



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

FEBRUARY 2023



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

Marked by love



Through the centuries [people] have displayed many different symbols to show that they are Christians. They have worn crosses in the lapels of their coats, hung chains about their necks, even had special haircuts. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of this, if one feels it is [one's] calling. But there is a much better sign, a universal mark that is to last through all the ages of the church until Jesus comes back. ...

Love — and the unity it attests to — is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the Father.

—Francis Schaeffer

Special Dates in **FEBRUARY**

BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Ramaker-8

Wayne Faust-9

Alex Ruegsegger-12

David Petersen-18

Mari Ruegsegger-21

Karen Gillespie-23

Kay Kunkel-27

Ron Smith-27



ANNIVERSARY

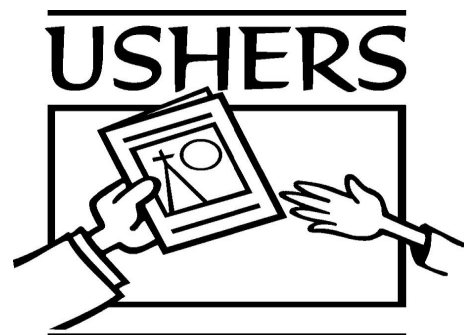
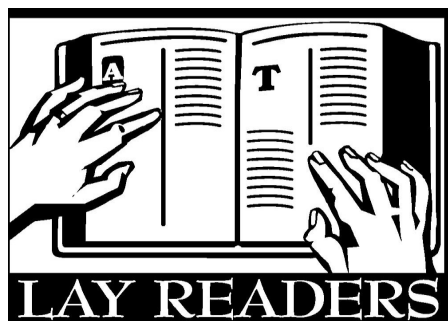
Ron & Mary Smith-6

Bud & Barb Hough-14

Special dates

- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2023
- Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, 2023
- Presidents Day, February 20, 2023
- Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Serving in Worship



Feb. Lay Readers

5th-Carolyn H.

12th-Doug W.

19th-Don C.

26th-Ralph G.

February 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 February and March currently hanging on the board.

Feb. Ushers

5th-

12th-

19th-

26th-

Church Leadership Meetings

JANUARY SESSION UPDATE

There was a Session meeting on January 8. Rev. Cindi Saul 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.

JANUARY DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on January 17. The meeting was attended by Deacons, Ellen Jordan, Jackie Hoff, Eleanore Wheeler and Loweta Rogers and Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator. Mary Smith was excused absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and the Deacon fund was reported with a balance of \$2,536.18.

Each Deacon reported of their concerns and joys for each of their church family. Then each Deacon shared joys and concerns in their own lives.

There was no old or new business to report. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM. The next Deacon meeting will be February 21, 2023.

Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter. Keep us hopeful, Lord.

Treasurer's Report as of December 30, 2022:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 4,560.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 10,633.49
Bank Balance	\$ 59,069.24
Uncleared Checks	\$ 1,050.86



TREASURER

YEAR-END REPORT – 2022*

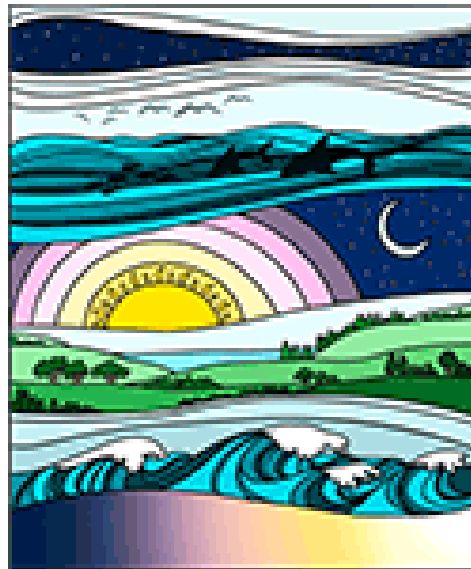
Beginning Balance (31 Dec 2021) \$79,485.29

Ending Balance (30 Dec 2022) \$59,069.24

Donations: \$97,980.04

Expenses: \$118,396.09

*Does not include monies invested with Texas Presbytery Fund, their earnings or losses.



Caring for God's Creation

Love aces the test

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as “our ‘open-book’ test on love.” How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-or-break factors: “Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others.”

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine’s timeless words: “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like.”

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.**



March 1st will be the first day of collecting toiletry items for the Alpha House Men's shelter in Mountain Home. Please consider donating shaving cream, razors, deodorant, combs etc...





Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met January 10, in Fellowship Hall with 14 present. Jan Clark presented our lesson titled "What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This". IT was a summation of our study about the women in the lineage of Jesus as presented by Matthew. A most interesting study where we encountered quite a few surprises.

Our next meeting will be **February 14 at 1 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. There will not be a lesson presented at this meeting. Nancy will have the new books for our next study "Lies Women Believe". We will be reviewing the books and signing up to present a lesson.

Since the meeting falls on Valentine's Day it will be a time of Fellowship celebrating the caring and love for one another that exists in this group. If you have not been attending please come and join us and share that love.

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



SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday Feb. 5

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-9(10)

1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday Feb. 12

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Cor. 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday Feb. 19

Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 24:12-18

Psalms 2 or Psalm 99

2 Pet. 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



Sunday Feb. 26

1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

FEBRUARY 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Missions 1 pm	2	3 Office closed	4
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany	6	7	8	9	10 Office closed	11
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany	13	14 WOC 1 pm HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15	16	17 Office closed	18
19 Transfiguration of the Lord	20 Office Closed	21 Deacons 10 am	22  Ash Wednesday	23	24 Office closed	25
26 1st Sunday in Lent	27	28				

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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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