



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas



AUGUST 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

When We Least Deserve Love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, “because that’s when I really need it.” My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they’d start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus’ arrest. But Jesus didn’t treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we’re at our worst, hurting God’s heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Special Dates in *AUGUST*



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**



Birthdays

3rd-Ian Ruegsegger

5th-Marilyn Wheat

10th-Ralph Gillespie

12th-Eleanore Wheeler

18th-Wana Thacker

23rd-Fred Ruegsegger

26th-Don Crapnell

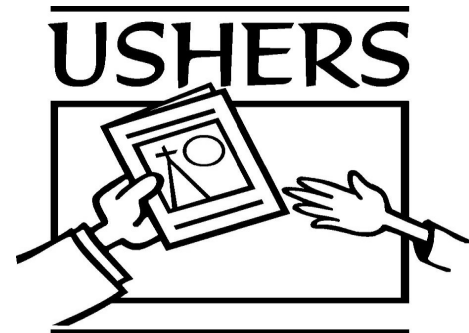
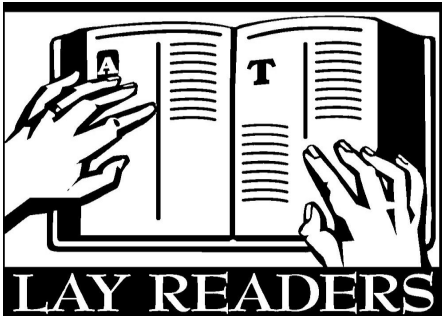
Anniversaries

3rd-T.J. & Janeth Lawson

28th-James & Nancy Priest



Serving in Worship



AUG. Lay Readers

06th-Nancy P

13th-Kay K

20th-Mary S

27th-Ellen J

August 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 August and September currently hanging on the board.

AUG. Ushers

06th-Ellen J

13th-Ellen J

20th-Phil J

27th-Phil J

Church Leadership Meetings

JULY 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 and July 9, 2023**. Next scheduled Session meeting will be **August 13** immediately following the Service.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

JULY DEACONS UPDATE

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

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and the Deacon fund was reported with a balance of \$2,459.16.

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 meeting will be **August 23 at 2 pm**.

Marty Hasty– Moderator

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2023:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 4,327.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 5,737.48
Bank Balance	\$ 56,643.20

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MANY CHILDREN GO
TO SCHOOL WITHOUT EATING BREAKFAST?**

The Mission Committee will be collecting cereal the month of August to give to the Food Basket. Please help us collect any size boxes, bags , hot or cold varieties of cereal. Powdered milk will also be appreciated for these families.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 2 at 1 pm.

Mary Smith– Moderator



*"Go, give to the needy, sweet charity's bread,
For giving is living," the angel said.
"Must I keep giving - again and again?"
My peevish, pouting answer ran.
Oh, said the angel - piercing me through,
Just give 'till the Master stops giving to you!*

Anonymous



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met July 11, 2023 in Fellowship Hall. Do you know who Huldah is? Do you know what she said that brought a nation's religious reform? Thanks to Nancy Priest, the women of the church who attended the meeting know. We are enjoying the study about what some of the brave women in the Bible said.

Our next meeting will be **August 8, at 1pm**. To find out what Mary and Elizabeth said, come and join us and bring a friend. Hostesses will be Barb Hough and Marty Hasty.



August 06-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)

Nancy Priest is Lay Reader

August 13-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches

Kay Kunkel is Lay Reader

August 20-Ralph Gillespie Preaches

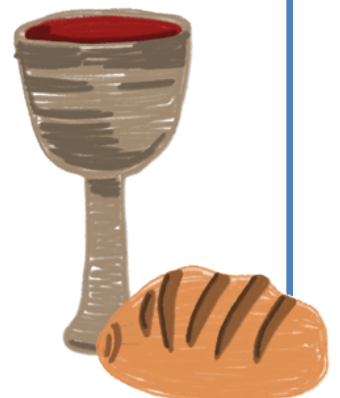
Mary Smith is Lay Reader

August 27-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Ellen Jordan is Lay Reader

In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator



SCRIPTURES FOR AUGUST 2023

Sunday August 06

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday August 13

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday August 20

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a

Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Sunday August 27

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart ... for your steadfast love and your faithfulness” (Psalm 138:1-2, NRSV).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2 Missions 1 pm	3	4	5
					Office closed	
6 Communion	7	8 WOC 1 pm	9	10	11	12
					Office closed	
13 Session Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Office closed	
20	21	22	23 Deacons 2 pm	24	25	26
					Office closed	
27	28	29	30			
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