



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

NOVEMBER 2022



Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

Phone: 870-425-3799 email: fpcmh@centurytel.net

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

Monday– Thursday

Pardon me!

The annual turkey pardon has been called America's "most absurd holiday tradition." Every November, the president oversees a tongue-in-cheek ceremony, pardoning bird pairs with yummy names such as Biscuits and Gravy, Tater and Tot, and Drumstick and Wishbone.

Theologically, pardon is synonymous with divine forgiveness, an action only God may take (see Psalm 130:3-4). Every sin, at its deepest level, is directed against God and his call to holy living. We can *forgive* someone for a personal offense, but only God can set aside the penalty for sin.

Pardon is also related to atonement, which refers to God reconciling sinners to himself, making us "at one" with him. The Hebrew verb usually translated into English as *pardon* involves the idea of restoration to full favor.



—adapted from *The Wired Word*

We are all concerned about the future of our Church. Where are we headed? Be assured that everything is being done to try to preserve our ability to worship in this facility. There is constant contact with the Presbytery of Arkansas who is on the watch for our needs, be it a part time pastor to serve us or provide a supply of pastors or lay persons to do Worship Service only. We have a committee of members who are doing the same thing.

As you know, there is a shortage of full time or retired pastors in which to invite to our church. However, there are those within our congregation who are willing to lead a worship service from time to time.

This asks the question, do we come to church to hear a sermon only or do we come to worship God and Lord Jesus Christ?

Continue to pray for our church, and God will provide that means to worship. We have several options yet to pursue. Do not give up hope!

If you have questions, you may talk to any of these search members. Carolyn Hannon, Nancy Priest, Sissy Wells, David Buff, Mark Guth or Don Crapnell.

Special Dates in NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3-Michele Wells

Nov. 5-Jan Clark

Nov. 6-Robert Kearns

Nov. 7-Pete Wells

Nov. 16-Beverly Preble

Nov. 19-Mary Smith

Nov. 23-Nancy Priest

Nov. 30-Elliott Ruegsegger



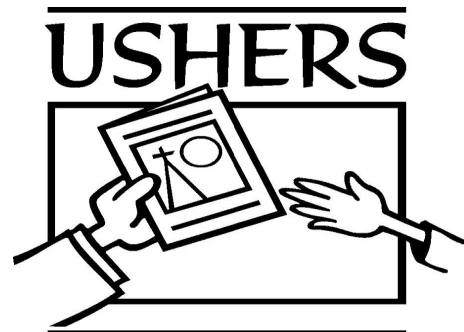
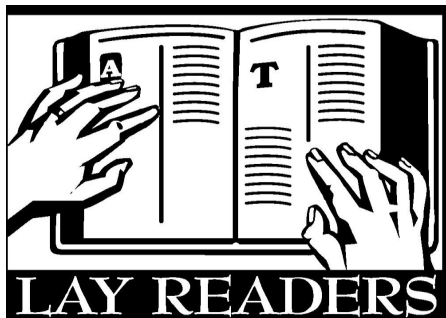
ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 11-Doug & Michele Wells

Special dates

- **All Saints' Day, November 1, 2022**
- **Daylight saving time ends, November 6, 2022**
- **Veterans Day, November 11, 2022**
- **Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2022**
- **Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022**
- **First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022**

Serving in Worship



Nov. Lay Readers

6th-Mary Smith

13th-Nancy Priest

20th-Mary Smith

27th-Carolyn Hannon

November 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 November and December currently hanging on the board.

Nov. Ushers

6th-Pam G.

13th-Linda B.

20th-Eleanore W.

27th-Robert K.



Today, as I sit here enjoying a few delicious cookies Michele brought home from Fellowship, I count my blessings. I am so grateful to belong to a caring church. Not a day goes by that we don't get a call, a card or some expression of your love.

I want to especially thank those ladies who were at Bible Study. I had spent a lot of time on a presentation that would help us grow in our understanding of women's roles in the Bible thru the life of Mary Magdalene, but my presentation was limited by my health issues and I'm not sure I said what I wanted to say. What it "boiled down to" was women are the life-blood of the church and this has always been so and we must continue to be strong and faithful to our mission.

Consequently, stress put me in the hospital. Here it is a few days later, I am home, and so many of you have reached out to me that you have overwhelmed me once again.

**God bless you,
Sissy Wells**



Church Leadership Meetings

NOVEMBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on October 30. Leslie Belden preached and moderated the meeting following the Service. A complete copy of the minutes will be available on the bulletin board in the mail room. There will be no Session meeting in November.



SEPT/OCT DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on September 20th at 10 am. Meeting attended by Ellen Jordan, Jackie Hoff, Mary Smith and Eleanore Wheeler. Loweta Rogers, acting Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. 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.

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Marty Hasty– Moderator

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2022:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,555.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 6,931.22
Bank Balance	\$59,364.26
Uncleared Checks	\$ 2,706.06



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



On November 15, we will begin collecting blankets and sleeping bags for Ozark Opportunities to distribute to those in the community in need. The deadline to submit blankets and sleeping bags will be on December 15th.



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met in Fellowship Hall on October 11, 2022. Sissy Wells brought us the lesson on Mary Magdalene, a true and faithful follower of Christ. Hostesses Nancy Priest and Kay Kunkel served delicious refreshments. A Request by Carolyn Hannon was made for the WOC to fluff and ready the Christmas wreaths for hanging. The date of October 17, at 10:30 was selected to do that. Ellen Jordan, Marty Hasty and Loweta Rogers came in and worked on them.

Ladies be sure and come and join us on November 8, to hear the special plans for the December meeting. Nancy Priest and Loweta Rogers will be bringing the lessons on Mary, Mother of Jesus. Hostesses will be Marilyn Seel, Mary Smith and Kim Terrell.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Communion Servers on October 30 and All Saints Sunday are **Jackie Hoff & Wana Thacker**. December Communion Servers are **Robert and Susan Kearns**. The worship committee is looking for volunteers serve communion 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 NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday Nov. 6

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Sunday Nov. 13

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Mal. 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thess. 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday Nov. 20

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer. 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Col. 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday Nov. 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Isa. 2:1-5

Psalm 122


Rom 13:11-14

Matt. 24:36-44





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2 Missions 1 pm	3	4 <div>Office closed</div>	5 Turn clocks back
6 Daylight saving time ends	7	8 WOC 1 pm	9	10 Master Gardeners 12 pm	11 Veterans Day <div>Office closed</div>	12
13	14	15 Deacons 10 am	16	17	18 <div>Office closed</div>	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 <div>Office closed</div>	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	28	29	30		<div>Office closed</div>	
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