



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

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UPDATE FROM AARON

Dear Friends in Christ,

In just a couple of weeks, Christian believers will observe the holy season of Lent. We begin this season on Ash Wednesday (February 14th), when we'll gather together in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for the Service of the Imposition of Ashes. During this time of worship, the ashes of the branches that we waved on Palm Sunday last year are now used to mark us with the sign of the cross, as we remember the word of God, spoken to Adam:

“By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”
—*Genesis 3:19*



With these words, we are reminded that the consequence of human sin—our rebellion against God’s will—is death. But the Good News is that this is only the beginning of our story!

During the Lenten season, we are invited to join with our Lord Jesus on a journey in which we respond to his call to “repent, and believe in the Good News” (Mark 1:15b). Throughout these forty days (The six Sundays of Lent are not included, because each Lord’s Day is a “feast day” when we celebrate the Resurrection!), Christians traditionally engaged in the spiritual practice of fasting, in order to commemorate Jesus’ wilderness temptation (Mark 1:12-13). While some believers continue to maintain this practice, others have adapted it into various forms of personal discipline, such as abstaining from one particular practice or taking on another. Whatever the Christian believer chooses to do to observe the Lenten season, the intention is always the same. We seek to be aware of our human temptation to sin and to remember our reliance upon the grace of God, so that we might become ever more focused on living an obedient life patterned after Christ our Savior.

As we approach this holy season, I encourage you to prepare yourself by considering how you would like to observe Lent in your own life. Of course, because we are a community of believers, we will also endeavor to faithfully celebrate Lent together as a church family. In this month’s newsletter, our church leaders have provided us with the details on several opportunities for us to share in this Lenten journey. As you read these announcements, I hope you will prioritize these events on your calendar. In doing so, you are consciously acknowledging that the observance of Lent is a necessary part of your life, rather than a mere afterthought!

However you choose to do so, I pray that you might “observe a holy Lent.” May this season be a spiritual journey in which your relationship with Christ is reoriented. As we approach the cross with our Lord, may we humbly acknowledge the redemption that he achieves for us when we could not win it for ourselves. And as we renew our hope in the resurrection, may we faithfully look toward the coming celebration of Jesus Christ, risen to new and everlasting life!

Grace & Peace,
Aaron J. White

Pastor

Please feel free to visit me during my regularly scheduled office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

THINGS TO BE SHARED

Sixth Annual C.S. Lewis Legacy Lecture

Thursday, February 1st, 2018

11:00 – 12:15

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury

Westminster College



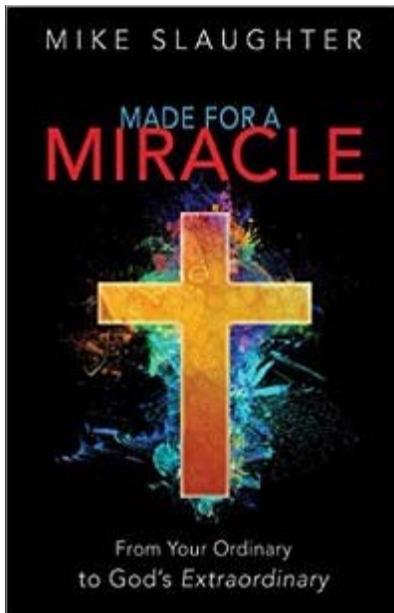
**“To Serve This Present Age:
Addressing Racism, Poverty, and Militarism
Fifty Years after the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr.”**

**The Rev. Dr. Marvin A. McMickle
President
and
Professor of African American Religious Studies
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Rochester, New York**

The holder of two earned doctorates and several honorary doctorates, Marvin A. McMickle was selected as the twelfth President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in 2011. Prior to that, he served as Senior Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, for nearly a quarter of a century. He is the author of 15 books and a number of articles and book reviews.

MADE FOR A MIRACLE 2018 LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Throughout the season of Lent, you're invited to discover how you can use your God-given gifts for God's glory! Through examples from Scripture and the testimonies of contemporary people of faith, Rev. Mike Slaughter explores how ordinary people can accomplish miraculous deeds!



We hope that you will join us for this six-week book study. We will meet on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Our study will begin on February 18th**. If you would like to order a copy of the book (\$13, payable upon receipt), please email the study leader, [Pastor Aaron White](#). Book orders must be placed by **Sunday, February 4th**. Electronic editions of the book may also be purchased from retailers, including [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), & [Cokesbury](#).

Please **CLICK HERE** For more information about the book study and to read reviews by others.

To hear Pastor Mike Slaughter's introduction to his new book, *Made for a Miracle*, please click on the video link to the right.



Super Bowl LII is fast approaching! This means it is time for our annual Souper Bowl to support our neighbors and friends in the community. The culmination of this annual event is Super Bowl Sunday (February 4th for you non-sports

folks)!

Last year we received 234.6 pounds of food and collected \$2,255 in cash donations. \$2,255 purchased almost 70,000 pounds or 7 truckloads of food for SERVE. This year the cost to deliver a truck load of food from the Central Missouri Food Bank to Callaway County Serve is \$300 to \$325. **Let's see if we can surpass last year's amount!**

You may bring non-perishable food to donate or you may donate money towards the purchase of food for SERVE. Please make your checks out to the church and note in the memo Souper Bowl.

"The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."

—Luke 3:11

Game Night and Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring games and snacks to share!
Donations will be collected and applied to help youth group missions.



*Delicious BBQ!
A Wide Selection of Items to Bid On!
All in Support of an Important Cause!*

On **Saturday, March 24th, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**, the Mission Committee of the Fulton Presbyterian Manor invites you to attend our 4th Annual BBQ Dinner & Auction! We'll gather at the **First Presbyterian Church of Fulton** to enjoy pulled pork, beef brisket, twice-baked potatoes, green beans, and peace cobbler! We'll also have a wide variety of items available for you to bid on! All of our proceeds will benefit the "Good Samaritan Fund," which benefits Manor residents who have exhausted all of their financial resources through no fault of their own.

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person. To purchase a ticket, please speak with our pastor Aaron White (who serves on the Manor's Mission Committee). You may also call him at church, (573) 642-5541, or email him, pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need!

The Manor's Mission Team also has opportunities for you, your company, or your organization to sponsor our BBQ and Auction!

- **Gold Sponsor:** \$500 (includes 10 complimentary dinner tickets)
- **Silver Sponsor:** \$250 (includes 5 complimentary dinner tickets)
- **Bronze Sponsor:** \$50

To arrange your sponsorship, and for details about how we publicly recognize each of our sponsors, please call Aaron at the office, (573) 642-5541, or email him, pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE – ECUMENICAL EVENT
7th Annual Ryan's Case for Smiles Pillowcase Workshop

Saturday, April 14th, at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for our 7TH 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.

Questions? Please contact:

- Karen Luther, (573)590-1624; kluther54@gmail.com, or
- Ginger Beasley, (573) 592-7539; glbeasley@charter.net



FULTON PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fulton Preschool Association is seeking applications for two positions:

- a Part-Time Teacher/Lead Teacher
- a Part-Time Teacher's Aid

Please share this information with anyone that might be interested in applying for either of these two positions.

Click on each of the links below to view and/or print notices for these two employment opportunities.

Teacher - Click on this link to view/print the teacher notice.

Teacher Aid - Click on this link to view/print the teacher aid notice.

Dinner and A Movie

Sunday, February 18th, 5:00 pm

Fulton Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

Callaway County Concerned Citizens,
Renew Mo, and Environmentally
Concerned Students Club of
Westminster College will sponsor a

showing of *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*. The event will include dinner, desert, and a time for discussion following the film. This event is free and open to the public. Call Judy at 573-220-3053 if you have questions.



CHURCH CALENDAR AVAILABLE TO ALL

Several members have requested the addition of the church calendar to the newsletter. The Administration Committee has heard your request. A link to the church calendar is added to this newsletter and will be included in each future edition of the monthly newsletter.

The calendar is a living document meaning it will be revised as needed to provide accurate information. For example, if you click on the link now and then want to know at a later time if the calendar has changed (i.e., next week), clicking on the link next week will open the calendar and display all revisions.

Please click on the link below to view the Calendar of Church Activities for the current month. After clicking on the link, you may use the arrow "buttons" to navigate forward or backward to other months.

[Click Here To View Church Calendar](#)

January Session Meeting Minutes

Your church Session Clerk has made Session minutes available for your information.

[Click Here To View January Session Meeting Minutes](#)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Mission Committee

2017 CROP WALK REPORT

Remember those balmy October days? Well, on the first Sunday of October 2017 a total of \$5,825 was raised during the 47th Annual Callaway CROP Hunger Walk, an increase from 2016! There were 55 total walkers! FPC had 14 walkers and raised \$1,265 (second only to St. Peters)!

The 48th Callaway CROP Hunger Walk date has not been set yet, but it is never too early to start training and thinking about supporting our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters.



Nominating Committee

The Session Nominating Committee is working to select our next class of ruling elders. If you are interested in serving as a leader in the church, or know of someone who would be, please contact Joe Davis, (573) 220-5557. Also, be on the lookout for nomination forms during our worship services in the coming weeks. A sample of the Nomination Form is shown below.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS	
Please fold this and place it in the offering plate	
I would like to suggest the following people to serve as an elder representing the:	
Class of 2021:	
Christian Education committee:	_____
Congregational Care committee:	_____
Fellowship committee:	_____
Mission committee:	_____
Class of 2020:	
Worship committee:	_____
Class of 2019:	
Christian Education committee:	_____
Current Elders:	
Administration: Joe Davis, Mike Warren	Outreach: David Jatho
Congregational Care: Barb Huddleston	Property: Michael Eibel, Fred Luther
Christian Education: Angela Grogan	Worship: Mary VanOrden
Fellowship: Kathleen Jeffries	
Mission: Mary Osburn	

Pastoral Care Committee

Church Family News

Jenna Young

Congratulations to Jenna Young, daughter of Cathy Pesce and Jeff Young. Jenna won first place at a Speech Contest January 20, 2018. Jenna has played in the band all four years at High School. Jenna is a Senior and will graduate in May 2018, Jenna has also been awarded a \$30,000.00 scholarship to attend Stephens College in Columbia when classes begin in the fall of 2018. Cudos to Jenna for her diligence and hard work!!!!

Dick White

Dick White had to have one leg amputated a few weeks ago. Surgery went well and Dick is doing well. He was at Presbyterian Manor for a short time receiving therapy and adjusting to his present situation. Thursday, January 18, 2018 Dick received a phone call from the Missouri Veteran's Home in Mexico that there was a bed ready for him. Dick has moved to the Veteran's Home. Another adjustment. His son, Stephen, goes and keeps Dick company. Dick **IS** ready for visitors and cards if people want to send them.

Bob Seelinger

Bob Seelinger is receiving treatment for a cancer that has returned. His first chemo treatment did not go well so the doctors are working with different doses to find one that is better for Bob. His wife, Cathy, will keep us informed as to how Bob is getting along. Even though he has expressed deep appreciation for the outpouring of prayers and concern, Bob stated that he is not up to visitors, phone calls or food at this time. Hang in there Bob, your church family and friends are praying for you and your family.

Joe Barks

Joe Barks is at home at 817 Center St., Fulton, MO 65251. Fear of falling has kept Joe indoors. Joe would love to have visitors and cards.

Tena Harrison

Tena Harrison is staying at her daughter's home in St. Louis while she recovers from her recent surgery. Tena prefers no phone calls or visits just now. You can find out more information by calling her son, Jim Harrison at 573-592-0737. Cards for Tena can be sent to Jim at 817 East 8th Street, Fulton, MO. Jim will see that his mother gets the cards.

Jean Avra

Jean Avra is at home and doing well considering all she has been through, (3 surgeries in 6 weeks). Jean would welcome cards and visitors if the visitor calls first to see if she is up to visiting.

It is our Christian duty not only to pray unceasingly, but to respect the feelings of those who are ill, recovering, etc.

Got News? Send it to Fred Luther (newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org) or Nola Garner (momaegarner@charter.net) or call (573) 642-7772. We will do our

best to keep you informed about our church family. Joys, concerns, prayers, and stuff you want to share are encouraged.

Thank You to My Church Family

I am very grateful for all of the cards and letters, the phone calls, the visits, and most importantly, the prayers that you all have offered for me in recent weeks. As I'm getting settled in here at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico, I wanted to let my church family know that you're welcome to come visit when you're able. I'm hoping that after a little time here, I'll be able to travel to Fulton some, so that I can be with you in worship again.

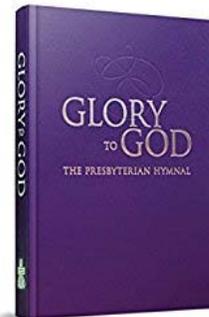
Sincerely,

Dick White

Worship Committee

Introducing Our New Pew Hymnals!

On Sunday, February 4th, during our 11 a.m. worship service, we will dedicate *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* for the regular use of our congregation. We hope that you will be with us for this joyous occasion!



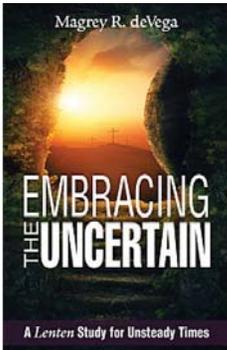
[Please Click Here for more information on our new hymnals.](#)

Worship Committee Volunteer Schedule

The February Worship Committee Volunteer Schedule can be viewed by clicking

the link below. The link opens the schedule in .pdf format. Print this handy Refrigerator-Door Reference Sheet!

[Please Click Here to view and/or print the Worship Committee Schedule for February](#)



Lenten Lunches at First Christian Church

Beginning Friday, February 16th, Fulton ministers will present lessons based on Magrey R. deVega's book, *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times*, (ISBN 9781501840586). The presentations and lunches will be served in the basement-level Fellowship Hall at the First Christian Church. Mark your calendars for: February 16th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

COMING SOON - Lenten & Easter Event Brochure

The Worship Committee will publish a full Lenten & Easter services and events brochure for distribution to members just prior to Ash Wednesday. Look for yours in the Lobby, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary.

*Remember that you
are dust, and to dust
you shall return.*



Ash Wednesday is **February 14th**. Please plan to join us at **6:30** p.m. in the sanctuary for our **Service of the Imposition of Ashes**.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Palm Sunday: March 25th, 8:30 & 11 a.m.

We will remember Jesus' "triumphal entry" to Jerusalem with our Processional of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday: March 29th, 6:30 p.m.

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we will commemorate the Last Supper.

Good Friday: March 30th, 6:30 p.m.

During our Tenebrae Service, we will meditate on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday: April 1st, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

We will celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection, as we partake in the joyful feast of Communion!

The First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri is a congregation of
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From Cokesbury:

Did you know that when we hope for the impossible, it involves more than praying for God's transcendent power? There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. Each of us has been given specific talents and abilities. For a real miracle to take place, God expects us to apply these talents and abilities—acting *with* God to perform divine work. By examining biblical examples of how to use your God-given gifts for God's glory, author and pastor Mike Slaughter helps you discover that you, too, were *Made for a Miracle*.

From Google Books:

At some time in our lives, most of us have prayed for or hoped for a miracle—an event that seems impossible but is brought about by God's transcendent power. But when miracles occur, did you know that you have a role to play? If that's true, what's the catch? What do we have to do? What's it going to cost us?

Popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work. We need to follow the examples of Mary in the birth of Jesus, Jesus' followers when he healed them, and Jesus' disciples after he rose from the dead.

A six-week Lenten book study will begin on Feb. , use your God-given gifts and talents for God's glory, and get ready to be made for a miracle.

From Christianbook.com:

Popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work. We need to follow the examples of Mary in the birth of Jesus, Jesus' followers when he healed them, and Jesus' disciples after he rose from the dead.

The six-session DVD features Mike Slaughter presenting to a group in his challenging and engaging style. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study for Lent and beyond. All videos sessions are closed captioned.

SESSION STATED MEETING – January 16, 2018

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church in Fulton, Missouri met for a stated meeting in the Church library on January 16, 2018. Elder Barb Huddleston opened the meeting with devotion at 7:00 p.m. and Rev. White led us in prayer. A quorum was present.

PRESENT: Moderator Rev. Aaron White, Clerk Ramona Dobson, Elders: Joe Davis, Angela Grogan, Barb Huddleston, David Jatho, Kathleen Jeffries, Fred Luther, Mary Osburn, Mary Van Orden, and Mike Warren. Absent: Michael Eibel and Betty Warren

OPEN FORUM: No one was present. However, Bob and Gail Hoell, who are church representatives to the Preschool, shared that the Preschool appreciated our help with serving treats at the Christmas programs and truly appreciated Fred Luther's help with keeping the sidewalks clear. They are looking forward to the Preschool Literacy Night on February 22nd that will be hosted by our church.

PASTOR'S TIME: Rev. White discussed changes at the Soup Kitchen. He also shared plans about the memorial service for Dr. Rev. Cecil Culverhouse. He asked us to celebrate that Mike Jeffries has redone the church Wi-Fi so that it works in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and the office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes for the stated Session meeting on November 21, 2018

ADMIT TO RECORD: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received from Vince Logan

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note was received from SERVE for our donations during the Advent season.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE, SECONDED (if needed), AND CARRIED:

- Administration Committee moved to add Mike Warren to the list of people who can sign checks at the Callaway Bank
- Administration Committee moved that their committee be the official signees for the Callaway Bank line of credit, instead of asking all Session members to sign it
- Administration Committee moved to adopt the 2018 budget, after changes were made that Session suggested. The revised budget was emailed to each Session member and a majority email vote confirmed all changes were made and the budget was ready to be presented to the Congregation.
- Administration Committee moved to adopt the Docket for the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018
- The Clerk's Annual Statistical report for 2017 was presented for approval
- Worship and Mission Committees moved to add Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and Peace and Global Witness (October 7, 2018) as special offerings

NEW BUSINESS:

- The job description of a new Session position of Communications Liaison was presented for first reading and discussion. The position would function as follows:
 - The Communication Liaison would be a non-voting member of Session, which allows the Liaison to serve in this capacity as long as willing. This does not need congregational approval, as Session can create non-voting positions as needed to do the work of the church.

Communication Liaison duties would be:

- updating the Facebook page
 - sending updates for the web page to our Web Master
 - sending additional newsletter information that committee moderators have not sent to the newsletter editor
 - submitting articles to the newspaper
 - sending out regular email updates (similar to the Worship emails we are currently receiving)
 - mailing information, as needed, about events in the life of the church
- The 2018 budget was presented by the Administration Committee, for review and approval
 - The docket for the Annual Congregational meeting was presented by the Administration Committee, for review and approval
 - The Clerk's Annual Statistical Report was presented for review and approval
 - The commissioner to the February MUP meeting will be Ramona Dobson
 - The Administration Committee reported on the results of a Safety Audit that was conducted by Church Mutual Insurance. As a result of the audit, the committee will be developing emergency preparedness procedures and a manual.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The first reading of the revised Commission and Committee job descriptions was presented and discussed.
- The newsletter editor gently reminded committees that they needed to submit information for the newsletter by the third Friday of the month.
- Fellowship Committee changed Game Night to February 13th following the Fat Tuesday Pancake supper hosted by Youth Group

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee moderators submitted their written reports.

BUSINESS LIFE COMMISSION:

ADMINISTRATION:

- Terms of Call for Aaron were discussed:
 - Salary and Housing - **\$59,500** (\$57,500-2017). This is not an increase. We moved auto expenses to salary, since Aaron is not turning in any of these expenses.
 - Automobile Reimbursable Expenses - **\$0** (\$2,000 – 2017)

- Continuing Education Reimbursable Expenses - **\$2,000** (same as 2017)
- Doctor of Ministry stipend - **\$3,327** (same as 2017)
- Board of Pensions, SS, Medicare - **\$25,455** (same as 2017)
- No changes in: 4 weeks of vacation, 13 paid holidays, 2 weeks Continuing Ed. (the weeks of vacation and continuing education are set by Presbytery)
- Budget:
 - The budget will be formally adopted by Session at the January Session meeting and presented to the Congregation at the Annual meeting. Please let Ramona know, prior to the January Session meeting, if your committee needs changes in the budget.
 - The Terms of Call for the Pastor will be reviewed by Session at the January Session meeting and voted on by the Congregation at the Annual meeting.
 - The 2018 budget was sent with the Session minutes, etc. It is a balanced budget
- Stewardship Season:
 - At this time, we have 2017 Operating Pledges of \$167,511
 - At this time, we have 2017 Building Maintenance Fund Pledges of \$19,126
- The end of year Treasurer's report was discussed
- End of Year Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed
- Annual Meeting and Docket were discussed

Action needed (Motions):

- Administration Committee moves to add Mike Warren to the list of people who can sign checks at the Callaway Bank
- Administration Committee moves that our committee be allowed to sign the Callaway Bank line of credit instead of asking all Session members to sign it.
- Administration Committee moves to adopt the 2018 budget
- Administration Committee moves to adopt the Docket for the Annual Congregational Meeting

PROPERTY:

- Water Sensors provided free by Church Mutual Insurance were installed by Fred Luther. The sensors alerted Fred to dropping water temperatures and he and his son were able to install additional insulation in the wall before the water pipe froze and broke, which would have flooded the Preschool room.
- An outside storage unit will be purchased, costing less than \$500, so the salt, snow shovels, etc. can be removed from the coat closet. The salt is damaging the carpet and the closet does not currently present the most positive environment for guests using the closet.

LIFE OF FAITH COMMISSION

MISSION and OUTREACH:

- Souper Bowl
 - February 4th information needs to be put in the next newsletter
 - Tim Wilkerson reported that last year we collected \$2,255 in cash donations and 234.6 pounds of food. The cash donations allowed us to buy almost 7 truckloads of food at \$325 a load
 - We will have a Minute for Mission on January 21 and 28 to promote the event.
- Fair Trade Market

- The event brought a lot of people in, worth doing regardless of the money brought in
- Money
 - We need to begin with more change next year-this year we had \$80 in ones and fives
 - Debit/cred card purchases amounted to about \$217
 - Current total \$2,66.50 without expenses taken out and more items to be sold in Jefferson City
- Items
 - More of-coffee (less decaf), chocolate bars, tea, Christmas ornaments and crèches
 - Less of-jewelry, scarves and most items over \$20
 - Bob Hansen will purchase baskets in Rwanda to sell next year
- Publicity - Was Fabulous!
 - Facebook, newspaper, Methodist church signs
 - Next year-outdoor sign and items in bank window
 - Bob H will get photos of basket makers to display. Promotional cards from vendors were very well received and those buying items as gift wanted them to include with gift
- Work on the next Fair Trade market needs to begin next September
 - Other ideas - Offer a warm beverage to shoppers

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

- Card sent to Jenna Young for her recent honors
- Cards sent to Dick White, Ray Martin, Tena Harrison, Marlene Acree, Joe Barks, Maxie Martin, Jean Avra and Tom Clapp, thanking him for picking up Jane Culverhouse at the St. Louis Airport, delivering her to Loganberry Inn and bringing her to church on Saturday.
- Received Moser's tapes from Marc Catalina so he received a thank you note
- Condolence card was sent to Kath Mayne due to the loss of her Mother
- Phone calls were made to Robert Seelinger

FELLOWSHIP:

- Game Night was moved to February 13th following the Fat Tuesday Pancake supper hosted by Youth Group. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite game and snack.
- A meal following the late service and preceding the Annual Congregational meeting will be provided on January 28th.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND WORSHIP COMMITTEES:

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:30-31 *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

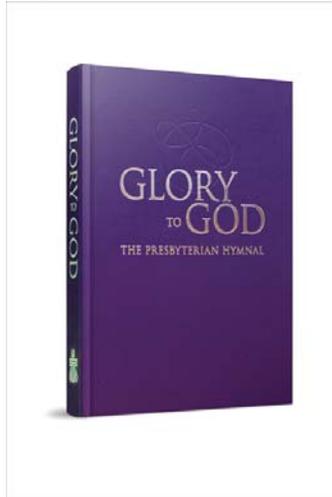
Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we begin a new year in Your service renew our strength so that we may serve You faithfully. Guide our feet and help us to walk tirelessly in the path you have set for us. Amen

- Minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved.
- Under old business Mary reported that the 150 new hymnals we ordered have arrived. (Special copies for the accompanist and choir director were also ordered.) Angela Russell and Mary are preparing the book plates. We will plan to introduce them during worship on Jan. 28.
- Aaron will make remind everyone to check their email settings and folders if they have not been receiving the weekly Spiritual Life E-Blast from the Worship Committee. (If the messages are not in your inbox the emails may be going into the junk and/or clutter folders.)
- The Advent activities all went well. The Advent brochure was well received. It was suggested we place a few copies of any materials prepared regarding our activities or devotional materials in the community room. A special thank you to Angela and Tanner Russell for their leadership with the children's Christmas play. We may consider incorporating Chrismons (Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them) for our Advent devotions next year.
- The Barden/Oliver wedding went well. Aaron reported that Mike Jefferies is working to replace/update the wireless microphone used at the pulpit. There are no upcoming weddings at this time.
- Youth group progressive dinner was enjoyed by everyone who participated. Special thanks to Aaron & Kara White, Judy & Jim Stevermer, Cathy Pesce & Jeff Young for hosting the dinner. Tammy Gillespie is working on the youth group schedule for the second half of our program year. Youth have some Kiva funds to invest as well as planning and hosting our second annual Fat Tuesday pancake supper. Youth may also assist with the Outreach Literacy Night for the Fulton Preschool families on Feb. 22. It was also mentioned that a church game night might be a good activity for the youth to consider.
- Mary and Aaron shared some Lenten materials from Illustrated Children's Ministry (<https://www.illustratedchildrensministry.com/>) and Sanctified Art.org. (<http://sanctifiedart.org>) We will select a set of Lenten coloring/visual materials to use in a variety of ways this year. Aaron is going to host a six-week Lenten Book Study, [Made for a Miracle by Mike Slaughter](#), during the Sunday School hour Feb. 18 – March 25.
- Angela Grogan will survey families with children in Middle & Senior High regarding interest in a confirmation class this fall to determine the best time to offer the class. There are several curriculum choices to consider, including one from the Theo Academy (<http://www.theoacademy.com/confirmation/>).

- Under new business Mary passed out schedules for the various groups of volunteers that help with worship: Communion, Acolytes, Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, etc.
- 2018 Communion dates are: Feb. 4, March 4, Maundy Thursday March 29, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, & Christmas Eve Dec. 24
- Special Services Dates: Ash Wednesday February 14, Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m., Tenabrae (Good Friday) March 30 at 6:00 p.m., and Christmas Eve Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.
- Mary will prepare a booklet of Lenten events which will include the procession of the palms on March 25. Special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The sanctuary will be stripped after the Maundy Thursday service and draped in black after the Good Friday

Adjournment of Session was at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Rev. White

New Hymnals will be in the pews on Sunday, February 4th!



The worship committee is pleased to announce that the new *Glory to God* Hymnals will be in the pews on Sunday, February 4th. The generous donations of the congregation allowed us to purchase 150 editions!

This new book of congregational song includes:

- Over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.
- Approximately 50% of included hymns are from the 1990 Presbyterian hymnal. The remaining pieces are from former Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers.
- A musical setting of almost every Sunday lectionary psalm.
- Music from six different continents.
- Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately thirty-five African American/Gospel hymns.
- Comprehensive indexes.

Glory to God also contains worship aids and printed liturgies for Sunday services (including baptism and the Lord's Supper) and services for daily prayer as well as congregational responses, prayers, and creeds.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PURCHASED A COPY FOR OUR CHURCH!