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"The Days That Make Us
Happy Make Us Wise"

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August Newsletter Deadline: July 27

Celebrate Summer 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 *June 17 and July 15*, after Worship, to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries!

June Birthdays

Jeanette Cline	1-Jun	Boyce Lovett	17-Jun
Deleen Davidson	2-Jun	Maleea Muzny	18-Jun
Cody Gardner	2-Jun	Steve Shoup	20-Jun
Max Meyers	4-Jun	Emma Jean Moore	21-Jun
Thomas Rath	4-Jun	Joe Pascual	23-Jun
Barbara Davis	7-Jun	Tom Harst	24-Jun
Ben Bateman	11-Jun	Tanner Rice	24-Jun
Shannon Carroll	12-Jun	Frances Bateman	25-Jun
Patricia Mills	12-Jun	Bob Byrne	26-Jun
Cheryl Poole	12-Jun	Kathy McConkie	26-Jun
Isaac Carroll	14-Jun	Tom Beam	27-Jun
Hayden Clem	14-Jun	Steve Hinsley	29-Jun
Thomas Burrow	15-Jun	Linda Logsdon	30-Jun

June Anniversaries

Steve and Karen DeMott	1-Jun
Leslie and Shelia Allen	11-Jun
Stanley and Stacey Grise	12-Jun
Bill and Elaine Pathmann	18-Jun
Charles and Margaret Feldman	25-Jun
John and Frankie Ochsner	25-Jun
Joe and Eleanor Pascual	27-Jun
Donald and Mari Simmons	30-Jun

God Bless You on Your Special Day!

July Birthdays

Evan Meyers	2-Jul	Andy Danhof	20-Jul
Joan Jones	3-Jul	Sue Stone	20-Jul
Dianna Thayer	3-Jul	Clare King Tilley	20-Jul
Judy Hoefler	5-Jul	Sylvia Bryant	21-Jul
Jacob Florini-Parker	7-Jul	Connie Bradley	22-Jul
Bill Nieburg	7-Jul	Darin Meyers	23-Jul
Carolyn Beane	8-Jul	Ann Poole	23-Jul
Andrew Olson	9-Jul	Jan Meyers	24-Jul
Zoe Cattaneo	10-Jul	Jackie Edwards	26-Jul
Anna Geltner	10-Jul	Karolyn Mohrman	26-Jul
David Hessong	12-Jul	Thea Rice	26-Jul
Charolette Paul	12-Jul	Richard Mohrman	27-Jul
Samuel Carroll	14-Jul	Bill Cattaneo	28-Jul
Steve Spivey	14-Jul	Bill Davis	29-Jul
Beverly Johnson	15-Jul	Carol Mattson	29-Jul
Nancy Britt	17-Jul	Penny Marshall	30-Jul
Gracie Gann	17-Jul	Priscilla Davis	31-Jul
Lacy Sellars	19-Jul	Nancy Mitchell	31-Jul

July Anniversaries

James and Clare Tilley	1-Jul
Gerald and Helen Murders	3-Jul
David and Hannah Mills	3-Jul
Bill and Judi Creason	13-Jul
Ric and Cheryl Poole	14-Jul
Al and Betty Kate Carney	25-Jul

God Bless You on Your Special Day!

2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

Summer is here, and the session has approved the following events and schedule changes for your enjoyment. Please note the following summer activities.

This is a combined **June and July Newsletter**. The office will not publish a July newsletter. Let the office know if you need to send a church-wide announcement by e-mail.

- **Casual-Dress Sundays** will be observed in June, July, and the first two Sundays in August.
- **Children and Youth Sunday School Classes** will take a summer break from July 1 through August 12. Adult classes will meet as usual pending changes agreed upon by each class.
- **The Chancel Choir** will take their summer break through the month of July. Send Rev. Sellars a request to sing your favorite hymns during worship in June and July, even if it's not in the hymnal.
- **The Mighty Men of Music** will lead our special Independence Day celebration in worship on July 1.
- **The Older Youth** are traveling to Eureka Springs June 28-30 to see the Passion Play and enjoy all the festivities!
- **The June 27 stated Session meeting has been cancelled.** Check with your committee moderator for summer committee schedules.
- **Nell McFarland's great grandson**, Ashton Cole, will be baptized in worship on Sunday, June 24, with all her family present.

There are no Family Night Suppers in June or July. Mark your calendar for the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m.



THANK YOU, GOD, FOR SUMMER!

What are you looking forward to this summer? Time at the beach? A hike in the woods? A long visit with friends over a good meal? I'm looking forward to a family reunion in Oklahoma, visiting friends along the way whom we haven't seen in years, and accomplishing chores on the "honey-do" list. I'm looking forward to summer tomatoes, green beans, and Darlene's peach cobbler filled with fresh Arkansas peaches. I'm also looking for a new novel to read this summer. Do you have any suggestions for me?

I also look forward to worship at First Presbyterian during the summer. I enjoy seeing everyone arrive in casual dress and singing favorite hymns that we somehow don't get around to at other times of the year. I enjoy hearing the solos, duets, and special anthems Deleen and Elsen prepare while the choir is on break. Be sure you're here on July 1st when the "Mighty Men of Music" lead us in a joyful 4th of July celebration.

Have you noticed that worship attendance is often stronger in the summer? Families come to visit and we bring them to church with us. Tourists from across the country come to worship, even while on vacation, and are enriched by our liturgy and hospitality. Each June I look for a specific bride and groom who return to Hot Springs to thank God for their wedding that took place in our Sanctuary five years ago. Each year they make time to give thanks.

Summer is a good time to rearrange our schedule to say "thank you" to God. If we mean what we say—that life is a gift—then it's important that we make time to thank the giver. The best way I know to thank God for life is to enjoy it. What if someone gives us a gift and we just place it on the shelf and don't enjoy it? The person who gave it to us would be disappointed. The same is true for God. We best thank God for our lives not by working

ourselves to death, but by enjoying each day we are given. What changes can we make this summer to enjoy each day, and say “thank you” to God?

During June and July, the session has decided to rearrange the church’s schedule in some small ways, to help you make time to enjoy yourself, and thus thank God for the gift of life. Look at the list of changes on page 5. Ask yourself what you might do to enjoy the gift God has given you. Yes, it’s a spiritual gift to work hard and produce what we need to live and survive. It is also a gift to release that effort and relax, enjoying God’s gift to us, just to have fun.

So, have a good summer. I wish you the joy of enjoying yourself this summer and giving thanks to God, who also gives thanks for you.

Lacy



We thank you, O Lord, for the mercies of life, for hard work and relaxation. May we happily embrace every time given. Renew our spirits, O Lord, in our times of fun, in recreation, in our time off. All life is your gift; families, friends, the rhythms of life, pleasure, beauty, and the chance to enjoy them. You are sovereign, O Lord. May every moment of our life be subject to your reign. Refresh us with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome Connie Hope

Member Date: April 22, 2018

104 Stone Creek Circle
Hot Springs, AR 71913
501-520-0047



Welcome Denise Parker

Member Date: May 20, 2018

100 Bellaire Loop
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Welcome Carl and Marie Bell

Member Date: May 20, 2018

110 Burchwood Bay Cove
Hot Springs, AR 71913
870-550-2822

*Please add our new member's contact information to your
Church Family Directory*

2018 Confirmation Class
Received into Membership on May 15, 2018



Isaac Henry Carroll

John Tyler Gardner

(not pictured)

Cody Michael Gardner

(not pictured)




Nicholas Jeffrey Hinson



Mary Elizabeth (Cookie) Moore

STATISTICS			
MAY Attendance:			
Dates	Worship	Visitors	Sunday School
5/6	119	6	36
5/13	142	20	26
5/20	115	9	9
5/27	84	11	20
APRIL Financial Statistics:			
	Year to Date	Budget:	YTD% of Budget:
Pledge Income:	101,454	272,615	37%
Other Income:	24,868	48,101	52%
Legacy Income:	33,333	100,000	33%
Total Income:	159,655	420,716	38%
Total Expenses:	136,114	420,716	32%
Income to Expense:	23,541		
JUNE COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees Meet: the week of June 18. Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time. • Session is CANCELLED in June. • Diaconate Meets: Wednesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. in the library. 			
JULY COMMITTEES - DIACONATE - SESSION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees Meet: the week of July 16, Contact your Moderator for specific place, date, and time. • Session Meets: Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. • Diaconate Meets: Wednesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m. in the library. 			

BARGAIN BOX	
APRIL Sales and Donations	
4/4	210.50
4/11	246.00
4/18	145.00
4/25	279.90
Total	881.40
APRIL Expenditures	
Habitat for Humanity	500.00
CCMC	500.00
Total	\$1000.00
<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.</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>	
<u>Bargain Box Workers for June</u>	
6th	Ann Hiers and TBA
13th	Sally Pierce and Kathy McConkie
20th	Becky Sommer and Joan Clinton
27th	Frances Bateman and Jeanette Cline
<u>Bargain Box Workers for July</u>	
4th	CLOSED
11th	Sally Pierce and Kathy McConkie
18th	Becky Sommer and Mary James
25th	Truman and Frani Bailey



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The PW Mission Committee outreach project, “Days for Girls,” meet on *June 14, and July 12, 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

SAVE THE DATES!!

The **2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** will be held August 2–5, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. 2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary!
#PWGathering #2018ChurchwideGathering

Saturday, September 8th is the Fall Gathering at Westminster Church in Hot Springs. Rev. Claire Rhodes will give the message, Dawn Dvoracek will present the mission project, and Dr. Laura Fleetwood will give an overview of our new Horizons Bible study. Cost is \$10.00, it’s over by 1:00 AND you get lunch! More information to follow.

HEIFER TUBE WAS EMPTIED AGAIN! Thanks to your quarters we were able to send \$110.00 to the Heifer Project. An added surprise was they **TRIPLED** our donation! So, we bought a whole bunch of **GOATS!** I researched these animals and found them to be interesting.

- Goats provide milk that is used for cheese, soap, and butter. Goats range in weight from 35 pounds (Pygmy) to 230 pounds (Boer). Pygmy goats are best for meat.
- They are the earliest domesticated animals. Evidence suggests they were domesticated at least 10,000 years ago. Now that’s an “Old Goat.” (had to put that in here)
- Largest population of goats is in Texas.
- Goats have accents. Their calls and accents change as they get older and move to different groups.
- Goats live in tribes or trips, not herds. However, herd is acceptable.
- Cashmere is harvested from Cashmere goats. Wool is shorn from the goats and the coarse outer hair is separated from the soft inner downy coat. This soft undercoat is spun into yarn for textiles.
- When fainting goats panic, their muscles are temporarily paralyzed which causes them to “faint”.

Now you can amaze your friends about goats.

Let’s continue filling that tube with quarters and see what other animals we can buy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women's Wednesday Study will begin a new book on June 13. Please join us as we tackle The Apocrypha by David A. deSilva. Kathie White will coordinate this study, with a different class member leading the discussion each week. We meet in the Library at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings, and welcome new members. Just be ready to share, to laugh, and to enjoy the fellowship of other women seeking to understand more about our place in God's world.

The PW Day Circle Bible Study meets **Tuesday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m.** (the third Tuesday of each month), to study our 2017-18 PW/Horizons Bible Study, **Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.**

Jackson House Donations June: Canned Vegetables.

Jackson House Donations July: Cereal.

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!

HELP SEND GARRETT GARNER To JUNIOR NATIONALS WRESTLING

Our own Garrett Garner, a rising senior at Lakeside High School, is one of the best Freestyle Wrestlers in Arkansas. His talent and hard work have earned him a place on the Arkansas National Wrestling Team as they head to the *Asics Junior National Championships* in Fargo, North Dakota on July 14. Participants in this tournament are our future Olympians!

The total cost of the trip is \$875 plus \$200 for their share of transportation as a team. The fee covers housing, meals, entry fees, training, and required gear for the tournament.

Garrett will be in church on June 3 to share his story and provide information about the tournament. You may give your tax-deductible gift, made payable to First Presbyterian Church, at that time, or send your gift to the church no later than June 30. More information is on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Come support Garrett and wish him well in this fantastic opportunity!

First Presbyterian Church Emergency Food Pantry



The Mission Committee has authorized a new mission project, the First Pres Emergency Food Pantry. The pantry is located in the closet at the Whittington Avenue business entrance to the church. It will be stocked with items from food boxes donated by Project Hope Food Bank and other donations. The pantry is open during church business hours to anyone in need of emergency food assistance.

Project HOPE Food Bank provides (at no charge) First Presbyterian Church with emergency food boxes for distribution to families we know are in need of food. Each food box cost a little over \$32, which is entirely supported by donations to Project Hope. If you'd like to make a donation to Project Hope to help insure that families in our community do not go hungry, please send your tax exempt gift to: Project Hope Food Bank, P.O. Box 39, Hot Springs, AR 71902. For more information please call: 501-623-3663

TABLE OF GRACE COMMUNITY MEAL

GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

is offering a **FREE** Community Meal

Beginning June 3, 2018

Weekly on Sundays

5:00 p.m. (doors open at 4:30)

Everyone Welcome!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, calls, and memorials sent in memory of Dick's Mother, Audrey Mattson. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Dick and Carol Mattson

In celebration of our Witness to the Resurrection, the ashes of our member, Dick Kelley, will be interred in our Columbarium on Sunday, June 10, 2018 following the morning worship service and the after-service fellowship. All are welcome to attend this brief service. Jan wishes to thank the church for the many expressions of love and faith she has received the past several weeks.

Flower Angels

When you look at the beautiful flowers by the pulpit on Sunday mornings, did you ever wonder where they went after church? Well, there are two possibilities for their destination. The person who donated them can take them home, or they can be left for distribution. The deacons and Jan Meyers are the "flower angels" of FPC. Monday mornings, Jan creates artistic vases with the flowers and greenery. A deacon will come by and pick up these "rays of sunshine" and deliver to those in our church needing a bit of cheer. So thanks to all of you who provide the beauty of the Earth to FPC members!

Columbarium

Have you visited our Columbarium lately? Do you know we have one?

The Columbarium is the beautiful room, beside the stairs, leading to the balcony. When you are there, a peaceful, calm feeling surrounds you; stained glass, lovely woodwork, and close proximity to the sanctuary all make it a perfect place of forever rest.

Take some time to visit our Columbarium, again, or for the first time. If you are considering it for yourself or your family, please call the church office for more information, 624-5646.





Memorials Given in Memory of...

Chuck Elsom

by

Kristen Garnant
Kelly McCreery

Shirley Muzny

by

Jeff and Michael Carr
Bill and Mary James

Audrey Mattson

by

Michael and Barbara Helm
Jan Kelley
Bill and Mary James
Steve and Karen DeMott
Judy Hoefler
Nancy Doyle

Richard "Dick" Kelley

by

Bill and Mary James
Barbara and Michael Helm
Joe Allshouse
Judy Hoefler
Nancy Doyle
Steve and Karen DeMott
Tim and Helen Bumpas

Ed Mills

by

Kathy McConkie
Nancy Doyle

Betty Allshouse

by

Mark's Upholstery
(Donation of Parlor Chair Repair)

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