



# The Redbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church  
Mountain Home, Arkansas



## FEBRUARY 2022

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**Sunday Worship Services-10:00 am**

**Coffee Fellowship after Worship**

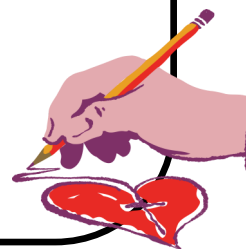
**Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study- 1:30 pm (Church Nursery)**

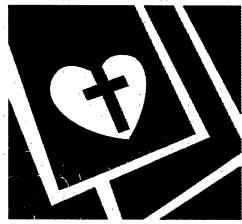
### FAITH'S ROLE IN LOVE

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. "I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more." That "more," she explains, involves these paradoxes: "We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand."

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: "When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart."





# FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear members and church family,

It has been a good six years since we first met. Many wonderful times have been had by all. We have done and are doing some fine ministries here at First Presbyterian Church. We have grieved together over the loss of a number of our faithful saints. We have laughed together, celebrated together. I have kept you on your toes wondering what that crazy pastor is going to be wearing on Sunday mornings. We have shared our time and talents in a variety of ways caring for God's people. We have been the "**church**" called to be faithful servants. And in so doing we have had fun.

I have decided it is time that I lay down my mantel of being your spiritual guide and leader. I have submitted my resignation to the Session on January 18, 2022 as your appointed pastor effective Sunday, May 1, 2022. My final day will be at worship on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Following that day, I will no longer be your pastor.

I have decided to resign simply because I feel it is time for me to retire. I will be 78 years old in February.

I want to thank **ALL** of you for being my teacher and being a part of my journey. You have given me fond memories to take with me. You have been patient, tolerant and very cooperative when I have called on you to do the work of the Lord. I thank you for being who you are as a child of God.

The Presbytery will be meeting with the Session next month to consider some options for providing pastoral care and leadership. You still have ministry to do here at First Presbyterian. I firmly believe that to be true. You will need to be flexible and creative as you look to the future for pastoral leadership. God will provide- be open to new, different and unique possibilities.

To close, I want you to know I will cherish my memories of the time we ministered together. Jan and I plan to stay in Mountain Home. We would like to remain as your friends. To be clear, I can no longer be your pastor. I challenge you: "continue to be the church of Jesus Christ faithfully serving the Lord." God will provide. Be patient. **God loves you!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate ask me. My door is always open.

Be at peace, yours in Christ

Pastor Mike



## Special Dates in February

Feb. 5— Pastor Mike Clark

Feb. 8— Ruth Ramaker

Feb. 9— Wayne Faust

Feb. 12— Alex Ruegsegger

Feb. 18— David Petersen

Feb. 21— Mari Ruegsegger

Feb. 23- Karen Gillespie

Feb. 26- Fred Iffland

Feb. 27- Kay Kunkel

Feb. 27- Ron Smith

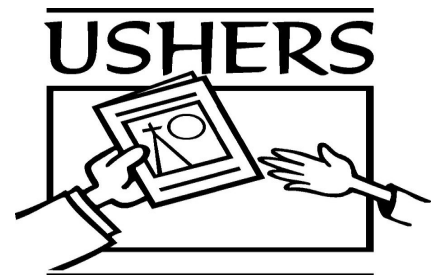
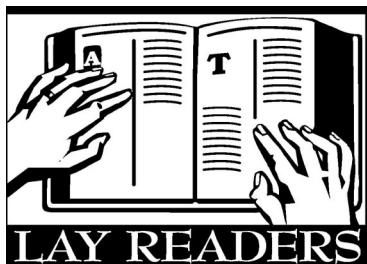
- African American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022
- Presidents Day, February 21, 2022
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27, 2022



Feb. 6— Ron & Mary Smith

Feb. 14— Bud & Barb Hough

## Serving in Worship



Feb. 6 – Carolyn H.

Feb. 13— Doug W.

Feb. 20- Don C.

Feb. 27— Ralph G.

### FEBRUARY

Feb. 6— Marty Hasty, Ellen Jordan,  
Cheryl Munson- Beall

Feb. 13— Eleanore Wheeler, Marilyn  
Wheat, Mary Smith

Feb. 20— Susan Kearns, Wana Thacker,  
Mary Smith

Feb. 27— Susan Kearns, Karen Gillespie,  
Mary Smith

Feb. 6— Bob Kearns

Feb. 13— Mary Smith

Feb. 20— Bob Kearns

Feb. 27— Bob Kearns

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **DECEMBER SESSION MEETING**

**There was not a Session meeting in December.**

- Pam Guth, Clerk of Session

## **DECEMBER DEACON'S MEETING**

**There was not a Deacon's meeting in December.**

- Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

## **DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT**

1/12/2022

Treasurer's Report for December 2021

Income - \$13,697.87

Cleared Checks - \$10,104.89

Uncleared Checks - \$4,420.70

No Texas Presbytery Fund Report available at this time.



The 2021 Annual Report for First Presbyterian Church is now available in the Fellowship Hall and in the church office.

**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.

There will be a **“Souper Bowl” collection of soups for the Food Basket until Super Bowl Sunday! Bring in those cans of soup to vote for your favorite AFC/NFC teams!**

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 support of FPC's Mission work!

—Mary Smith, Moderator, Mission committee





### **Church Cancelations Due to Weather**

We seldom have to cancel Sunday worship due to weather. But when the weather becomes a concern for the safety of our members and visitors someone must make that decision. The Session has asked that the pastor along with the moderator of the Building & Grounds & Property to make that decision. No one else will be responsible for making that decision. If there is ever a question about closing due to weather conditions, please contact the pastor or moderator of Building & Grounds.

### **Blood pressure screening**

Karen Gillespie has volunteered to head up the blood pressure screening. Karen is asking for help. She would like to schedule the screening on the second Sunday of the month immediately after worship. If you are willing to help please contact Karen at 701-3554. **Blood pressure screening will resume on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### **FELLOWSHIP GOODIES**

A clipboard will be passed around during worship for the next several weeks to give people the opportunity to provide snacks during fellowship time following Sunday worship. Mary Smith is willing to help and answer any questions regarding set up and what to bring. You can contact Mary at 404-7932. A list of volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board in hallway to Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who provide this important part of gathering on Sunday mornings.

**2022 Church Directory:** We are **FINISHING** the collection of up-to-date information for the church directory. The deacons have graciously been collecting information to help streamline the process. If you have not been contacted by your deacon, please let the office know of any changes in your contact information.

### **2022 offering envelopes are still in the Narthex.**

If you can deliver offering envelopes to those not at church, please do. **PLEASE pick up your offering envelopes. If you were not provided an offering envelope box and wish to have one see Pete Wells.**

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Over the next few months you will have the opportunity to learn about your church elders and deacons. Sissy Wells will serve as our “roving reporter”, so if you have questions or suggestions, give her a call. This month we will be featuring new elder, David Buff and new deacon Jackie Hoff.



## **DAVID BUFF**

**BORN:** Detroit, Michigan

**SIBLINGS:** One brother, one sister both living in Fayetteville, Arkansas

**FAMILY:** Wife Vicki (deceased) and three daughters. (One living in Bismark, ND and two in Texas)

**EDUCATION:** Attended school in Mountain Home and graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas

**FIRST JOB:** Worked at a bakery a block off the square all during high school

**CAREER:** Retired from the Federal Government after 27 years as an investigator

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Taipei, Taiwan

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Chinese

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Red

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Seinfeld

**FAVORITE SNOW DAY ACTIVITY:** read a good book

**THREE FOLKS YOU WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH YOUR FAMILY:** Earnest Hemingway, Willie Nelson, and Martin Luther

**PRESBYTERIAN:** Joined the “old” church on 101 North as a teenager. Has never served as an Elder before, but is looking forward to being an Elder now that he has more time.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NEW DEACON PROFILE: **JACKIE HOFF**

BORN: Mammoth, Missouri

SIBLINGS: One sister 1 ½ years older and one brother 10 years younger than Jackie.

FAMILY: Husband Gaines (deceased), one son Brian, and two daughters Alicia and Kim. All three live in Missouri.

EDUCATION: Nursing Degree from Burge School of Medicine (now Cox Medical) Bachelor's Degree from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri

FIRST JOB: Worked as a school nurse at Southeast High School in Wichita, Kansas

CAREER: Taught nursing at Cox for a while and was a nurse in all the towns where they later lived. She retired from nursing at Baxter Regional Hospital after 25 years.

HOBBIES: Golf and serving as a Master Gardener

FAVORITE FOOD: Lobster (I know most people say steak, but we raised cattle so beef wasn't a treat)

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE SNOW DAY ACTIVITY: Curl up on the sofa with a good book

THREE FOLKS YOU WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH YOUR FAMILY: Dr. Jonas Salk, Jack Kennedy, Dr. Delzell (a mentor)

FAVORITE HYMNS: Precious Memories, The Old Rugged Cross

PRESBYTERIAN: We lived in Gainesville, Missouri, but drove to the "old" church on 101 North and all of our children were baptized there. I first served as an Elder in Willard, Missouri many years ago.





Newly elected, appointed and “coerced” leaders of the Women’s Circle are  
Moderator- Nancy Priest

Vice- Moderator- Loweta Rogers

Secretary- Loweta Rogers

Treasurer- Nancy Priest

The women will be doing a study on “Women of the Bible” for this new year. Resources for the study can be found in the church library or see Nancy Priest.

**PLEASE** continue to save and collect Campbells soup labels and Best Choice labels to be redeemed. There is a place in the work room across from the church office to deposit labels.

February study leader is Sissy Wells. Dessert will be provided by Marilyn Seel. The Women’s Circle meets each month on the second Tuesday at 1 p.m. February meeting: Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

The Women’s Circle will meet in Nursery for the months of February, March & April due to the AARP Tax preparation being held in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are encouraged and invited to attend!

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### **AARP TAXAIDE PROVIDES TAX PREPARATION AT FPC**

**STARTING DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

**OPERATING DAYS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

**HOURS: 9 AM TO 3 PM**

**BRING ALL OF YOUR 2021 TAX DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS A PHOTO ID AND SS CARDS.**

**IF YOU ARE MARRIED, BOTH SPOUSES NEED TO COME IN.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH CONCERNING TAXES**



# ***SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY 2022***

**Sunday, February 6**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]*

*Psalms 138*

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*Luke 5:1-11*

**Sunday, February 13**

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

*Psalms 1*

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

*Luke 6:17-26*

**Sunday, February 20**

**7th Sunday after Epiphany**

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

*Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40*

*1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

*Luke 6:27-38*

**Sunday, February 27**

**Transfiguration of our Lord**

*Exodus 34:29-35*

*Psalms 99*

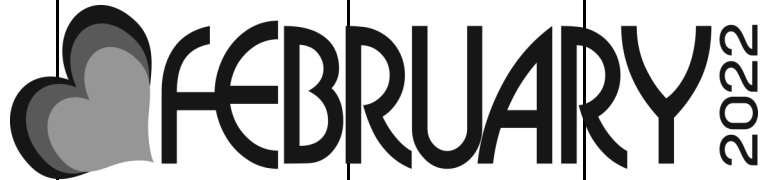
*2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2*

*Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]*



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...  
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

# FEBRUARY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	2 <i>Mission Meeting 10:30 am (Nursery) Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)</i>	3	4 Office closed	5 Pastor Mike's Birth-day
6 5th Sunday of Epiphany  Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	7	8 AARP Tax aid begins at 9 am (Tues-Thurs) Women's Circle 1:00 pm (Nursery)	9  Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	10 Master Gardener's Meeting 12 pm	11 Office closed	12
13 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING!  6th Sunday after Epiphany  Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	14 	15 Deacon's Meeting 10 am  Session Meeting 1 pm	16  Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	17	18 Office closed	19
20 7th Sunday after the Epiphany  Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	21  President's Day	22	23  Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	24	25 Office closed	26
27  Transfiguration of the Lord  Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	28					

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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.**