



The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

OCTOBER 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

We're never alone

In many sources, the author of the hymn “Never Alone” is listed as anonymous, but in several, Ludie Carrington Day Pickett (1867-1953) is credited. The words powerfully capture the assurance that amid life’s storms — sin, temptation, danger, loneliness, care — and, finally, even at the end of this life, Jesus promises to be with us. Two stanzas proclaim:

**I’ve seen the lightning flashing
And heard the thunder roll,
I’ve felt sin’s breakers dashing,
which tried to conquer my soul;
I’ve heard the voice of my Savior,
He bid me still fight on:
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.**

**The world’s fierce winds are blowing —
Temptation’s sharp and keen;
I have a peace in knowing
My Savior stands between;
He stands to shield me from danger
When all my friends are gone:
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.**

*Special Dates in **OCTOBER***

Birthdays

14-Phil Jordan

18-Doug Wells

23-Nan Jordan

26-Regina Manning

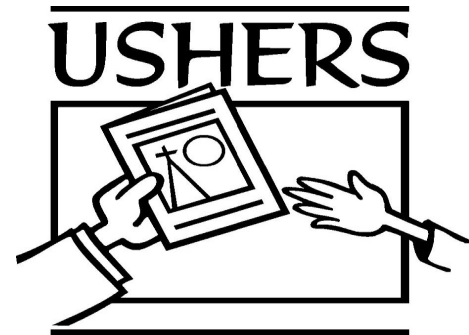
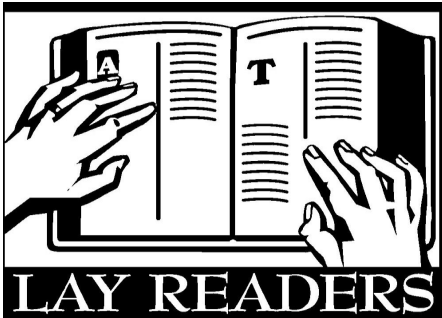


Special dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 1, 2023*
- Columbus Day, *October 9, 2023*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 9, 2023*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 29, 2023*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2023*



Serving in Worship



OCT. Lay Readers

01st-Mary S

08th-Marty H

15th-Doug W

22nd-Don C

29th-Ellen J

October 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 October and November currently hanging on the board.

OCT. Ushers

01st-Bob Kearns

08th-

15th-

22nd-

29th-

Church Leadership Meetings

SEPTEMBER 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. The Session did not meet in September due to a lack of quorum present. The next scheduled Session meeting will be **October 8 immediately following the Worship Service**. A copy of the May Session meeting minutes are posted in the mail room.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

SEPTEMBER DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met September 19 at 10 am. The meeting was attended by Deacons Ellen Jordan, Loweta Rogers, Mary Smith, Eleanore Wheeler and Martha Hasty, Deacon Moderator. Absent and excused was Jackie Hoff. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and the Deacon fund was reported with a balance of \$2,359.16.

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 11:00 am

The next meeting will be **October 17 at 10 am**

Marty Hasty– Moderator

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2023:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,414.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 4,574.58
Bank Balance	\$ 57,192.98

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

We are still collecting items for “Samaritans Purse Operation Shoe Boxes” 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-shoebox.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 Please use the Events tab.

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, October 4 at 1:00 pm.

Mary Smith– Moderator





Women of the Church

The Women of the Church held their monthly meeting September 12. We continue our study of what the *"Women of the Bible Said"*. Mary Smith brought us the lesson on what Mary and Martha said, and we also learned what Jesus said.

Our hostesses were Beverly Preble, Eleanore Wheeler and Mary Smith. We are thankful for the faithful women that show up each month to enjoy Bible Study. At the present time, the Women of the Church are the only group offering any sort of Bible Study. Please come and join us on **October 10 at 1 pm**. Nancy Priest will bring the lesson on what Mary Magdalene said.

On Sunday, October 29, we will be honoring our Saints that have left us this year.



October 01-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)

Mary Smith is Lay Reader

October 08-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches

Marty Hasty is Lay Reader

October 15-John Bates Preaches

Doug Wells is Lay Reader

October 22-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

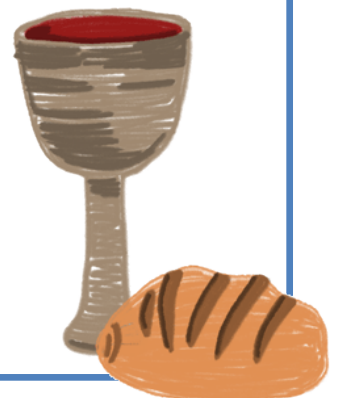
Don Crapnell is Lay Reader

October 29-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Ellen Jordan is Lay Reader

In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator



SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER 2023

Sunday October 01

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday October 08

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday October 15

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday October 22

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday October 29

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46





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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Communion Copper Kettle Offering	2	3	4 Missions 1 pm	5	6 Office closed	7
8	9	10 WOC 1 pm	11	12	13 Office closed	14
15	16	17 Deacons 10 am	18	19	20 Office closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Office closed	28
29 Reformation Sunday/ Honoring our Saints	30	31			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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