Wheat at 870-425-5148 or email at wheatnotes@suddenlink.net who coordinates our Prayer Chain ministry. Please indicate who the prayer request is from when making the request. If you or anyone you know is entering the hospital please contact Pastor Clark at 316-648-9238 (cell) or the church office at 870-425-3799. Or, you may contact Marty Hasty, moderator of the Deacons at 309-224-0790.

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 9 am— Adult Bible Study (Library) 10 am— Worship Service Communion Sunday/Deacons	4 9AM COUNTERS <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	5 <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	6 MISSION MEETING 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	7 MASTER GARDNERS MEETING 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall) <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 9 am— Adult Bible Study (Library) 10 am— Worship Service <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	11 9 AM COUNTERS <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	12 Women of the Church Meeting 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	13 <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	14 <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 9 am— Adult Bible Study (Library) 10 am— Worship Service <u>Pastors' Vacation</u>	18 9AM COUNTERS	19 DEACON'S MEETING— 10 AM (Library) SESSION MEETING— 1 PM (Fellowship Hall)	20 LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY 1:30 pm (Nursery)	21 <u>REDBUD DEADLINE</u>	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 9 am— Adult Bible Study (Library) 10 am— Worship Service	25 9AM COUNTERS	26	27 LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY 1:30 pm (Nursery)	28	29	30
31 9 am— Adult Bible Study (Library) 10 am— Worship Service Reformation Sunday						

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Rev. Mike Clark,

Transitional Pastor

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.