

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

OCTOBER 2017



October 9th



Session Mtg
&
Congregational Mtg
Oct 15th



500th
Anniversary of
Reformation
October 31st



World
Communion Sunday
October 1st



October 29th
Time TBA



What's on your mind?



I seem to have quite a bit on my mind these days. Still, unpacking boxes. Which part of the yard do I tackle next? Visitation ... Who do I visit? When should I visit? Don't forget to pay bills and check the balance of the account beforehand. Can't forget to get Asta's heartworm meds from the vet. I meant to call...but it's too late in the evening now, I'll do that tomorrow. Where is that book that I wanted to reference for my sermon?

With so much on my mind, I really cannot take the time to try to read someone else's mind. Thank God that I do not have that ability. Thank God for those dear souls who have come to me via email or in person to tell me what is on their mind.

In John 1, Nathanael is surprised that Jesus knew what he was thinking and saying before they were face to face. Again in the 2nd chapter of Mark, we are told that Jesus knew what the Pharisees were thinking.

Not me. One of our elders sent me a letter telling me what was on their heart. This person was concerned about my leadership style. I can tell you that it was not easy for me to hear. They were right though. After much prayer, the email had been carefully worded and sent. After much prayer and discussion with a mentor, I was able to really hear what was being said and I agreed. I had not been at my God given best. I was trying to lead by my own power and authority. I was so eager to prove what I could do that I had left God behind.

I have thanked this person personally for having the courage and the guts to speak their mind.

So, what is on your mind? If I have offended or have taken for granted or been neglectful... I cannot make amends if I do not know the offense. I know that I am not perfect by any stretch of the imagination. Pray about it. Send me a card, an email or call me to schedule a face to face sit down. Let's talk about it. Read Acts 18:24-28. I implore you to do as Priscilla and Aquila did. Instruct me so that I may lead in a way more pleasing to God.

Your sister in Christ,
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Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson



Sunday School

Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. Sunday school for grades 7-12 will be led by Pastor Grace in the room right next to the bathroom upstairs starting at 8:45. Grades 1-6 will be led by Barb Mayfield in the month of September and by Barbara Wilkinson in the month of October. Martha Clark will cover the month of November. This group meets in the room downstairs, left of the stairs by the back door. Adults meet upstairs next to the “mini” kitchen and are looking at the book “Just Walk Across the Room.” During the month of September the group is led by Barbara Wilkinson. The class leader from month to month will be volunteers from the class.

Oasis – Kick off to a Fabulous Year

Oasis has started its 16th year. How exciting to see all the children again. They seemed just as excited to be at our kick-off as in previous years. There were 41 children in attendance, registering for this year. The leaders have chosen some difficult but much needed topics to discuss this year which include: Bullying, Suicide, Materialism and Greed, to mention a few. On Wednesday 9/20, we will be checking out books from the Church Library. This is an activity the children seem to like and we continue throughout the year. Please feel free to come and to invite any children –or adults. Everyone is also welcome to come to our 6:00 P.M. meal. The meal is followed by worship in the sanctuary. Then we divide into classes, including an adult class. Oasis ends at 8:00PM. Hope to see everyone at Oasis on Wednesday!!!



Annual Hayride

The Oasis Annual Hayride will be hosted, again, this year by The Cutler Presbyterian Church. The Hayride will not be on Wednesday night this

year, but instead, will be on Sunday, October 29th during the weekend of Fall Break. The exact time will be made known in October.

Oasis is a Church Mission

Oasis is a mission that is needed in our community and needs help from our congregation in order to be successful. We are looking for volunteers to help with meals and deserts. You can also help by volunteering, praying and assisting financially.

Flora Presbyterian Church Christian Education Mission Statement:

Study the Word. Teach the Word. Live the Word.

We study God’s Word - individually and communally - to grow into a mature faith.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

II Timothy 3:16-17

We teach God’s Word - to bring people within our church and community to faith in Jesus Christ and build disciples.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

We live God’s Word - as it transforms us to reflect His image. We are ministers of His grace through our words and actions.

“...live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...”

Colossians 1:10-11

Clerk of Session

The next Session Meeting will be October 15

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss

The call of the Congregational Life Committee is to develop and organize congregational fellowship activities that address the needs of the congregation. It is also to create an inviting environment and an atmosphere of communication in order to build a warm and caring church community and to encourage participation of all members. We believe that one way individuals experience a deepening faith in Jesus Christ is through fellowship with other Christians. Therefore, the mission of this committee is to increase the sense of warmth and belonging that makes our faith community unique, to invite and support those seeking deeper faith into the fellowship of our church family, and to nurture the commitment of members to Jesus Christ and this community by fostering spiritual fellowship by inviting congregation members, and by also reaching out to local community members, to participate in small groups and congregational gatherings.

A few examples of these groups and gatherings are church dinners, visitor outreach, fellowship meals or activities, birthday carry-ins, etc. It takes a lot of “hands and feet” to be an effective and productive committee. If you are able and willing to help, please prayerfully consider joining us for our next planning meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 12:00 in the basement dining room.

Thank you,
Sally Schmidt, Kevin Clark, Kent King, Tammy Moss
Congregational Life Committee

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Will be celebrated with cake served after the service on October 29th

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet October 17 in the basement dining room at 7:00. The Hostess will be Sally Schmidt; Year Book of Prayer,

Barbara Wilkinson; Horizons, Libby Sparks; Bible Study, Sally Schmidt. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for October

Thurs.Oct.5.Libby S.-Sort & Mark
Sat. Oct.14.Donna S.-Cashier
Sat. Oct.21.Barbara W.-Tags
Sat. Oct.28.Marlene S.-Sacker

Stewardship and Missions

by Joe Mayfield

Each committee has been tasked with writing a mission statement for this month's Pulse article. For the Stewardship/Missions committee I will start with 1 Corinthians 12:28 "And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then the gifts of healing, helping, ADMINISTRATION, and various kinds of tongues". As you can see by the capital letters, our committee considers its appointment to be administration. Our committee helps the church "live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28)

Our mission is to use our God-given gifts to carefully lead our church with grace and kindness in matters of financial management, personnel, and maintenance of the church

building. This committee supports and promotes the church's involvement and giving to mission causes locally, nationally and globally. We seek to follow God's principles for administration and stewardship in order to glorify Jesus Christ and further God's kingdom here on his earth.

On other notes: Please being praying every day for Houston, Florida, the Caribbean, Mexico and Japan. I am researching opportunities within the PDA for us to help in all these tragedies. I will keep you informed.

Sincerely and with much love,
 Joe Mayfield, Chairman of
 Stewardship/Missions Committee

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

Church is not about us, it is about doing God's work in the world. We are the ambassadors for Christ and we need to share the gospel with those that do not know Him. The congregation should not depend on one person to do any task, but should embrace his or her role in the 'body' to assist. If we don't teach how to follow Christ, the world will teach you not to! Our mission and purpose on this earth are to further the kingdom of heaven for the glory of God and not take it for granted that we can do that tomorrow. We are not guaranteed tomorrow and He is coming back, so be prepared! Repent and know that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to take away our sins.

I pray that my time as the Worship Committee chair has provided a worshipful, informative and sacred time together during worship. As the end of my extended elder term is near, I would like to share that even though our membership number has decreased over the last few years, we are firmly grounded on prayer and Scripture. The

power of prayer is the way to let God know we need his guidance and wisdom to bring the unchurched to Him by using us.

The following is a To Do List:

- Wait Patiently * Psalm 27:14
- Have Faith * 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Pray * Philippians 4:6
- Think of Others * Philippians 2:4
- Trust In the Lord * Proverbs 3:5
- Read God's Word * Psalm 119:12
- Give Thanks * Psalm 136

When Satan reminds you of your Past,
 Remind him of his Future!

On September 10th, we served 22 during communion at church.

Home communion was served to 2 members by Pastor Grace

Usher Schedule

- Oct 1 Ed and Donna Sholty
- Oct 8 Marshall and Patsy McCammack
- Oct 15 Joe and Barb Mayfield
- Oct 22 Mark and Denise Good
- Oct 29 Sally Schmidt, Laurie Brower



Nursery Volunteer for September

Martha Clark

Scripture Readers for October

- Oct 1 Barb Mayfield, Terry Langston
- Oct 8 Joe Moss, Joe Mayfield
- Oct 15 Marshall McCammack, Joe Mayfield
- Oct 22 Ann Brown, ??????????
- Oct 29 Tammy Moss, Bill Kearns


Session Leaders

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

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B=Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 de la Croix World Communion Sunday	2	3	4 Oasis	5	6	7
8 B=Ann Brown B=Craig McGill	9 Columbus Day B=Ava McGill	10	11 Oasis	12	13 B=Jane Kearns	14
15 Congregational & Session Meeting	16	17 Mary Martha Circle 7 pm	18 Oasis	19	20	21
22	23 B=Mitchell Catron B=Barb Mayfield	24 Pulse Articles Due	25	26	27	28
29 Oasis Hayride <i>HAYRIDE</i> 	30	31 Reformation Anniversary	NOV 1	2	3	4



The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	U	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	J	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	O	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____ and
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ " _____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

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