



The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

JULY 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

God's Got You

In Roman 4 Paul writes: “If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace” (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God’s grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don’t trust, can’t believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith” (The Small Catechism; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don’t even know how to pray, the “Spirit himself intercedes for us” (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God’s got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Special Dates in *JULY*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3-Charlotte Cherry

July 4-Marty Hasty

July 14-Carolyn Hannon

July 24-Chris Constantine

July 29-Andrew Ruegsegger

Special dates

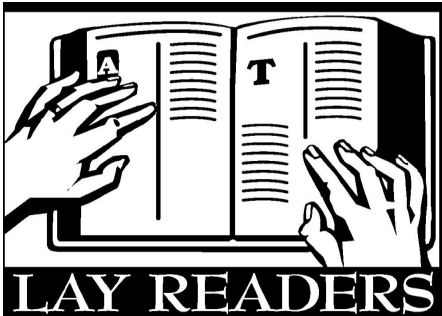
- Canada Day, July 1, 2023
- U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2023

Sunday, July 16 immediately following the Worship Service, there will be a breakfast for everyone. The missions committee are doing all the cooking!

Please make sure you clear your calendars for this yummy event.



Serving in Worship



JULY Lay Readers

2nd-Mary S

9th-Don C

16th-Kay K

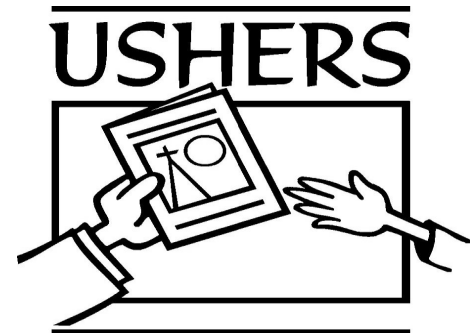
23rd-Marty H

30th-Ralph G



July 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 July and August currently hanging on the board.



JULY Ushers

2nd-Bob K

9th-Eleanore W

16th-Bob K

23rd-Bob K

30th-Marty H

Church Leadership Meetings

JUNE 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 Session did not meet on **June 11, 2023**. Next Session meeting will be **July 9, 2023** immediately following the Service.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

JUNE DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons did not meet in June.

The next Deacon meeting will be **July 18, 2023**.

Marty Hasty– Moderator



Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2023:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Donations/Deposits | \$ 33,564.33 |
| Cleared Checks/Expenses | \$ 6,839.20 |
| Bank Balance | \$ 57,053.68 |

Deposits include insurance claim payout.





The Mission Committee participated with The United Methodist Church of Mountain Home in June for the After School Back Pack Program. **316 items was donated for this program as of June 20. Thank you so much!**

The Mission Committee is hosting a breakfast for the congregation immediately following the Worship Service on July 16. Please clear your calendars and stay for great food and fellowship.



Mary Smith— Moderator

Thank you!



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met June 13 in Fellowship Hall. Jan Clark brought us the lesson on Hannah's prayer as we continue our lessons on "What She Said". This is an interesting study about what some of the women of the Bible said.

Our next meeting will be **July 11th at 1 pm**. Nancy Priest will be bringing us the lesson on what Hulda said.

Hostesses will be Eleanore Wheeler and Kim Terrell. Please join us and bring a friend.



July 02-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)

Mary Smith is Lay Reader

July 09-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches

Don Crapnell is Lay Reader

July 16-Don Crapnell Preaches

Kay Kunkel is Lay Reader

July 23-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Marty Hasty is Lay Reader

July 30-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Ralph Gillespie is Lay Reader



In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator



Please keep the Wells family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of **Shirley J. “Sissy” Wells**. She went to be with the Lord on June 22nd.

She will be missed by everyone that knew her at First Presbyterian Church.

More information will be announced at a later date. All cards can be mailed to Pete at:

1240 Ozark Ave.

Mountain Home, AR 72653

And

Doug & Michele Wells

3582 Riverview Dr.

Norfolk, AR 72658



SCRIPTURES FOR JULY 2023

Sunday July 2

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday July 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Zachariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday July 16

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:(1-8) 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday July 30

9th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136




Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



JULY 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | Office closed | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Independence Day | 5 Missions 1 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | Office closed | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 WOC 1 pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | | | Office closed | |
| 16  Join Us For Breakfast After Worship Service | 17 | 18 Deacons meet 10am | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | | | Office closed | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | | | | | Office closed | |
| 30 |  GOD BLESS AMERICA  | | | | Office | closed |

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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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