

### A Moment for Missions

*Our Missionary of the Month for April is Sean and Heather Christensen with World Team. This is from a recent newsletter.*

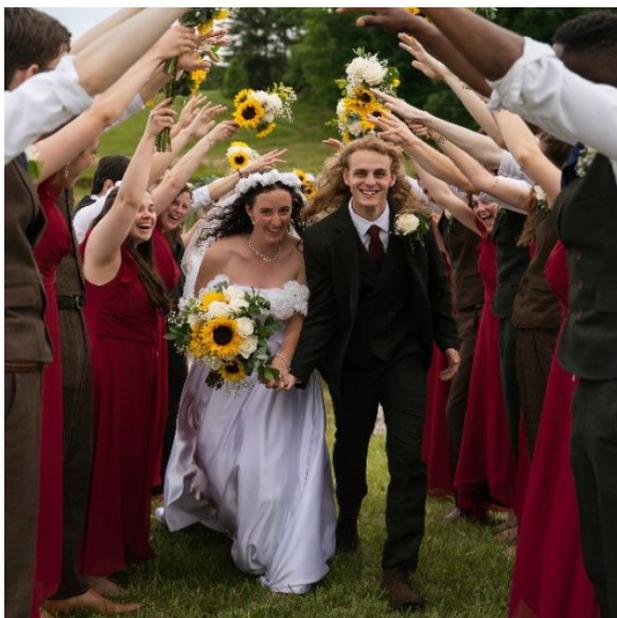
#### Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

The new year looks to bring two newborn members to our family. We announced last month that Erik and Abigail are expecting in March. In God's provision, little junior will have a new cousin coming about 10 weeks later!

Joey and Moriah are expecting in May. They don't plan to find out the sex of the baby ahead of time, so we all get to be surprised.

Heather and I marvel at the changes the Lord has brought to our family. Just four years ago our family of six was in Haiti celebrating Christmas. Abigail joined us as a serious girlfriend. Since then, we moved to the USA; the three boys graduated from college; Ellie started college; Abigail, Sarah, and Moriah joined our family, and now two grandchildren are on the way.

We are grateful for this season, however long it will be, in which we live close to each other. Thank you for your support—God's provision—for us to serve Christ's global mission and mission workers from our home in South Carolina.



Moriah & Joey at their wedding



**“Now I see that love exists!”** A young man from a broken home said this to a World Team missionary in Brazil this year. This missionary built a relationship with him, studied the Bible together, and welcomed him into his personal life. Coming from a broken home, he got to see the love of Christ embodied in this missionary's family life and personal interactions. That moved him from cynicism to a willingness to believe.

These missionaries are the people that Heather and I get to invest in. Our roles match their needs. Sometimes we mostly listen, sometimes we teach and train, or coach them through an obstacle. In everything we facilitate ministry characterized by prayer, faith, obedience, and being rooted in the gospel of Christ.

The New Year brings a revised budget. If you live in the US, you're likely aware of skyrocketing health insurance premiums, which are driving the lion's share of the **\$945/month increase** from our 2024 budget. This means we need additional support to fully match that amount!

We have 95 committed supporters, so even small increases to monthly pledges can go a long way. We also know that some of our supporters are doing all they can already, so we need new supporters too.

Would you join us in prayer for God's provision and ask the Lord if He has a role for you? Your support through World Team allows our organization to pay our salary, benefits, and ministry expenses, plus do all that WT does to advance the gospel of Christ among 50 people groups!

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**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**  
**APRIL**  
**SEAN & HEATHER**  
**CHRISTENSEN**  
**WORLD TEAM**



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*Christensen Newsletter continued:*

**Prayer Topics**

- Praise God that Heather’s counseling internships went very well. Pray for her final semester that started in January. She will take two classes.
- Praise God that Sean could interview 7 people for his doctoral research. Pray for 10 more participants in the next three months.
- Pray for Sean’s other projects: his team is writing Gospel Foundations 2 for cross-cultural church planters to stay rooted in Christ; he will again facilitate a short module on teamwork, write a book review on the church’s role in globalization, and a missiology paper/ presentation related to race and missions.
- Sean and Heather will attend the WT-Europe Area conference this summer. Heather will be a counselor, and Sean will give three plenary messages.
- Pray for our family—as we prepare to welcome two babies, for Erik’s chronic fatigue, and for the Lord’s guidance in every step before us.
- Pray for our new budget to be fully met early in 2026.

*Thank you for your love and support!*

Sean and Heather Christensen

*Training the next generation of leaders for Christ’s Church and His mission.*



*~ Submitted by Susan Peterson, on behalf of the Fulton Missions Team. The members are passionate about missions: Rhonda Marsden, Susan Peterson, Kent Marsden, Donna Buschmann, Dan Buschmann, Lori Johnson, and Kristine Whitnoble.*

**Fulton Church Meet and Greet – April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Are you New to Fulton?

Considering making Fulton Church your home church?

Come to our “Meet and Greet” during the Sunday School hour on April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Old Sanctuary during the Sunday School Hour.

This short session is a setting where you can ask questions about Fulton Church and find out more about the opportunities we offer for both children and adults of all ages.

Church Council members will be there to share more about our fellowship and help you find community that could be a blessing to you and your family. Attending doesn’t require of you any obligations – this is just an opportunity to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you!



**NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**

We have our first Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) bed build opportunity of 2026 on April 18th and need volunteers.

Please see the following QR Code for information and to sign up!



Let's make sure that 'no kids sleep on the floor in our town!'

Tera Meyer 608-247-7645  
SHP - Edgerton Chapter



**Maundy Thursday - April 2**

The Celebrations Team will be serving a soup supper from 5-6 pm on Maundy Thursday.

Our service will begin at 6:30 and will include the choir performance and communion.

**Pasty Sale Fundraiser**

Pasty Samples will be available on  
 April 12 and April 19  
 Pre-Orders accepted – Pick-up Dates  
 April 12 and April 19  
 Last Day to Order April 19

Proceeds to benefit Fulton Church

Questions / Pre-orders:  
 Contact Ray Romblom 608-931-5213



- Brunch starts around 9:00 (after first service)
- Fundraiser for the Youth Alaska Mission Team
- Pancakes, egg bakes, hash browns, pastries, fruit, GLUTEN FREE options available!
- \$10 for 10 and up, \$5 4-9, 3 and under free, max of \$50 for each family



**Bible, Brats, and Beverages**  
**Wednesdays from 6-8 pm**  
 Contact Brent Delzer 608-755-1857



# Worship Dance

**Soul Sisters & Youth**

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> / 10am to 12 noon  
Fulton Church Gym in Edgerton

Women of all ages and kids age 6 and older are invited to a lyrical worship dance experience. All ability levels are welcome or come just to watch. Snacks and drinks will be available.

Featuring a special demonstration from **Rising Star Dance Academy**

Please wear comfortable, stretchy clothing and supportive shoes.

Register:  
<https://www.fultonchurch.org/womens-ministry>

*"Let them praise his name with dancing"*  
Psalm 149:3

**FATHER-SON WEEKEND  
 IN WISCONSIN DELLS**

Friday April 10 - Sunday April 12  
 For dads and sons of school age

Cost will be \$70 per person  
 plus food/transportation

Space is limited - First come, first served  
 Text "dells" to 833-405-4479 to express interest or ask questions...  
 or talk to Pastor Zack.

**ANNUAL MEN'S GOLF OUTING**

**Wednesday June 24**

**Put it on your calendar and save the date!**

**Questions? Contact Norm Fjelstad  
 by text or phone: 608-772-9400**

## The Men's Group Annual Ice Fishing Trip



*From UW-Whitewater students:*

Fulton Church,

Thank you for generously allowing the UW-Whitewater Mark Drama to rehearse in your facilities. Your willingness to let us come in for two full days is much appreciated! It is very helpful for the cast to practice in a space that is similar to where we are performing and in a location not too far from campus.

Every year the Mark Drama brings opportunities for students to invite non-Christians to interact with the Gospel in a new way, and for some, to witness the love and salvation of Jesus for the first time! This year we were able to give away Bibles and have several spiritual conversations after the performance. Thank you for being a part of this by allowing us to prepare at Fulton Church.

God Bless you!

Alayna Lewis on behalf of the UW-Whitewater InterVarsity Servant Team

Dear Fulton Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to help support our Urbana trip, and allowing Luke and I to share about it with you all. Because of you we all got to glow in love for the mission of the global church, but also a renewed fire for ministry back on campus. Thank you for partnering with us in this and helping to make the trip happen.

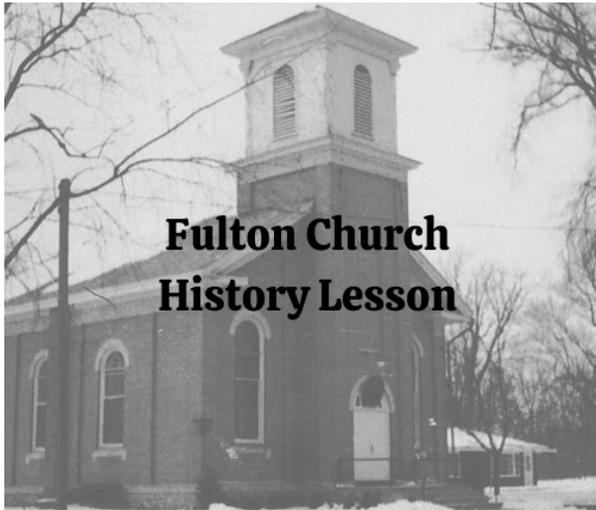
God bless!

Elijah and the Urbana Team

Dear Fulton Church,

Thank you for supporting us in our trip to Urbana! It was such an incredible experience for me and everyone from my chapter who went. I enjoyed learning new things about the Lord, my faith, and how to live on mission always, wherever I am. Thank you for helping make this trip possible!

God bless,  
Lydia Mayer



## Fulton Church History Lesson

Anna Keen and her sister, Minnie, were the first missionaries that were sent out from Fulton Church in 1871. Anna's family lived in the Fulton area, attended the Fulton First Congregational Church (Fulton Church) and many of her family are buried in the Fulton Cemetery.

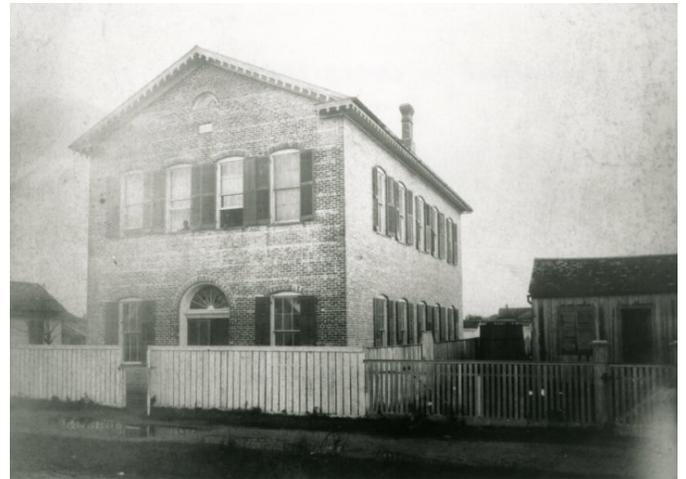
Anna attended the Rockford Female Seminary and then went on to Mississippi and Texas where she taught the formerly enslaved "freedmen" of the South. (It was a crime to teach enslaved people to read in that place and time.)

Anna's great-granddaughter, Flora Beach Burlingame, wrote the book *Charcoal and Chalk*, a historical fiction based on Anna's husband, John Ogilvie Stevenson, which includes his earliest contact with Anna as she taught from 1871 to 1872 where John was the principal. The novel tells of John's teaching at a rural school southwest of Galveston, Texas, and later in Galveston where he encountered racism and government interference.

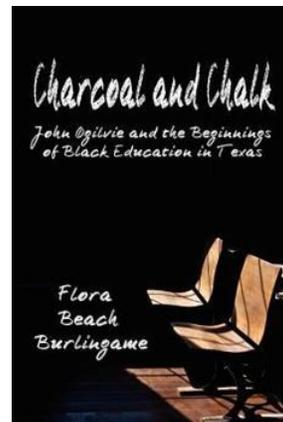
The book can be found in the Fulton Church library in the Historic Sanctuary, top right shelf (look for the white binding).



*Anna Keen Stevenson*



*Barnes Institute, Galveston, Texas*



*Thank you, Kent Marsden, for the research, photos, and this article!*

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. - Numbers 6:24-26*

## Happy Anniversary

Bob and Robin Morrison	4/3
Matt and Sarah Conant	4/14
Bill and Kathy Olstad	4/21



## Happy Birthday

Mya Roller	4/1	Jayda Roller	4/14
Finn Buck	4/2	Adele Bilhorn	4/14
Pat Hemenway	4/3	Allen Sanford	4/16
Ellie Bilhorn	4/5	Levi Mathews	4/17
Janet Silbaugh	4/6	Elise Mathews	4/18
Emma Wrolstad	4/6	Tenley Hemenway	4/20
Peter Millar	4/6	Van Buck	4/22
Michelle Buhrow	4/9	Noah Towns	4/25
Missy Phelps	4/10	Barb Rose	4/26
Luther Johnson	4/11	Jake Williams	4/30

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm  Immerse Zoom 8pm	2 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Torah Club 9am Culver's Bible Study 1pm- Hebrew Class 5pm Souper Supper 5pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm	3 <b>Good Friday</b> Friday Bible Study 9am	4 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am  Choir-Skaalen Performance 1:30pm
5 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Easter Brunch 9am	6 Pasty Making 7am  Music Ministry Rehearsal 5:30pm 4H Board Meeting 6:30pm	7 Pasty Making 7am  Carving Group 9am  Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm  P&W 6pm	8 Pasty Making 7am  Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm  Immerse Zoom 8pm	9 Pasty Making 7am  Torah Club 9am Culver's Bible Study 1pm- Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm	10 Father-Son Weekend Pasty Making 7am  Friday Bible Study 9am	11 Father-Son Weekend Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 8am
12 Father-Son Weekend Pasty Sale Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Church Council 12pm Awana Step-Up/ JV 2pm	13 Pasty Making 7am  Private Party 1pm  4H Club Meeting 6:45pm	14 Pasty Making 7am Carving Group 9am Life Group-Casper 5:30pm Missions Team 5:30pm Facilities & Grounds 6pm Celebrations Team 6pm	15 Pasty Making 7am  Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm  Immerse Zoom 8pm	16 Pasty Making 7am Safety Team 9am Torah Club 9am Culver's Bible Study 1pm- Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm Life Group-Choates 6pm	17 Pasty Making 7am  Friday Bible Study 9am	18 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am
19 Pasty Sale Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Meet & Greet 9:30 Awana Awards/ JV 2pm	20 Life Group Culver's 11:30am	21 Carving Group 9am  Fulton Cares 3pm Finance Team 5pm  Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm  CED Meeting 6:30pm	22 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm  Immerse Zoom 8pm	23 Torah Club 9am Culver's Bible Study 1pm- Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm	24 Friday Bible Study 9am	25 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am
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**Be sure to "like" the Fulton Church Awana clubs Facebook page. Announcements and posts concerning club-wide events will be posted to keep you informed!**



**At Fulton Church, We Are...**

- *Growing in Christ*
- *Connecting as a Family*
- *Reaching the Community and the World with God's Grace*



**Fall/Winter Schedule**

**Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30**  
**Sunday School 9:30**  
**Awana and JV Clubs 2-4 pm**



**Please join us for Easter service. The choir will be performing and a brunch served between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. There will be no Sunday School classes or Awana on Easter.**

**ATTENTION, FULTON CHURCH!**

We now use church-wide text messages through Gloop to keep you informed! These texts will include emergency cancellations, schedule changes, and weekly updates with important information like bulletins, inserts, newsletters, and short devotions. It's a simple way to stay connected and up to date with what's happening at our church.

To join, scan the QR Code or text "Connect" to 833-405-4479. Talk to Pastor Zack if you have questions.

