



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian  
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

## MAY 2022



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

**Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service**

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**Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Monday– Thursday**



### **Dogs' Best Friend**

A 71-year-old graduate in Turkey has become an inspiration to many. Fevzi Uyar had retired after teaching biology for 42 years but decided to pursue another degree.

Known as the “grandfather” of homeless animals, he routinely traveled 90 miles every two days to feed stray dogs, who came to recognize his van. Uyar also built dozens of plywood shelters, complete with rugs and blankets, for the dogs.

But Uyar often encountered dogs needing medical care and racked up debts with a local veterinarian, so he enrolled in classes himself. The recent graduate now vaccinates and treats the animals he loves so much.

“God spoke: ‘Let us make human beings in our image, ... so they can be responsible for ... every animal that moves on the face of Earth’” (Genesis 1:26, MSG). Fevzi Uyar’s care for stray dogs beautifully reflects God’s intent for creation.



Greetings and peace from your pastor,

FAREWELL

from

Pastor Mike



As I write this article for the Red Bud I am realizing this will be my last and final "pastor's page" that you read from me. My ministry at First Presbyterian Church will end on Sunday, May first of this year. It has been good as we have served the Lord together and done various ministries together. When I first agreed to serve the Lord here at First Presbyterian and you voted to accept me as your pastor I thought it would most likely be for a year or two. Due to circumstances beyond our control you tolerated and put up with an old Lutheran pastor for over six years.. We journeyed together serving our Lord Jesus Christ celebrating, rejoicing and grieving together. I know there have been times when you disagreed with me as we did our best to serve the Lord. That was to be expected. And yet we found ways of serving the Lord.

I will miss all of you as I close out my ministry here at First Presbyterian, know that. But it must be understood that I will no longer be your pastor, your spiritual leader, your teaching elder after May 1, 2022. I would like to think that we can still be friends. And as we meet in the days and weeks ahead I would like to journey with you.

I am convinced that you still have ministry to do here at First Presbyterian. The ministry you do has changed over the years due to age and size, but I firmly believe God needs you, Jesus Christ needs your ministry.

God WILL provide and find ways of meeting your pastoral and leadership needs. I believe that as well. Those needs and leadership might not be like you expect and want but God will provide. Trust! Believe! You will need to be creative. You will need to face the reality of "change". It can be an exciting adventure if you choose to see it that way. You need not panic and think you will be closing the church. You, the body of Christ here at First Presbyterian still have ministry to do!

I will continue to lift you in prayer in the days ahead as you move forward in the ministry you are called to do. I would encourage you as a body to take time to re-assess your gifts and how you can serve the Lord.

Life is journey as an individual serving the Lord and as a body united in serving the Lord sharing the God-given gifts you have been given.

You are called to share the Good News Jesus Christ brought to the world. Christ says "follow me" not just to the twelve he commissioned but to each and everyone of us who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

GO! Follow Him! Share the Goods of hope and promise. Stay in the Word. And remember- "**God loves you!**"

In Christ's service,

Pastor Mike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Mike".

# ***Special Dates in MAY***

## BIRTHDAYS

**May 11– Barb Hough**

**May 24– Jackie Hoff**

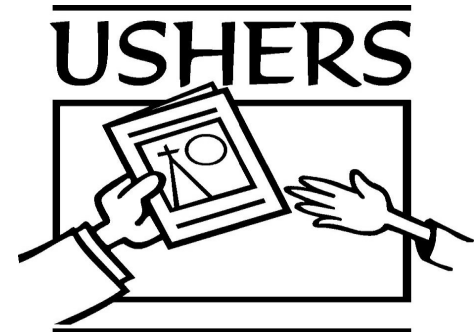
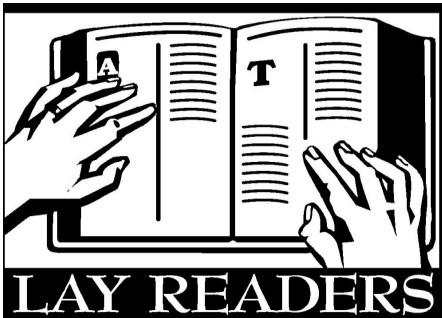
## ANNIVERSARIES

**May 13– Bob & Sue Kearns**



National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022  
Mother's Day, May 8, 2022  
Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2022  
Victoria Day (Canada), May 23, 2022  
Ascension Day, May 26, 2022  
Memorial Day, May 30, 2022

## ***Serving in Worship***



### **May Lay Readers**

May 1– Nancy P.

May 8– Mary S.

May 15– Carolyn H.

May 22– Doug W.

May 29– Don C.

### **May Fellowship**

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for May, June and July currently hanging on the board.

### **May Ushers**

May 1– Ruth F.

May 8– Sue K.

May 15– Mary S.

May 22– Eleanore W.

May 29– Ruth F.

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **MARCH SESSION UPDATE**

The Session met on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 for its regular monthly meeting.

Highlights included: Fluorescent lights in the church are being replaced with more efficient LED units, more power washing has been done around the church by David Buff. Pastor Clark reviewed with the Session different sources where the church could go for guidance when questions might arise. Nancy Priest, treasurer also reviewed the procedure for using the check request/reimbursement forms and how to place orders for needed items. Respectfully submitted, Pam Guth– Clerk of Session

The pastoral search committee has been formed. The following members have been appointed to serve on this committee by the session: Don Crapnell- moderator, Nancy Priest, Dave Buff, Sissy Wells and Mark Guth. The committee has met twice looking at the various options available at this time in search of pastoral leadership both in the short time and in the longer term. Rev. Ward Rudolph has agreed to be here for the Sundays of May 8 & 15. More information will be provided as it comes about.

## **MARCH DEACON'S UPDATE**

The deacons met on March 15, 2022 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Each of the Deacons present reported joys and concerns for each of their church family members. They also shared concerns for friends of the church families and joys and concerns of their own.

The April meeting was cancelled. The next Deacon's meeting will be May 17th, 2022 Marty Hasty– Moderator

## **Treasurer's Report as of Feb. 28, 2020:**

Donations/Deposits	\$5,657.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$11,400.74
Bank Balance	\$77,433.53*

(\*Uncleared checks \$2,316.54)



# Mission Matters

The hygiene ingathering was a big success with the church collecting items for the food basket in the month of February.

In March the church has been filling disaster relief buckets to be given to the Arkansas Presbytery to be distributed.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 there will be a retirement potluck for Pastor Mike and Jan after the May 1st worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The church will be providing fried chicken, drinks, plates, cups and napkins. Others attending the potluck are asked to bring different types of potluck **items**.

A representative from the Area Agency on Aging/Literacy Council of Mountain Home came to the mission committee meeting to give more information on how the church could get involved in tutoring children in the Mountain Home area. More information is coming.

May will be "Fan Month". All fans collected will be going to the Ozark Center Hope. More information to come from Mary!

The meeting time for the Mission Committee has been changed to the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm after April 27th, 2022.

Mary Smith– Moderator



**MISSING!**



Two large ladders that had been stored in the small shed in the back of the church property are missing. One large extension ladder and one large step ladder. Please contact Ralph Gillespie or Dave Buff if you know the whereabouts of these ladders.

Ralph: 870-404-0253; Dave: 870-405-8887



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ELDER PROFILE.....PETE WELLS



**BORN:** Pete was born at home, Route #3, Manila, Arkansas. He is the oldest of five boys.

**FAMILY:** Pete met Sissy on a blind-date at the U. of A. and they were married on June 27, 1954. (67 years ago). They have two sons, one daughter, one grandson, 3 granddaughters, and 6 great-grand children.

**EDUCATION:** He graduated from Osceola High School in Osceola, Ark in 1951 and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1956 with a degree in business and accounting.

**FIRST JOB TO EARN MONEY:** He sold candy and drinks from Robbins Grocery in Osceola for \$5 a day.

**CAREER:** Pete's career was spent selling material handling equipment and designing conveyor systems for warehouses and factories. After his retirement he opened a cabinet shop in Calico Rock, which he operated for 6 years.

**HOBBIES:** fishing, woodworking. Pete has also volunteered with the AARP TAX-Aide Service for 21 years.

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Tan      **FAVORITE FOOD:** Shrimp

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Old Movies

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:** I enjoy classical music. My favorite selection is Rachmaninoff's 18th Variation from Paganini.

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Gulf Coast and the Florida panhandle

**SOMETHING MY SPOUSE WOULD SAY ABOUT ME:** She would say that I am "frugal" and also kind.

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE FOR SUPPER:** George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln.

**FAVORITE HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision"

**PRESBYTERIAN:** I was raised as a Baptist, but became a Presbyterian when Sissy and I married. We joined this church 2010 and I have served several terms as an Elder. Now I am serving on the Finance Committee.

**THREE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD:** Music, Landscapes, women

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## ELDER PROFILE.....CAROLYN HANNON



**BORN:** Carolyn was born in Mechanicstown, Ohio. She was the youngest girl and had 3 brothers and 2 sisters. She called herself “the forgotten one” since all the others seemed to have a description in the family. Bill was oldest, Eddie (sister) was the smartest, Patty was the prettiest (Once was Miss Ohio) Sonny was the athlete, and Ralph was the youngest and Mama’s favorite.

**FAMILY:** Carolyn married William Wagner in 1961 and they had three boys, Ladd, Adam, and Will. She later married Ray Hannon and added Keith and Renee to her family. She has 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter, Zoey. Most of her married life was spent in Pennsylvania until she moved to the Mountain Home area in 2000.

**EDUCATION:** She attended a two-room school until the 9th grade. She graduated high school in Carrollton, Ohio. Carolyn received her nursing degree from Western Pennsylvania School of Nursing in Pittsburgh.

**CAREER:** Following her graduation in 1960, she joined the Army and served two years as a nurse at Fort Sam Houston in Texas and Valley Forge in Pa. She traveled the state of Pennsylvania as a supervisor of labor relations between nurses and their hospitals. She was also recognized as an expert witness in trials and legal matters involving nurses.

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON’T KNOW ABOUT ME:** I used to teach ballroom dancing.

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Marty Hasty's rhubarb pie, lobster

**FAVORITE COLOR:** “Happy” colors **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** anything British

**SOMETHING MY BOYS WOULD SAY ABOUT ME:** Remember Mom’s Rules....When questioning her about various decisions, the final answer would always be “remember Mom’ Rules” said with an eye-roll that meant no explanation would be given!

**HOBBIES:** Hospital Volunteer, Hat Collector (has over 300), makes greeting cards, does cross-stitch needlework.

**FAVORITE HYMN:** “In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

**PRESBYTERIAN:** “Born and raised” a Presbyterian. She has served on many committees over the years, taught Sunday School and served as a Deacon. This is her first term as an Elder in this congregation, She is now the Moderator of the Worship Committee.

**THREE PEOPLE SHE WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER:** Queen Elizabeth, Billy Graham, and Sean Connery. By the way, she once had lunch with Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower.



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**CLERK OF THE SESSION PROFILE.....PAM GUTH**

**BORN:** I was born in Chicago, Illinois and was an “only” child.

**FAMILY:** Pam and Mark met at a restaurant in Nativille, Illinois and were married in 1986.

**PETS:** They now have two cats, Lillie who is 14 and Sparky who is 3.

**EDUCATION:** Pam attended grade school and high school in Chicago. She graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in English and History. She taught for 33 years in Wheaton, Illinois.

**FIRST JOB I EVER HAD:** I baby sat with neighborhood children.

**HOBBIES:** Reading, belong to book clubs, gardening, walking around the lake.

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Golden Girls

**FAVORITE COLOR:** blue

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches

**TWO WORDS MARK WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE ME:** gentle and loving

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** New Darius, Wisconsin, a beautiful Swiss village with mountains, chalets, great food. Reminds me of time I spent in Switzerland.

**FAVORITE HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO MY FANTASY MEAL:** Good friends, Mike and Terri Beaty and Carol Pierce, favorite cousin.

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:** My cancer is in remission. Thanks be to God!

**IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT:** I would donate it to our church.

**PRESBYTERIAN:** I was raised as a Methodist, but became a Presbyterian when Mark and I married. We moved to Mountain Home in 2017, but had spent lots of time here (since 1987) fishing and enjoying the lakes and rivers. I am now serving as Clerk of the Session.



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## **MODERATOR OF DEACONS PROFILE.....MARTY HASTY**

**BORN:** Marty was born in Lincoln, Illinois but grew up in Green Valley, Illinois. She was basically an only child, but had a blended family of 3 sisters and 1 brother.

**FAMILY:** She met Mike at the Locust Street Steakhouse and they were married on October 16, 1984. Most of her life was spent in and around Canton, Ill.

**FIRST JOB:** Marty baby-sat and cleaned houses for her favorite school teachers.

**CAREER:** Her career was spent in various areas of the banking industry from which she retired after 42 years.

**TWO WORDS MIKE WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE ME:** best cook ever, generous and kind

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** HGTV

**FAVORITE COLOR:** pale yellow

**HOBBIES:** reading, baking, playing cards, active PEO member

**FAVORITE FOODS:** breakfast....eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, NO GRITS

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** Mackinaw Island, Michigan because that is the first trip Mike and I took together.

**FAVORITE HYMN:** "I Can Only Imagine", "It Is Well With My Soul"

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:** I was once in the swimming pool with Billy Graham at a resort in Arizona. (Does that count as baptism?)

**PRESBYTERIAN:** Marty was raised in the Lutheran and the Disciples of Christ churches. We became Presbyterian after moving here in February 2014. I have served 8 years as a Deacon, as the Church Treasurer, and on the Finance Committee.

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER WITH MY FAMILY:** "I think God is at all our meals." Billy and Ruth Graham and my dear Momma

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## DEACON PROFILE.....MARY SMITH

**BORN:** Mary was born in Springfield, Illinois. She was number nine of 10 children.

**FAMILY:** Mary and Ron went to school together and were married on February 2, 1971. They had one boy who died on June 23, 1994 and one daughter who lives in Lebanon, Missouri.

**EDUCATION:** Mary attended grade school and high school in Springfield, Illinois.

**PETS:** They have three dogs. Two are “lap-dogs” named Lil-Bit and Lelo. They have Bubba, who thinks he is a lap-dog, but is a bit too big for our laps.

**FIRST JOB:** Mowing lawns, shoveling snow, and helping my Mom with her catering business.

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:** Mary was very athletic. She played field hockey, basketball, and softball. Today Mary supports Special Olympics by jumping in Lake Norfork during Polar Plunge.

**FAVORITE FOOD:** lobster

**FAVORITE COLOR:** red

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** The Price is Right and Jeopardy

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** The Smokey Mountains

**HOBBIES:** Mary used to bake and decorate cakes for weddings, birthdays, etc. She still enjoys baking cakes and cookies as you well know if you attend Coffee Fellowship on Sunday. Mary is a Master Gardener and is in charge of the local Plant Sale on April 30th .

**SOMETHING RON WOULD SAY ABOUT ME:** Ron would say that I enjoy meeting and getting to know people and that I am enthusiastic about most things I take on.

**I AM HAPPIEST WHEN I AM:** working on a project at the church, serving during Fellowship time, gathering and delivering mission items, decorating for events, cleaning out the flower beds, etc.....just name it, and Mary will do it for you!

**FAVORITE HYMN:** “The Old Rugged Cross”

**PRESBYTERIAN:** Mary was baptized as an infant in the Presbyterian Church. Mary was ordained a Deacon in West Plains, where she and Ron lived for 6 years. They moved to Mountain Home in 2015 and transferred their membership here. She has served on lots of committees, sung in the choir and is presently the Moderator of the Mission Committee.

**THREE PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO SUPPER:** Ozzie Smith, short-stop; Yadier Molina, catcher; Adam Wainwright, pitcher. All great Cardinal Baseball Players.





## Women's Circle Has Wonderful Turnout For Its First Meeting!

The first gathering of the women of the church will be hard to beat! Eighteen, yes, 18 ladies came on **Tuesday, April 12**, to hear about plans for the next year. President Nancy Priest opened the meeting with prayer and large trays of delicious cookies. She told us that there was about \$200 in our bank account and that we will decide at our next meeting how this money will be distributed. We discussed ideas of fun things we would like to do this next year and many ideas were suggested. We will go to brunch for our May meeting, followed by the first lesson in our study book. The new study books were opened and really look interesting. Kim Terrell and Mary Smith won the door prizes.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR BRUNCH ON TUESDAY, MAY 10.** We will gather at the church at 11:00 and car pool to the restaurant for brunch and return to the church for our Bible study. Please let Nancy or Loweta know by **Sunday, May 8**, if you plan to attend so we can make reservations.

## Volunteers Needed

The Women of the Church have agreed to take the funeral, Advent and All Saint's Day duties for the Worship Committee. If you want to participate in any of these assignments please contact Nancy Priest.

Thank you,

Carolyn Hannon, Worship Committee Moderator



**Janice and Phil Hatfield**



# ***SCRIPTURES FOR MAY 2022***

**Sunday May 1st**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19



**Sunday May 8th**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

**Sunday May 15th**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

**Sunday May 22nd**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16: 9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14: 23-29



**Sunday May 29th**

**7th Sunday of Easter**





Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17: 20-26

# MAY 2022

<b>1</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Retirement lunch</b>  <b>Special Session Meeting</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Mission Meeting</b> <b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 	<b>6</b> <div>Office closed</div>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>  <b>Guest Pastor: Ward Rudolph</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Women's Circle Meeting</b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Brunch</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Master Gardeners' Meeting</b> <b>12 pm</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>13</b> <div>Office closed</div>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>Guest Pastor: Ward Rudolph</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Deacon's Meeting 10 am</b>  <b>Session Meeting 1 pm</b> <b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <div>Office closed</div>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>27</b> <div>Office closed</div>	
<b>29</b> <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>				

Watch for changes to the calendar as the church adjusts to its "new normal." :) - Kristi



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