



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian  
Church Mountain Home, Arkansas

**JULY 2025**



**Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am**

**Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service**

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**Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Tuesday– Thursday**

## **Complete Joy**

**Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.**

**Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.**

**Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.**



## **Time Flies**

It's hard to believe that it's already the start of the month of July. July means that the calendar season of summer is finally here. And it means that the year 2025 is now half over officially. The older I get, the more time seems to fly by. I had always imagined that getting older meant my time would pass more slowly and graciously as I passed into retirement. The opposite has been more truthful! Time has seemed to speed up. (Or perhaps it's that I'm slowing down?) There seems to be less time to get things done.

The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." No matter how much we may want to do, or have to do, God has only given us a certain allotted amount of time. Whether you focus your time on finally getting to enjoy yourself and your surroundings after a lifetime of hard work, or sharing more time with friends or family, or volunteering for favorite causes or your church, you will have to choose what gets priority in your life and dividing your time.

I think many of us find that it's hard to find time for everything, or that we wish we had more time to give to one area or another. Of course, our plans are often overturned by events that are unplanned such as financial setbacks, accidents, sicknesses, and even a death. We can only do what we can do, and place the rest in God's hands. Sometimes we can only give thanks for what we have and the world God has given us. No matter how our lives evolve, we can be thankful and blessedly assured at the end we will be with Jesus, and time will no longer be a factor.

# Special Dates in **JULY**

## Birthdays

July 3-Charlotte Cherry

July 4-Marty Hasty

July 29-Andrew Ruegsegger



## Special Dates

- Canada Day, July 1, 2025
- U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2025



Spend time with God this summer

God, you gave free will to all people. As we celebrate independence, help us use our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves.

## *Serving in Worship*



### July Lay Readers

06-Marty H

13-Nancy P

20-Ellen J

27-Mary S



### July 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 July and August currently hanging on the board.



### July Ushers

06-Open

13-Open

20-Open

27-Marilyn W

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **JUNE SESSION UPDATE**

The Session met on 8 June 2025 with all the elders but Don Crapnell and Ruth Fine in attendance; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. Session discussed and approved Nancy Priest to replace Don Crapnell as chair of Personnel & Administration Committee. A motion was approved to move the Session meetings to the 3rd Sunday every other month. The next Session meeting will be August 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

## **JUNE DEACONS UPDATE**

The Deacons continue to stay in touch with members, friends of the church, and family, extending help if needed. The list of each Deacon was reviewed and updated as needed. Requests for prayers were shared with the Prayer Group. It was a special treat to welcome Maverick, black Lab of Doug & Michele Wells, into a church service one stormy Sunday. Thanks for putting a smile on everyone's face, Maverick. Blessings, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator



Please remember Don Crapnell who passed on June 23 and Sherman Fine who passed on June 25.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT as of May 30, 2025**

Donations/Deposits	\$5,797.00
Uncleared Checks/Expenses	\$7,503.96
Bank Balance	<b>\$37,860.33</b>

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer



# MISSIONS HEADLINES

**July 13 will be the Church Picnic and Sing-Along to your favorite songs. A slip of paper was included in your June 1st Bulletin. Please fill it out and give to any mission committee member so the songs can be picked. A sign up sheet is currently posted on the board. Please let us know what you will be bringing.**



**The next Mission meeting is Wednesday, July 2 at 1 pm.  
For more information please contact Mary Smith.**



## **Women of the Church**

**The Women of the Church met June 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Priest led the lesson with discussing the Book of Esther. Chapter 2. No meetings in July and August. A sign up sheet is on the board for hostesses. The next meeting will be on September 9 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. We encourage all women to come, listen, and be part of learning about Queen Esther.**

**See you there...**

### **Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas**

July 06-Grace, Little Rock	(Members: 079 Est:1961)
First, Malvern	(Members: 072 Est:1882)
July 13– Barr Memorial, Norman	(Members: 026 Est:1908)
Hopewell Church, Morrilton	(Members: 021 Est:1889)
July 20-First, Mountain Home	(Members: 084 Est:1949)
First, Newport	(Members: 105 Est:1882)
July 27-First, Little Rock	(Members: 170 Est:18828)
Presbytery Staff	

“Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor without faith.”

—Alexis de Tocqueville

# ***SCRIPTURES FOR JULY 2025***

**Sunday July 06**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 66:10-14      Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16    Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Sunday July 13**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14      Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14      Luke 10:25-37

**Sunday July 20**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-10a      Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28      Luke 10:38-42

**Sunday July 27**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:20-32      Psalm 138




Colossians 2:6-15      Luke 11:1-13

**Summer breezes call to mind the Holy Spirit blowing in my life and the world  
— sometimes soft, sometimes forceful. Help me feel your touch, O God, and  
move me to respond.**

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

(Complementary)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					Office Closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Office Closed				Office Closed	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Office Closed				Office Closed	
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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