



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian  
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

## MAY 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**



### **Our Proper Role**

**“We’re called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.” This quip may bring a chuckle, but it’s also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ...” (Acts 1:8, NRSV).**

**While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others’ morality or relationship with God. “Do not judge,” Jesus says, “and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.**

# Special Dates in **MAY**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Barb Hough– 11

Jackie Hoff– 24

George Hove– 31

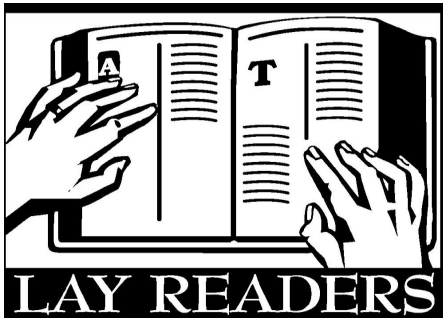
May 13– Bob & Susan  
Kearns



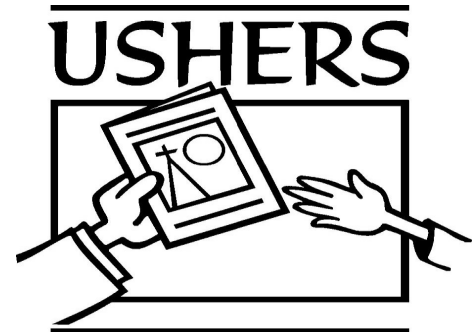
## Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 4, 2023*
- Mother's Day, *May 14, 2023*
- Ascension Day, *May 18, 2023*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 20, 2023*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 22, 2023*
- Pentecost, *May 28, 2023*
- Memorial Day, *May 29, 2023*

## Serving in Worship



LAY READERS



USHERS

### May Lay Readers

7th-Nancy P.

14th-Mary S.

21st-Carolyn H.

28th-Doug W.

### May 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 May and June currently hanging on the board.

### May Ushers

7th-Kay Kunkel

14th-Marty Hasty

21st-Marty Hasty

28th-Loweta Rogers

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **APRIL SESSION UPDATE**

Session met on April 2, 2023 at 11:23 a.m. with all members present. The Annual Report was approved by Session to be presented to the congregation. A motion was made and approved to move Session meetings to the 2nd Sunday of each month. Pete Wells asked for permission to use the Fellowship Hall for AARP Taxes again next year. This motion was approved. The next Session meeting will be held after church services on **May 14, 2023**.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

## **APRIL DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons met on April 18 at 10 am. The meeting was attended by Deacons Ellen Jordan, Jackie Hoff, Eleanore Wheeler, and Loweta Rogers and Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator. Mary Smith was absent, excused.

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 **May 16, 2023**.

Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator

**What did the mother rope say to her child?  
“Don’t be knotty.”**

## **Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2023:**

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





It's that time of the year again! **We are collecting Fans for the Ozark Center of Hope to “Cool Someone Down”.** Please drop off your fans in the Narthex as you enter the Church. The last day to drop off a fan will be May 31. Ozark Center of Hope is a not for profit local organization that helps meet the needs of the under privileged in our area. The fans you donate will go to a resident that needs to stay cool in the hot months of the Ozarks.

Thank you!

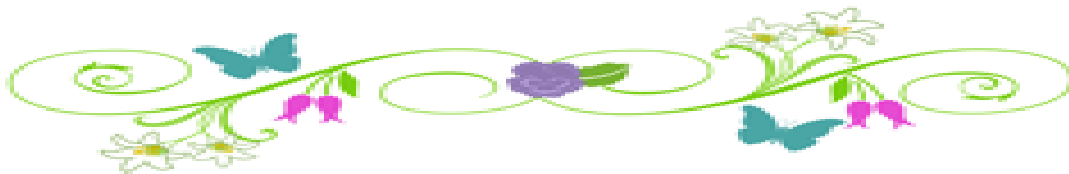


**Why did you chop the joke book in half?  
Mom said to cut the comedy.**



## Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met April 11. Nancy Priest brought us an interesting lesson on what Miriam and Deborah said through song. We are ordering more lesson books as this is proving to be a most interesting study on what the women of the Bible said. On **May 9, at 1:00 o'clock** in Fellowship Hall, Eleanore Wheeler will be telling us what Naomi and Ruth said, so come and join us 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. The congregation will come forward to receive the elements. 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





# ***SCRIPTURES FOR MAY 2023***

**Sunday May 7**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**Sunday May 14**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20

Ezekiel 34:1-7a; Psalm 115

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**Sunday May 21**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 21:1-7

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

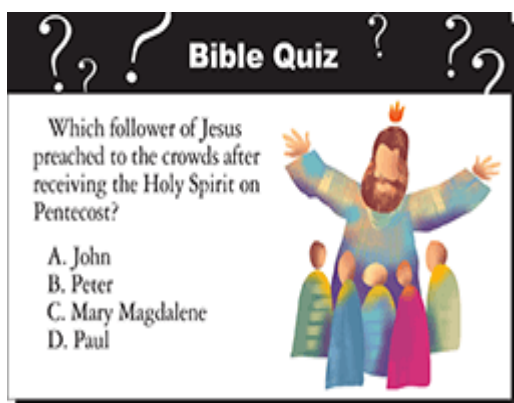
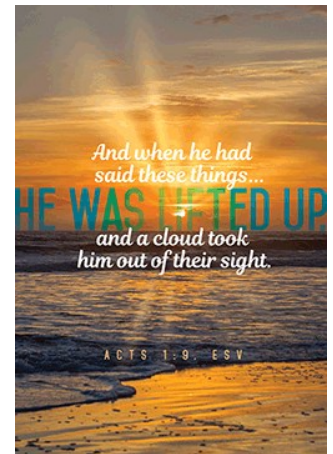
**Sunday May 28**

**Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30



Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39



Answer: B (See Acts 2:1-41)

# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3 Missions 1 pm	4	5 Office closed	6
7 Communion/ Annual mtg	8	9 WOC 1 pm	10	11	12 Office closed	13
14 Session mtg. 	15	16 Deacons 10 am	17	18 Ascension of the Lord	19 Office closed	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Office closed	27
28 Day of Pentecost	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 	30	31	1	2 Office closed	3
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Church Office Hours**

**9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. /Monday -Thursday**

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