



# MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri

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## UPDATE FROM AARON

Dear Friends in Christ,

As people come to know Jesus, one of their natural responses is to introduce their children to him too. In the Reformed tradition, we acknowledge this relationship when we baptize young ones, calling them “child of the covenant.” In doing so, we recognize that long before we fully come to know Jesus and claim him as our Savior, Jesus has already claimed us through divine grace. But this gift of grace is so extravagant that we sometimes struggle to accept just how freely it is given.

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of Jesus’ grace is offered to us in Matthew 19. Here, we are told that people were bringing little children to Jesus, so that he might bless them. But when the disciples scolded those who brought them, Jesus said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven

belongs." (v. 14) Notice, Jesus doesn't say that the kingdom "*will belong*" to them. He says that the kingdom "*belongs*" to them now!

Our Lord is not waiting for these little girls and boys to memorize the Apostles' Creed or to finish confirmation class! He's not even checking with their parents to make sure that they've been baptized! Instead, he just receives each child who is brought to him as they come, laying hands on them and praying for them, because he loves them!

This is powerful stuff! The example of our Lord Jesus speaks to how we too are to receive people in the name of Christ. Certainly, as the Church, we should help people in their journeys of faith, so that they might come to know Jesus as their Redeemer and respond through lives of committed service. But before we can do any of this, we simply need to welcome every person to come and be received with wholehearted love!



Shirley Dixon reads *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood to a group of boys and girls, who came dressed in their favorite pajamas! The theme for our Preschool Reading Night was "Bedtime Stories!"

In recent days, I've seen the "wholehearted love" of Christ demonstrated by you all as we've shared in caring for the children and families of the Fulton

Preschool, as well as those of our community. As we opened our doors to them for our Preschool Reading Night, nobody asked which church these children attended, or if they attended any at all. Instead, we embraced the radical grace of Jesus that teaches us that our first and greatest obligation is to welcome and to bless.

As we move into March, I am so grateful to begin this new month with a celebration of your hospitality, which demonstrates the mature Christian faith that trusts in the Holy Spirit to work through our congregation as we serve our Lord Jesus. May we continually commit ourselves to the work of introducing all of God's children—regardless of age—to Christ. And may we trust that, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, all of God's Daughters and Sons will come to know what has already been known to us: God loves us as only a parent may, and Christ shares the blessing of grace with us, which is his alone to give.

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 WORSHIP**

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

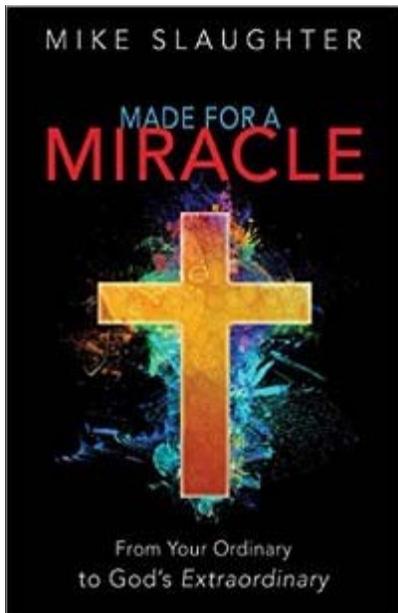
Fellowship 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

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**



**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 as we continue our six-week book study. We will meet on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Library. Print and electronic editions of the book may 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.



**LET'S  
#TACKLE  
HUNGER**



**PLAYBOOK**

Thanks so much for your generous donations of food and money!  
As a congregation we were able to donate to SERVE \$1,948 and 203.80 pounds of food with a cash value of \$340.35.

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## **SERVE**

### **Needs canned meats**

The struggle continues for many in our community.  
The food of the month for March is canned meats.  
Please place your offering in the basket outside of the kitchen or in the tub in the kitchen.  
Any and all nonperishable donations are welcome.

#### **Serve Food Pantry Monthly Schedule**

- January-Soup
- February-Canned stews and chili
- March-Canned meats
- April-Canned fruit and juices
- May-Canned veggies
- June-Cereal and oatmeal
- July-Healthy Snacks
- August-Peanut Butter
- September-Canned and nonperishable milk products
- October-Canned and dried beans
- November-Holiday Foods
- December-Pasta, rice and pasta sauce

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## **RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES**



**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 7<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.

Questions? Please contact:

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

**Exciting Update**  
**Ryan's Case For Smiles – Saturday, April 14**

Charity Sharity, a non-profit group, from St. Louis will be our guest speaker at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Saturday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. They collect any and all fabric. Prefer 1 yard minimum. Accept any size of cottons, fleece, and fancy fabric. Clean and folded. Any and all sewing notions: thread, zippers, trims, tools and equipment, even sewing machines, also yarn and needlework supplies, and any non-fragile craft items appropriate

for teacher's use.

You may bring any of these items to the sewing workshop and put in the designated area on Saturday, April 14. Here's your chance to clean out those unwanted sewing/craft/needlework supplies that you've been hanging on to...just in case. They'll be "repurposed" with "Charity Sharity" and you'll have space in your closet to buy more "stuff"!

### **More about Charity Sharity....**

Charity Sharity has been called the most unique "green" organization in the country, keeping 15 tons of supplies out of the landfill every year! We collect fabric, yarn and some craft supplies from people who no longer want them and give them free of charge to individuals and groups who use the goods in the service of others.

Over 200 individuals, volunteer groups and sewing circles receive fabric and other supplies from us for the benefit of the military, schools, hospitals, shelters, and others who deserve care, comfort and even life saving efforts. You will be amazed at the scope and huge volume of our work and you will come away inspired by all of the good being done!

Guys, don't let the word "fabric" scare you. This is *NOT* a sewing program and you will be amazed at the strength of our organization and how it is structured to enable *hundreds to serve thousands* of people all over the world. We are very close to "a business" in nature with no money changing hands.

We welcome you to come hear our amazing story!

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# Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Preschool Reading Night such a success! Whether you rang up sales at the cash register, served up Mac 'n Cheese in the kitchen, led craft time in one of our story rooms, or contributed in another way, we couldn't have had such a wonderful event without you! With your help, we shared our love of reading with about thirty preschoolers and their families!

We are also grateful to each of you who made a purchase at our Book Fair! Together, we raised \$596.79 for our Preschool to purchase books or other needed items through Scholastic Books! We also collected sixteen books that were purchased at the Book Fair and donated to the Fulton Preschool! Thank you so much for all of your support!



## 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.](#)

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### **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](#)

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### **January Session Meeting Minutes**

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

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



Many thanks to Jeff and Kath Mayne for volunteering to take over the responsibilities of recycling for the church.

As a result, the new guidelines are:

1. Please recycle what you can from home.
2. What you cannot, bring in and place in the bins in the Kitchen and we will clear them out.
3. What we can take: Any kind of hard plastic; aluminum and metal cans; CLEAN paper and cardboard; Grocery bags.
4. Everything should be clean.



## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### Mission Committee

Mission Committee has planned many exciting things for 2018 but they need our help.

Mission Committee February meeting minutes are available for your review by clicking the link below.

[Click here to view Mission Committee February meeting minutes.](#)

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### 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](tel:5732205557). 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

Congregational Care: Barb Huddleston

Christian Education: Angela Grogan

Fellowship: Kathleen Jeffries

Mission: Mary Osburn

Outreach: David Jatho

Property: Michael Eibel, Fred Luther

Worship: Mary VanOrden

Pastoral Care Committee

## Church Family News

### **Dick White**

It has been good to see Dick White at worship services the past two Sundays. Steve (his son) goes to Mexico Veterans Home to get him on Sunday morning then takes him back. Dick says it is wonderful to see everyone.

### **Bob Seelinger**

Bob is doing well, making some progress. Wants to thank all who continue to pray for him.

### **Ray Martin**

Ray is still struggling with health issues.

### **Tina Harrison**

Jim says that his mother, Tina Harrison, is making slow progress, but not complaining.

**Did You Know:**

It is Steve Steinrauf OR Tom Clapp who are here early every Sunday morning to open up the church, get the heat turned up and get the coffee brewing for everyone. Thank you Steve and Tom.

Jim Harrison, Bill Metz and Barbara Huddleston take turns seeing that the church is locked up after worship services. Thanks to each of you.

**The Prayer List:**

Ray Martin, Cathy Pesce, Bill and Geneive Conner, Joyce Epperson, Tina Harrison, Bob Seelinger, Dick White, Joe Barks, Rich Henry.

**Got News?** Send it to Fred Luther ([newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org)) or Nola Garner ([momaegarner@charter.net](mailto: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.

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**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

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Worship Committee



**Repent, and believe in the good news.” —Mark 1:15**

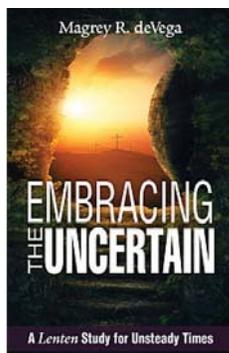
Please take an interactive map and fish bank located in the foyer to guide your family's conversation about One Great Hour of Sharing.

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### **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**

As we continue in this Lenten season, you are invited to come and hear various Fulton ministers, as they 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: March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

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**COMING SOON - Lenten & Easter Event Brochure**

The Worship Committee has published a full Lenten & Easter services and events brochure for distribution to members.

Look for yours in the Lobby, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary.

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**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!

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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:**

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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.



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**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION**

## Worship Committee Volunteer Schedule

In the March, 2018 Newsletter, the announcement for the The Worship Committee Volunteer Schedule said that it was for the month of February. Please note that it is actually for the months of March and April. The Schedule may 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 March and April.**

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### Contact FPC, Fulton

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P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251

**Our phone number is:**

(573) 642-5541

**Newsletter feedback can be sent to:**

[newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org)



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## 2018 MASTER WORSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE	USHER TEAM CAPTAIN	11 AM ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	SPECIAL NOTES
<b>Third Sunday in Lent—March 4</b> Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 John 2:13–22	Tim Baysinger	Cheyenne Studer	Judy McKinnon	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY:</b> Arlys Kremer, Sylvia Hampton, Barbara Huddleston
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 11</b> Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21	Jeff Mayne	Debbie Calder	Mary Van Orden	
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 18</b> Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9– 16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33	Mark Covey	Owen White	Gemma Fickess	
<b>Passion/Palm Sunday—March 25</b> Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Mark 14: 1–15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40–47)	Robert Craghead	Rev. Aaron White	Kent Palmer	Palm Processional.
<b>Maundy Thursday—March 29</b> Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35	Barbara Huddleston & Tim Wilkerson	TBA	Rev. Aaron White	<b>COMMUNION:</b>
<b>Good Friday—March 30</b> Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22:1–31 Hebrews 10:16– 25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9 John 18:1–19:42	Tim Wilkerson & Mary Van Orden	TBA	Team TBA	<b>TENABRAE SERVICE:</b>
<b>Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 1</b> Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2, 14– 24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20: 1–18 or Mark 16:1–8	Tim Baysinger	Austin Anderson	Judy McKinnon	<b>Processional to set the Lord's Table.</b> <b>COMMUNION:</b> Karen Luther, Fred Luther, Sylvia Hampton, Barbara Huddleston, Arlys Kremer
<b>2nd Sunday of Easter—April 8</b> Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19– 31	Jeff Mayne	Mary Van Orden	Jim Stevermer	
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter—April 15</b> Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48	Mark Covey	Rachel Jeffries	Patrice Zap	
<b>4th Sunday of Easter—April 22</b> Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11– 18	Robert Craghead	Shelby Studer	Tim Wilkerson	
<b>5th Sunday of Easter—April 29</b> Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31 1 John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8	Tim Wilkerson	Rev. Aaron White	Mary Van Orden	<b>NOTE: Ascension of the Lord—May 10</b> Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53



# Fulton Preschool Association

Seeking Part-Time Teacher/Administrator

Fulton Preschool has been serving the families of Callaway County for over 60 years and holds a respected reputation in the community. We are dedicated to providing a quality school experience for 3-5 year-olds by offering an educationally sound program that emphasizes both academic and social development.

The FPA philosophy is and has always been, "learning through play." FPA values play as a framework for learning, helping every child succeed. Our preschoolers are gently introduced to and prepared for the structure and the areas of learning they will master in kindergarten.

## Job Opportunity for Part-Time Teacher/Lead Teacher

### Position Description

- Teach a Morning preschool class on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and an afternoon preschool class on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Coordinate and undertake administrative and managerial tasks as needed
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday Morning class size limited to 16 four to five year olds
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoon class size limited to 14 three and four year old children
- An experienced teacher aide works with the teacher

### Applicants should hold one of the following

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or an Elementary Education Degree
- An Associate degree in Early Childhood Education
- An Associate degree in Child Development
- Training and courses in early education and actual preschool teaching experience

A job application form can be found on our website

[www.fultonpreschool.org](http://www.fultonpreschool.org)

Mail completed application form and cover letter by March 5, 2018

to

Fulton Preschool Association

P.O. Box 123

Fulton, MO 65251

Attn: Employment Committee

For Additional Information contact the preschool classroom at 573-590-1899



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## Job Opportunity for Part-Time Teacher's Aide

### Position Description

- Aide an afternoon preschool class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Assist the teacher of the class
- Class Size limited to 16 four and five year old children
- An experienced teacher works with the teacher's aide

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## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

## Mission Meeting-February 1, 2018

Members present-Bob Hansen, Aaron White, Tim Wilkerson, Mary Osburn

1. Souper Bowl
  - a. The display will kept up through February 11 with a final score displayed on the Sunday after the Souper Bowl. Tim will deliver food to SERVE.
2. Special Offerings- we are looking into implementing our ability to keep a portion of each special offering to use within the community.
  - a. One Great Hour of Sharing-We will start with a display on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Minute for Mission March 11<sup>th</sup> Bulletin Inserts on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Pentecost Offering- April 1-May 20 40% stays in the community. This could be used to support the SERVE back to school event.
  - c. Peace and Global Witness September 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 7 -25% can stay in our congregation to use for Rwanda
  - d. Christmas Joy December 2-23
3. Fair Trade
  - a. Support 1<sup>st</sup> Church Jeff's sale in July
  - b. We will meet August and September to start working on our next sale on December 1-2. We will again partner with 1<sup>st</sup> in Jeff
4. Earthcare-Recycling info. The Maynes have agreed to take over recycling. See info below
  1. Recycling Please recycle what you can from home.
  2. What you cannot, bring in and place in the bins in the Kitchen and we will clear them out.
  3. What we can take: Any kind of hard plastic; aluminum and metal cans; CLEAN paper and cardboard; Grocery bags.
  4. Everything should be clean.
5. 2018 Events
  - a. January-Begin Souper Bowl
  - b. February-Souper Bowl, Begin One Great Hour
  - c. March-One Great Hour of Sharing
  - d. April-One Great Hour of Sharing ends, Ryan's Case for Smiles sewing event 14th
  - e. May-Pentecost Offering
  - f. June
  - g. July-Back to School Offering

- h. August-Back to school Fair
  - i. September-Festival of Sharing/ Peace and Global Witness
  - j. October-Festival of Sharing / Peace and Global Witness
  - k. November-Begin Adopt a Family
  - l. December – Fair Trade, Joy Gift, Adopt a Family
6. Rwanda
- a. There is a request for educational materials such as posters that can be used to teach bible stories. Bob H will look into resources and profits from the Fair Trade market will be used to purchase.
  - b. Knit baby caps for Tanzania-looking into a knitting event to make caps
7. Alternative Christmas Gift
- a. Looking to use these fund to support the Roma Children through our sister church in Vizsoly.

Meetings will be First Tuesday of each even month.