



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian  
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

## JANUARY 2023



**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**

**Pursue Jesus — and your passions**

**If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.**

**As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!**

**—Janna Firestone**

# *Special Dates in **JANUARY***

## BIRTHDAYS

**Susan Kearns-2**

**Sandra Kidd-4**

**Betty Preyer-25**

**Chuck Beall-27**

**Judy Sulephen-30**



## ANNIVERSARY

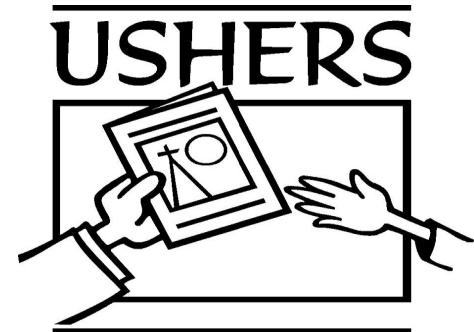
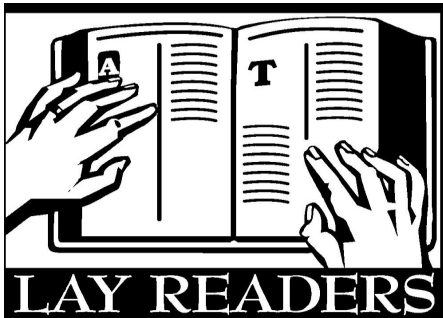
**Chuck & Cheryl Beall-18**

### **Special dates**

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2023*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2023*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 8, 2023*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 16, 2023*

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## *Serving in Worship*



### **Jan. Lay Readers**

1st-Ralph G.

8th-Don C.

15th-Doug W.

22nd-Nancy P.

29th-Mary S.

### **December 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 January and February currently hanging on the board.

### **Jan. Ushers**

1st-Mary Smith

8th-Open

15th-Open

22nd-Open

29th-Open

## **“A WORD FOR THE NEW YEAR”**

FROM Listening to Your Life by Fredrick Buechner

### **TRUST**

I remember sitting parked by the roadside once, terribly depressed and afraid about my daughter's illness and what was going on in our family, when out of nowhere a car came along down the highway with a license plate that bore on it the one word out of all words in the dictionary that I needed most to see exactly then. The word was TRUST. What do you call a moment like that? Something to laugh off as the kind of joke life plays on us every once in a while? The word of God? I am willing to believe that maybe it was something of both, but for me it was an epiphany. The owner of the car turned out to be, as I'd suspected, a trust officer in a bank, and not long ago, having read an account I wrote of the incident somewhere, he found out where I lived and one afternoon brought me the license plate itself, which sits propped up on a bookshelf in my house to this day. It is rusty around the edges and a little battered, and it is also as holy a relic as I have ever seen.



# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **DECEMBER SESSION UPDATE**

There was a Session meeting on December 4. Rev. 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.

**Dear Jesus, help me live out your kingdom values: mercy, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, peacemaking — and above all, love.**

## **DECEMBER DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons did not meet on December 20th. The next meeting will be January 17 at 10 am.

Marty Hasty— Moderator



## **Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2022:**

Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,562.25
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 5,228.95
Bank Balance	<b>\$64,981.75</b>
Uncleared Checks	\$ 2,088.91



# Mission Matters

**HEY FOOTBALL FANS!**

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE  
SOUUUUUPER BOWL?**

**Beginning January 1, we are collecting  
canned soup until February 12. All items  
will be donated to the Food Basket.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**61 items was collected for Warm Hearts  
and given to Ozark Center of Hope.**





## Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met December 13, for our annual Christmas Social at the lovely home of Doug and Michele Wells. The beautifully decorated home put us in a festive mood. Michele served a delicious salad and quiche luncheon. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all present.

Our next meeting will be **January 10 at 1 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at Church. All women of the Church are invited to attend. Come and enjoy fellowship and a Bible lesson. Our January lesson will be brought to us by Jan Clark. Hope to see you there.

**"Life, with its rules, its obligations, and its freedoms, is like a sonnet: 'You're given the form, but you have to write the sonnet yourself.'"**

**—Anna Quindlen, "An Appreciation," in *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle**

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Church Sanctuary was recently flooded by a burst pipe, so until all repairs and cleaning can be finished, all Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please park in the back and enter through the Fellowship Hall entrance.

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board for those wanting to host the fellowship coffee after services.

In Christ,

Carolyn Hannon, Worship Committee Moderator

**Wrap us in your warm love on this winter day, O God, as we gather to praise you and hear your Word.**



# ***SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY 2023***

**Sunday Jan. 1**

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-2

**Sunday Jan. 8**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17



**Sunday Jan. 15**

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

**Sunday Jan. 22**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

**Sunday Jan. 29**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**


Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31



# JANUARY 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day</b>  <b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Missions 1 pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>WOC 1 pm</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Deacons 10 am</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Office closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>4th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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