



The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home Arkansas

NOVEMBER 2021



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Sunday Adult Bible School 9:00 am (Church library)

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Church Nursery)



VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Things are starting to come back alive again. The shoe box ministry is going full swing. By the time you read this we will have one more week to provide items for needy children around the world. Restrictions for worship are less – masks are no longer required (it is optional for those who choose.) We are able now to sing the hymns and the liturgy. Plans are underway for our annual Christmas party subject to how the COVID virus is receding. A decision will be made at the November Session meeting as to whether the Christmas party is a go.

Search is underway for people, volunteers, to serve the Lord as elected elders here at First Presbyterian. If interested or would like to learn more about serving, see Pete Wells, chair of the nominating committee. Fall is upon us. The trees are beginning to show their true colors. It is amazing how death can be such a beautiful thing! Soon we will begin a new church year as the Advent season is just around the corner. And yes, next Saturday, November 6th, we gain another hour in our life as daylight savings time changes. Set your clocks back one hour. I will try and be at church an hour early on November 7th to welcome those who forgot to change their clocks!!! Once again, we will honor those saints who have gone before us this past year on Sunday, November 7th, **ALL SAINTS** Sunday.

We are **ALL** hoping that the doors to fellowship hall will be opened soon. The Session members have been very cautious as they make decisions about re-opening the church. They are deeply concerned about your wellbeing and health.

God is good in all of this chaos of the pandemic. Change has been forced upon us because of the pandemic. Attendance on our church website under worship has continued to be remarkably high. We have discovered a new ministry. We have continued to find unique ways of staying in touch. And yet we continue to cling to a hope of a new tomorrow when we will be able to regain the old normal or find a new normal that reunites us and fills our hearts with the love and joy we seek. Keep the faith. God has not forsaken us. It is important that we not lose sight of the fact that we are a body of Christ called as disciples to serve using our gifts and talents to the fullest.

Be at peace, see ya' in church, Pastor Mike



Special Dates in November



Nov. 3– Michele Wells

Nov. 16- Mike & Marty Hasty

Nov. 5– Jan Clark

Nov. 6– Bob Kearns

Nov. 7– Pete Wells

Nov. 11– Mary Smith

Nov. 16– Bev. Preble

Nov. 19– Phyllis Gladson

Nov. 20– Norma Iffland

Nov. 23– Nancy Priest

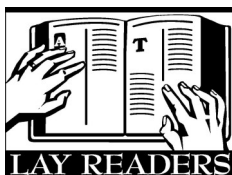
Nov. 30– Elliott Ruegsegger

- **All Saints' Day, November 1, 2021**
- **Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7, 2021**



- **Veterans Day, November 11, 2021**
- **Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021**
- **First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021**

Serving in Worship Services



Nov. 7– Ralph Gillespie

Nov. 14– Nancy Priest

Nov. 21– Doug Wells

Nov. 28– Mary Smith



Nov. 7– Carolyn Hannon

Nov. 14– Carolyn Hannon

Nov. 21– Ruth Fine

Nov. 28– Ruth Fine

Church Leadership Meetings

SESSION MEETING

The Session met on Sept. 21, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. Major topics on the agenda included Pastor Mike's request for a 2 week vacation in October; the removal of three dead trees on church grounds and the continued use of masks and no fellowship following worship for another month. There is a tentative date set for the church Christmas Party for December 12th, barring any Covid concerns. Michele Wells formally resigned from the Clerk of Session position and Pam Guth was appointed to the position by the Session. At the time of the meeting there was still work being done by the nominating committee to acquire three Elders for a three year term.

The complete minutes are posted on the bulletin board next to Pastor Mike's office. - Michele Wells, Clerk of Session

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's met on September 21, 2021 in the church library. Each of the Deacon's shared their joys and concerns of their flocks. They discussed the terms for the new Deacons and asked if there were any questions about the duties for the Deacons. The Mission Committee and the Deacon's will be working together on collecting supplies for the Alpha & Gamma Houses. The Deacons will also be assisting the Mission Committee with donating food for the BRMC nurses and staff as an appreciation gift for all that they have done during the Covid-19 pandemic. Details will be provided soon. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

-Marty Hasty, Deacon Moderator

Treasurer's Report for September, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

EXPENSES:

Cleared checks: \$10,129.31

Outstanding checks: \$3,574.24

DONATIONS: \$7,262.00 (Includes \$245.00 for Christmas Shoeboxes)

SEPT. 2021 CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$70,799.05



MISSION *News*

The latest updates from the Mission committee:

The **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox** count is at 65 boxes so far, with the hopes of collecting a few more boxes before the deadline. We have until **November 8th** to collect all Shoeboxes, or items to put into Shoeboxes that could be put together by a volunteer here at the church.

In November the Mission committee and the Deacons are making a **meal for the Covid unit at BRMC** as an appreciation “gift” for all of their work.

In December the Mission Committee will be **collecting cleaning supplies for the Alpha and Gamma Houses**. We will have a list of supplies for both houses soon!

December 12th will be our church Christmas party after the 11:00 am church service. We will have a list posted to bring items for the meal.

During the first 2 weeks of January we will be collecting food for the Food Basket. The last 2 weeks of January we will have a **Souper Bowl Party collection of soups for the Food Basket also**.

If you have any questions, or have items to donate please call 870-404-7932, or drop them off in the Narthex of the church.

Thank you all for your giving to FPC's Mission work.

—Mary Smith, Moderator of the Mission committee



Thanksgiving Fun!



Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," a student wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

*If you use boxed mashed potatoes
Great-Grandma will turn over in her
gravy.*

"If you call a big turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one?" "A goblet."

"Stop, drop, and pass the rolls!"



CRANBERRY– WALNUT BAKED APPLES



Ingredients: 4 crisp apples such as Gala or Fuji, 3 Tbsp. chopped walnuts, 2 Tbsp. dried cranberries, one and one-half Tbsp. light brown sugar, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1/3 cup apple juice, 2 tsp. pure maple syrup, 2 tsp. unsalted butter.

Preparation

1. Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees.
2. Starting at the top (stem) end of each apple remove the core, making sure to leave enough of the apple intact at the bottom to form a pocket for stuffing. Discard cores and arrange apples in a small baking pan.
3. Place walnuts, cranberries, brown sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and stir.
4. Combine apple juice, maple syrup and butter in a small saucepan and heat over medium heat until butter melts. Add hot liquid to walnut mixture; stir to blend.
5. Divide mixture among the apples, filling the hollowed-out cores. Drizzle any extra liquid over apples.
6. Cover pan with aluminum foil and bake until apples are just soft, 35 to 45 minutes.
7. Drizzle apples with pan juices and serve warm or cold.

From *The Earthbound Cook: 250 Recipes for Delicious Food and a Healthy Planet*, by Myra Goodman.—Guideposts

SCRIPTURES FOR November, 2021

Sunday, November 7 All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelations 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44



God, the blessed
and only **Ruler**,
the **King** of kings
and **Lord** of lords.
1 Timothy 6:15, NIV

Sunday, November 14 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



**First Sunday
of Advent**

Sunday, November 21 Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 28 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 19:1-6

Thessalonians 3:9-13



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 7th is All Saints Sunday. During the 11:00 am Worship Service we will remember our Saints who have entered the church Triumphant this year.

Vicky Weise 11/16/2020

Evelyn McGill 12/17/2020

Vicky Buff 12/18/2020

Georgianna Tonne 12/19/2020

Gaines Hoff 1/3/2021





Polly Millhouser 1/27/2021

Gary Adler 3/7/2021

Stanley Andrews 3/29/2021

Rodger Buckels 9/11/2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
 November	1 ALL SAINT'S DAY	2	3 Missions Meeting 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	4	5 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	6
7 9 AM - Bible Study 10 AM - Worship Service Holy Communion All Saints Sunday	8	9	10 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	13
14 9 AM Bible Study 10AM Worship Service	15	16 Deacon's Meeting 10 am 10 am -library Session Meeting 1 pm - Fellowship Hall	17 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	18	19 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	20
21 9AM Bible Study 10AM Worship Service CHRIST THE KING	22	23  <i>Give Thanks</i> REDBUD DEADLINE	24 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	25 THANKSGIVING DAY 	26 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	
28 9 AM Bible Study 10AM Worship Service ADVENT	29	30				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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