



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church  
Mountain Home, Arkansas

## APRIL 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

### The Joy of Jesus



**The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.**

**This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.**

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, Lifesigns

# Special Dates in *APRIL*



**03-Susan Thomas**

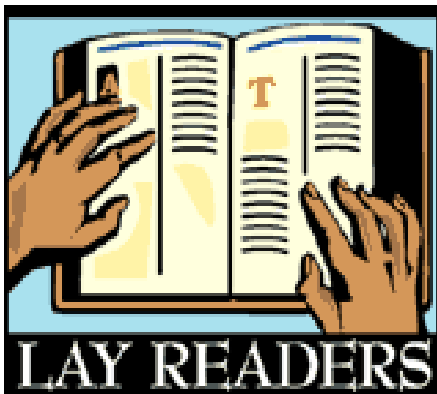
**18-Cheryl Munson Beall**

**19-Ruth Fine**



**Springtime, new life, resurrection, hope. God, help me hold onto an Easter focus all season long.**

## *Serving in Worship*



### April Lay Readers

07-Ellen J

14-Mary S

21-Marty H

28-Don C



### April 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 April and May currently hanging on the board.



### April Ushers

07-Mary S

14-Marilyn W

21-Ellen J

28-Nancy P



**Please add the following information to your current Church Directory:**

**Paula Stewart**

**drpaulas@yahoo.com**

**1128 Brookforest Dr**

**Mountain Home, AR 72653**

**870-425-8570**

**Birthday September 5**

**Mindy Connor**

**drmindyc@yahoo.com**

**207 Bucksnot Trail**

**Mountain Home, AR 72653**

**870-421-1225**

**Birthday January 6**

**John Strong**

**strongjf1@outlook.com**

**Birthday June 17**



**If there is a change or a correction that needs to be made, please contact me in the office. Thanks!**

**Debbie**

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **MARCH SESSION UPDATE**

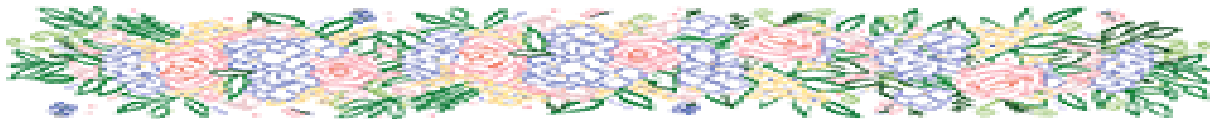
The Session met on 10 March 2024 with all elders in attendance; Rev. Cindy Saul, moderator. Session met to discuss committee reports and deal with any new issues. Elder Mary Smith asked that the office doors be re-keyed to help keep the secretary's office secure. Elder Ralph Gillespie will see that this is taken care of. He will also deal with the fellowship door that is not closing correctly. Marti Frazier has requested that she be included for Presbytery training sessions in Clarksville, along with Nancy Priest and Mary Smith. Her request was approved, as the church is not providing any financial support for training session participants. The issue of special offerings, raised by Rev. Saul, was tabled for the May 2024 Session meeting. The Session meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

## **MARCH DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 under Moderator Marilyn Wheat. The meeting was opened with prayer and the list of each Deacon was reviewed and discussed. The balance of the Deacons Fund is \$2,359.18. Food baskets were organized by Eleanore and provided by the Deacons. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16 in the Library.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator



## **Treasurer's Report as of March 17, 2024:**

Donations/Deposits	\$ 7,322.00
Cleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 6,370.00
Bank Balance	\$ 47,381.57

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





**This month we will be collecting items for the Gamma House in Mountain Home. Gamma House is a transitional home for women and children. They strive to end chronic homelessness by providing safe housing while connecting women with services.**

**<https://www.gammahouse.org>**

**They have asked us to collect the following items that are in need at this time:**

- . Disinfectant Spray and Wipes**
- . Floor Mopping items**
- . Bleach**
- . Blue Mask**
- . Paper Plates**
- . Tampax**
- . Lysol Spray**
- . Paper Towels**

**Also...**

**The Mission Committee and the Worship Committee is working together to bring a unique and fun day on July 14 for the Favorite Hymn Sing/Picnic. Please fill out the form currently available of your 5 favorite hymns and return to a Worship or Mission Committee member BEFORE June 1.**

**Mary Smith– Moderator**



## Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The women will meet again April 9 at 1:00 pm. Eleanore Wheeler will present lesson three. "Advent, A Time to Tear and a Time to Sew", a study of the Liturgical Calendar. May 14 will be the next date to meet and will NOT MEET during June, July and August; resuming September 10 with lesson four. Come enjoy fellowship like no other! Bring a friend.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanore Wheeler



**April 07-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches (Communion)**

**Ellen Jordan is Lay Reader**

**April 14-Rev. Cindy Saul Preaches**

**Mary Smith is Lay Reader**

**April 21-Rev. Stewart Smith Preaches**

**Marty Hasty is Lay Reader**

**April 28-Rev. Mike Clark Preaches**

**Don Crapnell is Lay Reader**



In Christ,

Mary Smith, Worship Committee Moderator

# ***SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL 2024***

**Sunday April 07**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35    Psalm 133 or    Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 3         1 John 1:1-2:2    John 20:19-31

**Sunday April 14**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:12-19    Psalm 4 or Isaiah 6:1-9a and  
Psalm 40:1-5    1 John 3:1-7    Luke 24:36b-48

**Sunday April 21**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12    Psalm 23 or    Zechariah 10:1-12  
and Psalm 80:1-7  
1 John 3:16-24         John 10:11-18

**Sunday April 28**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31 and Exodus 19:1-6  
Psalm 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**Good Shepherd, in you I have everything I need. Thank you for guiding me along the path of life.**

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar



# APRIL 2024



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





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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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