



The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas



JANUARY 2022

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Sunday Worship Services-10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)



Greetings once again in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As I sat down at my desk to write this New Year's message for 2022, I thought it would be interesting to look back to see what I wrote for 2021. The more I read the more I thought I could simply re-print last year's message.

This year has again been a challenging year. We find ourselves constantly on the alert for the covid virus. Oh, how it has changed the way we worship, fellowship and how we do the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have refined our ability to put our worship services on our website. Thanks to those who help videoing our Sunday worship service. It is so good to be able to worship in person!

Finally, for the first time in what seemed forever, we are now able to gather in fellowship following worship. It is so good to hear the joyful noise as people sit at table sharing their stories. Some of our members are still hesitant to gather in worship and in fellowship. That is totally understandable. With our advancement in age and having to deal with underlying health issues it is wise to be safe.

For many, loneliness is still a part of our daily journey. We find ourselves hungering for more contact with our sisters and brothers in the faith.

Some find themselves wondering "what is the next variant going to be like?" And, when will this be over?

As I said last year, and I must repeat this year, the Gospel of John gives us hope for a better tomorrow. Jesus Christ *IS* the light of the world. I have to remind myself of those sacred words from John the first chapter: verses 1-5. In my Bible the heading is **"THE WORD BECAME FLESH."** The WORD OF God came into the world in the form of Jesus Christ. Christ becomes the light of the world for all who believe. ***"AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT".***

As we enter into a new year let the light of Christ shine brightly in your life. May the light of Christ bring hope and light in the darkness of your journey. Stop, smell the roses and let Christ walk with you in this new year. Christ is there for you.

Be at Peace,
Pastor Mike

The ordination and Installation of the newly elected elders and deacons will be during our January 9th worship service. Newly elected elders are David Buff, Carolyn Hannon and Don Crapnell. Newly elected deacons are Jackie Hoff and Eleanor Wheeler.

Special Dates in January

JANUARY Birthdays

Jan. 2- Susan Kearns

Jan. 4- Sandy Kidd

Jan. 16- Mareline Bond

Jan. 25- Betty Preyer

Jan. 27- Chuck Beall

Jan. 30- Judy Sulephen

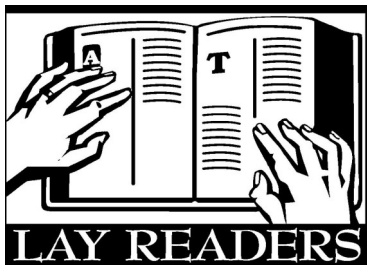
- New Year's Day, January 1, 2022
- Epiphany, January 6, 2022
- Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022
- Religious Freedom Day, January 16, 2022
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, 2022
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2022

JANUARY Anniversaries

Jan. 18- Chuck & Cheryl Munson Beall

Jan. 28- Fred & Norma Iffland

Serving in Worship Services



Jan. 2- Don C.

Jan. 9- Ralph G.

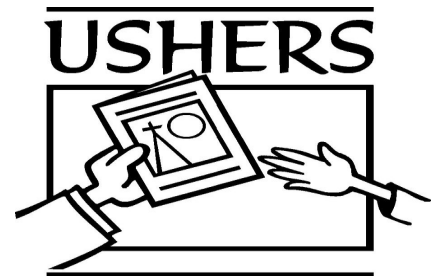
Jan. 16- Kay K.

Jan. 23- Nancy P.

Jan. 30- Mary S.



Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you wish to provide snacks for Fellowship time following worship. Clean up help is also needed.



Ushers for January will be announced at a later date.

Church Leadership Meetings

NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING

The Session met on November 16, 2021 for their regular monthly meeting. Highlights from the meeting included: Fellowship was resumed on 12/1/2021, the choir handbells were sold, the final budget of the church was passed, Don Crapnell and Carolyn Hannon volunteered to be Elders and the proposal for the Christmas Party was approved. The individual committee Deacons reported their current status to the Session and the Christmas Eve service date and time was also approved. A complete set of minutes can be found in the "mail room" on the bulletin board.

There was not a Session meeting in December.

NOVEMBER DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons met on November 16, 2021 for their regular monthly meeting. Each of the Deacon's shared parish joys and concerns for friends and family not in our church family. The Deacon's will be calling on families/friends of the church so that we can make sure we have correct and updated contact information.

-Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

There was not a Deacon's meeting in December.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

With these adjustments made, the financial numbers for November 2021 are as follows:

Donations: \$18,655.80

Expenses: \$ 7,882.50

- Nancy Priest



The latest updates from the Mission committee:

In December the Mission Committee **collected cleaning supplies for the Alpha and Gamma Houses.** The total number of cleaning supplies collected for both houses was over 100 items.

During the first 2 weeks of January, First Presbyterian 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.

Women of the Church Enjoy a Holiday Breakfast

The women of the church enjoyed a holiday breakfast taking the place of their regular monthly meeting in December.



Church Christmas Party!

On December 12th First Presbyterian had their annual Church Christmas party. It was a great success and a lot of fun was had by all.





2022 offering envelopes are in the narthex.

Please note- offering box numbers might be different this year due to re-assigning numbers.

PLEASE pick up your offering envelopes. If you were not provided an offering envelope box and wish to have one see Pete Wells.



AARP income tax preparation will be done again this year beginning the first week of February. No appointments this year. Drop in only. See Pete Wells for more information.

2022 Church Directory: We will be revising and making changes for the 2022 church directory. If you have a change in phone number or address PLEASE let our office secretary know so we can have everything updated. Plans are to have the new directory ready by the end of January. The Deacons will be helping us gather this information also.

I surely appreciate the inquiries and cards received from church friends regarding my recent open heart surgery. I am fortunate to report that I am doing very well now, working at getting stronger every day.

Many Thanks, Kim Terrell



New phone information for Sandy Kidd. Sandy can be reached on her cell phone at: 870-405-2080. She no longer has a land-line telephone.

What is the Twin Lakes Literacy Council?

The Twin Lakes Literacy Council is a non-profit organization of volunteers working to improve literacy in Baxter County. We provide one-on-one tutoring to people who need better reading, writing, English or math skills. Literacy council volunteers provide tutoring to..

- Adults who have low literacy levels– that is, they cannot comprehend material beyond a fourth grade level.
- People working towards their G.E.D. diplomas
- College students having trouble with math or English classes
- Children who need one-on-one help at school
- Adults learning algebra, geometry, and computer skills
- New immigrants learning to speak English as a Second Language
- Mentally impaired adults who need to learn basic skills
- Immigrants who would like to study for the citizenship exam
- Adults and 16-17 year olds needing financial literacy or workplace skills.

How did we get here?

Twin Lakes Literacy Council began in 1986 and was housed in a former funeral parlor with two volunteers, zero funding and donated materials from North Arkansas College in Harrison. Our organization is currently made up of 51 volunteers– 36 tutors and 15 volunteers who help the organization.

How much do lessons cost? They are free to the student!

How often are lessons? Lessons are typically one hour, once or twice a week.

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TLLC Can Use Your Help!

As a Volunteer: We supply training & materials, you provide the time & compassion.

As a Donor. Here is what your tax-deductible donation can do:

\$25 can help a college student pass algebra

\$100 can teach someone to read

\$350 funds books and training for 15 new math tutors

\$650 buys books and training for 15 new reading tutors

As a Donor. TLLC is happy to receive an in-kind donation of things such as paper towels, paper or Styrofoam cups, toilet paper, Kleenex, and packaged snacks for the students.

Your donations help our students reach their goals.

If you have any questions, please email or call us. Our office hours are Monday– Thursday 10:00 am—3:00 pm, and by appointment 3:00pm—5:00 pm.

Heather Powell, Executive Director

Twin Lakes Literacy Council

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SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY, 2022

Sunday, January 2

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: [1-9] 10-18



Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Friday, January 23

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10



Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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					Office closed	
2 Sunday Worship Service Communion 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 2nd Sunday of Christmas	3	4	5 Missions Meeting 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7 Office closed	8
9 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship Baptism of the Lord	10	11	12	13 Master Gardeners Meeting 12 pm	Office closed	15
16 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	17 Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.	18 Deacon's Meeting 10 am Session Meeting 1 pm	19 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	20	21 Office closed	
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. /Monday - Thursday

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