



# The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian  
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

## SEPTEMBER 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

### Listen to the Loving Voice

**Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.**

**But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. *That* is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!**

**"I came," says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, "that [you] may have life and have it abundantly" (v. 10, NRSV).**

—Heidi Hyland Mann

# ***Special Dates in *SEPTEMBER****

## **Birthdays**

**4TH-Margie Williamson**



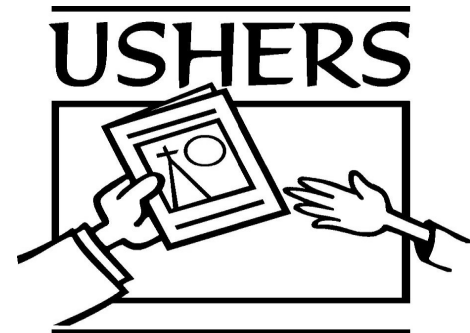
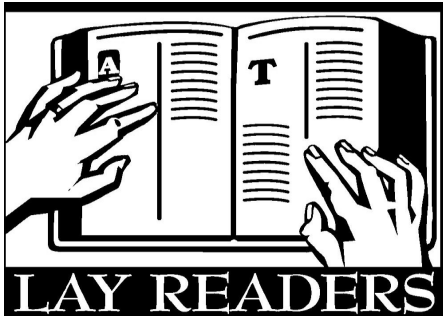
## **Special dates**

- Labor Day, *September 4, 2023*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 10, 2023*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2023*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023*
- First day of autumn, *September 23, 2023*



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## ***Serving in Worship***



### **SEPT. Lay Readers**

03rd-Marty H

10th-Ellen J

17th-Kay K

24th-Mary S

### **September 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 September and October currently hanging on the board.

### **SEPT. Ushers**

03rd-Marti F

10th-Linda B

17th-Marti F

24th-Linda B

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **AUGUST SESSION UPDATE**

Session met on August 13, 2023 at 11:23 a.m. with all members present. The Session did not meet on **June 11, 2023 and July 9, 2023**. Next scheduled Session meeting will be **September 3** immediately following the Service. A copy of the May Session meeting minutes are posted in the mail room.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

## **AUGUST DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons met August 23 at 2 pm. The meeting was attended by Deacons Ellen Jordan, Loweta Rogers , Mary Smith and Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator. Absent and excused were Jackie Hoff and Eleanore Wheeler.

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 3:05 pm

The next meeting will be **September 19 at 10 am**

Marty Hasty– Moderator

## **Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2023:**

Donations/Deposits	\$ 8,030.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 7,319.64
Bank Balance	<b>\$ 56,353.56</b>

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





## **SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

We will be collecting items for “Samaritans Purse Operation Shoe Boxes” on September 17 through November 12. Turning in the boxes between November 14 and November 21. We can make the boxes ourselves or order off the internet for \$25 each.

\*If you would like to order online, please go to <https://build-a-shoebbox.samaritanspurse.org/view/ca71a5e5-1ab0-46a2-aaaa-83e5fe39b61c>

The link is posted on our website if you wish to use that to go directly to our page to fill shoe boxes from our church. [www.fpcmh.net](http://www.fpcmh.net)

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child.

For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

**Missions committee will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00 pm.**

**Mary Smith– Moderator**





## Women of the Church

The Women of the Church held their monthly meeting August 8, with 10 in attendance. Marty Hasty was our hostess assisted by Pat Wise and Mary Smith. Loweta Rogers brought the lesson on what Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and Mary, Mother of Jesus, said when they were told they would have a son. Our next meeting will be **September 12**, with **Mary Smith teaching** us about what Mary and Martha said. Hostesses will be **Eleanore Wheeler and Mary Smith**.

All women are invited so come and join us and bring a friend for Bible study and refreshments.



**September 03-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion and Session)**

**Marty Hasty is Lay Reader**

**September 10-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches**

**Ellen Jordan is Lay Reader**

**September 17-Don Crapnell Preaches**

**Kay Kunkel is Lay Reader**

**September 24-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches**

**Mary Smith is Lay Reader**

**In Christ,**

**Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator**



# SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

## Sunday September 03

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

*Jeremiah 15:15-21      Psalm 26:1-8*  
*Romans 12:9-21      Matthew 16:21-28*

## Sunday September 10

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Ezekiel 33:7-11      Psalm 119:33-40*  
*Romans 13:8-14      Matthew 18:15-20*

## Sunday September 17

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

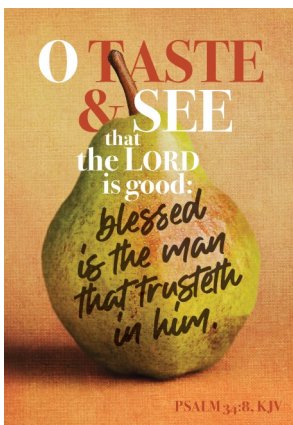
*Genesis 50:15-21      Psalm 103:1-13*  
*Romans 14:1-12      Matthew 18:21-35*

## Sunday September 24

## 17th Sunday after Pentecost

*Jonah 3:10-4:11      Psalm 145:1-8*  
*Philippians 1:21-30      Matthew 20:1-16*

**Jesus, only in you do I find truth, and your truth sets me free (John 8:32).  
I thank and praise, bless and love you.**





# SEPTEMBER 2023

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



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