



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

APRIL 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

How Jesus Says Your Name

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is “safe” coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: “Oh, Mary, there, there.” Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just “Woman ...” — and then a gardener: “Woman ...”

Except then — “Mary” — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. “Mary.” Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Special Dates in *APRIL*



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- Holy Week, *April 2-9, 2023*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 2, 2023*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 6, 2023*
- Good Friday, *April 7, 2023*
- Easter Sunday, *April 9, 2023*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 26, 2023*

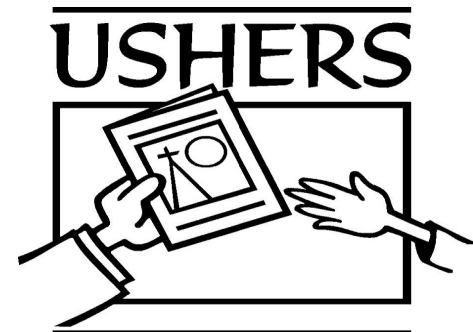
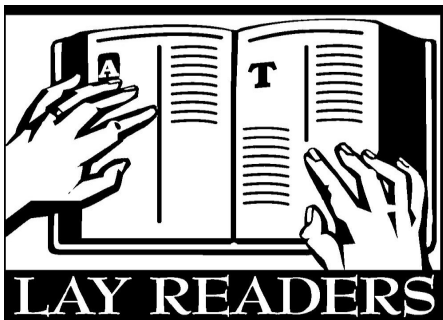
Joyce Hove –7

Cheryl Munson Beall –18

Ruth Fine –19



Serving in Worship



April Lay Readers

2nd-Don C.

9th-Carolyn H.

16th-Carolyn H..

23rd-Kay K

30th-Mary S.

April 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 April and May currently hanging on the board.

April Ushers

2nd-

9th-

16th-

23rd-

30th-

Church Leadership Meetings

MARCH SESSION UPDATE

There was a Session meeting on March 5. Rev. Cindi Saul preached and moderated the meeting following the service. **The Session voted to accept River City Flooring to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary. Hope is, that they will have it installed before Easter.** A complete copy of the minutes will be available on the bulletin board in the mail room.

MARCH DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on March 21. The meeting was attended by Deacons Ellen Jordan, Jackie Hoff, Eleanore Wheeler, Mary Smith and Loweta Rogers and Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and the Deacon fund was reported with a balance of \$2,459.18.

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 11:10am. The next Deacon meeting will be **April 18, 2023.**

Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator



Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 6,745.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 7,471.69
Bank Balance	\$ 55,479.63
Uncleared Checks	\$ 1,682.44



One of the great Easter traditions is the **flowering of the cross**. People bring and place colorful fresh flowers on a drab wooden cross. What's behind this? Is it just a pretty decoration? Well, it does look beautiful but there are also some beautiful traditions and meanings associated with the flowering of the cross.

The [sixth century hymn \(#166\)](#) we sing on Good Friday celebrates this beauty with these words:

*“Faithful cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.”*

The tree of life in the Garden of Eden has often been seen as a prefiguring of the cross. Some legends even say that the wood of Christ's cross came from the tree of life or from a tree that grew from seeds of the tree of life. There is another legend that says at Christ's death the cross burst into blooming flowers. Art work from the sixth century shows a flowering cross.

I don't know if any of this really happened but I know it all to be true. The point in all this is that the cross of Christ is the new tree of life and every cross now flowers with new life. Death has been defeated and [Christ is risen. Alleluia!](#)

<https://interruptingthesilence.com/2014/05/02/flowering-of-the-cross/>

First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home will be celebrating Easter Sunday with the Flowering of the Cross. Please bring your flowers or greenery to place on the Cross during the Service on April 9, Easter Sunday.





April 1 begins our new project of collecting items for The Call. ***The CALL*** is a non-profit organization that mobilizes local churches to serve local children and youth placed in foster care. They provide a way for Christians to invite the mission field into their homes, to serve those most vulnerable in their communities. The CALL partners with the Division of Children and Family Services to recruit, train and support foster and adoptive families for children and teens in foster care. Our hope is to see a day where there are no children in Arkansas waiting for families. Because what children and youth in foster care need most is a family to care for them as they heal from abuse or neglect.

The CALL has requested the following items:

Baby blankets, Crib sheets, Onesie's (Newborn to 24 month) Boy or Girl, Outfits (Newborn to 24 months) Boy or Girl, Diapers (Newborn to Size 2), baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby lotion, baby oil, any baby bath items, pajamas for 2T to adult, Underwear for 2T to adult, Pull-Ups all sizes.

A baby crib is located in the Fellowship Hall for you to place your donations.



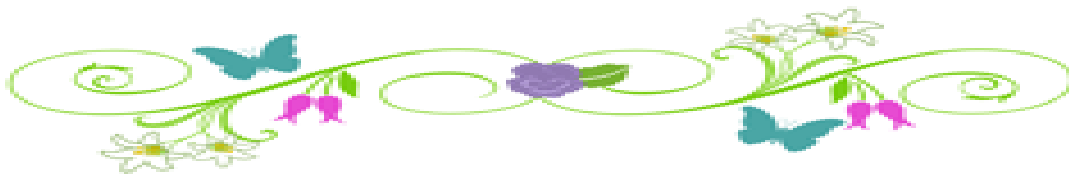


Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met March 14 at 1 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Our new study “What She Said” by Dale Lindsay Morgan, was started with Nancy Priest bringing us the first lesson. We found out what Sarah said when she was told by the Lord, at age 89, that she would have a son. We also found out what Hagar said when she was running away with Ishmael. Next month we will find out what Miriam and Deborah said in the form of a song.

April hostesses will be Eleanore Wheeler and Kim Terrell. Nancy Priest has agreed to also bring us the next lesson on **April 11 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

All women are welcome to come and bring a friend.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Communion Servers, a reminder that as in the past, you are expected to collect and dispose of the used wine glasses and clean the utensils. You will present the elements to the congregation at the tables. The server of the wafers will have a disposable glove to wear. Thanks for serving your church family.

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





Please keep Barb Hough and family in your prayers as they grieve for the loss of Eugene "Bud" Hough.

Bud passed away March 25, 2023. Funeral Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

O Lord, my God, thank you that you are my rock and fortress, I can always find refuge in you. You have said that whoever follows you will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. As I feel the darkness of grief and sorrow at this time, shine your light on my life. Remind me that my hope is found in you. May your love surround me, your Spirit guide me, your voice cheer me, your peace calm me, your shield protect me, your wisdom arm me, wherever you may lead me. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL 2023

Sunday April 2

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16

Phil. 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27; 66

Matthew 27:11-54

Sunday April 9

Resurrection Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 and

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday April 16

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a-32 and Psalm 16 or

Exodus 15:1-11 and Psalm 111;

1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sunday April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Or Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 34:1-10;

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Sunday April 30

4th Sunday of Easter


Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 23 or

Ezek. 34:7-15 and Psalm 100

1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



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<i>Sunday</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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					Office closed	
2 Palm Sunday Communion/ Session mtg	3	4	5 Missions 1 pm	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8
					Office closed	
9 Easter Sunday!	10	11 WOC 1 pm	12	13	14	15
					Office closed	
16 2nd Sunday of Easter	17	18 Deacons 10 am	19	20	21	22
					Office closed	
23 3rd Sunday of Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Office closed	
30 4th Sunday of Easter						

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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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