



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church  
Mountain Home, Arkansas



## MARCH 2022

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

**Coffee Fellowship after Worship**

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

### *A Prayer for Lent*

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

# Pastor's Post

Greetings from your pastor,

This next week we begin the Lenten journey once again. On Wednesday we gather to enter into the Lenten journey as we come together in worship to celebrate Holy Communion and to be reminded once again that from dust we came and to dust we shall return as we are marked with ashes.

In the Gospel readings for this Lenten Season we focus on the following:

- \*Ash Wednesday: we hear about fasting, almsgiving, prayer and our treasures
- \*Lent 1: We hear of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness
- \*Lent 2: We hear how Jesus laments over Jerusalem
- \*Lent 3: We hear of our need for repentance
- \*Lent 4: We hear once again the story of the Prodigal Son and of the lost sheep
- \*Lent 5: From the Gospel of John 12: we hear of the anointing of Jesus by Mary
- \*Passion Sunday: We hear the story of Jesus' passion event, his final meal with his disciples, his judgment, sentencing to death,
- \*Maundy Thursday: The washing of Jesus' feet and the New Commandment
- \*Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior: The Easter Event we gather each week in worship to celebrate and to give thanks for. The journey is complete!

Join me in another journey as we as find our way through scripture taking us to the greatest event in our life in the resurrection and ascension of the Savior of the world.

I encourage you to devote time this Lenten season reflecting on the grace of God's offering up God's only Son, God's chosen one, God's beloved. What does this mean for you that our creator God would love us so much that God would allow God's Son to suffer and die for you?

Be at peace. God loves you!

Pastor Mike

# Special Dates in March



No anniversaries in March

**MARCH**  
BIRTHDAYS

- Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022
- Daylight saving time begins, March 13, 2022
- First day of spring, March 20, 2022

March 5- Jan Lawson

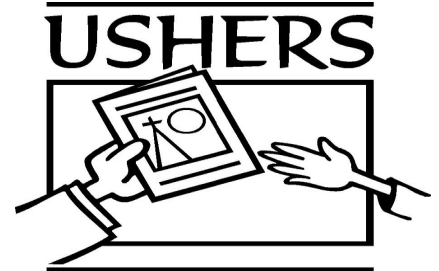
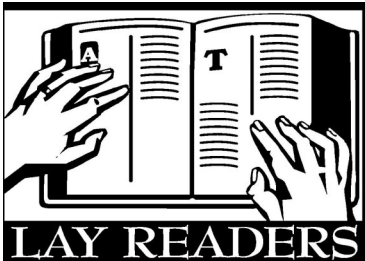
March 9- Jim Lillis

March 13- Frank Zortman

March 17- Ed Andrews

March 20- Lillian Euers

## Serving in Worship



March Lay Readers

March 3- Doug

March 10- Don

March 17- Ralph

March 24- Kay

### FEBRUARY

March 6- Ellen Jordan, Cheryl Munson  
Beall, Pat Wise

March 13- Carolyn Hannon, Wana  
Thacker, Marilyn Wheat

March 20- Ruth Ramaker, Kristi Nel-  
son, Tim Nelson

March 27- Marty Hasty, Eleanore  
Wheeler, Jackie Hoff

March 6- Susan  
Kearns

March 13- Marty  
Hasty

March 20- Mary  
Smith

March 27- Ralph Gil-  
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# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **JANUARY SESSION MEETING**

The Session met for their regular scheduled meeting on January 18, 2022. Highlights of the meeting include:

Building & Grounds hired an electrician to check all lights in the church and replace ballasts or bulbs as needed. Ruth Fine has been working on redoing the job description for the Worship committee. The Session made the decision to keep communion and the offering procedures the same as the church has been doing it. Fellowship will continue after worship.

Sadly, Pastor Mike Clark announced that he will be retiring on May 1, 2022. Stewart Smith from the Arkansas Presbytery met with the Session during their February meeting to discuss pastoral care options for the church.

A full Session report of the January meeting is available in the mailroom across from the main office. - Pam Guth, Clerk of Session

## **JANUARY DEACON'S MEETING**

Each of the Deacon's shared parish joys and concerns and also for friends and family not in our church. The Deacon's have completed calling on their flock to gather information for Kristi to complete the new 2022 directory. The moderator position was discussed and forwarded to the Session.

The next meeting was held on February 15, 2022 in the church library.

Respectfully submitted– Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator



"Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

## **JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

2/14/2022

Treasurer's Report for January 2022

Donations- \$8,941.32

Cleared Checks - \$9,680.29

Uncleared Checks - \$4,662.19

System Balance- \$78,486.92

## Elder Assignments for 2022

Worship-	Ruth Fine, Carolyn Hannon*
Finance-	Don Crapnell, George Hove, Pete Wells*
Building & Grounds-	David Buff, Ralph Gillespie*
Mission-	George Hove*
Personnel & Administration-	Don Crapnell, Pete Wells
Ministry-	Vacant
Nominating-	Vacant
Funeral Coordinator—	Vacant
<b>* Denotes the moderator of the committee</b>	
Moderator of the Deacons-	Marty Hasty
Moderator of Missions-	Mary Smith



### HYGIENE ITEMS DRIVE

**MARCH 1ST—MARCH 31ST**

The Mission Committee will be collecting personal hygiene items throughout the month of March for the Food Basket.

The items needed are: tooth brushes, tooth paste, dental floss, deodorant, soap, feminine products, shaving razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, cotton swabs, hand lotion, and Vaseline.

The Mission Committee will be collecting these items in the Narthex. Look for the signs!! The local dollar stores have many of these items at a very low price. Many of these items are also sold in groups of more than one per package.



### SUPER SOUP DONATION

The Mission Committee delivered 187 soup products to the food basket which added up to 166 pounds of food for needy families in this area!





# 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.

## **ELDER PROFILE.....DON CRAPNELL**

**BORN:** on the banks of the Mississippi River in Louisiana, MO and was an only child

**FAMILY** Married Dee on February 1, 1959 in Alton, Illinois. I have two sons, two granddaughters, two great granddaughters, and one great grandson.

**EDUCATION:** Growing up, I attended 16 different schools in lots of different states.

**COLLEGE:** graduated from Missouri University School of Mines, now Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla MO

**FIRST JOB:** delivering newspapers

**CAREER:** worked 40 years as a civil engineer in various areas of the US

**AS A YOUNG PERSON I:** wished for a car

**FAVORITE FOOD DEE COOKED FOR ME:** baked goods- pies, cakes, cookies – she loved to cook, and especially liked to bake.

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Blue

**HOBBIES:** I used to enjoy sail boating, have always enjoyed traveling

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Sit-cons such as Seinfeld, Carol Burnett, etc.

**PRESBYTERIAN:** We moved from California to Mountain Home in 1996. Don became a Presbyterian when he and Dee married, and he was ordained an Elder in 1980. Don has served at one time or another on every committee the church has available! Bible Study seems to be where he has served the longest. He taught Sunday School here for 16 years and also taught in California when he lived there.

**THREE WORDS MY FAMILY WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE ME:** “pretty good father.” **THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH YOUR FAMILY:** Abraham Lincoln, Stan Musial, Billy Graham





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## DEACON PROFILE.....LOWETA ROGERS

**BORN:** small town close to Gainesville, Missouri, called Canoi, I was an only child.

**FAMILY:** Bill and I met at a dance in the Pavillion at Doling, Park. We were married on January 7, 1953. I have one daughter, one granddaughter, one great granddaughter and two great grandsons.

**EDUCATION:** Attended school in Ada, Missouri and Draugh Business College in Springfield.

**FIRST JOB:** Worked for Southwestern Bell in Kansas City. Most of our married life was spent in Kansas City area where I worked for a Wholesale Jewelry Company for 30 years and later for Baptist Health Center and Kimberly Quality Care in Overland Park, Kansas.

**FAVORITE COLOR:** light blue

**FAVORITE FOOD:** love it all!!

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Blue Bloods "I like their Sunday night suppers"

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** enjoyed our travels in Europe

**SOMETHING MY DAUGHTER WOULD SAY ABOUT ME:** " Mom is not always right, but she thinks she is!!!"

**SNOW DAY ACTIVITY:** Cleaning our nooks and crannies

**HOBBIES:** Reading and involvement in community activities **FAVORITE HYMN:** Amazing Grace

**PRESBYTERIAN:** Grew up in the Disciples of Christ Church and became a Presbyterian in 2010. Has served as a Deacon before. I enjoy studying the Bible and have been involved in several groups over the years.

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER :** Plato. Jesus, Lee Nirschel (former pastor)

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## DEACON PROFILE..... ELLEN JORDAN

**BORN:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**SIBLINGS:** two younger brothers

**FAMILY:** Married Phil on December 28, 1969 They met at a square dance at the Presbyterian Church and got married three months later. They have been married 52 years, so a “whirlwind courtship” proved to be lasting

**EDUCATION:** attended high school in Logan, Iowa and business college in Omaha, Nebraska **FIRST JOB:** baby sitter, later worked as a secretary at Omaha Bedding Company

**FAVORITE FOOD:** rhubarb....only available in the north so doesn't eat it often

**FAVORITE COLOR:** purple

**HOBBIES:** reading, sewing, crafts

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Pretty Woman

**SNOW DAY ACTIVITY:** working jigsaw puzzles

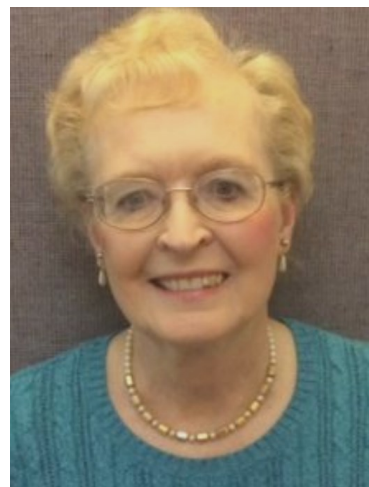
**SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:** I used to wear my “leathers” and ride motorcycles with Phil

**BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED:** My mother used to tell me, “You gotta do what you gotta do!”

**MOUNTAIN HOME:** We moved to Mountain Home in 1999 from Sedona, Arizona where we lived for 24 years and owned a glass blowing shop for 16 of those years.

**PRESBYTERIAN:** I was raised in the Christian Church but became a Presbyterian when Phil and I married. I have served on various committees, but the Mission Committee is my favorite.

**FOLKS YOU WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH YOUR FAMILY:** Mike and Marty Hasty, Don and Betty Gregory, Dave Peterson, Bev Preble





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## ELDER PROFILE.....RALPH GILLESPIE

**BORN:** Prince Frederick, Maryland. I had two sisters and one half-brother.



**FAMILY:** Karen and I met in a grocery store where she worked and I was shopping. We were married on June 21, 1958 and raised four daughters.

**EDUCATION:** I attended school in Prince Frederick, Maryland and joined the Air Force where I served 20 years and 22 days.

**FIRST JOB:** I drove 34 miles each way to work in Annapolis, Maryland for the salary of \$42.50 a week.

**PETS:** an outstanding dog named “Rocky “ who is somewhere between 7 and 10 years old

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Blue

**FAVORITE FOOD THAT KAREN MAKES FOR ME:** from scratch Lasagna

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** NCIS

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Alaska, since we have been there twice.

**HOBBIES:** fishing and traveling in our RV

**AS A YOUNG PERSON, I WISH:** I had paid more attention in school

**SOMETHING KAREN WOULD TELL YOU A BOUT ME:** she would say that I am industrious, generous, handsome, good father, and excellent husband

**FAVORITE HYMN:** The Old Rugged Cross

**PRESBYTERIAN:** We moved to Mountain Home in 1907. Prior to joining the Presbyterian Church we were Methodist and Lutheran. I have served several terms as an Elder and it seems I am always on the Building and Grounds Committee.

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH MY FAMILY:** Jesus, Albert Einstein and John Wayne.



**YOU ARE INVITED  
WOMEN OF THE CHURCH  
NEW BIBLE STUDY**

ALL LADIES of the Church will kick off a new Bible Study on Tuesday, April 11, at 1:00 in the Conference Room (formerly the Nursery) and we will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a change from our past schedule when we didn't meet in the summer. As we struggle these next few months without a pastor, it becomes important to come together and find strength in numbers. Our study book is from The Horizons series and is titled, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," by Merryl Blair. Have you ever thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these grandmothers-of-faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the good news about Jesus Christ. The books cost \$11.00 for regular copies and \$16.00 for large print, spiral-bound books. (this price includes postage.) PLEASE ORDER YOUR BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and make your checks payable to Nancy Priest. You may place your checks in the offering plates or mail them to her here at the church. These gatherings will be a time for fellowship, fun, food and spiritual growth, with a few surprises along the way! We are small in number, but we can be a mighty influence when we choose to unite in service to our Lord and Savior. We ask for your prayers and your presence as we seek to serve God during this time of change in our Church.

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**BEST CHOICE LABELS**

The collection box for the Best Choice bar codes has been moved to the Fellowship Hall to make it easier to access. There is a new container that looks like a soup can to deposit the labels into. It is located on the stand by the door going outside. Some research was done for us and we found out that Campbells Soup is no longer giving a rebate for their labels, therefore we will not be collecting them.

Each BEST CHOICE label is worth \$0.03, one thousand labels collected is worth \$30.00. In turn, the money that we collect goes to a local charity at the end of the year. So, please save your labels and put them in the "can" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you— Loweta Rogers

# ***SCRIPTURES FOR MARCH 2022***

**Sunday, March 6**

**First Sunday in Lent**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16*

*Romans 10: 8b-13*

*Luke 4:1-13*



**Sunday, March 13**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

*Psalms 27*

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

*Luke 13: 31-35*

**Sunday, March 20**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

*Psalms 63:1-8*

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

*Luke 13:1-9*

**Sunday, March 27**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**


*Joshua 5:9-12*

*Psalms 32*

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1	<b>2 Mission Meeting</b> 10:30 am (Nursery) Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery) <b>ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 4 PM</b>	3	4	5
					Office closed World Day of Prayer	
6  1st Sunday of Lent Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	7	8 Women's Circle 1:00 pm (Nursery)	9  Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	10  Master Gardener's Meeting 12 pm	11	12
					Office closed	
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins  BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING! 2nd Sunday of Lent 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	19
					Office closed	
20  First Day of Spring  3rd Sunday of Lent Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	21	22	23  Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	24	25	26
					Office closed	
27  4th Sunday in Lent Worship Service 10 am Coffee Fellowship	28					

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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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