



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

OCTOBER 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

Living in the present

During Martin Luther's great struggle to reform the church in the 16th century, the Holy Roman Emperor sought to silence him. So he spent some lonely months in Wartburg Castle under protective custody. There, as he fought despair, Luther scribbled the words "I am baptized" on his desktop as a reminder that he was living according to an ongoing call from God. He did not write, "I was baptized" but used the present-tense verb. For he rightly understood that in his baptism, God had adopted him as his son, and no human could take that from him.

Later, in his Large Catechism, Luther wrote: "To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act."

—from The Wired Word

Special Dates in OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2– Sissy Wells
 Oct. 8– Lou Strong
 Oct. 14- Phil Jordan
 Oct. 18- Doug Wells
 Oct. 23-Nan Jordan
 Oct. 24-Bud Hough
 Oct. 26-Regina Manning
 Oct. 27–Pam Guth



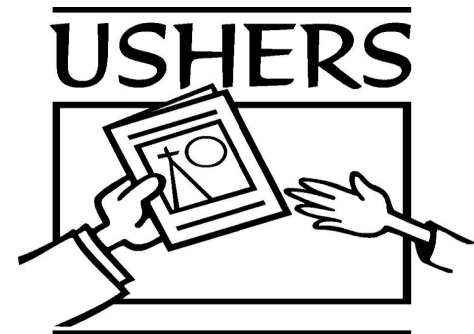
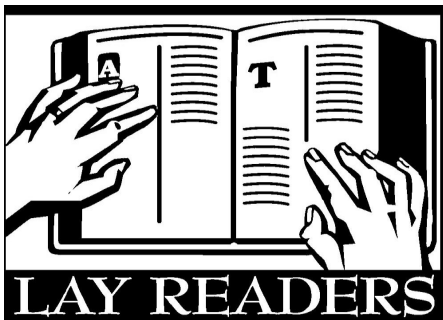
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Oct. 12- Mark & Pam Guth

Special dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 2, 2022*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 30, 2022*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2022*

Serving in Worship



Oct. Lay Readers

2nd-Nancy Priest
 9th-Carolyn Hannon
 16th-Doug Wells
 23rd-Don Crapnell
 30th-Ralph Gillespie

October 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 October currently hanging on the board.

Oct. Ushers

2nd-Bob Kearns
 9th-Pam Guth
 16th-Sherman Fine
 23rd-
 30th-

A singular focus

When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (see Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn't mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not. But when we let ourselves get "worried and distracted by many things," we may lose sight of the one crucial thing: love.

St. Francis is credited with the following quote: "God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,' God said. 'Just love.'"

And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, "For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly — by choosing love.



"October's Party"

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

—George Cooper

Church Leadership Meetings

SEPTEMBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session did not meet in September. The last Session meeting was on Sunday, August 28th. Dr. Rev. Leslie Belden preached and moderated the meeting following the Service. **On September 18th, a congregational meeting was held immediately following the worship service. Dr. Rev. Leslie Belden moderated and the congregation voted to amend the number of ruling elders on the session from seven to six and elected a nominating committee to serve for 2022 and 2023 calendar year. Members on the Nominating Committee include Marilyn Wheat, Nancy Priest, Carolyn Hannon, and Pete & Sissy Wells.** A complete copy of the minutes is available on the bulletin board in the mail room.

SEPTEMBER DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on September 20th at 10 am. The August meeting minutes were approved. Each Deacon is aware of what is happening in the lives of their church families, and share concerns and joys to make us aware of each member or church friend. The Deacons also shared joys and concerns within their own families.

The next Deacons meeting will be October 18 at 10am .

Marty Hasty– Moderator

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2022:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,933.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 8,118.37
Bank Balance	\$60,173.26
Uncleared Checks	\$ 2,870.78



Mission Matters



We are currently collecting items for “Samaritans Purse Operation Shoe Box” at the **end of September through mid November**. Turning in the boxes between **November 14 and November 21**. We can make the boxes ourselves or order off the internet for **\$25 each**.

If you would like to order online, Carolyn Hannon has volunteered to assist anyone wanting help. A link has been added to the “Events” tab on our web site. www.fpcmh.net

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

Look for more information to be posted on the Bulletin Boards.

For more information please call Mary Smith 870.321.4676 or Carolyn Hannon 813.783.4701 or 870.701.3200

I am so grateful, dear Jesus, that as you did with the little children who came to you, you take me in your loving arms, lay your hands on me and bless me.



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met in Fellowship Hall on September 13, 2022. Kay Kunkel brought us the lesson on Bathsheba, “taken” by David, Mother of Solomon which assured her rightful place in the lineage of Jesus.

Come and join us on **October 11**, in Fellowship Hall at **1:00 pm**. Sissy Wells will be bringing the lesson on Mary Magdalene a faithful follower of Jesus.

Don't forget to bring your Best Choice labels and deposit them in the can in Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses will be Nancy Priest and Kay Kunkel.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

October Communion Servers are **Eleanore Wheeler and Carolyn Hannon**.

The worship committee is looking for volunteers to serve communion in November and December and to the shut ins. Please contact Carolyn Hannon if you are interested.

A reminder that as in the past, you are expected to collect and dispose of the used wine glasses and clean the communion trays, chalice, and pitcher. Thanks for serving your church family. You will each hold one of the communion sacraments and present it to the participant. The server of the wafers will have a disposable glove to wear.

The ushers are now bringing the tithes forward. The lay reader will ask for the tithes and first fruit to be brought forward. Marilyn will start the Doxology and the usher will come forward and stand at the steps during the prayer and then return to their seat.

Carolyn Hannon, Worship Committee Moderator

SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER 2022

Sunday Oct.2

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Sunday Oct. 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Sunday Oct. 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



Sunday Oct. 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday Oct. 30

21st Sunday after Pentecost


Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

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<i>Sunday</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					Office closed	1
2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Office closed	8
9	10	11 WOC Meet 1pm	12 Missions Meet 1pm	13	14 Office closed	15
16	17	18 Deacons Meet 10am	19	20 Master Gardeners Meet 1 pm—3 pm	21 Office closed	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Office closed	29
30 Reformation Sunday Session Meets	31				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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