

March, 2013



March 24 - Palm Sunday
Breakfast 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM

March 28 - 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Communion

March 29 – Good Friday
12:05 PM
First Christian Church
7:00 PM
Victory In Christ Church

March 31 – Easter
6:30 AM Cantata at
Flora United Methodist Church

10:15 AM
FPC Worship Service



Prayer Vigil

9:00 AM March 23
through

9:00 AM March 24



Begins 2:00 AM March 10

Prayer vs. Anxiety

³²Two others, both criminals, were taken along with him for execution.....

³⁹One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: "Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!"

⁴⁰But the other one made him shut up: "Have you no fear of God? You're getting the same as him. ⁴¹We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom."

⁴³He said, "Don't worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise."

Luke 23 The Message

How do you approach God in prayer? With what state of mind do you most often come to God? There are times when we come with great anxiety and we cry out to God for help and scripture tells us God understands when we can't even get the words out. But we are also reminded by Jesus that this should not be the norm for our approach to God. In various ways Jesus reminded his disciples and us that we should not worry because he is here and that we can come to him in trust and peace. Even the criminal that met Jesus on the cross and asked to be remembered heard Jesus say, "Don't worry, I will."

Mark, in his Gospel, emphasizes that God is here right now, and on our side, actively seeking to help us in the way we most need help—*this* qualifies as good news. As common as belief in God is today, there is also an enormous amount of guesswork surrounding the subject, which results in runaway superstition, anxiety, and exploitation. Mark seems to have been dealing with the same problems and is in a hurry to tell everyone what happened in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—the Event that reveals the truth of God to us, so that we can live in reality and not illusion. Mark doesn't want us to waste a minute of our precious lives ignorant of this most practical of all matters—that God is passionate to save us.

Embracing God's passion to save us and the reality that God is here right now, and on our side, actively seeking to help us in the way we most need help should frame our approach to God in prayer. We can come with complete trust and peace, because God has already embraced us.

In fact Peter points out that trust and peace should characterize all of our participation in the body of Jesus. In chapter 5 of 1 Peter, he focuses on how we should act like shepherds who tenderly care for and lead the way for other people in the body. Sheep startle very easily and anxiety can bring a herd to the point of trampling on each other as they try to escape the source of tension. Peter points out that we are not that much different.

Matthew points out the futility of anxiety or worry in prayer or in life in the latter part of chapter 6 of his gospel. Matthew admonishes us to not worry about food or fashion because God will supply what we need. No amount of money spent on food or clothing will serve you better than God's provision. At the end of this passage he gets to the real heart of the problem of worry and anxiety. Whether we are anxious in prayer or life we run the risk of missing what God is doing. Matthew 6:31, "What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving."



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

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

March, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Samuel Parker	2 7:30 AM Legislative Meeting at Camden 4:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting
3 3 rd Sunday of Lent Barbara Wilkinson Barb Mayfield Ken Cox Ken & Abby Cox 2:00 Cantata practice	4 Adam Snipes	5	6 Howard McGill 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Grp, Hickory Grove Church 6:00 PM Oasis	7 6:30 PM Shared Ministry meeting, at Rockfield Presbyterian Ch	8 Bob Peterson	9
10 DST Begins 4 th Sunday of Lent Barbara Wilkinson Melanie Cox Mike Kearns Ken & Abby Cox Session after Worship 2:00 Cantata practice	11	12 Calvin Opelt 10:00 AM CPM 7:00 PM Transformation Committee meeting	13 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, 1 st Assembly, Delphi 6:00 PM Oasis	14 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	15	16
17 5 th Sunday of Lent Barbara Wilkinson Laurie Brower Gerry Hollis D & L MacLauchlan 2:00 Cantata practice	18	19 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Sally Schmidt, hostess	20 Maggie Scholl 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Camden Baptist Church 6:00 PM Oasis	21	22	23 Dick T. Bishop Dick Langston 9:00 AM thru 9:00 AM Sunday, 24-hour prayer vigil
24 9:00 Palm Sunday Breakfast Barbara Wilkinson Abby Cox Kevin Clark D & L MacLauchlan 2:00 Cantata practice	25 James Bishop	26 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	27 Seth Parker 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, FPC 12:00 PM Lafayette Pastors Gathering NO Oasis	28 Rhoda Kratz 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion	29 Good Friday Services: 12:05 PM 1 st Christian 7:00 PM Victory in Christ Church	30
31 Easter Barbara Wilkinson Vicky Snipes, Craig McGill Ron & Angie Austin 6:30 AM Cantata, UMC						

Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

Sunday School

Please join us for a Lenten scripture reading Bible study.



VBS 2013



Planning is underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We are co-hosting with Cutler Presbyterian Church and it will be held here. Please watch for further details soon.

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.



Church Library

Mosey over to the table in the fellowship hall to pick up some Lenten reading. There also is a good selection of Juvenile, Young Adult and Adult non-fiction, fiction and DVD's. To check out any of these great books, take the card from the pocket of the book or DVD, write today's date and your name on the card and put it in the plastic box.



I will monitor the cards and let you know when the book is due back, just in case you go beyond the two week check out time. Sit down and get cozy with a book.

Laraine MacLauchlan

Oasis ~

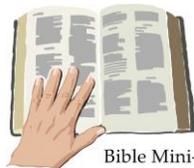


"7 Star Award" Bowling

31 of the 41 children who earned a "7 star award" participated with 10 leaders and 24 parents and guests in a fun afternoon of bowling at Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport on Saturday, February 16th. Children are now working hard earning stars to achieve the prize of putt-putt golf in the summer!

On Wednesday, February 20th we had our winter "Fun Night" with a movie night. We watched "Ice Age 4." In March we will have Oasis every Wednesday except during spring break on March 27th. If you would like to help with one of the meals during one of the remaining weeks of this year please check the sign-up sheet.

"The Bible" – The Epic Mini Series



Bible Mini-Series

Beginning Sunday, March 3 and running each Sunday evening through Easter, the History channel will be hosting a new mini-series of the entire Bible.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the Fellowship Room on March 19 at 7:00 PM.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Hostess, Sally Schmidt; Mission Yearbook, Jane Bishop; Horizons, Terry Langston; Bible Study, Marlene Smith. "Dispatches to God's Household – The General Epistles" is the Bible Study this year. Books will be available at the meeting.

Thrift Shop Schedule for March

Fri., Mar 8 sort/mark
Fri., Mar. 15 Jane Bishop
Sat., Mar. 23 Laraine MacLauchlan
Sat., Mar. 30 tags

Volunteers needed March 8 and 30!

Many thanks to all who served in the Food Pantry in February. Larry DeVos remarked that you were especially good helpers!

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



We will celebrate communion on March 28th at our 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service. Communion was served to 37 people on February 10th.

The Transformation Committee met on February 19th to begin to look at ways to make our worship and church life more vibrant. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and share ideas.



Transformation Committee



The next 24 hour Prayer Vigil for the church will be 9:00 AM March 23 through 9:00 AM March 24 (Palm Sunday).

I would encourage all to pray for the life of our church, both in prayer vigil and also in informal setting with family and fellow members.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Plans are underway for a second Prayer Vigil to be held starting at 9:00 AM March 23rd and ending at 9:00 AM on March 24th. Additional details on the Prayer Vigil will be forth coming.



Church directory

If you have not picked up your new Church Directory, they are available in the fellowship room so pick yours up today!

The next Shared Ministry Meeting is scheduled for March 7th at 6:30 PM at Rockfield Presbyterian Church. The focus of these meetings is on the elders, bible studies and ministries. The team is looking at providing special services during the months with a 5th Sunday.



SHARED MINISTRY



Presbytery Assemblies are on May 21, September 13/14, and November 19. The session review on April 20th at the

Lafayette Central Presbyterian church will be attended by Laurie Brower.

The next session meeting will be held on March 10th immediately following the service / fellowship.

Congregational Life Committee



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Join us for Palm Sunday Breakfast on March 24 at 9:00. Bring your favorite breakfast item for this carry-in. We will also have a reflection on Holy Week readings.

“Celebrate Spring” carry-in and fellowship time after church on April 28[. Frank Vardeman, Executive Presbyter for Wabash Valley Presbytery, will be celebrating the life of our church with a message during worship.



Thanks
for your participation

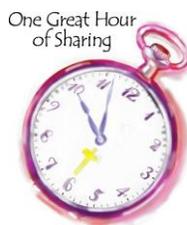
Thanks to all of you who participated in the Valentine’s dinner on February 10. We were also glad to welcome family members from Steven

and Rachael’s family.

Please contact us if you have any ideas for more fellowship times.

Myra Compton and Sally Schmidt,
Session Members

Stewardship/Mission



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday, March 31. Your gift to this offering allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by disaster.

Think for a moment: when was the last time you depended on clean water? How many times already today have you used water? It is often easy for us to take for granted the availability of clean water and its direct impact on our way of life.

Sharing Brings Joy.

To Others, to God, and to Us.



