

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

January, 2013



**Congregational
meeting January 6
to elect elders**

Congregational Meeting

**Welcome
2013!**

*Installation
of Elders*

January 13



**Annual
Meeting**
January 27th
following worship

Prayer

I grew up with an understanding of prayer that classified it as spiritual work that you did most often when there was nothing else to do. Needless to say, most of the time for me it was reserved for emergencies.

When Myra and I became part of a group that was starting in our church that focused on midweek worship, prayer, and study, I was challenged to rethink my understanding of prayer and worship. The challenge came from seeing people of all ages participating in lengthy, deep conversations with God. Several people who came to the group commented that they did not know Presbyterians ever spent so much time in prayer. At this same time the renewal movement in the Roman Catholic Church was blossoming in the Minneapolis / St. Paul area, especially in the local parish where we lived. Some of the leaders from the renewal wave shared with me that the movement grew from the activity of a group of students and teachers from a Roman Catholic High School near Mille Lacs Lake in north-central Minnesota. As the teachers were leading the students in a study of the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit, the students decided they did not want to just study about prayer and the Holy Spirit, but to experience it firsthand. In cooperation with the teachers they scheduled extended times of prayer asking for God's Spirit to come in power and waiting on the Lord, determined that they were going to experience God's power first hand. Some at the school were incredulous about the amount of time some of the teachers and students were spending in prayer, but most all of them were in awe of God's response to the prayers of those who wanted to know more of Him and His power for their lives and for their school. God didn't stop with the school, His response blossomed into renewal movement in all of central Minnesota and, when I first arrived in Flora, the Roman Catholic Church in Delphi was soliciting prayers for the renewal wave to touch their church.

We may not know what Jesus' total answer will be to our prayers, but there are some principles of which scripture assures us. **First, don't let your sin deter you from spending time in conversation (prayer) with God.** Sometimes we let our knowledge of God's anger with sin or our sin driven guilt to become a barrier between us and God. Jesus has already erased this barrier and placed a call to a new relationship upon our forgiven lives.

"God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you." 2

Corinthians 5:19-20

Second, don't forget that Jesus is interceding on our behalf. Nothing in all of the rest of the world can separate you from the love of Jesus Christ, so don't let what is inside you separate you from the love of Jesus!

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also interceded for us ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8



Sunday School 9:15, Choir practice 9:30, Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

January, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Kathy King Barb Mayfield Marlene Smith David Kratz Bob & Ann Brown Congregational meeting	7	8	9 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, New Hope Community Church 6:00 PM Oasis	10 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	11	12 Rebekah Hoffman Brenton Jackson
13 Barb Mayfield Sally Schmidt Martha Clark Bob & Ann Brown Installation of Elders Session meets after worship	14	15 10:00 AM CPM	16 Mike Bishop 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Pitts- burg Community Church 6:00 PM Oasis	17 10:00 AM Missional Transformation meeting at Geneva Center	18	19
20 Jane Bishop Mallory Catron Barb Mayfield Kris McGill Barbara Wilkinson Kevin & Martha Clark 2012 Annual reports distributed	21	22 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	23 Terry Langston 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Lock- port Church 6:00 PM Oasis	24	25	26
27 Barb Mayfield Tammy Moss Dale Snipes Kevin & Martha Clark Annual Congregational Meeting following worship CE Committee meeting following fellowship time	28	29	30 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Victory in Christ Fellowship 12:00 PM Lafayette Pastors Gathering 6:00 PM Oasis	31		

Christian Education

by Tammy Moss



Christian Ed Committee

Christian Education Committee will meet on Sunday, January 27, 2013 immediately following fellowship time. If you are unable to attend, please let me know (765-588-7408) or tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com.

Adult Sunday School Class



The Adult Sunday school class has finished the study of "not a fan". We will resume on January 6, 2013 and will begin a Bible study. Please let Pastor **Chuck** know if there is a particular book of the Bible that you would like to study.

Junior Church

Please see Myra if you can lead Junior Church for one month or even for two weeks. The materials are easy to use.



JUNIOR CHURCH

Church Library

A New Year of books is here.

Some titles to consider are "The Dog That Talked To God" by Jim Kraus or something for thought, "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach. This is a daybook of comfort and joy. I look forward to seeing who might check out some of our books.



Laraine MacLauchlan

Oasis ~



Oasis will begin on January 9th after taking a break over Christmas break. On December 12th we celebrated Jesus' birthday with great food a BIG cake and sharing by the children in song and scripture what they have been learning this year. More than 120 children, parents, and leaders took part in the celebration!

7-Star Bowling

Children who earned 7 or more stars during the first half of the year will be treated to a bowling outing with their parents and the Oasis leaders. The bowling date has not yet been set, but will likely be sometime in the month of February.

Thank you to all who continue to lead, serve, donate and pray, making our Oasis ministry possible. A new sign-up sheet for preparing meals is posted in the entry way to the fellowship room.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

At their last meeting for the year, the Mary-Martha Circle distributed the last of the Thrift Shop Fund. For the year \$1600.00 was given to missions, the vast majority local and area concerns. An amazing amount is made available from items selling from ten cents to \$1.50. Many items are given free to people in extreme need after home fires, etc.

Thrift Shop Schedule for January

Sat., Jan. 5 tags
Sat., Jan. 12 sacker
Fri., Jan. 25 Jane Bishop sort/mark

Volunteers needed Jan 5 and 12!

Food Pantry Workers Needed-9:45-12:00

Monday and Friday: **Feb. 4 and 8**

Feb. 11 and 15

Feb. 18 and 22

Feb. 25

Both MEN and Women do this work from other churches. Please help. Let Jane Bishop know if you can.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



USHERS

An usher list for 2013 has been generated and is posted on the bulletin board. Please let me know if a change needs to be made for your scheduled dates.

Clerk of Session

by Doug MacLauchlan

Next Session meeting will be January 13 following worship.

Stewardship/Mission Committee



"In 2 Corinthians 9:13, Paul talks about generosity: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing

with them and with everyone else."

I am thankful in how our congregation has been faithful to their pledges and contributions, in how we have shared our resources with those in Southern Indiana, with people throughout the U.S., and with people in need all over the world.



I am a firm believer in

"generous actions reveal faith in Christ."

For a summary of 2012, I have listed below our giving to the various needs, locally and around the world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund: \$375.00

Camp Scholarship Fund: \$ 395.00

Hunger Fund \$ 1,179.00

Joy Offering \$ 464.69

One Great Hour of Sharing \$2,303.00

I am sure you realize that 2013 will also have its share of needs for us to respond to; therefore let us



all continually pray about how we can help; what resources we can give, what time we can give in service, asking who can we reach out to?

I heard an interesting quote from Rick Warren, pastor and author of "The Purpose Driven Life."

He said, "It is not a sin to be rich, but it is a sin to die rich." That seems a wise thought for us to consider in 2013. How can we not consider it, in light of what Jesus Christ has done for us?

In Christ's Service:

Joe Mayfield, Chairman

David Kratz

Terry Langston

Joe Moss



Due to the compilation of the reports for the January 27 Annual Meeting, we will not issue a PULSE Newsletter for February. However, we will issue a February calendar. If you have an announcement for February, please have it in the office so that it can be put in the appropriate February bulletin.



We appreciate your generous Christmas monetary gift. We plan to use it for our vacation next summer.

Pastor Chuck and Myra



We will have a Valentine carry-in dinner on February 10 which will be followed by a wedding shower for Rachel Morgan and Steve Catron who will be married in our church April 27th. Watch the bulletin for more details.



PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Want to start the new year off right?
Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to
complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 3						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your
plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV

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