



The Lamplighter



Leviticus 19:36

You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

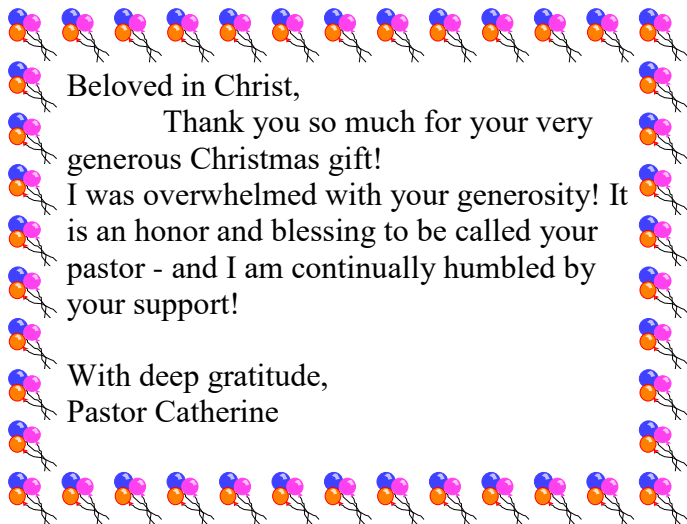
As I write this, my calendar is filling up - quickly - and I find myself feeling little apprehensive about how I am going to keep a sense of balance while getting it all done. I confess that I fall into the same trap that many do in our culture today - thinking that a full calendar points to a successful person - and as a person of faith - one that God is using! I admit that I have observed what many of my colleagues are doing, and often felt like a slacker in comparison.

With that in mind, when I read the passage from Leviticus above, I first read it as an affirmation of the need for balance in my life -probably because I feel like it is missing at the moment. In actuality, this passage is from a section of Leviticus pertaining to holiness in personal conduct - in specific - about not being dishonest in the standards of measurements used..... but I think for now I will take it as a reminder from God for me to strive for a healthy balance in my life.

It is something that I think we all need to be reminded of from time to time. Filling up our days with tasks- even those that make our hearts sing - while leaving little space for quiet and for God, is just not healthy, physically or spiritually. We don't need a full calendar to live a faithful and fulfilling life. There is a blessing in the regular rhythm of getting up - doing work of some sort - coming home - having dinner - spending time with family or alone and resting. It sounds dull - but in actually I think it provides the space that we need - space to see the blessings and beauty of life around us - space to see how and where God is present and might be calling us to discover and share something new.

My prayer for us all is that we will strive in all areas of our lives for a healthy balance - one that includes time for family, friends, silence, and God.

February blessings,
Pastor Catherine


 Beloved in Christ,
 Thank you so much for your very generous Christmas gift!
 I was overwhelmed with your generosity! It is an honor and blessing to be called your pastor - and I am continually humbled by your support!
 With deep gratitude,
 Pastor Catherine



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION MEETING
There was no Session meeting in January do to the weather.



Bring your donations to tackle hunger in **OUR COMMUNITY.**

Souper Bowl of Caring helps young people across America develop a stronger connection to their communities by caring for their neighbors in need. Join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Learn more at tacklehunger.org.

Date / Time: February 3rd, 2019
Location: Fulton Presbyterian Church
Collecting For: Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: the Huizenga Family

- February 3 Dale Thayer
- February 10 Dawn Petersen
- February 17 Mike and Melinda Kramer
- February 24 Available

THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY
February suggested donations:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Corn



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Our Men's Fellowship Group continues to meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. This month it will be February 9th, all men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LUNCH BUNCH



Lunch Bunch meet on Thursdays . We will be at The Paddlewheel Restaurant in Fulton on February 14th at 11:30 am. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the hallway. Come and bring a neighbor, friend, or anyone who needs a day out.

MSH FREEZN FOR A REASON

If you are interested in running or walking this event is for you. If you are just interested in donating you can do that as well, just make out your check to Fulton Presbyterian Church (Mission Starfish Haiti). The race/walk will begin and end at the church. After the race there will be Chili and Snacks available at the Church. And if you feel you can help in any way please contact Jean Roeder at 563-249-7629. See Page Four for race entry and more information.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Mission Starfish Haiti Trivia Night and raffle. We raised \$2464.00 dollars and came close to filling the Outreach Center on a less than ideal evening to be out. Our Freezn for a Reason Run is coming up Saturday February 16th. Silentor will be worshipping at our church February 10th and will give us an update on activities at MSH.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mission Starfish Haiti: Your support of Stephanie, our Mission Starfish Haiti child was again successful. Thank You to all who donated. Your donations have been sent and your help will provide Stephanie with the resources she needs.



tacklehunger.org

The Committee once again this year is sponsoring Souper Bowl of Caring. The pots will be available for your donations on February 3rd. All that is received will be donated to the Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry.

The Committee is also planning another plant sale for later in the spring. Thank You to Everyone for supporting the efforts of the Outreach Committee this past year and into the future.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fellowship Committee will once again be hosting a Pancake and Sausage (eggs too) Breakfast on Sunday February 10th immediately following Worship. A Free Will Offering will be accepted and go toward future Fellowship events.

CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS

The Chancel and Bell choirs continue to practice. The Bell Choir practice begins at 6 p.m. and the Chancel Choir follows at 7 p.m. If you only want to join for special occasions you will be welcomed as well. New members are always welcome!

GREETERS

We need your help by signing up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sign up sheet which is found on the table in the Narthex. Thank You



FREEZIN for a REASON

5k Run/Walk

OR- stay warm & donate

Saturday, February 16 @ 12 pm in Fulton, IL



Proceeds from this race will help Fulton Mission Starfish Haiti Team assist in needed projects.

Course Description/Location:

- 5k race course begins and ends at the Fulton Presbyterian Church, 311 N 9th St Fulton, IL
- This is a challenging course as it winds downhill to the bike path overlooking the mighty Mississippi with a chance to view majestic eagles along the way. ** If extreme weather occurs on race day, the race will be shortened to 2 miles.**
- Plentiful parking in front of the church.

Please contact Jean Roeder at 563-249-7629 with questions.

5k Run/Walk Information:

- Early registration through Feb 10th - \$25
- Late Registration after Feb 10th - \$30
- Tshirts guaranteed to all entries received by Feb 10th. XXL add \$2
- Packet pick up 2 - 3 pm on race day at the church
- Age Divisions for 5k RUN: 15 and under, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 +
- Awards to 1st place male and female overall finishers, and the top three runners in each age division.

Sleep in And Donate:

- Not a runner or walker, but still want to donate?
- Make your checks payable to Fulton Presbyterian Church (Mission Starfish Haiti)
- Mail to or drop by the church post race:
311 N 9th St Fulton, IL 61252

2 ways to Register:

- Mail registration to Jean Roeder
301 4th St #7 Fulton, IL 61252
- Online: getmeregistered.com

*make checks payable to **Fulton Presbyterian Church, Mission Starfish Haiti**

Post race Chili and snacks available at the church.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Street Address: _____ Ph #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Shirt Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL (add \$2) _____

5k Run _____ 5K Walk _____ (circle cost *see above) \$25 \$30

Stay Warm and Donate Amount: \$ _____

In consideration of my entry, I intend to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, to waive release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which may herein after accrue to me against the officials of the run, the Fulton Presbyterian Church, and the city of Fulton and all sponsors for any and all accidents or injuries incurred by me at this event and while traveling to and from this event. I am aware that participating in a road race is a potentially hazardous activity and assume all risk associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effect of the weather, and conditions of the road. I further state that I have trained adequately and am in suitable athletic condition to the race I have entered

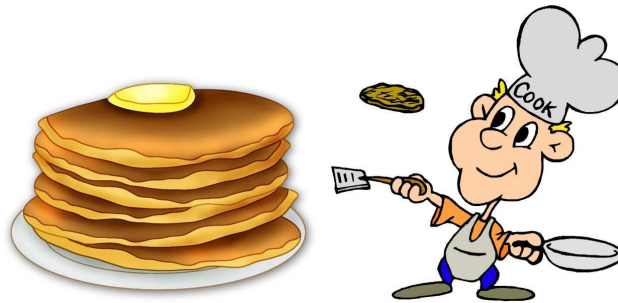
Signature _____ Date: _____
(Legal guardian if under 18)

The Fellowship Committee Presents a

Pancake Breakfast



After Worship Service on
Sunday, February 10th.



Free Will Donation To Be Used For Future Fellowship Events



Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad You Did!

How about Hand Bells?

The hand bell choir is looking for members. Even if you have trouble reading music you can still be a member. Members are able to mark their part so they can clearly see when they are to play. We meet at 6:00 pm on Thursdays. We prepare our songs with at least a six week cushion so that if you need to miss a practice you can still feel confident in your performance. Come and be

Do you like to Sing?

If you answered the question with a "Yes" then we would love to have you as a member of the Chancel Choir. We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We practice our music so that we are always working at least six weeks ahead of our scheduled service. This allows members to miss practices if necessary and still feel confident when they perform. So come one come all as we raise songs of praise to God.



February 1, 2019	Pastor's day off	February 16, 2018	Freezn For A Reason at church @ Noon to ????
February 2, 2019		February 17, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
February 3, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	February 18, 2019	Pastor Com Retreat at Stronghold 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet
February 4, 2019	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Papers 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet	February 19, 2019	Pastor Com Retreat at Stronghold 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor NOT at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Quilters meet
February 5, 2019	1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor	February 20, 2019	559@ FPC 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending
February 6, 2019	Noon - RMA here at church 559@ FPC 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending	February 21, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
February 7, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	February 22, 2019	Pastor's day off
February 8, 2019	Pastor's day off	February 23, 2019	
February 9, 2019	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Session Retreat at Agri-King	February 24, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
February 10, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	February 25, 2019	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet
February 11, 2019	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet	February 26, 2019	Pastor will be at Presbytery for the day. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL NOT BE at Steam Anchor
February 12, 2019	Presbytery Meeting - First Presbyterian Church of DuPage of Bolingbrook. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL NOT BE at Steam Anchor	February 27, 2019	559@ FPC 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending 6:00 p.m. MSH Trivia Night
February 13, 2019	559@ FPC 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending	February 28, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
February 14, 2019	Happy Valentine's Day! 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch at Paddlewheel in Fulton		
February 15, 2019	Pastor's day off		

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February 1	Warren Wiersema
February 4	Ruth Letcher
February 6	Marie Johnson
February 8	Christa Curley
February 10	Kelly Smith
February 12	Jean Wilkin
February 13	Ron Koehn
February 15	Bill Wilkin
February 20	Chris Schrader
February 21	Caleb Malkewitz
February 22	Aliya Bueno Dale Thayer
February 27	Laura Tichler



ANNIVERSARIES

February 21	Paul and Donna Parker
February 24	Don and Linda Damhoff Manreet and Melanie Kalyan
February 29	Tom Sr. and Thelma Warner

If your birthday or anniversary was missed please contact the office.

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor - 9 a.m. to Noon - Monday - Thursday
Secretary - 8 a.m. to noon - Monday - Friday



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday February 14th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday February 9th. For more information contact Bill Wilkin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please contact us at the office. We are available by e-mail, telephone, or regular mail. We will pass your request along to everyone, there are never too many prayers. Thank You Paul and Pastor Cath

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that when you pay your bills by "Bill Pay" online you can include the church or even make it an automatic payment. Please see Paul Delzell for more information.

QUARTERLY DONATION STATEMENT AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

With a new update to our computer program, your donation statement is now available through e-mail. If you are willing to receive your statement in this manner, please contact me. I have started this new method with several signing up. Thank You Paul Delzell

DID YOU KNOW?

If you put loose trash in any of the containers outside the kitchen door, someone will have to fish it back out and put it in a trash bag. Our trash is carried to the curb in bags by someone to be picked up by the trash collectors. So PLEASE DO NOT put loose trash in either of the trash containers put it in a garbage sack. Thank You Paul Delzell

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are you in need of offering envelopes? I have begun a new policy of printing them when you need them as many have said they have some left from previous years. So, if you are in need please call the office or drop a note in my box at church to let me know how many you would like and I will print them. Thank You Paul Delzell



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