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World Communion Sunday

October 7

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November Newsletter Deadline: October 26

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries!!!

Every third Sunday of the month the Church provides a cake during fellowship time to celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries that occur that month. This is also the opportunity to contribute a dollar to the "Birthday Fund" for each year you are young! The Birthday Board is exhibited, envelopes and a box are available for your use or you may put your check in the offering plate. Please write on your check "Birthday Fund" so that it will be deposited to the correct account. The Birthday Fund goes towards scholarships for our graduating seniors.

Please join us on *October 21*, after Worship, to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries!

October Birthdays

Twyla Jones	1-Oct	Stacey Grise	14-Oct
Christopher Meyers	1-Oct	Pat Bridges	15-Oct
Margaret Moses	2-Oct	Aduston Spivey	15-Oct
Hannah Mills	4-Oct	Joseph Florini	18-Oct
Nancy Doyle	6-Oct	Steve Hopper	18-Oct
Don Leonhard	6-Oct	Emma Kilzer	20-Oct
Ann Schaffer	6-Oct	Terri McKissack	22-Oct
Carol Shoup	7-Oct	John Boyd	27-Oct
Tim Bumpas	8-Oct	Sophie Meyers	27-Oct
Harvey Miller	8-Oct	Kathleen Bishop	28-Oct
John Ochsner	12-Oct	Michael Helm	30-Oct
Garrett Garner	13-Oct	Logan Rice	31-Oct

October Anniversaries

Steve and Tootie Van Pelt	1-Oct
Brian and Anna Geltner	2-Oct
David and Dianna Thayer	4-Oct
Scott and Lynda Metz	9-Oct
Bill and Dawn Cattaneo	12-Oct
Carroll and Pat Bridges	13-Oct
Mike and Elaine Muzny	16-Oct
Jim and Barbara Davis	23-Oct
Jerry and Twila Jones	27-Oct
Allen and Susan Lee	31-Oct
Bob and Sally Pierce	31-Oct

God Bless You on Your Special Day!



LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

I've always looked forward to World Communion Sunday. First of all, it signals the change of seasons, cooler weather, and the first hint of colors on the trees. Every season is my favorite, but especially autumn!

Also, World Communion Sunday is the harbinger of stewardship season. The first Sunday of October is a good time to look back on a year that is now three-fourths past and consider how we have spent our time. Thanksgiving is around the corner, and we need to collect our harvest and count our blessings. In a few weeks, we will craft our budgets for the coming year, and consider our tithe to the church. Yes, I look forward to stewardship season because, as I learned to sing as a child, "God is so good—He's so good to me!"

Most of all, however, I like World Communion Sunday because it gives me hope for what I believe humanity can become if we will but take the time to celebrate our similarities as God's people, instead of our differences. When I eat the bread and drink the cup, I imagine sitting on the hillside as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish at the feeding of the 5,000—plus women and children! I study everyone's face: red, brown, yellow, black and white, and recall how precious we all are in God's sight. As I taste the bread and drink the cup, I pray that our unity may one day be restored. This is the purpose of World Communion Sunday.

Deleen and I have a special treat in store for our celebration of World Communion Sunday. On October 7, our church will host a delegation from Hanamaki, Japan as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Hot Springs Sister City program. At 9:30 a.m., I will give a special tour of the Sanctuary, explaining the history and biblical references of our stained-glass windows. Everyone is

welcome to join us and learn more about our church's history.

Then, in our 10:30 a.m. worship service, members of the Japanese delegation will join our choir in singing the special anthems for World Communion Sunday. When the Lord's Supper begins, I will invite a translator to repeat the Words of Institution after me so that our guests may understand the liturgy and feel included. Thanks to our Sister City program, directed by Mary Zunick, we will experience the unifying power of God's love on World Communion Sunday.

So, come experience the power of World Communion Sunday on October 7. Picture yourself with Jesus as he multiplies the loaves and fish. Pretend that you are one of the disciples distributing the baskets and feeding the crowds. Greet our visitors from Japan and help them feel welcome despite our language differences. For the grace of Christ crosses all boundaries, and God's Spirit gives us the ability to translate God's love in all languages. "God is so good—He's so good to me!"

Lacy



When we gather at the Lord's Supper, the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, and one another, and our neighbors in the world.

Elders Class of 2021

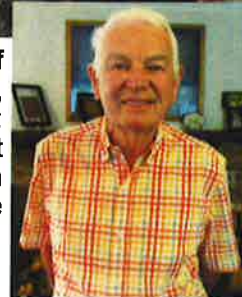


Welcome to our new Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021: (from left) Ian Poole, Al Carney, John Gardner, Dawn Cattaneo, and Becky Sommer. Not pictured: Frani Bailey and Michael Helm, Class of 2020. Their contact information is found in the newly-printed church directory located on the Visitor's Table in the Fellowship Hall.

Deacons Class of 2021



Welcome to our new Deacons for the Class of 2021: (from left) Kathy McConkie, Mari Simmons, Connie Hope, Ann Hiers, and Priscilla Davis. Inset: Carroll Bridges, Class of 2019. Their contact information is found in the newly-printed church directory located on the Visitor's Table in the Fellowship Hall.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOT SPRINGS
SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019**

Building and Grounds

Mark Phillips, Moderator
John Gardner

Christian Education

Dawn Cattaneo, Moderator
Ian Poole

Fellowship

Bob Pierce, Moderator
Peggy Leonhard

Finance and Administration

Al Carney, Moderator
Michael Helm
Sandy Matheney

Membership Care & Outreach

Kent Westmoreland, Moderator
Frani Bailey

Mission

Lynn Landers, Co-Moderator
Becky Sommer, Co-Moderator

Worship

Patricia Mills, Moderator

Personnel

Dick Muse, Moderator
Michael Helm

Nominating Committee

Peggy Leonhard, Moderator
Ian Poole

Clerk of Session

Kathy White

Treasurer

Jim Matheney

In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm...Amen.



-from the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving,
Book of Common Worship,
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome New Members Led and Gwen Davis!



We extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Led and Gwen Davis who joined our church on September 16. Both Led and Gwen were raised in and near Malvern, Arkansas, but have lived across the United States with Led's work for IBM. Led served in the Air Force, is a graduate of McAlister College, and is the father of three. Gwen graduated from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, and is the mother of two children. Both Led and Gwen are ordained ruling elders in

the PC (USA) serving on sessions and other councils of our denomination. Currently, Led is moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas' Committee on Representation. Led and Gwen enjoy being in Kathy White's Sunday School class. Their contact information is:

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During worship on September 23, we bid a fond farewell to Helen Elsom as she moves to Le Claire, Iowa to be near her son, Kyle, and his wife, Sue, who is pictured with her. Helen and Chuck have been familiar faces in our church for many years until Chuck became ill and died on April 6, 2018. For

sixty years, Helen and Chuck lived in Germany, several military installations in the Middle East, and in Nebraska, teaching first aid, water safety, and small craft classes. He was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker! Our prayers extend to Helen and her two sons, Kyle and Scott, for a safe move and continued good health. God bless you all!



HAITI MISSION TRIP

On Sunday, September 23, we welcomed the return of our Haiti Mission Team: Tim and Helen Bumpas and Dick and Carol Mattson. They landed in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Tuesday, September 18, and returned through weather delays early the next Saturday.

These few pictures capture a small part of their journey, traveling hours over rocky roads to visit three elementary schools in the mountains of southern Haiti that are seeking sponsorship. Each school is filled with boys and girls, most of whom are the first in their families to attend school.



When they return home, these students teach their parents and families how to read and write. The mission team will make a report to the Mission Committee next month and plan a report to the congregation in a few weeks. The Mission Team will bring a motion to session to sponsor a

specific school for a three-year commitment. 100% of the funds raised will directly benefit the schools, teachers, and students as directed by the Haiti Education Foundation of El Dorado, Arkansas. You will hear more information soon. Thanks Mission Team!



Session Notes

Welcome to new members Led and Gwen Davis who were received on September 16.

After election by the congregation, ordination, and installation, new Ruling Elders joined the September Session meeting. Committee Moderators and additional Elders serving on standing committees for the next year are as follows:

- Building and Grounds – Mark Phillips, Moderator; John Gardner
- Christian Education – Dawn Cattaneo, Moderator; Ian Poole
- Fellowship – Bob Pierce, Moderator; Peggy Leonhard
- Finance & Administration – Al Carney, Moderator; Michael Helm and Sandy Matheney
- Membership and Outreach – Kent Westmoreland, Moderator; Frani Bailey
- Mission – Lynn Landers and Becky Sommer, Co-Moderators
- Personnel – Dick Muse, Moderator; Michael Helm
- Worship – Patricia Mills, Moderator

Members of the Personnel Committee are Dick Muse, Michael Helm, Paul Mills, Steve Spivey, Karen DeMott, Jeff Carr, and Pat Edwards. Session representatives to the Nominating Committee are Dick Muse and Ian Poole; Diaconate representative is Tom Brown.

Reports from committees included the following:

- Year-to-date financial giving is on budget, and we have an excess of income over expense. This pattern will allow us to increase benevolent giving.
- Repairs are being done to the outside of the Scout House.
- Frankie Ochsner is coordinating volunteers to usher on Sunday mornings.
- The October 10 Family Night Supper will have a tailgate theme with pulled pork sandwiches provided by the Fellowship Committee.
- The Whittington Fest Block Party will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 on Saturday, October 6, is a joint venture of St. Mary's Catholic, Roanoke Baptist, and First Presbyterian Churches to be held in our parking lot. FREE! Food! Music! Bounce houses!
- The Christian Education Committee is working on possible one-day seminars open to the entire congregation.

Kathy White,
Clerk

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Mission Committee outreach project, “Days for Girls,” meet on *October 11, 9:00 a.m.* We are making feminine hygiene kits for girls in poor areas of over 100 countries. “Days for Girls” refers to the days the girls miss from school each month. We need women who can sew, cut, or iron! Please join us. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. You can read more about this project at www.daysforgirls.org




Our 5th Wednesday Women’s Night Out is on Halloween so please join PW for a great dinner at **Wayma Rowe’s, 5:30 p.m., 1102 Higdon Ferry Rd.** Wear costumes and, as usual, we will have a great time. Catering by Smokin’ n Style. Details and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call or text Jackie Edwards @ 625.2025.

Women of First Presbyterian, it’s that time again for your coordinating team to plan the budget for the coming 2018-2019 year. Last year we budgeted \$1525.00 and you gave \$1,825 in pledges. This year we’d like to increase our giving outside of Garland County to the Vera Lloyd Home, Christmas gifts for Vera Lloyd children and the PW mission offering. Won’t you consider giving more than \$25.00 for the year to fund these projects? If you would donate the money you spend on just one Starbucks coffee (\$4.25) each month, you could increase your yearly donation to \$50.00 for your Presbyterian Women’s ministries. Please give this prayerful consideration as you write your check to **Presbyterian Women**. Others will be blessed by your giving.

SAVE THE DATE!

Presbyterian Women of Arkansas **SPRING GATHERING, SATURDAY, April 6, 2019, Jonesboro Arkansas.**

STATISTICS			
September Attendance:			
Dates	Worship	Visitors	Sunday School
9/2	90	3	19
9/9	132	13	27
9/16	108	9	19
9/23	105	7	21
9/30	94	6	22
August Financial Statistics:			
	Year to Date	Budget:	YTD% of Budget:
Pledge Income:	179,713	272,615	66%
Other Income:	37,090	48,101	77%
Legacy Income:	66,667	100,000	67%
Total Income:	283,470	420,716	67%
Total Expenses:	274,988	420,716	65%
Income to Expense:	8,482		
OCTOBER COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees Meet: the week of October 17, Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time. • Session Meets: Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. • Diaconate Meets: Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. in the Library. 			

BARGAIN BOX	
August Sales and Donations	
8/1	189.00
8/8	382.50
8/15	442.00
8/22	215.00
8/29	393.00
Total	\$1,621.50
August Expenditures	
B.B. Supplies	22.50
CCMC	500.00
Project Hope Food Bank	1,500.00
Business Cards	20.00
Total	\$2,042.50
<p>THE BARGAIN BOX IS IN NEED OF HOUSEHOLD AND OTHER ITEMS! Please bring your good, clean, useable items to the church. Don't forget to ask other members of your family, your friends, neighbors and co-workers for their donations as well. For pick up, contact Michael Carr 501-767-5844.</p>	
<p>Won't you consider volunteering in the Bargain Box on sales days? By giving your time you would be helping your neighbors, nursing students (scholarships), and children in distress. Please Rosemary Nipper, 501-525-0153, if you'd like to learn more, or to sign up!</p>	
<p> LIKE us on our new Facebook page, "First Presbyterian Bargain Box."</p>	
<p><u>Bargain Box Workers for October</u></p>	
3rd	Joan Clinton and Carolyn Beane
10th	Sally Pierce and Kathy McConkie
17th	Becky Sommer and Mary Little
24th	Margo Garnett and Jeanette Cline
31st	Carol Mattson and Mary James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall/Winter 2018 Church Family Directories are now available on the Visitors Table, in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Wednesday Study—Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power, and How They Can Be Restored by Marcus J. Borg. Our informal discussions of contemporary issues in Christianity are open to all women. We also practice the old adages, *a burden shared is a burden halved* and *laughter is the best medicine*. Join us at 10:30 on Wednesdays, in the church library for our weekly discussion.

The PW Day Circle Bible will resume study on **Tuesday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m.** (the third Tuesday of each month.)

SALE! SALE! SALE! Bargain Box offers different discounted sale items each week. Please come and check them out. We are open every Wednesday, 12:00 P.M.— 3:00 pm. All proceeds from our sales stay in Garland County for those in need. Thank you!

Jackson House Donations in October: Canned Soup and Canned Vegetables. First Presbyterian provides two people to bag and hand out groceries every Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. **If you'd like to volunteer, please call Jeanette Cline, 623-7233, or 701-0399.** Put your faith in action and become part of FPC's efforts to feed the poor!



Recycle Aluminum—Help the Earth—Help Others!!! Bring your aluminum cans to the church for recycling! Rev. Sellars collects the cans, turns them in to the recycling center and adds the proceeds to the Pastor's Discretionary fund. Please place cans in the kitchen, in or by the Aluminum Recycling Bin. No foil please; the recycling center will not accept it. Your aluminum can contributions, large or small, do make a difference!!!



Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:11



Family Night Supper Tailgate Party Supper!

**October 10, 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Wear your team colors and join us for a Tailgate Party themed supper! The church will provide pulled pork sandwiches and hotdogs; the congregation is asked to provide side dishes to complement the meal. Our program will be about the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival. Speakers from the festival will give us a preview of the upcoming events. Join us!

WHAT IS CENTS-ABILITY? At family night suppers, have you noticed the juice glasses with a “2 cents a meal” cardboard sign attached? I’ve seen them for years and have put some spare change in the glass every now and then. Well now that I’m the PW treasurer and received a flyer from the Cents-ability program seeking donations, I decided to check it out.

The “Two Cents a Meal” began in 1976 as a project to involve individuals to the needs of world hunger. This is an international as well as national ministry to help end hunger. Organizations can submit a grant on how they are going to assist in this process and that is what our money goes toward. To me it appears very similar to the Heifer Project, except people are responsible for planning, growing, and cultivating their own food or for food banks.

Being the PW treasurer I figured out how little this program is asking from each person.

2 cents a meal times 3 a day= 6 cents

6 cents a day times 30 days= \$1.80

Round that to the nearest dollar and it’s \$2.00 a month

Please think about this when looking at that glass on YOUR table. Won’t you donate \$2.00 a month to help others start growing their own food and take a bite out of hunger?

PS- We can take checks for the year if you want. \$2.00 x 12 = \$24.00

WHITTINGTON FEST BLOCK PARTY

Sponsored By

- St. Mary's Catholic Church*
- Roanoke Baptist Church*
- First Presbyterian Church*

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 6
5-7pm



COOK-OUT



WHERE TO GO: PARKING LOT OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



HOT SPRINGS POLICE CANINE

MUSIC & SINGING 

BOUNCE HOUSE

Hot Springs

GAMES

Fire Department

FAMILY FRIENDLY



First Presbyterian Members are asked to bring a side dish (desserts provided by Roanoke Baptist Church) to complement burgers and hot dogs. The church will be open after noon, on Saturday, for food delivery. Please bring your lawn chair to the party!

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

10/06/18 **Whittington Fest Block Party**
ALL ages, 3-Church Event, FPC Parking
Lot, Food, Games. And Music

10/14/18 **Pumpkin Carving!**
6:00 p.m. **ALL AGES**
FPCFH **Dinner Provided**



10/28/18 **Church Fall Festival**
Pot-Luck
4:00—6:00 p.m. **All ages**
Church Members and Friends Welcome!

11/11/18 **Thanksgiving Art**
6:00 p.m. **ALL AGES**
FPCFH **Dinner Provided**

12/02/18 **Christmas Cookie Decorating**
10:00 a.m.— **and Delivery to Shut Ins**
2:00 P.M.
FPCFH **ALL AGES**



Any event info will be sent by text, mail, email, Instagram, and the church's FB page. Please make sure and respond ASAP to any communication or RSVP when noted. Thanks!

Instagram: hspresyouth

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs

ANNUAL CASSEROLE CONTEST WINNERS!



1st Place - Char Paul, Hominy Casserole

2nd Place - Cheryl Poole, Chicken Brochetta

3rd Place - Sally Pierce, Sausage Rice

HOMINY CASSEROLE

- 5 Cans hominy, drained
- 1/2 can Ro-Tel, drained
- 3/4 c sour cream
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp cumin SEED
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 TBS chopped, cilantro—divided in half,
- 1-2 C cheese, Monterey Jack/Cheddar, shredded—divided in half
- Fresh chopped jalapeno to taste—optional

Mix all ingredients and pour into buttered casserole baking dish, top with 2nd half of cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with 2nd half of cilantro.

ANNUAL DESSERT CONTEST WINNERS!



1st Place - Nicholas Hinson, Angel Food Cake w/ Sauce

2nd Place - Billy Sisler, Hershey Bar Pie

3rd Place - Jamie Williams, Chocolate Cake

WERTHER'S ORIGINAL ANGEL FOOD CAKE

- Boxed Angel Food Cake mix, prepared as directed, cool completely

CARAMEL SAUCE—in medium pan stir together:

- 3 pkgs Werther's Original candy, unwrapped, frozen in a zip lock bag, then crushed with a meat tenderizer or rolling pin
- 1/2 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 C brown sugar
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- Salt to taste

Wisk all caramel ingredients together over medium heat until it comes to a rolling boil, stirring constantly. Cool completely.

Poor cooled caramel into center well of cooled cake.



Memorials Given in September in Memory of...

Agnes Mathis

by

Jeff and Michael Carr
 Kathy McConkie
 Jamie Williams
 Bill and Mary James
 Dick and Carol Mattson
 Steve and Karen DeMott
 Bill and Elaine Pathmann
 Nancy Doyle
 Joe Allshouse
 Bill and Judi Creason
 Al and Betty Kate Carney

Bob and Sally Pierce
 Gerald and Helen Murders
 Earl and Suzanne Babbie
 Joan Jones
 June Scully
 Linda Logsdon
 Tim and Helen Bumpas
 Carolyn Tennyson
 Ernest and Rosemary Nipper
 William and Mary Zobel

William "Punch" Anderson

by

Bill and Mary James
 Dan and Joan Clinton
 Harold, Dawn, and Melody Duke
 Nancy Doyle

Jane M. Bonner

by

Joan Jones

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I just want to say thank you again for everyone's kindness last week during the wonderful service for Mum (Agnes Mathis). I also want to thank the Women of the Church for all the work they did in providing food after the service. Your Southern hospitality is something else! Lorene and I, and my brother, Tom, and "V" cannot thank you enough for all the love and care you have given my parents, and us, through the years.

Thank you again,

Carol Mathis.

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