

A Moment for Missions

The Legend of the White Gifts

A great many years ago in a land far away from us there was a certain king who was dearly beloved by all his people. Men admired him because he was strong and just. In all his dealings they knew they could depend upon him. Every matter that came to his consideration was carefully weighed in his mind and his decisions were always wise. Women trusted him because he was pure and true, with lofty thoughts and high ambitions, and the children loved him because of his gentleness and tenderness toward them. He was never so burdened with affairs of state that he could not stop to speak a pleasant word of greeting to the tiniest child, and the very poorest of his subjects knew they could count upon his interest in them.

This deep-seated love and reverence for their King made the people of this country wish very much for a way in which to give expression to it so that he would understand it. Many consultations were held and one after another the plans suggested were rejected, but at last a most happy solution was found. It was rapidly circulated here and there, and it met with the most hearty approval everywhere.

It was a plan for celebrating the King's birthday.

Of course, that had been done in many lands before, but there were certain features about this celebration which differed materially from anything that had ever been tried. They decided that on the King's birthday the people should all bring him gifts, but they wanted in some way to let him know that these gifts were the expression of a love on the part of the giver which was pure and true and unselfish, and in order to show that, it was decided that each gift should be a "White Gift."



The King heard about this beautiful plan, and it touched his heart in a wonderful way. He decided that he would do his part to carry out the idea and let his loving subjects know how much he appreciated their thoughtfulness.

You can just imagine the excitement there was all over the land as the King's birthday drew near. All sorts of loving sacrifices had been made and everyone was anxious to make his gift the very best he had to offer. At last the day dawned, and eagerly the people came dressed in white and carrying their white gifts. To their surprise they were ushered into a great, big room - the largest one in the palace. They stood in silence when they first entered it, for it was beautiful beyond all expression. It was a *white* room; the floor was white marble; the ceiling looked like a mass of soft, white fluffy clouds; the walls were hung with beautiful white silken draperies, and all the furnishings were white. In one end of the room stood a stately white throne, and seated upon it was their beloved ruler and he was clad in shining white robes, and his attendants - all dressed in white - were grouped around him.

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Our Love Offering in December will go to White Gifts for the King

Then came the presentation of the gifts. What a wealth of them there was - and how different they were in value. In those days it was just as it is now - there were many people who had great wealth, and they brought gifts which were generous in proportion to their wealth.

One brought a handful of pearls, another a number of carved ivories. There were beautiful laces and silks and embroideries, all in pure white, and even splendid white chargers were brought to his majesty.

But many of the people were poor - some of them very poor - and their gifts were quite different from those I have been telling about. Some of the women brought handfuls of white rice, some of the boys brought their favorite white pigeons, and one dear little girl smilingly gave him a pure white rose.

It was wonderful to watch the King as each one came and kneeled before him as they presented their gift.

He never seemed to notice whether the gift was great or small; he regarded not one gift above another so long as all were white.

Never had the King been so happy as he was that day and never had such real joy filled the hearts of the people. They decided to use the same plan every year, and so it came to pass that year after year on the King's birthday the people came from here and there and everywhere and brought their white gifts - the gifts which showed that their love was pure, strong, true and without stain, and year after year the King sat in his white robes on the white throne in the great white room and it was always the same - he regarded not one gift above another so long as all were *white*.



WHITE GIFTS FOR THE KING

Every year, beginning 3-4 weeks before Christmas, Fulton Church takes up a special collection called *White Gifts for the King*.

This special collection is given to families in need in our church and community as a way to help shine the light of Jesus in their lives at this special time of year.

If you know of anyone you feel would benefit from this offering, please contact one of the members of the Fulton Cares Team: Madeline Gillham, Ronelle Harms, Lori Johnson, Linda Romblom, Dave Bilhorn, and June Huizenga.

A giving box will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 30th through December 28th. You can also give online through the Fulton Church website.

Thank you for blessing others through your generous gifts!

~ 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.



Advent Story Performance

Sunday December 21 - Both Worship Services
Jeremy and Rachel Kluth

Our dear friend, Jeremy Kluth, will be coming with his new bride, Rachel, to bless us with a performance of the Advent Story. You won't want to miss this!

What: Winter Camp!!
Who: 6th-12th Graders
When: January 8-11, 2026
Where: Fort Wilderness

Cost: \$200 (some scholarships are available, talk to Pastor Zack)

Due: Registration and fees are due by 12/3

Please talk to Pastor Zack if you're interested or have questions.



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICES AT 2:30 PM AND 4:00 PM - DECEMBER 24, 2025




Scrip Card Program to Benefit Mortgage Reduction

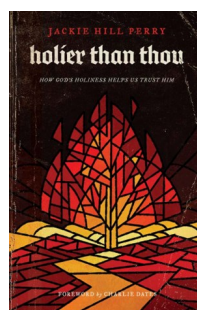
The improved Scrip Card Program is back!

Consider buying Kwik Trip, Woodman's, and Culver's gift cards to benefit our church with a 5% kickback that goes to our Mortgage Reduction. To buy cards, look for Bob Klingaman and Wes Millar in the corner next to the small kitchen between services.

Church Council Candidates

If you are a member of Fulton Church and are interested in serving on the Church Council, we ask that you complete the questionnaire found on the QR Code and submit it to the church office no later than midnight (12:00) on **December 21, 2025**. These questions can also be accessed online at fultonchurch.org and the Fulton Church Facebook page. The election for this position will occur at the annual meeting on January 28, 2026.





Book Club

Holier Than Thou
 How God's Holiness Helps Us Trust Him
 By Jackie Hill Perry

Wednesday, January 14, 6 PM

Contact: Linda Romblom
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Bible, Brats, and Beverages

Wednesdays from 6-8 pm

Contact Brent Delzer 608-755-1857

Men's Group Retreat
Fort Wilderness
October 17-19, 2025





*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

Allen & Maxine Sanford	12/10
Peter & Amanda Millar	12/13
Arnie & Lynne Lund	12/19
Aaron & Kira Mathews	12/20
Dan & Donna Buschmann	12/21
Zack & Dena Casper	12/28
Brent & Amy Delzer	12/30



Happy Birthday

Dave Mathews	12/2	Lisa Arndt	12/21
Donna Meister	12/2	Maggie Larson	12/21
Cady Teal	12/6	Marianna Gonzalez	12/23
Caleb Bilhorn	12/9	Holly Millard	12/23
Staci Hansen	12/9	Jennifer Blum	12/25
David Choate	12/15	Abby Bilhorn	12/29
Bev Millar	12/16	Anabel Hall	12/30
Marian Beilharz	12/19	Ray Romblom	12/30
Arnie Lund	12/19	Alice MacKenzie	12/31

December 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Music Ministry Rehearsal 5:30pm 4H Board Meeting 6:30pm	2 Carving Group 9am Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm P&W 6pm	3 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	4 Poinsettia Delivery Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm	5 Friday Bible Study 9am InterVarsity Men's Sleepover 7pm-7am Saturday	6 InterVarsity Men's Sleepover 7pm Friday-7am Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am JV Movie Night 4pm-Kids 5:30
7 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Church Council 12pm Awana / JV 2pm Milton Hockey Awards Dinner 5pm	8 4H Club Meeting 6:45pm Dartball 7pm	9 Carving Group 9am Life Group-Casper 5:30pm Missions Team 5:30pm Facilities & Grounds 6pm Celebrations 6pm	10 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	11 Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm	12 Friday Bible Study 9am	13 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 8am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Cantata Performs at Skaalen Home1:30pm
14 Christmas Cantata Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Potluck 12pm Awana / JV 2pm JV Cookie Decorating 3pm	15 Life Group Culver's 11:30am Futsal Practice 5pm	16 Carving Group 9am Fulton Cares 3pm Finance Team 5pm Life Group-Hataj 5:30pm CED Meeting 6:30pm	17 Men's Group 6pm Varsity Club 6:30pm Immerse Zoom 8pm	18 Torah Club 11:15 am Culver's Bible Study 1pm Hebrew Class 5pm Larry's Group 6pm	19 Friday Bible Study 9am	20 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am Private Party 10am
21 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 Sunday School 9:30 Christmas Eve Rehearsal 12pm Awana / JV 2pm	22 Futsal Practice 5pm	23 Carving Group 9am Life Group-Casper 5:30pm	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 Friday Bible Study 9am	27 Men's Basketball 7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8am
28 Worship Service 9 am	29 Futsal Practice 5pm	30 Carving Group 9am	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

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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*



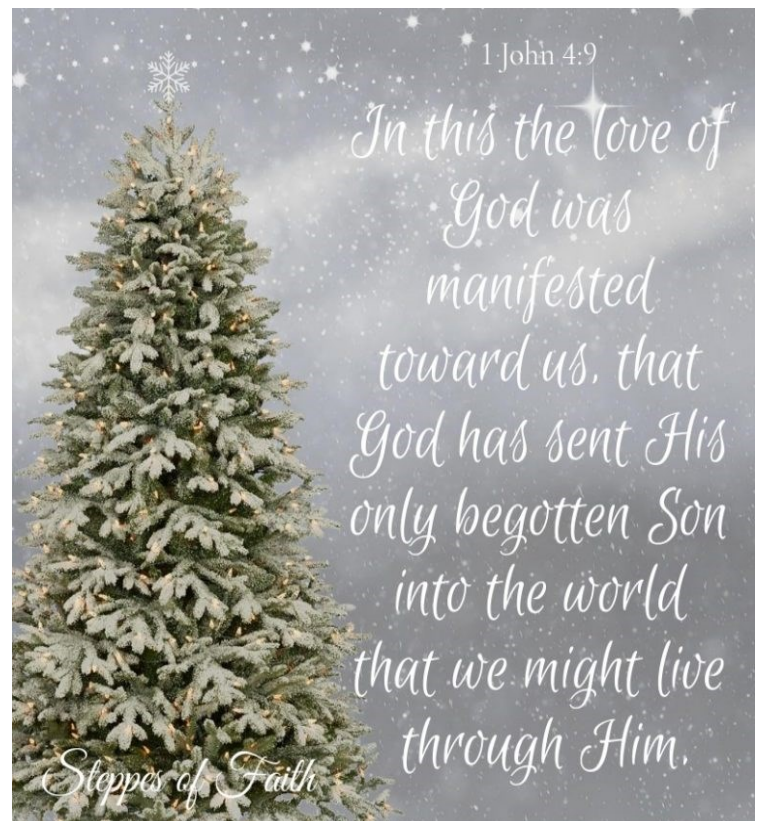
Fall/Winter Schedule

Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30

Sunday School 9:30

Awana and JV Clubs 2-4 pm

There will be one worship service on Sunday, December 28th, at 9:00 am. We will not have Sunday School or Awana on that day.



May you have a blessed Christmas season as we celebrate the gift of our Savior, King Jesus, and the wondrous love of God!