



# The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church  
Mountain Home, Arkansas

## FEBRUARY 2026

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



### The Love God Desires

God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

# Special Dates in **FEBRUARY**

## Birthdays

18-David Peterson

23-Karen Gillespie

27-Kay Kunkel

27-Ron Smith

## Special Dates for February 2026

- Black History Month, *February 1-28, 2026*
- Groundhog Day, *February 2, 2026*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2026*
- Presidents Day, *February 16, 2026*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 18, 2026*

## Anniversaries

06-Ron & Mary Smith



## February Ushers

01-Open

08-Open

15-Open

22-Open

## February Lay Readers

01-Kay K

08-Ralph G

15-Nancy P

22-Mary S

# ***Church Leadership Meetings***

## **DEACONS REDBUD REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026**

The Deacons continue to care about and for their flocks, encouraging them to take special care during this really cold weather, with an expected weather alert for next week-end, January 24 & 25. There will probably be a grocery alert for Thursday and Friday before a snowy week-end. This is a good time to stay inside reading a good book, watching football play-offs, etc. We continue to send prayers and blessings to those in our church family who are facing health issues and or surgery. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!

**Blessings, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator**



## **OCTOBER SESSION UPDATE**

The Session met on 26 October 2025 with all the elders but Pete Wells attending; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. Session discussed congregational meeting on December 14. All Reports for the Annual Report are due December 1. A special Session meeting will be at 11:30 on November 16. Pastor Lila presented an opportunity to give Christmas Gifts to the prisoners she is counseling. A list of suggestions will be in the hallway and on Fellowship Hall tables.

**Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session**



**The Souper bowl will be Sunday, February 8 after Service.**

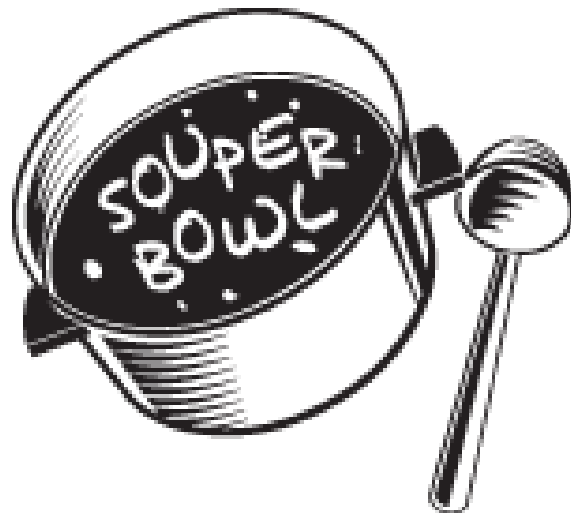
**Soups include: Broccoli cheese potato, Chicken Noodle, Chili and a veggie tray. If you wish to bring a dessert, please do so.**

**You can wear the colors of your team you wish to win. Seattle Seahawks or the New England Patriots.**

**The committee is currently collecting cans of soup for the Soup-R-Bowl drive. All items will be donated to the Mountain Home Food pantry after the Super Bowl. More information will be coming soon.**

**Look for more information about the next project starting in March. The CALL will be providing a list of the items the foster parent community is in need of.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith at 870-321-7905**





## **Women of the Church**

**The Women of the Church met November 11. A sign-up sheet is on the board for hostesses. The next meeting will be on January 13 at 1 pm. Nancy Priest is presenting the lesson on Esther. 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**

**Feb. 01-First, McGehee (Members: 071 Est:1911)**

**Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry**

**Feb. 08-Commissioned Ruling Elders**

**First, Heber Springs**

**(Members: 041 Est: 1961)**

**Feb. 15-Synod of the Sun**

**Church Musicians**

**Feb. 22-First, Jacksonville**

**(Members: 096 Est: 1926)**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**



**Love is patient,  
Love is kind.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Souper Bowl	9	10	11	12 Master Gardeners	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Transfiguration Of the Lord	16 President's Day	17 Deacons	18 Ash Wednesday 	19	20	21
22 First Sunday in Lent	23	24	25	26	27	28
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# ***SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY 2026***

**Sunday February 01**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday February 08**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

**Sunday February 15**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

**Sunday February 22**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

(Complementary)

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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