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# First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

Congregational Newsletter for March, 2019

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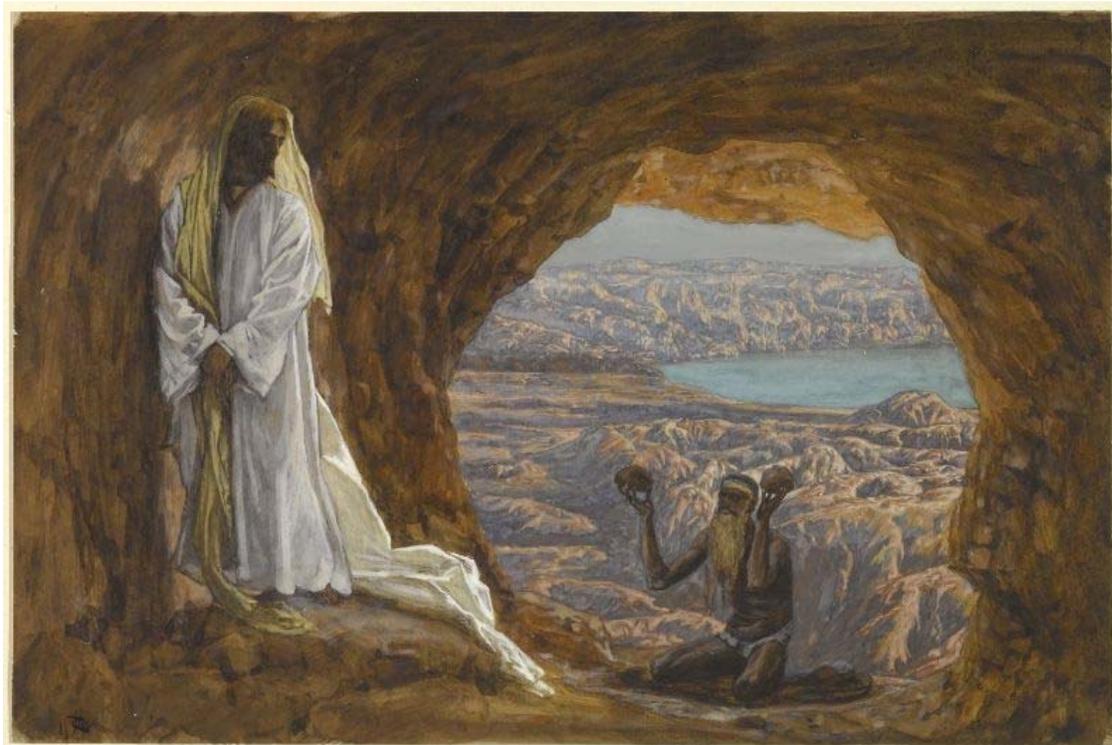
## [A Message from Our Pastor](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Early in this month, we enter into the forty days of Lent. The modern English name of this Christian liturgical season is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, which means “spring season.” Christians’ annual observance of Lent has long been associated with the emergence of new life on the earth.

For many of us, spring still feels so far away though! As I’m writing this, the weather forecast is predicting that we are still to be faced with some of the coldest days of the winter season. After two months filled with snow, ice, and bone-chilling temperatures that have led to the cancellations of school days, worship services, and community events, the arrival of spring can’t come soon enough! In a similar way, we anticipate the coming of Easter with such fervor that, given the choice, we might gladly bypass Lent altogether.

But before we skip past this season, we should remember why it is that we observe Lent. At the outset of his ministry, Jesus confronts his own temptations over a forty-day sojourn in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). During this time, the devil attempts to lure him astray on three occasions. But each time he is faced with an opportunity to assert his own authority and claim instant glory for himself, our Lord instead commits himself to fulfilling the will of his Heavenly Father. Although the pathway ahead will be a challenging one, Jesus knows that true glorification only comes through those who “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” (v. 8)



During the season of Lent, we also seek to follow along that more difficult path that leads to the cross. Whether we abstain from certain foods, adopt charitable habits, or commit ourselves to daily devotional reading, we all share in a single purpose: we're all trying to follow Jesus as closely as we can. Of course, one of the benefits of traveling this path is that we never need go alone. So then, as we prepare for these forty days, I encourage you to join with your Brothers and Sisters as we worship and learn together. We'll commemorate the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, with a Service of the Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 p.m. I hope that you'll be able to join us as we begin this journey of penitence. May your observance of Lent be a holy

experience.

Grace & Peace,

Aaron J. White  
Pastor

Please feel free to visit me during my regularly scheduled office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 to noon. To schedule an appointment for another time, or to arrange for home visitation, please call me at the church office, (573) 642-5541, or at my cell phone, (573) 590-3136. You may also email me at [pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org).

## Sunday Schedule

**Sunday School 9:30-10:20 a.m.**  
**Choir Practice 9:30-10:20 a.m.**  
**Worship Service 10:30-11:30 a.m.**



### **View the Church's Calendar of Events Online**

Please click the calendar icon to view the full church calendar. Once the calendar page opens, you may navigate to other months by clicking on the arrow buttons in the upper left corner of the calendar. For information about reserving the use of the church facilities and/or adding an event to the church calendar, please contact Ramona Dobson (email: [ramona.dobson@gmail.com](mailto:ramona.dobson@gmail.com); phone: (573) 310-1048).

## Things to be Shared

**ALL-CHURCH FPC GARAGE SALE 2019**

Due to the overwhelming success of our 2017 All-Church Garage Sale, we will AGAIN hold an all-church garage sale March 28-30, 2019. We are giving church family plenty of notice – time to start stockpiling your donations at home!

**Receiving garage sale items ends Friday, March 22.**

Our plan is to accept only donations from our Church family.

Please let one of the coordinators below know that you are leaving items.

We ask that all donated items, such as infant & children clothing (up to size 12-14) be in a good, clean condition. Any children's toys and electronics (include any adaptors and manuals) be in good working order. All furniture be in good stable condition. Items that are NOT accepted include: teenage and adult clothing, tube televisions, old computers, mattresses, and magazines.

For questions, contact one of the following:

- Karen Luther ([kluther54@gmail.com](mailto:kluther54@gmail.com) or 573-590-1624);
- Mary Osburn ([maryosburn1959@gmail.com](mailto:maryosburn1959@gmail.com) or 573-220-7633); or
- Ramona Dobson ([ramona.dobson@gmail.com](mailto:ramona.dobson@gmail.com) or 573-310-1048).



Who: First Presbyterian Church  
(718 Court Street Fellowship Hall)

When: March 28-30, 2019

### THE DETAILS:

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Thursday, March 28 – 5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. – EARLY BIRD DOUBLE PRICE NIGHT  
(Doors Do Not Open until 5:30 PM - You Pay Double the Already Low Price to be there First to Get the Item)

Friday, March 29 – 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. – REGULAR PRICE DAY

Saturday, March 30 – 7 a.m. – 12 noon - \$1 BAG SALE ALL MORNING

[Click on this button to view or print the garage sale flyer.](#)

## Church Events At A Glance

**Wednesday, March 6:** Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court St.

**Thursday, March 28:** Annual All-Church Garage Sale Double-Price Choice Night, 5:30 -7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 718 Court St., Fellowship Hall.

**Friday, March 29:** Annual All-Church Garage Sale, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court St. Fellowship Hall.

**Saturday, March 30:** Annual All-Church Garage Sale \$1 Bag Day, 7:00 a.m. - Noon. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court St. Fellowship Hall.

**Saturday, April 13:** Ryan's Case for Smiles 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court St. Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday, April 18:** Maundy Thursday worship service. Holy Communion observed. 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court Street.

**Friday, April 19:** Tenebrae (Good Friday) Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. A service in shadows, scripture and song. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court Street.

**Sunday, April 21:** Easter Sunday Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court Street.



### Do You Have Box Tops for Fulton Schools?

If so, please save them and bring them to the church. Cut the Box Top symbols from participating product boxes (there are hundreds of participating products including cereal, tissue, etc).

A bucket has been placed in the lobby for collection. Connie Epperson has volunteered to redeem the tops and lids. Each redeemed Box Top is worth 10

cents, paid to our local schools twice a year in December and April. Thank you for contributing to the needs of our children.



### **Eagle Scout Sunday**

More than just a church news brief as it concerns not only the church family, but also the local Boy Scout Troops 50 & 53.

Glenn Jatho is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Fulton, and was award the Eagle Scout rank in an honor ceremony held during Scout Sunday. Scouts and Scout leaders from all over the county gathered in their own communities and churches for this annual event.

### **Jatho Earns Eagle Scout Award**

Fulton High School Freshman, Glenn Jatho, completed a project he started planning this spring, and now walkers in downtown Fulton have a new place to rest. Jatho was tasked with developing, leading, and executing a community service project to fulfill the service project requirement for the rank of Eagle Scout.

As he viewed the old benches collapsing, Glenn decided he would take on building new benches for the First Presbyterian Church lawn. A lifelong member of the church, he approached the grounds committee to inquire about the need and started planning his project. The hard work began when he, and five volunteers, convened at Dimensions in Wood, owned by fellow church member Bob Hoell, to design and construct five new park benches. A summer's worth of work behind him, Glenn placed the new benches in key locations around the church just before school began August. But, the work to

become an Eagle Scout was not done.

In addition to completing an Eagle project, Scouts seeking an Eagle Award are tasked with a list of requirements including 21 merit badges while demonstrating leadership qualities during their tenure with the Boy Scouts. All Boy Scouts who wish to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout must meet these requirements and submit their bid before they turn 18 years of age. Jatho completed these requirements and was officially conferred the Eagle Scout Award in an honor ceremony held at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Glenn is active with the school football team and is looking forward to his future as a community leader.

The woman pinning Glenn Jatho is his grandmother, Myrafloro Jatho, of Fulton.



## Committee Information

Christian Education Committee



PRISCILLA SHIRER

## The Armor of God

### Putting On The Armor Of God

You're invited to join our 7-week Bible study, using Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*. Using her book, based on Ephesians 6: 10-19, we'll:

- learn to build up our church family;
- hear Paul's words summing up "how to be successful in life";
- rekindle a prayer life strategy; and
- find the strength that Jesus brings to our lives!

Groups will meet in the church lobby Fridays from 6 until 7:30 p.m. Below is the schedule of topics for each week (weather permitting):

- January 25: Sizing up the Enemy
- February 1: The Belt of Truth
- February 8: The Breastplate of Righteousness
- February 15: The Shoes of Peace
- February 22: The Shield of Faith
- March 1: The Helmet of Salvation
- March 8: The Sword of the Spirit

If you have young children, bring them along! Childcare is provided! If you have any questions, you're welcome to contact our study's facilitator, Bob Hoell. His phone number is (573) 268-7090.

### Missouri Union Presbytery's Spring Youth Retreat Friday & Saturday, March 8th & 9th

FPC, Fulton will be hosting youth from around our presbytery for the upcoming Spring Youth Retreat! We'll gather together at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8th and wrap up by 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 9th. The cost for registration, which

covers meals, activities, and t-shirts, is \$20 per youth. Should anyone need help to cover the cost of attending, need-based scholarships may be offered to those who request assistance. To guarantee that you get a t-shirt, please register with Pastor [Aaron White](#) by Sunday, February 24th! Registrations received after this date can still be taken, but we can't promise to have a shirt for late additions!

As we're preparing to host the youth of our presbytery, we could also use some assistance from all of you in our church family! If you can help to provide snacks, meals, or in other ways, please contact [Angela Grogan](#) or [Aaron White](#). Thanks!

### FPC Youth Group Meets On Sunday Evenings

FPC youth group meets on Sunday evenings and we are looking for some help with light meals. Contact [Angela Grogan](#) or [Aaron White](#) for additional information.

## Mission Committee

*"Jesus said to his disciples, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' "*

—Matthew 14:16



### Thank You for Your Contributions!

Each Sunday morning, our children collect the contributions that you bring during the worship service. At other times, contributions may be placed in the marked bin in the church kitchen. As you consider what items you might bring, please know that one of the greatest needs is for shelf-stable sources of protein, such as peanut butter or canned meat.

If you need a food item to share with the children, extras are stocked in the lobby and the narthex. There's also a jar there where you can

drop in a cash donation, which is used to restock the food that we keep available for worshipers to offer.

## SAVE THE DATE – ECUMENICAL EVENT

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ryan’s Case for Smiles Pillowcase Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 2019  
in the FPC Fellowship Hall



Please join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> year! You'll leave this pillowcase-making workshop fulfilled as well as having a great time! Every pillowcase we make will go to a child in a Mid-MO hospital suffering with cancer or a life-altering illness.

For those of you that want to get a head start on purchasing fabrics--for each PILLOWCASE you will need: 7/8 yard juvenile (or teen) printed fabric; 1/3 yard coordinating border fabric. Fabrics should be pre-washed (non-scented; without dryer sheets) and lightly pressed. Sparkly fabrics are not recommended.



In this photo, you can see our display following the 2018 workshop. If you click on the picture to enlarge it, you'll notice that the number of pillow cases increased each year! What an accomplishment for these volunteers!

If you should have any questions, please contact Karen Luther (573-590-1624 or [kluther54@gmail.com](mailto:kluther54@gmail.com)) or Ginger Beasley (573-592-7539 or [glbeasley@charter.net](mailto:glbeasley@charter.net)). Thank you.

Worship Committee

## **Please Signup Your Child to Serve as Acolyte!**

We want every child to be welcome to share in leading worship as an Acolyte! [Click here](#) to sign your child up now on our Signup Genius page!



## **Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank the following for their assistance in making the Souper Bowl Tailgate Luncheon a success.

A wide array of delicious soups were provided by Linda Baysinger, Ramona Dobson, Dawn Yancey, Debbie & Brad Caldwell, Bob & Linda Hansen, Kent & Marna Palmer, Mary Osburn, and Karl & Arlys Kramer.

Kitchen help was provided by Barb Huddleston, Kathleen Hunt, Ramona Dobson, Mark & Lori Covey, and Helen Logan.

A big thanks to all who attended and provided additional snacks and food items.

Be on the lookout for the March Fellowship activity.

## **Pastoral Care Committee**

A note from Tena Harrison

Feb/ 16/ 2019

Dear Nola,

Thank you for the beautiful card and news of our church. I am happy for Glenn and Myra and David. It seems like Glenn should still be a little boy but his picture in the Newsletter shows him growing up.

I grew up in our church also. Started coming to Sunday School 88 years ago and was on the cradle before that. I am 90 & 1/2 now. Shirley Payne, Glenn Jatho , O.T. Harris, Martha Rusk, Virginia Lee? and my big sister Delores were in my Sunday School class. I have many happy memories. Now it comes too

me. Farquar was Virginia Lee's last name. Haven's seen her in years. We have lots of snow but the roads are clear so Nancy drove to Jonesboro to see Randy, Nancy's husband, who is in a nursing home there. Nancy is very pleasant to live with and we are doing OK. We grieve and miss Rich but have so many happy times with him to remember.

Hello and best wishes to all at First Presbyterian.

Hope all had a lovely Valentine's Day.

Love,

Tena

Tina's address if you would like to send her a card or letter

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