

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

June 2017



Session Mtg
June 11th

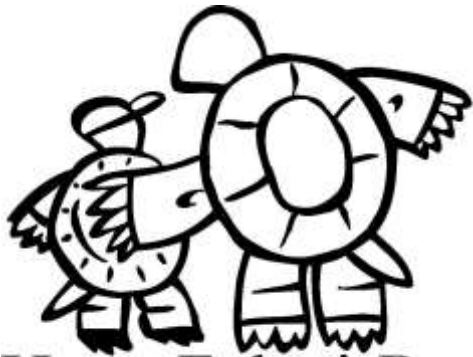


June 4th



Block Party

June 10th!!
5:30



Happy Father's Day

June 18th!!!



June 11th - 15th
5:30-7:30



June 11th



Congratulations
Pastor Grace
June 17



Notes
From the Pastor

Don't Worry – Be Happy

Philippians 4:6 “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Romans 8:28 “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

In 1988, Bobby McFerrin's song, Don't Worry – Be Happy was all the rage on the radio. I remember singing along with this & thinking how nice to be so easy going. Offhand I don't remember what I was doing that year, probably finishing up college.

Now here we are in 2017 – 29 long years later and I am now approved for Ordination as a Teaching Elder by the Wabash Valley Presbytery. (Teaching Elder is the term used instead of Minister of Word & Sacrament) As a minister/ pastor it is my joy to lift up the worried and fearful with scriptures such as those above. Yet this past week, I have been anxious and worried about so much myself. Does this make me a hypocrite? Yes. Does this mean that I am human and weak just like everyone else? Yes. This does **not** mean that I believe the scriptures any less. I trust God completely -almost.

"In God we trust and everything else we check."--Air pilot's creed.

I heard these words many years ago and laughed. Yet how often do I apply this motto before the scriptures? I trust that I am not alone in this. It is in these times that I remember the father who had asked Jesus to heal his son. (Mark 9:23-25) Jesus hears the man when he declares his belief but pleads for help with his unbelief. Jesus hears *us* when we cry out in the same manner. “Jesus I trust you to care for my every need and to lead my life. Help me when I do not feel this belief strongly.”

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace



You are Cordially Invited to the
Ordination & Installation of
Pastor Grace Hammer as
Teaching Elder of Flora Presbyterian
Church

Saturday -June 17, 2017
Afternoon - Time to be announced

Reception to follow in the dining hall.

Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson

Geneva Camp

Our Mission of sending Flora's Children to Christian Camp needs your On-going Gifts. Without your generosity we will be unable to afford sending them to the Geneva Center in the future. The total Cost this year is \$2400.00; of this each family will be paying \$25.00. This summer on June 12th, Teaha Miller will be going to the Traditional High School Camp. On June 19th, William Altic and Emma Endress will attend the Traditional Middle School Camp. Also on June 19th, Cory Smith will attend the MAD (Music, Art and Drama) Camp. Haylee Randolph, Lacoia and Leahla Wood will be leaving on June 26th for the Explorer Camp. Winding-up the summer will be Carter Altic and Judah Pitts, leaving for the New Beginnings Camp on June 27th, 2017. What a Mighty Work we can do with God's Blessings.



2017 Summer Discussions

While our children are at the Geneva Camps, we can do our own Bible Studies or Discussions. I encourage anyone with time on their hands to consider getting together with your fellow Christians to discuss the Bible, Christian Topics or Christian Concerns. Please give ideas of topics you are interested in discussing by filling out the form in the Fellowship Room. Since VBS is the 2nd week in June, we plan to start the Summer Discussions after VBS.



Block Party

Cutler Presbyterian, First Christian and Flora Presbyterian Church are

really excited about the Block Party on June 10, 2017 starting at 5:30. The meat will be provided by Kevin and Martha Clark and we are asking Church Members to bring Covered Dishes. Remember the covered dishes are also to feed any neighbors who decide to join us, so

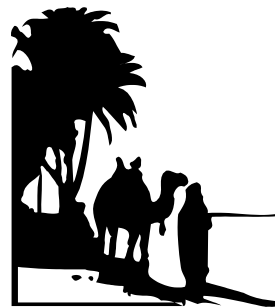
let's "cook our little hearts out" and let the neighborhood know they are welcome.

African Ambulance Mission

During the Block Party, the African Ambulance Mission will be introduced with a Guest Speaker at 6:30 to explain how this Mission was started and what they hope for future. A Free-will Offering will be encouraged at this time and continue through VBS.

VBS

We are starting the summer off on a very busy note. The Block party will also serve as a time to register children for VBS - which will start the next day on Sunday, 6/11/2017 from 6:00 to 8:30. Bring all of your "little people" to sign up for a week of traveling around the world with God in the Amazing Race. Pastor Grace will be leading adults in their own study.



Oasis

Oasis is planning to have outings with the children this summer to show them that God never leaves us. We want to put ourselves before the children and their parents as a normal, reachable church, a

church where everyone can come with pleasures/ pain, a church, where they would want to call home.

June Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan



"Greetings, from the Library Corner! We are on vacation until Oasis resumes at the end of summer break. Then, come and see all the new books and DVD's we have assembled over the summer!"

Clerk of Session

by Lauraine MacLauchlan

The next Session Meeting will be June 11th

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on June 20 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The hostess will be Sally Schmidt; Year Book of Prayer,

Jane Bishop; Horizons, Libby Sparks; Bible Study, Lola Snively. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for June

Thurs. June 1...Libby....Sort & Mark
Sat....June 10...Barbara...Sacker
Sat....June 17...????...Tags
Sat....June 24...Donna....Cashier

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

Luke 21:29-30: Look at the fig tree and all the tress. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves that summer is near.

June is the "Official Start of Summer Month", so get out and enjoy! Do not, however forget to come to church and enjoy all your brothers and sisters in Christ. A summer event for our church is JUNE 10th "VBS Kickoff Block Party" followed by 5 days of VBS. We need helpers! Our grant from Presbytery has allowed us to send 9 of our Oasis kids to Geneva Summer Camp this year. Quite an accomplishment for us and quite a blessing for the kids!

A summary of April's Income and Expenses are as follows: Income: \$ 9,234 Expenses: \$ 8,250. Continue to pray for our church as we move forward into the future, pray also for our communities and for opportunities to serve and make a difference. Pray also for our world.

May God's mighty right arm always be restraining the forces of evil in the world, and may we always be willing to serve.

Many Blessings,

Joe Mayfield,
Stewardship and Missions Committee

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss

Please join us on Sunday, June 18th after church for a Father's Day celebration during fellowship time. We will be serving a breakfast casserole along with the cookies.

Usher Schedule

June 4 Kent and Kathy King
June 11 Kent and Kathy King
June 18 Joan Moss, Susan Scholl
June 25 Joan Moss, Susan Scholl



Nursery Volunteer for June

Barb Mayfield

Scripture Readers for June

June 4 Doug MacLauchlan, Ann Brown
June 11 Tammy Moss, Marlene Smith
June 18 Kathy King, Kent King
June 25 Mark Good, Laurie Brower

Session Leaders

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

As Presbyterians we adhere to “*the priesthood of all believers*”. All who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior are to minister to those around them in their daily lives. You may be the only Bible that someone ever reads.

On June 4th we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. 1,984 years ago the Holy Spirit was given to all believers as our Comforter, Teacher, Advocate, Guide and Witness.

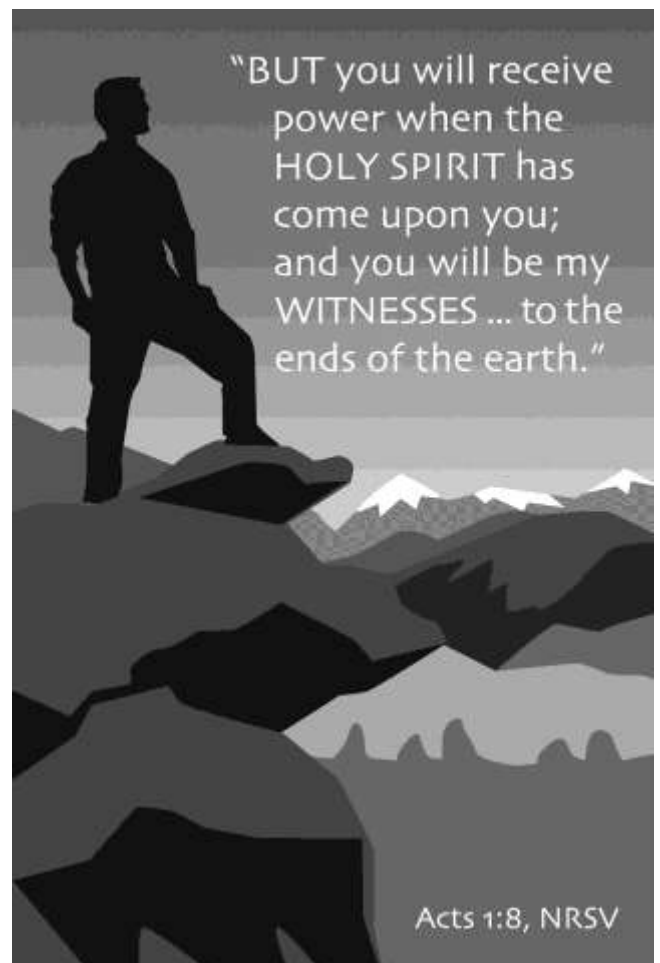
Each person who is a member of the Presbyterian Church, USA has vowed to uphold their ministry as members. On Sunday, June 4th – I will lead us in a renewal of these vows.

Pastor Grace

The Ministry of Members

- ❖ Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a **joy** and a **privilege**. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission.
- A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.
- Such involvement includes:
 - Proclaiming the good news in word and deed
 - Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation
 - Lifting one another up in prayer
 - Mutual concern and active support
 - Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
 - Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents

- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- Responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,
- Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment
- Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership, and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.



B=Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Church Office Hours 8-12	Church Office Hours 8-12	1	2	3
4  Day of Pentecost B=Sally Schmidt	5	6	7	8 B=Barbara Wilkinson	9 B=Jason McCammack B=Joan Moss	10 Block Party 5:30
11 1st Day of VBS 5:30-7:30 Session meeting 1pm B=Patsy McCammack	12	13	14  FLAG DAY B=Kris McGill	15 Last Day of VBS B=Echo Arcadia Hollis	16	17 9-12 Presbytery Inquiry Day Pastor Grace Ordination
18  FATHER'S DAY	19	20 Mary Martha Circle 7pm Pulse Articles Due	21  IT'S SUMMER! Summer Begins	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 B=Tammy Moss	30	July 1 B=Beverly Mayfield

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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O E J D R I N Y G L E I N A D
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