



# The Lamplighter



January 2019

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Beloved,

I am away on vacation - so I leave you with this wonderful poem from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow about Ephiany.

Peace,  
Pastor Catherine

Three Kings came riding from far away,  
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;  
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,  
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,  
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.

The star was so beautiful, large, and clear,  
That all the other stars of the sky  
Became a white mist in the atmosphere,  
And by this they knew that the coming was near  
Of the Prince foretold in the prophecy.

Three caskets they bore on their saddle-bows,  
Three caskets of gold with golden keys;  
Their robes were of crimson silk with rows  
Of bells and pomegranates and furbelows,  
Their turbans like blossoming almond-trees.

And so the Three Kings rode into the West,  
Through the dusk of night, over hill and dell,  
And sometimes they nodded with beard on breast  
And sometimes talked, as they paused to rest,  
With the people they met at some wayside well.

"Of the child that is born," said Baltasar,  
"Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;  
For we in the East have seen his star,  
And have ridden fast, and have ridden far,  
To find and worship the King of the Jews."

And the people answered, "You ask in vain;  
We know of no king but Herod the Great!"  
They thought the Wise Men were men insane,  
As they spurred their horses across the plain,  
Like riders in haste, and who cannot wait.

And when they came to Jerusalem,  
Herod the Great, who had heard this thing,  
Sent for the Wise Men and questioned them;  
And said, "Go down unto Bethlehem,  
And bring me tidings of this new king."

So they rode away; and the star stood still,  
The only one in the gray of morn  
Yes, it stopped, it stood still of its own free will,  
Right over Bethlehem on the hill,  
The city of David, where Christ was born.

And the Three Kings rode through the gate and the guard  
,  
Through the silent street, till their horses turned  
And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;  
But the windows were closed, and the doors were barred,  
And only a light in the stable burned.

And cradled there in the scented hay,  
In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,  
The little child in the manger lay,  
The child, that would be king one day  
Of a kingdom not human but divine.

His mother Mary of Nazareth  
Sat watching beside his place of rest,  
Watching the even flow of his breath,  
For the joy of life and the terror of death



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION MEETING**  
**Session Minutes-Regular Meeting**  
**Presbyterian Church of Fulton**  
**December 18, 2018**

The December regular session meeting was held in the Bride's room.

Clerk noted a quorum present. Moderator Rev. Catherine Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and concerns were shared. Jim Balk opened with prayer.

The following Elders were present: Cindy Wierema, Jim Balk, Anne Balk, Marie Burkhardt, Mike Hand, Mike Kramer and Dale Thayer.

Excused Elder absent: Roy Nelson

**Moved and seconded** to approve the December docket. **Motion passed.**

**Moved and seconded** to approve the regular session minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. **Motion passed.**

**Clerk's Report** attendance statistics were presented 11/18/18=50; 11/25/18=42; 12/1/18=54; 12/9/18=58; 12/16/18=52.

No new members; Communion on 12/1/18 served to 54 and communion served to 5 shut-ins.

Cindy Wierema will serve communion on Christmas Eve.

The 2019 dates for communion are as follows: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, April 17 (Maundy Thursday), May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6 November 3, December 1 and December 24 (Christmas Eve).

**Pastor's Report**

**November 13 – December 17**

**Besides Regular keeping regular office hours from approx. 9:00-12:00, doing weekly worship planning, study and sermon writing and Lamplighter Articles**

**Ecumenical / Community Participation**

School Volunteer on Friday mornings

Faithwalking – Final event for 2018. Will continue in 2019.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing counting monies. Goal has not yet been reached, but may be after all is counted.

**Church Community Participation**

*Bible Study 10/22*

Lead Ukulele Group on Wednesday nights

76 notes sent

559 Youth leader

Banners made for the sanctuary

Decorated sanctuary for Advent with worship committee.

Christian Ed Meeting

New website has been available for 3 weeks. Continue to modify and improve.

Commission on Ministry meeting at Presbytery

Steam Anchor - Tuesdays 1-3

**Committee Reports:**

**Calling & Membership:** Marie Burkhardt & Anne Balk.

Gift Certificate cards have been mailed to college students and military personnel. Fruit and treat plates were delivered to 13 individuals and care facilities.

**Christian Education:** Megan Huizenga

Faith walking group 101 will be held on January 25 and 26.

**Moved and seconded** to provide \$25 supplement registration for this event for anyone choosing to attend and this amount will come from the Christian Education budget line item. **Motion passed.**

**Fellowship Committee:** (Bill Wilkin chair) Mike Hand

There will be a trivia night on January 27 with proceeds supporting projects at Mission Starfish Haiti.

**Finance Committee:** Dale Thayer (chair) & Jim Balk

A line item in the 2019 proposed budget regarding an initial fee for the church website was removed because this has been paid out of 2018 budget.

**Moved and seconded** to amend the 2019 budget to reflect this change. **Motion passed.**

**Nominating Committee:** Jim Balk and Marie Burkhardt

This committee was thanked for their work in filing the elected positions.

**Outreach Committee:** Cindy Wierema

The bake sale proceeds of \$550 will be split between the Fulton Food Pantry and the church general fund. The Rad orders proceeds are \$12.75.

**Properties:** Roy Nelson and Jim Balk

The committee reported that landscaping rock has been moved, the door in the building has been repaired, and defective lights have been replaced.

**Moved and seconded** to approve the building use on January 27, 2019 for the Mission Starfish Haiti trivia night. **Motion passed.**

**Moved and seconded** to approve the building use for a Quinceanera event for the Bueno family on March 8 and March 9, 2019. **Motion passed.**

**Staff Committee:** Mike Hand

**Moved and seconded** to approve the job description for the nursery attendant. **Motion passed.**

**Worship Committee:** Anne Balk

**Moved and seconded** to approve pulpit supply, Diana Jochum, on December 30. **Motion passed.**

There was discussion regarding the procedure to cancel church due to bad weather.

**Moved and seconded** to receive the preceding reports. **Motion passed.**

**New Business**

The session retreat will be held on January 19. Elders will be ordained and installed on January 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 and closed with prayer by Pastor Catherine

**Next regular meeting date January 19, 2019 9:00 am**



**JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers: Ken and Karen Fanderclai**

January 6 ..... Jim Moore  
 January 13 ..... Harold Bonneur  
 January 20 ..... Ruth Letcher  
 January 27 ..... Available

**THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY**  
**January suggested donations:**

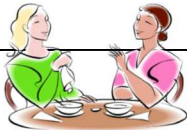
Jello  
 Canned Fruit Cocktail



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

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Our Men's Fellowship Group continues to meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. This month it will be January 12th, all men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



**LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch meet on Thursdays . We will be at Fulton Steak and Ribs in Fulton on January 10th at 11:30 am. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the hallway. Come and bring a neighbor, friend, or anyone who needs a day out.

**NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Thanks to all church members and friends who purchased wreaths and swags. We were able to raise \$200.00. \$100 has been sent to the Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry and \$100 will be used to help fund the parking lot.

Our recent bake sale raised \$552.00 with \$300.00 to the Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry and remainder to the General Fund.

Mission Starfish Haiti: You once again have the opportunity to support Stephanie, our Mission Starfish Haiti child. You can sign up for a day, a week, a month! It is only \$1.00 a day to help provide Stephanie with the resources she needs. There are still a few openings available.

We had a recent RADA sale which netted \$12.75 in profit to the General Fund.

Our next fund raiser will be the Souper Bowl of Caring in February.

Thank You to Everyone for supporting the efforts of the Outreach Committee this past year and into the future.

**MSH NEWS**

Hello everyone.. MSH Trivia Night will be Sunday January 27nd at 6:00 pm at FPC.. Cost is ten dollars per person with a limit of eight people on a team. Please try to make it. I think we will raffle a few things off as well. More details on that later. Call me to reserve a table. Freezin for a Reason will be Saturday February 16th so please mark that on your calendar as well. Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Timber Lane and thanks to the Holesingers for their contribution. Merry Christmas to all! Bill

**CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS**

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

**GREETERS**

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

**THANK YOU**

We want to thank you once again for all of your caring, your cards, your thoughts, and your prayers. Thanks to Pastor Catherine for her calls and visits. They are all such a blessing and very much appreciated. God's blessings to you and yours during this special season and always. Phyllis and Jim Stachour.

**THANK YOU**

Thank You everybody for the wonderful plate of cookies, from the Calling and Membership Committee. Mary Hamm

## MISSION STARFISH HAITI

### TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: SUNDAY JANUARY 27th AT 6:00PM

WHERE: FULTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON. UP TO 8  
MEMBERS ON EACH TEAM.  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT MSH SCHOOL  
AND COMMUNITY.

TO RESERVE A TABLE CONTACT  
BILL WILKIN  
AT 563-249-3098



## Join the Choir...

### You'll Be Glad You Did!

#### How about Hand Bells?

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

#### Do you like to Sing?

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





**FREEZIN for a REASON**  
5k Run/Walk

OR- stay warm & donate

Saturday, February 16 @ 12 pm in Fulton, IL

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

**Course Description/Location:**

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

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

**5k Run/Walk Information:**

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

**Sleep in And Donate:**

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

**2 ways to Register:**

- Mail registration to Jean Roeder  
301 4th St #7 Fulton, IL 61252
- Online: [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com)

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

Post race Chili and snacks available at the church.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Stay Warm and Donate Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal guardian if under 18)

January 1, 2019	New Year's Day - Office Closed 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor NOT at Steam Anchor	January 16, 2018	<b>559@ FPC</b> 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending
January 2, 2019	Pastor on Vacation No <b>559@FPC</b>	January 17, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
January 3, 2019	Pastor on Vacation	January 18, 2019	Pastor's day off
January 4, 2019	Pastor on Vacation	January 19, 2019	9:00 a.m. Session Retreat
January 5, 2019		January 20, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
January 6, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	January 21, 2019	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet
January 7, 2019	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Papers 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet	January 22, 2019	Pastor to Presbytery 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor NOT at Steam Anchor
January 8, 2019	1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor	January 23, 2019	<b>559@ FPC</b> 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending
January 9, 2019	<b>559@ FPC</b> 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending	January 24, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
January 10, 2019	11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	January 25, 2019	Pastor's day off
January 11, 2019	Pastor's day off	January 26, 2019	
January 12, 2019	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship	January 27, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. MSH Trivia Night
January 13, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	January 28, 2019	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet
January 14, 2019	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Meet	January 29, 2019	1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor
January 15, 2019	1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Session and Quilters meet	January 30, 2019	<b>559@ FPC</b> 5:30-6:00 p.m. Ukulele Practice 6:00 p.m. Dinner is Served 6:20 p.m. Learning and Exploration 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending
		January 31, 2019	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**BIRTHDAYS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



January 3	Owen Radke
January 7	Kimberly Parker
January 9	Thelma Warner
January 10	Shirley Buikema
January 12	Thomas Warner Sr.
January 13	Jenna Schrader Kris Blount
January 16	Emily Huff
January 20	Mike Kramer
January 22	Mary Vogel Nicholas Hoogheem
January 24	Pam Peacock
January 26	Paul Parker
January 31	Zoey Horton



**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

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



**LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday January 10th.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO MEET**

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday January 12th. For more information contact Bill Wilkin.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**DID YOU KNOW**

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

**QUARTERLY DONATION STATEMENT AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL**

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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

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



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**FAITHWALKING**  
making wholeness possible

**Join us for Faithwalking  
101**

**When- January 25-26  
9AM- 5PM**

**Where- Grace Valley CRC  
8210 E Edwardsville Rd  
German Valley, IL**

**Cost- \$25**

**Registration deadline-  
January 6**

for more info on faithwalking go to  
[www.faithwalking.us](http://www.faithwalking.us)  
for more info about the retreat contact  
Pastor Cath  
[pastorcath@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcath@gmail.com)

**What in your life isn't working?  
Where do you feel stuck?  
What have you tried again and again to  
change, with little to no progress?  
Do you believe change is even  
possible?**

More than likely, cynicism and resignation  
have seeped in and taken hold. But  
consider this: What if we were created by  
a God who can raise the dead? And  
what if that God loves you deeply and  
wants to lead you to a place of freedom  
and creativity and wonder? Do you want  
to experience genuine, lasting,  
transformation? Consider joining us on  
our upcoming Faithwalking 101 Retreat,  
as we seek to become fully human, fully  
alive followers of Jesus