



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas



APRIL 2022

Sunday Worship Services-10:00 am

Pastor: Mike Clark

Coffee Fellowship after Worship

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

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God On The Mountain Words & music by Tracy Dartt

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain,
and you've got peace of mind like you've never known;
But when things change and you're down in the valley,
don't lose faith, for you're never alone.

And the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley.
When things go wrong, He'll make them right.
And the God in the good times, is still God in the bad times.
The God of the day, is still God of the night.

We talk of faith, when we're up on the mountain,
but talk comes easy, when life's at its best;
But in the valley of trials and temptations,
that's when faith, is really put to the test.

And the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley.
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The God of the day, is still God of the night.



Greetings from your pastor,



Someone recently asked me what was my favorite hymn. It took me quite awhile to answer because there are many hymns that I feel speak to me in my spiritual journey. Oldies but goodies like AMAZING GRACE, one of the great Lenten hymns- IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLO- RY. The great Holy Week hymn- WERE YOU THERE. Another favorite in our hymn book- JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA. All speak to me as I walk each step in the light of Christ. There are two gospel song/hymns that I have to be especially meaningful to me in my walk. The first is PRECIOUS MEMO- RIES. I can't tell you who the writer is but it is one of my all-time favorite songs. The second is GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN. The lyrics are found on the cover page of the REDBUD this month.

The words and words of assurance, hope and promise that God is with me from the mountain top when all is well to the valley when all “heck” breaks loose and life is chaotic. The words give me assurance that God is with me in the “good times” and in the “bad times” in my life when I feel abandoned and alone. There have been times and there will be times that I needed to hear and will need to hear these words of love and grace.

As we come near to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sun- day I hear renewed hope and hear the grace of God being offered up for ALL. I am clearly reminded of the sacrifice made for me as we enter Holy Week, how God allowed God's only begotten Son to be crucified on a cross for my broken- ness. Hymns help us to hear the message of hope and grace. Hymns help us to glorify God! Hymns assure us that God is there from the mountain top to the deepest valleys that we walk.

As we gather in worship these days ahead, as we approach the resurrection of Jesus Christ and on that eventful day, life up your voices in song. Listen to the words of hope and assurance. Not only sing the hymns but hear them. Let them speak to you in your journey.

Be at peace, Pastor Mike

Special Dates in April



BIRTHDAYS

April 7- Joyce Hove

April 18- Cheryl Munson Beall

April 19- Ruth Fine

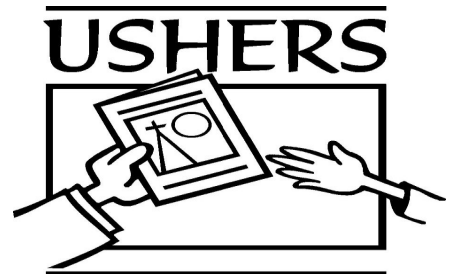
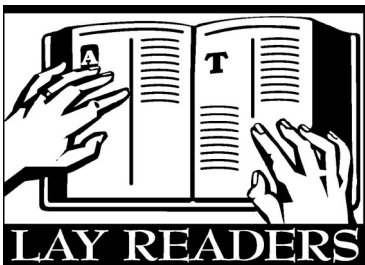
ANNIVERSARIES

April 10- Pastor Mike & Jan Clark

- Holy Week, *April 10-17, 2022*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 10, 2022*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 14, 2022*
- Good Friday, *April 15, 2022*
- Easter Sunday, *April 17, 2022*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 27, 2022*



Serving in Worship



April Lay Readers

April 3- Doug W.

April 10- Don C.

April 17- Ralph G.

April 24- Kay K.

April Fellowship

April 3- Ellen J., Eleanore, Wana T.

April 10- Jan C., Kay K., Pat W.

April 17- Cheryl M-B., Marilyn W.,
Pam G.

April 24- Karen G., Marty H.,
Mary S.

April Ushers

April 3- Sherman F.

April 10- Mary S.

April 17- Ellen J.

April 24- Bob K.

HOLY COMMUNION IN APRIL AND MAY

Holy Communion distribution for April and May will be different. At the March Session meeting it was decided to try Communion distribution by what we call “continuous table.” We will not be receiving the small communion sets with wafer and grape juice. No more having to peel back the cellophane seals.

The blessing of the elements- bread and juice will take place. You will then be invited to come forward down the center aisle. The pastor and a communion assistant will offer you the bread and juice. The person offering the bread will wear a plastic glove and place the wafer in your hand. You will then proceed to the cup and take an individual cup from the tray. You will then return to your seat. We will ask the west side to commune first then the east side.

If you ARE NOT ABLE to come forward the pastor and assistant will bring you communion in the pew. We ask that if you are not able to come forward please sit on an aisle seat. That makes it easier to administer the communion.

I realize this is a completely different way of receiving Holy Communion! It is ***NOT THE WAY WE USED TO COMMUNE!!!*** The Session had several options to consider in ways to commune. There was a desire to do away with the individual communion sets. Accessing the parts of the set was difficult for many. Passing the Communion elements in the pew was a concern because it was possible to contaminate the elements, especially the bread, with the fear of the Covid virus still lingering in our world. Therefore, the Session felt the best and safest option at this time was by continuous table. PLEASE, be patient. Please- if you feel you cannot come forward we will bring Communion to you. We ask that you give it a fair chance. You might like it!



Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On April 14, 2022 there will be a Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 4 p.m. There will be a congregational meal following in the Fellowship Hall.

Please remember to sign up in the hallway bulletin board to indicate what you will be bringing to the dinner.



Church Leadership Meetings

SESSION UPDATE

The Session met for their regular scheduled meeting on February 15, 2022. Highlights of the meeting included:

The Worship committee will be sorting the Christmas decorations of the church and keeping the decorations that are still in good shape.

The Mission committee announced their hygiene product ingathering that began on March 1st and continue until March 31st.

The Session decided that worship will continue as is until the next Session meeting.

Ash Wednesday service was scheduled as well as the Maundy Thursday service and congregational meal. The worship service will be at 4:00 pm with dinner following.

The Elders were assigned to their specific committees. (These assignments were posted in the March Redbud.)

Finally, Stewart Smith from the Arkansas Presbytery was present at the Session meeting to discuss the ministry options for the church following Pastor Clark's retirement on May 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Guth– Clerk of Session

DEACON'S UPDATE

The Deacon's met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 2022.

The Deacons have been in contact with each of their church family members and shared their joys and concerns. They also shared concerns for friends of our church family. The last meeting of the Deacon's was March 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted– Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

February 2022 Treasurer's Report as of Feb. 28, 2022:

Donations/Deposits \$5,657.00

Bank Balance \$77,433.53

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer



Mission Matters



A big thank you to our church members for collecting over 200 hygiene products during the month of March for the Mountain Home Food Basket.

Well Done! - Mary Smith, Mission committee moderator



MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL IS DISASTER BUCKETS

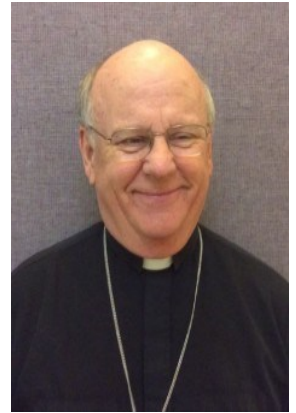
The next mission for FPC is the collection of materials to go inside disaster buckets that are sent to areas of the country dealing with clean up after natural disasters. FPC's goal is to contribute 6 buckets.

Items needed include: rubber gloves, bleach, rags or small towels, scrubbing brushes, batteries (all sizes), flashlights, drinking water and first aid kits. These items should fit inside a 5 gallon bucket with a lid that can be purchased at a local hardware store or Walmart.

More information will be coming from Mary and Pastor Mike in the weeks ahead.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our roving reporter Sissy Wells is spotlighting Pastor Mike Clark this month who has spent the past six years shepherding the FPCMH flock and will be retiring from the pulpit on May 1st, 2022.



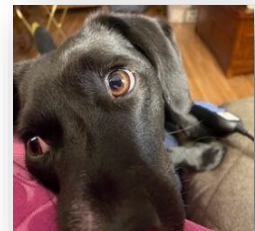
PASTOR PROFILE.....MIKE CLARK

BORN: I was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I was adopted at the age of 18 months and at the same time this same family adopted the son of my Dad's brother. Basically, I was raised as an only child.



FAMILY: I met Jan at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs and we were married in 1965. We raised two children. Our daughter, Michele, lives in the Austin, Texas area with her husband, Randy. Our son, Tim, died in 2009 as the result of a car accident. His death has had a profound affect on our lives and ministry.

PETS: Precious our cat and Bella our dog.



EDUCATION: I attended Iowa State University, University of Omaha and Drake University where I received a degree in Elementary Education. I was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Lutheran Church in June 1985. I became Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian in Mountain Home in February of 2016.

FIRST JOB I EVER HAD: I was the delivery boy for an auto parts store while I was in High School.

OTHER JOBS BEFORE BECOMING A FULL TIME PASTOR: I had many, but some of them were teaching elementary school, managing a real estate brokage firm, and pharmaceutical sales.

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME: I once sold prophylactics. (Not usually on my resume.)

HOBBIES: Woodworking, fishing, boating

FAVORITE TV SHOWS: “Blue Bloods” and “NCIS”

FAVORITE COLOR: Red or plaid (is that a color?)

FAVORITE FOOD: Meat balls



TWO WORDS JAN WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE ME: Challenging and interesting

FAVORITE HYMN: “God on the Mountain” from a favorite gospel CD

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *John 8:31-32* “Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ “

FAVORITE PASSAGE TO PREACH ON: “The Prodigal Son” from *Luke 15*.

FUNNIEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME WHILE I WAS PREACHING: Jan was serving as Lay Leader and her cell phone rang, without a moment’s hesitation she walks over and hands it to me and keeps on reading while I slip out with her phone.

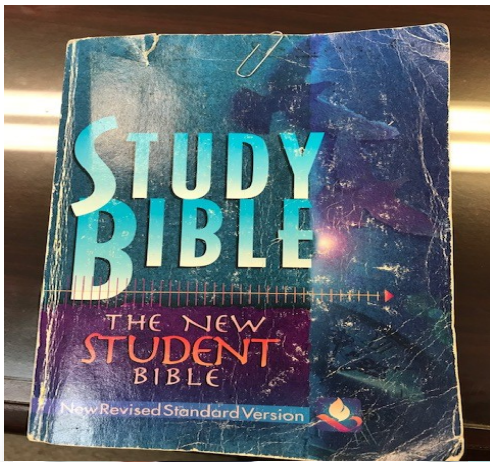
THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO MY FANTASY MEAL: The Apostle Paul, Martin Luther and Satan

IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT: I would have great fun selecting worthy people, organizations, etc. to share in my good fortune.

RETIREMENT PLANS: We want to travel a bit, and visit family and friends. I would like to become a volunteer for the Twin Lakes Literacy Council helping adults learn to read and I would like to renew my involvement in my clowning ministry, hoping to train our dog, Bella to work with me.



MY WISH FOR THIS CONGREGATION: I pray for this congregation to continue to use the gifts God has given them to advance the ministry God has planned for them in this time and place.



Sermon by Pastor Mike Clark - March 29, 2020



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ELDER PROFILE: GEORGE HOVE

BORN: George was born in Winchester, Tennessee. He was the oldest of three siblings, one brother and one sister.

FAMILY: George married Joyce on December 19, 1959. They met on Joyce's family farm when Joyce was in the 8th grade and her sister was active in the 4H Club.

EDUCATION: George attended High School in Britton, S.D. George graduated from South Dakota State University in Bookings, S D. He and Joyce taught school for five years in Bookings, S. D. He later got his Master's Degree from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

CAREER: George's career was in Range Management and farming.

HOBBIES: Gardening, competed as a Rifleman for 19 years while living in Montana.

FAVORITE COLOR: Green

FAVORITE FOOD: I like most all foods, especially the vegetables we grow. Coconut Cream Pie is my favorite dessert.

SOMETHING EVERYONE OUGHT TO TRY ONCE: Praise Fest in Branson. It is a weekend of gospel music and hymn singing.

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO A YOUNG PERSON: Develop a work ethic and get as much education as you possibly can

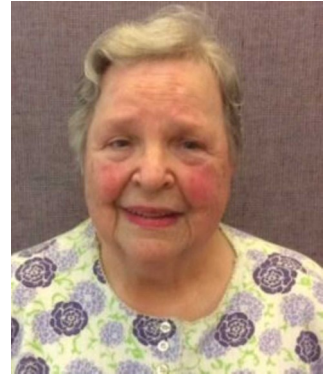
FAVORITE HYMN: "Because He Lives"

PRESBYTERIAN: George became a Presbyterian when he and Joyce married. He was raised in a rural nondenominational church in Tennessee. He was ordained as a Deacon in Montana and then became an Elder . They joined First Presbyterian in 1994.

THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH MY FAMILY: old friends Carl Cook, Carl Larsin, Arthur Adamson



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ELDER PROFILE.....RUTH FINE

BORN: Ruth was born in San Jose, California the second sister of two sisters and 1 brother.

FAMILY: Sherman and Ruth were High School Sweethearts, They met when she was a Sophomore and he a Senior and were married in 1953 following her graduation. They raised four children, 2 boys and 2 girls.

FIRST JOB: Ruth's first job was babysitting for a Catholic family with 5 children.

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE TV SHOW: MASH

FAVORITE SONG: "Tenderly" by Nat King Cole

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME: Unpredictable and a talker

SOMETHING SHERMAN WOULD TELL YOU ABOUT ME: He would say, "Ruth is as tight as a tick."

IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY WHAT WOULD YOU BUY: I would put it in the bank. (see above answer)

SOMETHING THAT MAKES ME HAPPY: It probably will surprise you that I enjoy being quiet and peaceful.

PRESBYTERIAN: We moved to Mountain Home in 2000 and joined this church because we were friends with Wayne and Judy Faust and they invited us. Prior to moving to Mt. Home, I was a Methodist. I have served two terms as an Elder .

PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH MY FAMILY: Nancy and Ronald Reagan, Ma Barker, Shelly Winters.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DEACON PROFILE.....ELEANORE RUTH WHEELER

BORN: South Bend, Illinois. Eleanore had one sister who was 4 years older.

FAMILY: She was married for 61 years to Robert Gene Wheeler and they had two daughters. Wendy, who lives in Summerville, S.C. and Debby who lives in Osceola, Indiana. She has two granddaughters and one great grandson.

PETS: My dog, Dixie. She is a Jack Russell Terrier and is 13 years old.

EDUCATION: She received her nursing degree from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing at Indiana University.

FIRST JOB: She delivered groceries in her little red wagon, as her parents owned a neighborhood grocery store. She also became pretty good at boning meat.

CAREER: Her first nursing job was as evening charge nurse on the surgical floor. Also worked in categories of Family Practice in an office, Pharmacist consultant for a long-term care facility, nursed in the areas of immune and allergy therapy and kidney dialysis.

HOBBIES: She collects recipes with the origin of the dishes. She loves to attend estate sales in hopes of finding something she didn't expect.

FAVORITE FOODS: European dishes – stuffed cabbage, chicken paprika with Hungarian Bacon Fry

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: Gulf Shores, Alabama and South Carolina

FAVORITE HYMNS: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Standing on the Promises of God, Morning Has Broken

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME: I was raised and attended many church services, family celebrations, weddings, and funerals of the Hungarian, Polish, German, Serbian and Slovak people.

PRESBYTERIAN: She was baptized and raised in the Presbyterian Church. Was president of her Youth Group in High School and continued to be involved in Presbyterian committees on the local and regional levels all of her life.

THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH MY FAMILY: My maternal grandfather (was my favorite family member), Sister Teresa, Mya Angelou.



IT'S ALMOST TIME!!

The first gathering of the newly reorganized WOC will be held on **Tuesday, April 12**, at 1:00 in the Nursery since the AARP tax people will still be using the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and try to attend. Sissy Wells will introduce our new Bible study and the new study books will be available. Nancy Priest will serve as our hostess and we will have a surprise or two. If possible, please bring a picture of your Grandmother and/or something she gave you. Here's looking forward to good times together!!

UPDATES TO THE 2022 DIRECTORY

ADDRESS UPDATE:

Janet Newman was recently married to Phil Hatfield.

Her new address and name is:

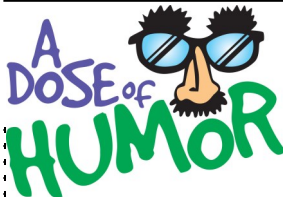
Janet Hatfield

403 S. 37th St.

Rogers, AR 72758

Nancy Priest: New email– nepriest.1954@gmail.com

Cell phone only– 870-321-2794 (no home phone number)



"Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crook-necked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that." —Catherine Marshall

SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL 2022

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8



Sunday, April 10

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Sunday, April 17

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Acts 12-34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118: 14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

*Worship With Us
This Easter*







Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED

Alleluia

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1 <div>Office closed</div>	2
3 5th Sunday in Lent 10 am Holy Communion Worship Service & Fellowship	4	5	6 Mission meeting 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	7	8 <div>Office closed</div>	9
10 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 10 AM WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP	11 HOLY WEEK	12 Women's Circle Meeting 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall	13 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL 4PM	15 GOOD FRIDAY <div>Office closed</div>	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP 	18	19 Deacon's Meeting 10 am Session Meeting 1 pm	20 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	21 MASTER GARDENER'S MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 1:00 PM	22 <div>Office closed</div>	23
24 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship Service 10 am & Fellowship Guest Pastor : Rev. Ward Rudolph	25 	26	27 Lectionary Bible Study 1:30 pm (Nursery)	28	29 <div>Office closed</div>	30

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