

# **PULSE**

*The heartbeat of  
Flora Presbyterian Church*

**JULY 2017**



Session Mtg  
July 9th



**You're Invited!**

July 16<sup>th</sup>!!  
Joint Service  
with Cutler  
@  
Adams Mill



July 18<sup>th</sup>!!!



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Christian Ed.  
July 6<sup>th</sup>  
Worship  
July 8<sup>th</sup>



Notes  
From the Pastor

**July**..... Sunshine....Fireworks.....Hot dogs.....Vacation.....Swimming pools.... Summer in July brings different images that can race through our minds. Remembering the summers of childhood when we ourselves were not concerned about the utility bills as we ran in and out of the house. The heat did not seem as bad back then. As long as there was a water hose nearby that could be turned on all was well.

I would get a new pair of sandals each summer. Bright colors were the best, with adjustable buckles. The shoes were cute, but my feet would be filthy long before bedtime. Dad would take a cool, damp wash cloth and rub my feet to clean them as I got ready for bed. To this day I relish coming in, kicking off my shoes and taking a wet cloth and wiping my feet off.

I wonder if Jesus got new sandals each year when He was a kid. Were they scuffed up and worn out from all the miles of dirt road that He and the disciples walked? I can understand the customary ritual of wiping off someone's feet when they entered your house. It was a sign of hospitality that the visitor was truly welcome. In the gospel of Luke 7:36-50, is the story of the woman who washed Jesus feet with her tears. He had entered a house as an invited dinner guest, but the host had not offered the customary water for cleaning the feet. We don't know why this wasn't given. It could

have been an oversight or it could have been a subtle way for the Pharisee to let Jesus and His friends know that they were not truly "welcomed guests".

For many, the idea of having someone wash their feet or to wash someone else's feet is just gross. We are so hung up on our own selves that it is difficult to accept this symbolic ritual. It's been said that if your feet ache, you ache all over. The opposite is also true. When your feet have been refreshed then you are more relaxed and at ease.

John 13 shows us that Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Peter wanted no part of it. But Jesus insisted. Jesus was welcoming them as friends and not as merely students or disciples. The idea that Jesus loves me enough to wash my feet so that I may truly relax at His feet is amazing.

Would you let Jesus wash your feet? Would you be willing to become that vulnerable before the Savior so that in the end you would be completely relaxed and at ease in His presence? Tonight when you take off your shoes... grab a damp cloth and wipe them. Close your eyes and imagine that it is Jesus cleansing them. Then allow yourself to relax and unwind from the stressors of life and just BE in the presence of the Lord where you are truly a welcome.

## Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson

### VBS

VBS was a success with an average of 35-40 children each day. The adult class was led by Pastor Grace. The adults and children studied the same biblical stories daily. Each night ended with a desert from the county that was studied that evening. The Mission for VBS was raising money to send a second Ambulance to Dedougou, Burkina Faso, Africa and over \$2500.00 was raised.

### Christian ED Committee



Christian Ed Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM to discuss several topics, including Adult and Youth Sunday School starting in the fall. Pastor Grace will be telling us more about a class she will be leading on Sunday' mornings before Church.

Everyone is Invited

What? Leadership 101 Class

When? Sundays 9-10 July 2-August 20

Where? Dining Hall

What to Bring? Bible, notepad & readiness to engage in discussion.

Who's Leading? Pastor Grace

Feel free to bring your breakfast sandwich or muffin. I'll have my coffee mug filled. There is a Keurig coffee maker in the kitchen.

### Geneva Camp

We still have children attending various Christian Camps at the Geneva Center.

Donations are always welcome so we will be able to send more children to this faith-based camp next year and in years to come.



## July Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan



“The Library is on break for the Summer”

## Clerk of Session

by Lauraine MacLauchlan

The next Session Meeting will be July 9th



## Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will Meet on July 18 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The Hostess will be Jane Bishop; Year Book of Prayer, Lola Snavelly; Horizons, Laraine MacLauchlan; Bible Study, Jane Kearns. We welcome and invite all women.

## Thrift Shop Schedule for July

Sat...July 1.Donna...Cashier

Thurs...July 13.Libby...Sort & Mark

Thurs...July 20.Sally&Kathy..S & M

Sat...July 29. Jane K....Tags

## Stewardship and Missions

by Joe Mayfield

My goodness, June so far has been busy and fruitful! Block party, VBS, and Grace's Ordination and Installation service. I am writing this on the first day of summer and thought it appropriate to see what the bible says about summer. Jesus used the fig tree and summer in a lesson from Matthew 24:32.

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know summer is near. In the same way, when

you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door."

Just in case you missed it, during VBS the 3 churches (Ours, Cutler and Flora First Christian) doing VBS helped raise right at 3,000 thousand dollars for the Ambulance for Africa project. Having Hassimi Tradore here explaining the project and sharing his life experiences was a delight.

Lots of planning for the rest of the summer is being done, so stay tuned!

In summary, income from all sources was \$8,305 and expenses were \$11,375. As I have said before this is an "all hands on deck church", so please report for duty this summer. It is fun, and even more important, Pleasing to Christ. See you at church!

Oh and remember the joint service with Cutler at Adams Mill is July 16th.

Sincerely and with much love,

Joe Mayfield  
Stewardship and Missions Committee

### Worship Committee

Worship Committee - Saturday, July 8 - 10 AM in the sanctuary.

What does this committee do? Who's in charge? Where does all the communion stuff come from? What about the sound system, announcements and the bulletin? Who decides all these things & takes care of the equipment? Who chose that hymn that nobody knew?

These questions AND more will be answered at the next Worship Committee meeting. Please come & share in the joy AND responsibility of guiding our Worship services

The Lord's Supper will be Celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

### Usher Schedule

July 2	Gerry and Susan Hollis
July 9	Gerry and Susan Hollis
July 16	Marshall and Patsy McCammack
July 23	Marshall and Patsy McCammack
July 30	Joe and Barb Mayfield



### Nursery Volunteer for July

Julie Catron

### Scripture Readers for July

July 2	Sally Schmidt, Terry Langston
July 9	Joe Moss, Patsy McCammack
July 16	Kevin Clark, Barbara Wilkinson
July 23	Martha Clark, Gerry Hollis
July 30	Marlene Smith, Laurie Brower

### Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk  
Terry Langston- Worship  
Tammy Moss & Sally Schmidt-  
Congregational Life  
Barbara Wilkinson- Christian Ed.  
Joe Mayfield- Trustee



Birds in general symbolize God's presence. Sparrows represent God's concern and care even for those thought insignificant. In Jesus' words, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ... So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31, NIV).

B=Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Deer Creek Breakfast B=Beverly Mayfield
2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE Day	5 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	6 Christian Ed. Mtg 7pm  Office Hours 8-12	7	8 Worship Committee 10am  Farmers Market
9 Session Meeting 12:30	10	11	12	13	14 B=Jackie Davis	15
16 Joint Service with Cutler@ Adams Mill	17	18 Mary Martha Circle 7pm  PULSE Articles Due	19  PULSE Will Be PRINTED	20	21	22
23 B=Doug MacLauchlan B=Chris Mayfield	24	25 Secretary on Vacation	26 Secretary on Vacation	27 B=Jay McMillin	28	29
30	31					



## Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, and, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shiner, insider, hinder, inspired, refinish, finished

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