



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

FEBRUARY 2024



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

Spring Training for Christians

The word Lent comes from Middle English and German words for spring-time. In light of the start of baseball season, some people call the pre-Easter season “spring training for Christians.” This fresh perspective moves away from the flawed understanding that Lent must be somber, or that giving something up for Lent is punishment for sin or a way to earn God’s favor.

As people of faith, we should never take a season off. But every so often — at least once a year! — we do well to examine where we need to get back in shape spiritually. Perhaps we will indeed opt to give something up: that swearing habit, sleeping in on Sundays, or the cost of a weekly treat so we can donate the money instead. Or maybe we’ll take on something new for Lent: a Bible study, prayer routine or service project.

Hebrews describes spiritual discipline as challenging in the moment but yielding righteousness later. The writer urges us, “Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees ... so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed” (12:11-13, ESV). May the spring training of Lent strengthen and heal us all.

*Special Dates in **FEBRUARY***

Birthdays

08-Ruth Ramaker

09-Wayne Faust

12-Alex Ruegsegger

18-David Petersen

21-Mari Ruegsegger

23-Karen Gillespie

27-Kay Kunkel

27-Ron Smith



Special Dates

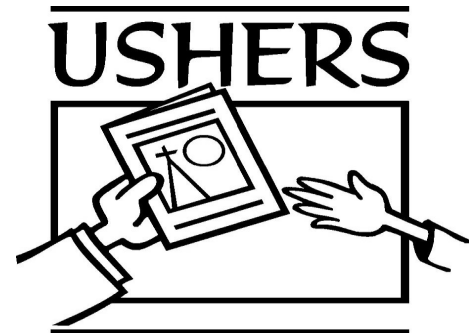
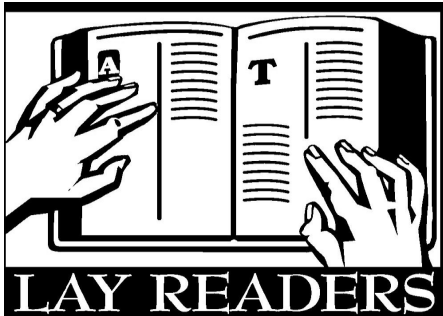
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 11, 2024*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 14, 2024*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2024*
- Presidents Day, *February 19, 2024*
- Leap Day, *February 29, 2024*



Anniversary

06-Ron & Mary Smith

Serving in Worship



Feb. Lay Readers

04-Marty H

11-Doug W

18-Don C

25-Kay K

February 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 February and March currently hanging on the board.

Feb. Ushers

04-Robert K

11-Eleanore W

18-Marty H

25-Ellen J

Church Leadership Meetings

JANUARY SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on Sunday, January 21st, with Rev. Stewart Smith moderating. The budget for 2024 was approved by Session. Mary Smith and Nancy Priest agreed to attend Presbytery training in Clarksville, June 7-9, 2024. It was proposed that Session meet only every other month; this motion was passed/approved. The next Session meeting will therefore be on the second Sunday, March 10th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

JANUARY DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons DID NOT meet in January. The next meeting will be **February 20 at 10 am.**

Marilyn Wheat– Moderator

“Hoping against hope” (Romans 4:18, NRSV), Abraham trusted God. So much seems hopeless these days, dear God. Help us hold onto hope that beyond death, you promise resurrection.

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023:

Donations/Deposits	\$ 5,486.16
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 6,492.39
Bank Balance	\$ 52,969.09

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





HEY FOOTBALL FANS!

ARE YOU READY FOR THE SOUUUUUPER BOWL?

We are collecting canned soup until February 11. All items will be donated to the Food Basket.

Personal Hygiene products will be collected soon for the Men's Shelter in March. Please keep them in mind as you shop and see those bargains!

Mary Smith– Moderator





Women of the Church

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

The Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

Nancy Priest will present the lesson. The introduction of: "For Everything a Season", a study of the Liturgical Calendar. Nine more lessons will follow throughout the year with different presenters each month.

Come and enjoy the fellowship, food, and learn some things old, some things new regarding the Seasons of the Church. Loweta Rogers will be hosting.



February 04-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)

Marty Hasty is Lay Reader

February 11-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches

Doug Wells is Lay Reader

February 18-Rev. Stewart Smith Preaches

Don Crapnell is Lay Reader

February 25-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches

Kay Kunkel is Lay Reader

In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator



SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday February 04

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Sunday February 11

Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Sunday February 18

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Sunday February 25

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25




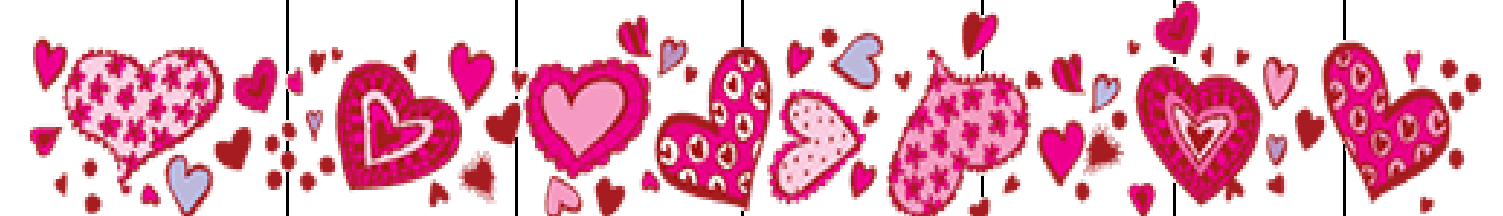
Mark 8:31-38 or

Mark 9:2-9



All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
					Office closed	
4 Communion	5	6	7 Missions meet at 1 pm	8	9	10
					Office closed	
11  Transfiguration of the Lord Soup-R-Bowl!	12	13 WOC meet at 1 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17
					Office closed	
18 1st Sunday in Lent	19 	20 Deacons meet at 10 am	21	22	23	24
					Office closed	
25 2nd Sunday in Lent	26	27	28	29 Leap Day 		
					Office closed	
						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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