

November 2015



Daylight Savings Time
ends November 1....
Fall back one hour.



November 8



November Guest Speakers:

1 = Pastor Lee McReynolds
8 = Pastor Louis Sandos
15 = Pastor Lee McReynolds
22 = Pastor Andria Helm
29 = Pastor Lee McReynolds



November 15
(Session Meeting to follow)



Veterans Day
November 11



Happy
Thanksgiving



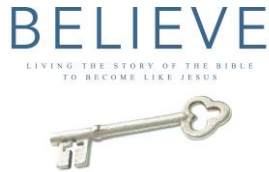
November 29

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00AM. We are beginning a study of "Believe." This video based curriculum covers the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. It is written for new as well as "old" believers. We plan to spend two weeks on each lesson. Books and study guides are available. Please join us!



Oasis

Off to a great start!



Each Wednesday evening, most every seat in the dining room has been filled. Several of our 6 groups are averaging over a dozen children each week!! Weather

permitting we will have had our annual hayride on Wednesday, October 28th, hosted by the Cutler Presbyterian Church.



We will NOT be having Oasis on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 25th) and our Christmas celebration will be on December 9th.

YOU can be a part of this ministry!

If you are able to help prepare, serve, and/or clean-up a meal, please refer to the sign-up sheet on the counter in the fellowship room or talk to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty.



Kitchen Help



If you would like to donate towards the cost of meals and other special events, designate "Oasis" in the memo line on your check to

the church --- list is in the Fellowship Room. We welcome helpers with any of our groups or welcome you to just come and check out what goes on every Wednesday night.

November Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Welcome back to our Oasis children! The library was in full swing on October 14th with some new faces and many returning children. We had a circulation of 19 DVD's and 10 Books which are all due back to the library on November 4th.



Among the titles borrowed were Soul Surfer, Heaven is for Real, the Ultimate Gift and Lost Boy. These will be available after November 4th for anyone who would like to borrow them. Our new books and DVD's include the entire set of C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia and a series of Superbook. Come and enjoy some Autumn reading and viewing!

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet November 17 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Room. The Hostess will be Donna Sholty; Year Book of Prayer, Laraine MacLauchlan; Horizons, Lola Snavelly; Bible Study, Jane Bishop. All women are welcomed.

The Thank Offering will be received November 29. It has been a tradition since 1888 and has given nearly \$25,000,000 to programs that provide clean water, educational opportunities, promotes health, and alleviates homelessness throughout the world. Please plan to give "For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

Thrift Shop Schedule for November

Sat. Oct. 31.....Ruth Erisman Sack
Thurs. Nov. 12 Libby Sparks... Sort & Mark
Thurs. Nov. 19.....Jane Kearns Sort & Mark
Sat. Nov. 28.....Donna Sholty..... Cashier

The "new" Thrift Shop is open and has had a response both from great donations and many new customers. Stop in to see what, with God's help, a caring community can do!

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

Our speakers for the month are:

Nov 1 – Pastor Lelan McReynolds
Nov 8 – Pastor Louis Sandos
Nov 15 – Pastor Lelan McReynolds
Nov 22 – Pastor Andria Helm
Nov 29 – Pastor Lelan McReynolds
(1st Sunday of Advent)

Communion will be held on November 8th.



It is so nice to have the choir singing again as part of our worship service. Maybe as you read this you are wondering why I feel it is important to have choir. Read Matthew 28:18-20...

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Our choir

is a ministry to be used to show others our love for God and to worship Him with song and praise.



Jesus chose and commissioned others to continue the work He left unfinished. In the same manner, He is choosing you to act in the ministry of music. He has commissioned men and women, not angels. What a privilege He has granted us. In Scripture, God called His people to love and worship Him. In the story of the exodus of Israel, God repeatedly commands Pharaoh to: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me"



Joyful Noise

(Exodus 7:16; 8:1; 9:1,13; 10:7,26, NIV). It is within God's great plan that we worship Him first, then all other ministry activity becomes natural outgrowths of that relationship. Don't look at choir as an obligation, but as a God given call to minister through music.

Lay leaders are needed for all Sundays. If you have any questions regarding this, please talk to me. It would be a great help to me if there were volunteers for this part of worship.



With Advent fast approaching, I need volunteers to help with the decorations and someone to take care of the flowers.

December is our month to host Channel 2 for broadcasting our services.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next Session meeting is November 15, 2015, at 1PM.

PNC Report: is currently reviewing PIFs for the Pastor position. We have 32 under review, with follow up being sent out to a few of the candidates. Goal of PNC is to review 5 new PIFs weekly and discuss any follow up on previous candidates.

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to be on session. Please let Kevin Clark or Laurie Brower know if you are compelled to serve on session.



Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

Fall is in the air! The leaves are turning and the temperature has been perfect, I hope you have a few less hectic moments to enjoy the season.



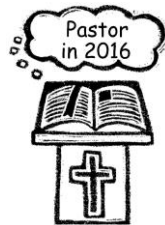
Stewardship News



As has been our tradition for many years, November is "Stewardship Month." Expect a

"stewardship letter" the week of November 9th, explaining our plans for the luncheon, laying out our hopes and dreams for 2016 and beyond, and asking for your continuing faithfulness in giving to the work of this church. For September, 8,300 dollars was given and for the year through the end of September 73,000 dollars has been given. Thank you for your generosity!

I know all of us are hoping and praying we get a new full time pastor in 2016. The willingness of each member and friend of this church, to remain faithful during our interim time, has laid the foundation to have, and pay a new full time pastor when the time comes. Again thank you, and please being praying earnestly for the God to bring to us a new pastor. One that will help us go into the future strong and making a difference!



In sync



Need another reason to join the choir? Consider this: Neuroscientists in Sweden discovered that singers' heartbeats tend to synchronize, which leads to a sense of emotional calm and bonding.

"Joint action leads to joint perspectives," write the researchers. "In other words, singers may change their egocentric perspective of the world to a 'we-perspective,' which causes them to perceive the world from the same point of view."

So start singing — and enjoy the many benefits and blessings of being part of a choir!

Thanksgiving prayer

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
For every blessing, every good.
For earthly sustenance and love
Bestowed on us from heaven above.
Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. Singing together "sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for."



Happy Thanksgiving!

Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

Flora Presbyterian Church

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Time Change All Saints Day N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Bill Kearns U=Sally Schmidt	2	3  ELECTION DAY	4 6:00PM Oasis	5	6 B=Virginia Smith	7
8 Communion B=Vicky Snipes N=Barbara Wilkinson SR= Angie Austin SR=Mark Good U=Kevin & Martha Clark	9	10	11 6:00PM Oasis  Veterans Day	12	13	14 B=Angie Austin
15 Stewardship Lunch Session Mtg 1PM N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Ed Sholty SR=Donna Sholty U=Bill Kearns, Jay McMillin	16 Crafters @ Cutler Presbyterian Church 7 – 9PM	17 7:00PM Mary Martha Circle – Hostess Donna Sholty	18 6:00PM Oasis	19 B=Matt Parker	20 B=Ruth Erisman B=Susan Scholl	21
22 Christ the King Sunday Adult Sunday School N=Barbara Wilkinson SR= Jay McMillin SR= Gerry Hollis U=Joe & Barb Mayfield	23	24	25 NO OASIS !	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 1 st Sunday of Advent Thank Offering N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Terry Langston SR=Martha Clark U=Kevin & Martha Clark	30	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i> 6:00PM Oasis	<i>Dec 3</i> B=Janis Beck	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.



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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

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