

# PULSE

*The heartbeat of  
Flora Presbyterian Church*

May, 2013

## CONGREGATIONAL



May 5 Following Worship



May 12



HONORING OUR  
GRADUATES

Reception Following  
Worship May 12



Sunday morning worship  
will not change for  
summer



May 19



May 27

# The Best Prayers

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup>

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

*Romans 8, NIV*

Prayer is essential to our relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer is essential to understanding who we are as the body of Jesus and the ministry we are called to be doing. Even with the knowledge that Jesus is an essential part of our prayers and the ministry to which we are called, we, too often, find ourselves molding “our” prayers and “our” ministry around ourselves and our needs.

I have often thought that my best prayers were a result of my weakness, when I did not know for what I should pray. As Paul shared in Romans 8:26, the Holy Spirit will intercede for us when we do not have words to express our need. These prayers are some of the few in which my concerns and needs do not take center stage. When I am weak, I actually find time in my weakness to just listen to what Jesus has to say. At these times I feel truly adopted and completely loved. Then I am renewed to step out anew in ministry in the vitality of my relationship with Jesus. My best prayers come from the Holy Spirit.

It is at these times that I experience the truth of Paul's words in Romans 8: <sup>28</sup> *I consider that*

*our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us...<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.<sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”*

My prayer now is that in the coming months you, as the body of Christ, and I will remember that Jesus is doing a new work at Flora Presbyterian Church and in my life. The Word of God came to the people through Isaiah (43:19), “*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*” We need to make sure we perceive the new that God is doing and not let our hurt or anxieties get in the way. We are assured that the new work of God will be for the good of all of us who love him. We were called to ministry together for the last 25 years, and now we are being called to separate ministries. The same faithfulness of God that has accompanied us for the last 25 years will lead and empower us in the future.

*Pastor Chuck*

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

# Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday  
 Nursery  
Scripture Readers  
Ushers

May, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Martha Clark</b> 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Calvary Chapel, Delphi 7:00 PM Small Groups call out	<b>2</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>3 Marge Scholl</b>	<b>4 Peter Bishop</b> 9:00 to noon Clean church kitchen  VBS planning meeting will follow
<b>5 Gary Scholl</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Patsy McCammack</span> <span style="color: orange;">Mark Good</span> <span style="color: blue;">B. Kearns, J. McMillin</span> Congregational meeting Group Prayer Time/lunch following worship 6:30 PM Session	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Melanie Cox</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, First Presbyterian, Delphi	<b>9 Bob Brown</b>  7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	<b>10 Ahnaliyah Harper</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Angie Austin</span> <span style="color: orange;">Marshall McCammack</span> <span style="color: blue;">Marty &amp; Julie Catron</span> Honor graduates	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM CPM	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Living Faith Church	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Pentecost Sunday</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Marlene Smith</span> <span style="color: orange;">David Kratz</span> <span style="color: blue;">Marty &amp; Julie Catron</span> Communion Birthday Offering	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Bronwyn Opelt</b> 9:00 AM Presbytery Assembly  7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Marlene Smith, hostess	<b>22 Ellen Clark</b> <span style="color: purple;">Julie Langston</span> 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Delphi Christian Church	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM Transformation Committee meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Sally Schmidt</span> <span style="color: orange;">Kevin Clark</span> <span style="color: blue;">Kent &amp; Kathy King</span>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28 Leanna Brower</b> <span style="color: purple;">David Kratz</span> 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Hickory Grove Church 12:00 PM Lafayette Pastors Gathering	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Ann Bishop</b>	

## Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

### Sunday School

Please join us at 9:15 as we continue Bible studies. An upcoming study will focus on understanding God's general and specific call for our lives.



### VBS 2013

This year's Vacation Bible School's theme is "Hay Day" and will be held Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Flora Presbyterian Church. Co-hosting with us is Cutler Presbyterian Church. Aimee Burns is the director. Please contact Aimee or Tammy if you are able to help.



Signup sheets will be available soon. The June Pulse will list ways you can be involved. If interested in our next planning meeting, it will follow our kitchen cleaning at the church on May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Barb Mayfield.

### 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

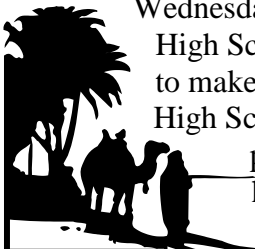


Some of life's lessons are just so important that your son and/or daughter needs to learn from you. 30 Things I Need To Tell My Daughter and 30 Things I Need To Tell My Son are 30 timeless insights and life altering messages for young women and young men from parents who care. You can find these books in our parish library.  
*Laraine MacLauchlan*

## Oasis ~

### Oasis – 11 years and counting!

Our final fun night for the 2012-13 school year was Wednesday, April 17. Due to the Carroll High School pool being closed, we had to make arrangements to use the Delphi High School pool. Instead of our usual pizza party outside the pool, we had a carry in at the church.  
Thank you to everyone who



supplied food – we had more than enough (as usual!). We also had plenty of drivers to make the trip to and from Delphi. A total of about 70 children and adults were in attendance. With the stormy weather, being in this location and keeping everything indoors ended up being a blessing. The evening made a super ending to a great year.

We again awarded children who came regularly, were well behaved, and accomplished age-specific goals, such as memorizing Bible verses, with being able to participate in our summer cook out and putt-putt golf outing. Names of recipients and the date of the event will be posted in a future edition of the Pulse.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such an amazing year! This includes leaders, buddies, food preparers and kitchen helpers, and all of you who have prayed and contributed financially. Please continue to pray for the children and their families through the summer months. Be watching later this summer for notices of planning meetings and ways you can participate in this important ministry.

## Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



Mary-Martha Circle will meet May 21 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room. Hostess, Marlene Smith; Mission Yearbook, Sally Schmidt; Horizons, Kathy King; Bible Study, Lola Snavelly.

Thrift Shop Schedule for May is unavailable at present.

Remember: All women are requested to help clean the kitchen on May 4 at 9:00 AM. Bring your "favorite" cleaning supplies.

### 2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING - May 19.

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries in Indianapolis will be the recipient of this mission offering. WNS has reached out for 30 years to serve the families and children in the Near Eastside where close to 34 percent of families have incomes below the poverty level. Early childhood and youth programs and adult services provide vital resources.

***WE CAN HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.***

## Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



### Worship Schedule for the Summer

The summer schedule will remain at our regular time:

9:15 Sunday School

10:15 worship

We will honor our graduates on May 12.



We will celebrate Mother's Day on May 12.

Communion will be served on May 19th (Pentecost).



Summer is just around the corner, be thinking of special music possibilities. Your input is important.

Transformation Committee will be meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.



Transformation Committee

## Clerk of Session

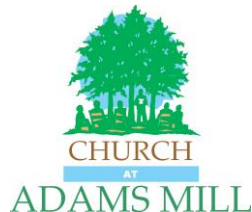
by Laurie Brower



### SESSION REVIEW

The session review on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Central Presbyterian church was attended by Laurie Brower.

Invitation from Cutler Presbyterian Church was received for Adams Mill Service and picnic on July 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Bring lawn chairs, table service, and covered dish.



The next session meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.



Session Meeting

## Congregational Life Committee

by Myra Compton



Fellowship times at church are one of my favorite times when we can share Christ's joy and love with one another. We are able to

do this every Sunday morning after church. Many thanks to all of you who faithfully make coffee and provide goodies each week. We are blessed!

## Upcoming Events

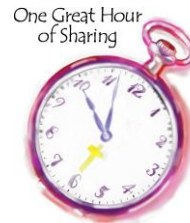


We have plans for these special upcoming activities  
\*April 28 "Welcome Spring" carry-in lunch after worship service

\*May 12 Mothers' Day  
Graduates Honored - Ellen Clark (Carroll) and Jake Wilkinson (McCutcheon) with a reception after worship service

\*June 2 Birthday celebration for April-May-June birthdays after worship service

## Stewardship/Mission

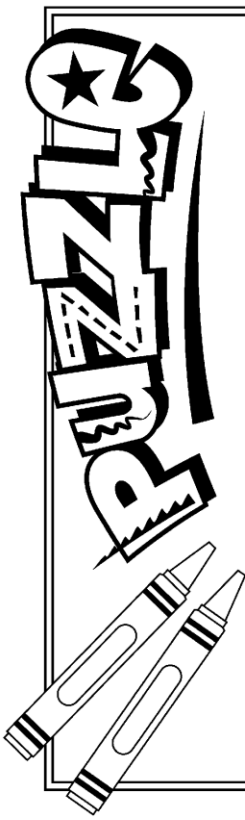


This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$797.00. Thanks for your generosity in donating to this worthy cause.



## Marriage Announcement

*Congratulations to  
Steve Catron and Rachael Morgan  
who were united in marriage by Rev.  
Compton Saturday, April 27, here at  
Flora Presbyterian Church.*



## LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. strange<br>same<br>odd      | 2. Lazarus<br>Jesus<br>Martha | 3. who<br>then<br>there  | 4. pear<br>been<br>apple      | 5. taken<br>cat<br>dog          |
| 6. sky<br>from<br>earth        | 7. you<br>work<br>toil        | 8. desk<br>chair<br>into | 9. house<br>halfway<br>heaven | 10. can't<br>will<br>won't      |
| 11. breakfast<br>come<br>lunch | 12. nose<br>back<br>mouth     | 13. see<br>the<br>hear   | 14. oval<br>round<br>same     | 15. way<br>round<br>girl<br>boy |
| 16. his<br>her<br>you          | 17. white<br>have<br>black    | 18. one<br>seen<br>two   | 19. go<br>low<br>high         | 20. sea<br>heaven<br>ocean      |

" This \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_."  
 Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

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