



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

Mountain Home, Arkansas

APRIL 2025



Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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Tuesday– Thursday

Know who (and whose) you are

Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!"

We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew.

Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love.

Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such.

Celebrating Our Gift

Toward the end of this month, Lent will be over already. Lent is a time to reach out to Jesus, to establish a relationship if there is none, and to repent of our sins. There is still time to do that. The Lord is always looking for His lost sheep and He always wishes to walk closer to us.

Easter is a wonderful time for all who believe in the Lord. It is not only a day to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, it is the day we can celebrate the most wonderful gift He gives us – hope! Hope in our own resurrection and a future of a new life that will last forever.

For Christians, hope is a confident expectation and trust in God, in His promises, and future blessings. It is a firm anchor to keep us grounded no matter what happens to us here in our world. Our hope is in the work of Christ finished on Easter for all that believe in Him.

Living with biblical hope can transform every circumstance in our lives. We must pursue that hope every day until the day God call us home. Studying the scriptures helps to reinforce our hope.

Tough times may keep us from seeing the big picture of what God is doing in the world and His purpose for us. We struggle and forget to seek God in our questions and tears or anger. In the Hebrew Bible we see that the prophet Habakkuk felt the same in his trials with Babylon but in 3:18 he said “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord”. He made a choice to trust in his hope in God. David also said, ”For You, O Lord, are my hope”. And they had not seen or heard of the resurrection of Christ!

God holds our lives in His hands and we can celebrate that His undying love gives us unending hope for the future with Him. Alleluia!

Rev. Lila DeMoss



Special Dates in **APRIL**

Birthdays

April 18-Cheryl Munson

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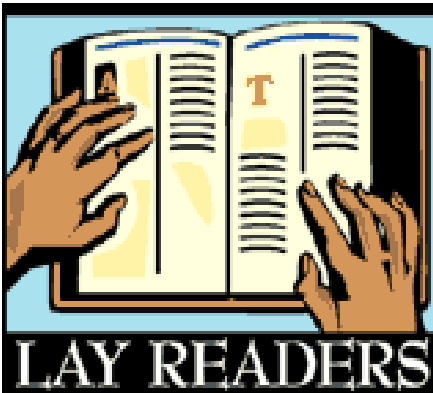
April 19-Ruth Fine



Special Dates

- Holy Week, April 13-20, 2025
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13, 2025
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Good Friday, April 18, 2025
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 23, 2025

Serving in Worship



April Lay Readers

06-Ellen J

13-Don C

20-Marty H

27-Nancy P



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 currently hanging on the board.



April Ushers

06-Open

13-Open

20-Open

27-Ellen J

Church Leadership Meetings

DECEMBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 17 November 2024 with all the elders but Ruth Fine in attendance; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. Session met to discuss disposal of /sale of church equipment and the budget for next year. A copy of the approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the mailroom. Next meeting set for December 29, with Rev. Lila DeMoss as moderator. More updates will be available next month.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

MARCH DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons report for March 2025 included a review and discussion of our members, family and friends. Lists were updated as needed. We try to stay in touch, but please do call on your Deacon if you need help. We thank Mary Smith and the Mission Committee for recognizing Chris Constantine with a wonderful farewell lunch during fellowship on the 16th. We give special thanks to Chris for his 20 years of service in the sound booth plus the many other things he helped with around the church. We will all miss having Chris with us but we wish him the very best as he continues his journey.



Blessings, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT as of February 28, 2025

Donations/Deposits	\$ 38,205.52
Uncleared Checks/Expenses	\$ 1,929.47
Bank Balance	\$ 36,667.89

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer





Gamma House-Transitional Housing For Women

The goal of transitional housing is to end chronic homelessness by providing safe housing while connecting women with services!

In April, Cleaning Supplies and Paper Products are being asked to be collected for the Women of Gamma House.

Please contact Mary Smith for any questions.

Mary Smith– Moderator



Paper
Products
Collection





Women of the Church

The women met March 11 and finished the teaching of the Seasons of the Church. The next meeting will be April 8 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The women will begin studying the Book of Esther. Nancy Priest will teach all classes and hostesses vary. All women are invited to attend.

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

April 06-Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville	(Members:037 Est:1830)
First, Dardanelle	(Members:050 Est:1850)
April 13-Good Shepherd, Greenwood	(Members:032 Est:1849)
Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista	(Members:266 Est:1985)
April 20-Central, Fort Smith	(Members:169 Est:1888)
Active Deacons	
April 27-Alpine Church, Amity	(Members:011 Est:1910)
Church Groundskeepers	

SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL 2025

Sunday April 06

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Sunday April 13

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 Luke 23:1-49

Sunday April 20

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

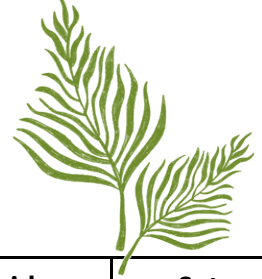
Acts 10:34-43 Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 Luke 24:1-12


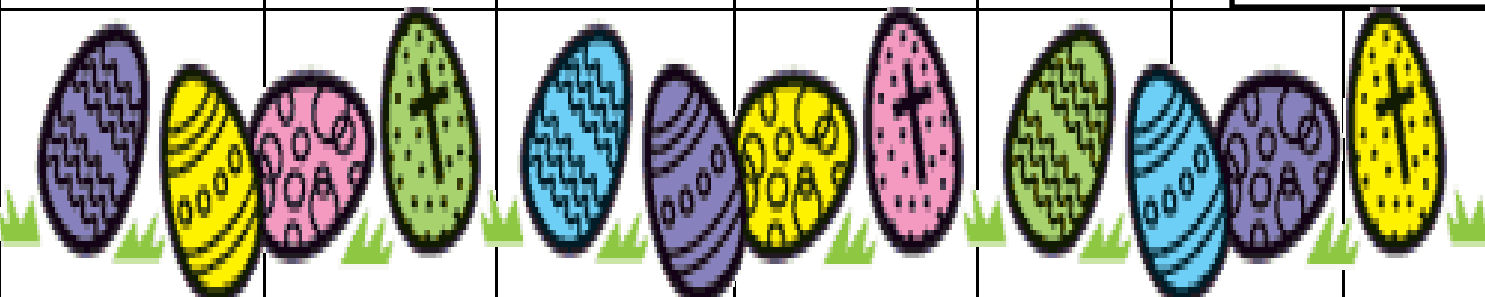
Sunday March 23

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29
Psalm 150 2 Kings 7:1-16 Psalm 2
Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.
(Complementary)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2 Missions Committee Meet at 1 pm	3	4	5
					Office Closed	
6 	7 Office Closed	8 WOC 1 PM	9 MISSIONS 1 pm	10 Master Gardeners 12 pm	11	12
					Office Closed	
13 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	14 Office Closed	15 DEACONS 10 AM	16	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
					Office Closed	
20 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
					Office Closed	
27	28 Office Closed	29	30			
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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