



# The Lamplighter



October 2019

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## Pastor's Note

This month I want to share with you what happens every Wednesday night here at the church with our children and youth. It is a time of fun, fellowship, modeling, and education that happens because of dedicated volunteers and a group of kids eager to come to church!

Our night actually starts at 4:30, with a small group of children, youth and adults that gather to practice so they may provide special music the third Sunday of the month in worship using their Ukuleles and voices. This is an opportunity to learn about the importance of things like practice, and working together, but more importantly, to learn about the importance of offering our very best to God in worship.

While the group meets to practice, taking place down the hall in the kitchen is meal preparation, provided by a dedicated group of workers (who would be happy to have you join them). At 5:30, after everyone has arrived, the group gathers at the entrance of the outreach center, and offers up a prayer of thanks and blessing to God for our meal-and then eats! It is a time to share and have fun. At the end of mealtime, in a new tradition we started this year, we gather at the kitchen window and say "Thank you" to those who provided the meal for us. (See picture). Then at 5:59 p.m., we head down the hall to the Christian education rooms for an hour of learning and growing in faith together.

The groups are currently broken up into two groups - Pre-k through 5th grade and 6th- 12th grade. The younger group, led by four dedicated workers, focuses each month on a different story from the bible. For example, this past month, they looked at the story of the Prodigal Son. Each week, after sharing their highs and lows of the past week, they hear the story and then engage in a different activity: arts and crafts, science or games and community building — each based upon the scripture.

Meanwhile, the youth also start with highs and lows, and then engage in a monthly theme surrounding faith. This past month we explored their identity in Christ by looking at different scripture themes and stories in the bible, and engage in various activities.

At 7:00 p.m., the two groups meet in the foyer to pray the Lord's prayer - and then head home!!!

A final question you might have is how many participants do we have in 5:59? Well, when we are not competing with sports events at the school, we now are up to 22 participants - 22 in part because our kids are starting to invite their friends! A good sign we are doing something right!

A final thought - We can always use backup help - so if you are willing to help either in the kitchen or with one of the groups - please let us know!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Catherine



## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

**Ushers:** Ruth Letcher and Sharon Zuidema

**Greeters:**

October 6 ..... Ken and Karen Fanderclai

October 13 ..... Available

October 20 ..... Available

October 27 ..... Bill and Jean Wilkin



## THE JAN STUART MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY

*October suggested donations:*

Detergent

Shampoo

Toothpaste



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION MEETING

### September 10, 2019

The September meeting was held at 6:00 pm in the bride's room.

Moderator Rev. Catherine Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Joys and concerns were shared followed by the opening prayer by Pastor Catherine. The covenant of leadership was recited.

The clerk declared a quorum.

The following Elders were present: Jim Balk, Mike Hand, Megan Huizenga, Mike Kramer, Roy Nelson, Dave Ray, Angie Smith, Dale Thayer, Cindy Wierema

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

**Moved and seconded** to approve the regular session minutes of the August, 2019 meeting. **Motion passed.**

**Clerk's Report** Attendance statistics were presented: 8/18/19=54; 8/25/19=63; 9/1/19=62; 9/8/19=60  
Communion on 9/1/19=62 and communion served to 1 shut-in.

The death of Jolene Bielema was reported

Liturgist/Communion assignment for October is Dale Thayer. Cindy Wierema will be responsible for communion.

### Pastor's Report

August 14, 2019- Sept 9th, 2019

### Visitations and Communion 9

Cards mailed - 10

### Ecumenical / Community Participation

RMA meeting 9/4/19

Sterling Clergy Book Group Thursdays

Steam Anchor Tuesdays 1:30 -3

### Presbytery Participation

COM meeting 8/27 at Blackhawk

Various COM responsibilities

Blackhawk Trustee Meeting 8/27

### Church Community Participation

Attended weekly Choir Rehearsal

Met with Mark for Worship Music planning

Attended Bell Choir Rehearsal (to help with directing in Mark's absence)

Coffee and Conversation 9/4/19

Met with 559 volunteers to plan for upcoming year

Yearly planning

### Committee Reports:

**Calling & Membership:** Angie Smith

The committee met August 18. There will be a new member class in October. These people will be received into membership during worship on October 27 followed by a potluck luncheon.

**Christian Education:** Megan Huizenga  
559 is scheduled to begin September 11th. A rotation model will be used this year with the younger children.

The schedule for the Wednesday activities is as follows:

Worship music practice – 4:30 to 5:30

Meal – 5:30

Classes meet – 6:00 – 7:00

**Fellowship Committee:** Dave Ray and Mike Hand  
There is no report

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

Balance as of September 9 is \$25,883.46

Budget requests for 2020 are due by October 1.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Kramer  
Committee will meet soon.

**Outreach Committee:** Cindy Wierema  
Rice & Beans Haiti = \$1,830.00

**Properties:** Roy Nelson and Jim Balk

The new garage door opener with an outside keypad has been purchased and installed.

The new tables for the Outreach center have arrived.

The purchase of these tables was made possible through memorials and donations.

**Staff Committee:** Mike Hand

No report.

**Worship Committee:** Megan Huizenga

No report.

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

**Moved and seconded** to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 and closed with prayer by Jim Balk.

Next regular session meeting October 8, 2019

## 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 October 12th, all men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



### LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch meet on the second Thursday of each month. We will be at Jenny's in Clinton, Iowa on October 10th at 11:30 am. There is a sign up sheet posted in the hallway. Come and bring a neighbor, friend, or anyone who needs a day out.

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee is once again selling RADA products to raise money for sweatpants, leggings, socks, and underclothes for needy children at Fulton Elementary School. Make certain your own kitchen is well stocked, and remember that these items make great Christmas gifts also. The sale will end October 13th. The Committee will be selling wreaths and swags as a money making project at Christmas again this year. These are all lovely fresh greens for use in decorating and you will also enjoy the fragrance. We would like to extend a big Thank You to everyone for supporting all of our Outreach projects.

### POTATO BAR WITH DESSERT

The Fulton Presbyterian Church Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Baked Potato Bar and Dessert Supper on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. A variety of toppings will be available. The supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the church. Free will donations will be appreciated. The supper is open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors and mark your calendars now. The church is located at 311 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

### GREETERS

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

### CHANCEL AND BELL CHOIRS

The Chancel and Bell choirs have begun practicing for this fall and winter. The Bell Choir will begin at 6 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will follow at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome!

### Bible Study

You are invited to join the Pastor on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 9th, to explore together the scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday's sermon focus. Please bring your bible along - coffee and a treat will be provided.

### Coffee and Conversation

Every **First** and **Third** Wednesday of the month - starting at 9:00, we invite you to come to the church and gather around our new round tables and engage in conversation with others! This bi-monthly opportunity, which is open to the larger community, is meant to be a place where you can connect with old friends and make new ones.

### Book Club

**"For Mature Readers Only"**, Beginning October 9th, 2019, and every **second Wednesday** of the Month thereafter. This book club, which is open to the Fulton community, is designed for those who have entered, or will soon be entering the time of life that our culture calls.... "the senior years". The intent of the group is to read and discuss opportunities, interests, issues and concerns that have relevance for your daily lives. To kick off the group, the book *"I love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old"*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, has been chosen. Below is a description of the book from Amazon....

Growing *older* is a process. Growing *old* is a conclusion. If you're growing *older* you see some hope because you have perspective and you keep learning. If you've grown *old*, you may cynically think that times have never been as bad as they are now, and that they can only get worse.

This book is about learning how to "make peace with where you are right now." It's about learning from the past and then moving past it. It's about growing—personally, spiritually, and in our relationships with God and with others. If we think properly about growing older we'll never have to grow old.

This book is available new on Amazon in paperback for \$11.88, or Kindle for \$9.99. There are also a few used copies available starting at \$1.11 plus \$3.99 shipping and applicable tax.

### Thinking About Becoming a Member?

Did you know that the process of becoming a member of the Fulton Presbyterian Church is easy?!?! It means being willing and available to participate in three separate steps.

The first step is to meet with the pastor, where we will get to know each other a little better through the sharing of our faith stories, talk about what it means to be a Presbyterian, including how our system of government works.

The second step is to meet with our Session, which takes place the following week, and the third step involves being received as a member during worship, followed by a celebration luncheon!

Interested? Join with others who have already expressed an interest, as we gather on October 13th, 2019, after worship (and after getting refreshments from the Outreach center), to meet with the pastor, in the Brides Room. If, from that meeting you wish to move forward, we will meet again on October 21, 2019, again after worship, to meet with the Session. Finally on October 27th, 2019, we will be receiving new members during our worship service, after which the community will have the opportunity to officially welcome you as we gather together at the table for a luncheon in the outreach center.

If you have any questions, please let Pastor Catherine know.



### **559 HALLOWEEN PARTY**

On October 30th we will be going to the Smith's for a **Halloween Party and Hay Ride!!!**

We will **leave** from the church at **5:15 p.m.** and return at **7:30 p.m.** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!!! Please let us know who will be coming by signing up with any leader of the 559 team!



### **Halloween**

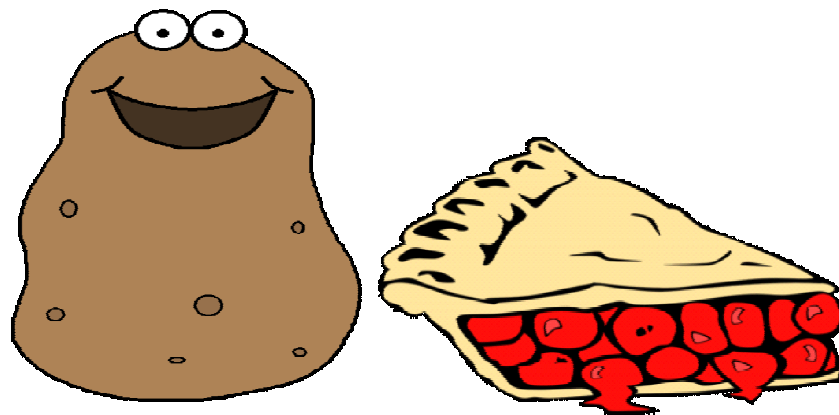
### **HALLOWEEN FUN ALERT**

Trunk or Treat will be filling our parking lot again for Halloween. The date is October 31st and hours will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat consists of decorating the trunk of your car, or bed of your truck, and giving out treats to our area children





# **BAKED POTATO BAR INCLUDING DESSERT**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:30 - 6:30 P.M.**

**FREE WILL DONATION**

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October 1, 2019	1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor	October 16, 2019	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 4:30 - 5:30 Worship Music Practice in Music Room <b>559@ FPC doors open at 5:30 p.m.</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served 5:59 p.m. Christian Education 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending		
October 2, 2019	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 4:30 - 5:30 Worship Music Practice <b>559@ FPC doors open at 5:30 p.m.</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served 5:59 p.m. Christian Education 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending				
October 3, 2019	8:30 a.m. Pastor to Sterling clergy book group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	October 17, 2019	8:30 a.m. Pastor to Sterling clergy book group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice		
October 4, 2019	Pastor's day off Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in the office. Friends of the Windmill to decorate Outreach Center	October 18, 2019	Pastor's day off		
		October 19, 2019			
October 5, 2019	Friends of the Windmill in the Outreach Center	October 20, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship		
October 6, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	October 21, 2019	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Scouts to meet		
October 7, 2019	Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in the office. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Finance Committee to meet 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Scouts - Papers 6:30 p.m. Scouts to meet	October 22, 2019	1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor		
		October 23, 2019	4:30 - 5:30 Worship Music Practice in Music Room <b>559@ FPC doors open at 5:30 p.m.</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served 5:59 p.m. Christian Education 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending		
October 8, 2019	Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in the office. Pastor Not at Steam Anchor 6:00 p.m. Session to meet	October 24, 2019	8:30 a.m. Pastor to Sterling clergy book group 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice		
October 9, 2019	Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in the office. 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Book Group 4:30 - 5:30 Worship Music Practice in Music Room <b>559@ FPC doors open at 5:30 p.m.</b> 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served 5:59 p.m. Christian Education 7:00-7:05 Closing and Sending	October 25, 2019	Pastor's Day Off		
		October 26, 2019			
October 10, 2019	Paul on Vacation Mary Jo in the office. 8:30 a.m. Pastor to Sterling clergy book group 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch to meet 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	October 27, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship		
		October 28, 2019	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Scouts to meet		
October 11, 2019	Pastor's Day Off	October 29, 2019	Pastor at Presbytery Pastor will NOT be at Steam Anchor		
October 12, 2019	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship	October 30, 2019	10:30 a.m. Harbor Crest Chapel 5:59 Halloween Party		
October 13, 2019	9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Fellowship	October 31, 2019	8:30 a.m. Pastor to Sterling clergy book group Trick or Trunk in parking lot 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice		
October 14, 2019	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Scouts to meet				
October 15, 2019	1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pastor at Steam Anchor 7:00 p.m. Quilters to meet				

**BIRTHDAYS**


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



October 1	LeeAnn Steele
October 3	Emelyn Blount
October 4	Emmett Hinrichs
October 5	Josh Smith
October 7	Logan Rathburn
October 8	Patty Hoogheem
October 9	Addison Horton
October 11	Joyce Moore
	Nolan Rathburn
October 12	Jordin Rathburn
October 18	Morgan Wierema
	Dorothy Stamp
October 22	Nicole Crosthwaite
October 23	Marsha Norman
October 26	Judy Jordan
October 27	Paul Delzell
October 29	Ryan Hoogheem
October 30	Dave Curley

**ANNIVERSARIES**

October 7	Bob and Shirley Buikema
October 14	Russ and Patty Hoogheem
October 15	Ken and Karen Fanderclai
	Mike and Cindy Kuykendall
October 26	Paul and Judi Delzell
	Orian and Michelle Hinrichs
October 27	Keith and Ann Huff
October 29	Kris and April Blount

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

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

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

**LUNCH BUNCH**

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

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO MEET**

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

**DID YOU KNOW**

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

**SEMI-ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENT AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL**

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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

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

**ESTIMATE OF GIVING**

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

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