



The Lamplighter



21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

You may have heard, either from me in person, or from someone else in the church, that I am in the process of moving. The new house, is by any standards, a project house, but it has good bones, and great potential, so all and all I am excited to help it become a comfortable home for the girls (Bella and Daisy) and me. I bought the house which is a ranch, and about three times the size of my former home, anticipating that as some point one or both of my parents will come to live with me.

Did I tell you it was three times the size? It is, and I am already worried about where my parents things might go. You see, I really never realized just how much “stuff” I truly have. I have always considered myself to be someone who has kept the sin of materialism at bay.....and am now facing the hard truth that I have I failed terribly in that area! I think having to move a large majority of the boxes by myself has brought home just how much stuff I have that I don’t really need.

Jesus says that where my treasure is I will find my heart - and while I would like to say it is first with Jesus, and secondly with my family.....I think all my “stuff” says something entirely different. This summer, added to my never-ending “to do list” I have added a new task - one that is at the top of the list - and that is figuring out what is really important to me to keep as a disciple of Christ - and what I need to let go of so I can be the disciple that Christ calls me to be.

What is on your summer “to do list?”

Summer blessings,
Pastor Catherine

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Jim and Ann Balk

- June 2 Available
- June 9 Available
- June 16 Ron and Connie Koehn
- June 23 Available
- June 30 Available

THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY

June suggested donations:

- Dry Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Toasted Corn Flakes
- Crackers

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Harlan and Evelyn Schaver

- July 7 Available
- July 14 Available
- July 21 Available
- July 28 Available

THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY

July suggested donations:

- Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- 12 oz. Egg Noodles

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Available

- August 4 Available
- August 11 Available
- August 18 Available
- August 25 Available

THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY

August suggested donations:

- Tuna Fish
- Pork and Beans
- Canned Green Beans

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| June/July August | CALENDAR OF EVENTS | June 28 | Pastor's Day Off | July 26 | Pastor's Day Off |
| June 2 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | June 30 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | July 28 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship |
| June 3 | 6:30 Boy Scouts meet Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in Office. | July 1 | 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Meet | July 30 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor |
| June 4 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in Office. | July 2 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor Fulton Summer Nights | August 2 | Pastor 's Day Off |
| June 5 | Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in Office. | July 4 | Independence Day Office Closed | August 4 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship |
| June 6 | Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in Office. | July 5 | Pastor's Day Off | August 5 | 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Meet |
| June 7 | Pastor's Day Off Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in Office. | July 7 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | August 6 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor |
| June 8 | 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Paul on Vacation. | July 8 | 10:00 a.m. Finance Commit- tee meets | August 8 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Meets |
| June 9 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | July 9 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Session Meets | August 9 | Pastor's Day Off |
| June 10 | 10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meet | July 11 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch | August 10 | 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship |
| June 11 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Session Meets | July 12 | Pastor's Day Off | August 11 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship |
| June 12 | | July 13 | 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship | August 12 | 10:00 a.m. Finance Commit- tee meets |
| June 13 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch | July 14 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | August 13 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Session Meets |
| June 14 | Pastor's Day Off | July 16 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Quilters Meet | August 18 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship |
| June 16 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | July 19 | Pastor's Day Off | August 20 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Quilters Meet |
| June 18 | 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL BE at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Quilters Meet | July 21 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | August 25 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship |
| June 21 | Pastor's Day Off | July 23 | Pastor to Presbytery for Day 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL NOT BE at Steam Anchor 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Alamo Palms Reunion in Outreach | August 27 | Pastor to Presbytery for day 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL NOT BE at Steam Anchor |
| June 23 | 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship | July 24 | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Alamo Palms Reunion in Outreach | August 30 | Pastor's Day Off |
| June 25 | Pastor at Presbytery for day 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor WILL NOT BE at Steam Anchor | | | | |

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. The next three months it will be June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch meet on the second Thursdays each month. They will meet June 13th, July 11th, and August 8th. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the hallway. Come and bring a neighbor, friend, or anyone who needs a day out.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the 559 youth for delivering the May Baskets to Harbor Crest Nursing Home residents.

Tuesday July 2nd is "Fulton Summer Nights" event. Our church will once again this year be a sponsor for "Fulton Summer Nights".

Rice and Beans Go a LONG Way in Haiti!

As a congregation, we are working to provide peanut butter, jelly, chips, and other lunch items to **feed children in our community** who will be getting free lunches this summer. Once again, the Outreach committee would like to challenge the congregation to help **feed the children and families of Mission Starfish Haiti as well**. During the summer months when school is not in session, the students do not get the daily hot meal that they get during the school year. Many families struggle to provide even a single meal a day of rice and/or beans.

ONE 50-pound bag of rice (costing about \$20) will feed a family of five for about 18 days!!

ONE 50-pound bag of beans (costing about \$35) lasts a family of five for about 48 days. There are approximately 48 cups of beans in each bag and a daily serving is only one-fifth of a cup per person!

School at Mission Starfish Haiti will be out through September, so we will be collecting monetary donations from June through August and sending that money on to Mission Starfish Haiti periodically over the summer. Our RICE AND BEANS drive will kick off on Sunday, June 2nd. We hope that you will help provide nutrition during the summer months for Mission Starfish Haiti students and their families.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

Fellowship Committee LumberKings Baseball Outing

Sunday, June 30th

2pm Game Time



All Faiths Day

\$4 General Admission with a Church bulletin



CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS

The Chancel and Bell choirs have taken vacation for the summer. They will be practicing again in September. FPC Bell Choir will begin at 6 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will follow at 7 p.m. 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



FINANCIAL UPDATE



Your Finance Committee provides the following update on our finances. We had another good month in April. We received \$6,563.26 more than our expenses were. One of our families gave their entire pledge for the year during the month of April which greatly increased our income for the month. We must remember that that was a one-time donation and we must make it last the rest of the year. For the first 4 months of this year we have received \$68,557.46 of income and had \$62,362.98 in expenses.

Our parking lot was repaved and striped the week of May 13th. The bill for this work was \$72,600.00. On May 24th, Mike Hand and Dale Thayer, President and Treasurer of the corporation (respectively), met with Community State Bank to finalize the paperwork for the loan for the parking lot work. The amount of the parking lot loan is \$72,677.00 which includes \$65.00 for document fees and \$12.00 for Flood Certification.

As of May 24th, our loan payments for the parking lot loan will be \$594.13 per month commencing July 5, 2019. The interest rate is 5.4% until June 5, 2024 which is the maturity date of the loan.

As of May 24th, our mortgage payments will be \$661.67 per month commencing on July 5, 2019. This is a reduction of \$985.90 per month in our monthly payment for the mortgage. The interest rate is 4.5% until November 1, 2020, and will then be adjusted to a rate of 5.4% until June 5, 2024, which is the balloon date of the parking lot loan. Our current balance on the mortgage is \$60,913.34.

Our COMBINED payments for the mortgage AND the parking lot loan are now \$1,255.80 due the 5th day of each month commencing with the July 5, 2019 payment. This is \$391.77 LESS than we were paying per month on just our mortgage. No payment for the mortgage is due in June this year. On May 28th, both payments were set up at the bank for automatic transfer from the church checking account with Dale Thayer, Corporation Treasurer, signing the Automatic Transfer Authorization forms for both loans. On the 5th day of each month \$661.67 will be automatically transferred from the checking account to the payment for the mortgage, and on the same day each month \$594.13 will be automatically transferred from the checking account to the payment for the parking lot loan.

We are continuing to keep a close watch on our expenses and be good stewards of our resources. We are continually looking at ways that we can reduce expenses. We give thanks to all who have helped in any way to control our expenses and have helped with increasing our income. Praise God for such a wonderful congregation!!

Dale Thayer
Chairman, Finance Committee

Fellowship Committee Timberlake Playhouse



BENNY ANDERSSON & BJORN ULVAEUS'

MAMMA

MIA!

THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA®

**YOU ALREADY KNOW
YOU'RE GONNA LOVE IT!**



Sunday, July 28th

Show Time is 2pm

Tickets are \$20 each

Please Sign Up By Monday, July 8th



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START—A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, your congregation participates in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

QUICK FACTS

- ✧ Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities.
- ✧ The first Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held in 1980.
- ✧ The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.
- ✧ Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



BIRTHDAYS

- June 2 Kyle Crosthwaite
- June 3 Ben Wierema
- June 7 Thomas Hand
- June 10 Ken Fanderclai
- June 14 Rhea Kraft
Jim Camp
- June 15 Melinda Kramer
- June 23 Lisa Colgan
Neal Luker
- June 27 Keith Johnson
- June 28 Leland Swanson
- July 3 Margaret Crosthwaite
David Ray
- July 6 Manreet Kalyan
- July 7 Ally Curley
- July 9 Nate Wierema
- July 12 Ariana Kalyan
- July 14 Darline Eickert
- July 15 Pete Mitchell
- July 20 Mark Wierema
- July 24 Randy May
- July 26 Ann Camp
- July 27 Connie Koehn
- July 30 Evelyn Mohr
Judi Delzell
Harlan Schaver
- August 4 Finley Radke
- August 7 Linda Damhoff
- August 12 Harold Bonneur
- August 21 Karen Hand
- August 24 Melanie Kalyan
- August 26 Mike Smith
- August 29 Lynne Turnquist



ANNIVERSARIES

- June 7 Harry and Dawn Petersen
- June 9 Roy and Mary Jo Nelson
- June 10 Harlan and Evelyn Schaver
Dave and Mary Vogel

ANNIVERSARIES

- July 5 Dave & Christa Curley
- July 7 Buddy & Stacy Bueno
- July 14 John & Lisa Colgan
- July 31 Mike & Melinda Kramer

ANNIVERSARIES

- August 14 Jim and Ann Camp
- August 16 Adam and Megan Huizenga

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 continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday June 8th 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 Catherine.

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.

SEMI-ANNUAL 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

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Have you considered how you can help our Finance Committee plan for our church financially for 2019. Your Estimate of Giving helps us do just that. So please if you have not done so yet please consider filling it out today. For the blank form contact the Office. Thank You!

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CHURCHWIDE GARAGE AND BAKE SALE AUGUST 9 & 10, 2019

Friday and Saturday



The weather is warming up. If you are starting to do your spring/summer cleaning, please consider setting aside your unwanted or unneeded possessions for the annual church-wide garage sale.

Suggested items:

Household goods
Children's clothing
Books
Furniture
Etc.

(Please: no tires, remodeling items, or automotive items)

We will begin collecting items beginning immediately through Monday, August 5th, 2019.

Proceeds from the garage sale help to fund the ministries of our church. This is another way our church members and friends join together to help support our church's growth.