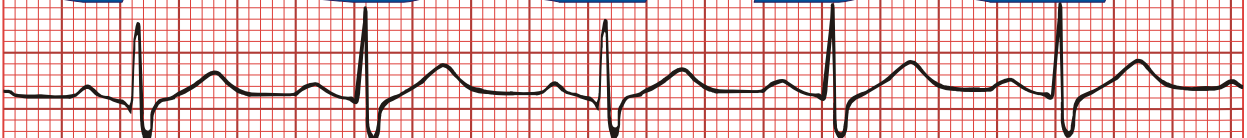


PULSE



The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church

July, 2013



Group Prayer Time

July 7 following worship



CHURCH
AT
ADAMS MILL
10:00 AM
July 21



July 22 thru July 25
at FPC Co-hosted by
Cutler Presbyterian and
Flora First Christian
Churches



**Pastor Compton's
Last Sunday in Pulpit**

July 28



July 28 - 1:00 to 4:00
Retirement Open House
for Comptons

Thank You!

³ Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. ⁴ Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. ⁵ I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. ⁶ There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. ⁷ It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. ⁸ He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does! ⁹ So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings ¹⁰ so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: ¹¹ bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11, MSG

How do I express what I am feeling in my heart? I am not a poet or a song writer with words so eloquent. Our ministry together has not been about heart feeling alone. Yet there have been many times to feel the joy and blessing that comes with participating in the mission of Jesus Christ in the Flora area and beyond.

I have written about many aspects of prayer in the last few months. Now I close with Paul's reminder to the Philippian Church that every time my heart rejoices in you, I will be reminded to pray for you. In the time we have spent together these last 25 years, we have become family, and family lasts a lifetime, even if we are not together.

Each of you has been such a blessing to Myra and me. You have shared so much love and support for us. You have been there with us as we experienced raising teenagers, graduations, weddings, and embracing grandchildren. We praise God for you!



“Every time my heart rejoices in you I will be reminded to pray for you.”

Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

July, 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| | 1 Bev Mayfield | 2 | 3 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Radnor UMC | 4 Rachel Reedy Independence Day | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Trent Stephan Laurie Brower Rhoda Kratz Ken Cox D & R Kratz Group Prayer Time following worship Nominating committee meets after worship | 8 | 9 | 10 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, New Hope 6:30 PM Bible Study At home of Joe and Tammy Moss – Study- ing <i>Patience</i> | 11 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Jackie Davis Laurie Brower Janis Burns Laraine MacLauchlan D & R Kratz Session meets after worship | 15 | 16 10:00 AM CPM 6:00 PM Great Banquet Team meeting 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Terry Langston hostess | 17 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Lockport Church 6:30 PM Bible Study | 18 11:00 to 2:00 Singles group luncheon | 19 | 20 7:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Breakfast, Camden Community Building |
| 21 10:00 AM Adams Mill Service and Carry In Lunch | 22 VBS thru July 25 6:00 to 8:30 PM | 23 Laurie Brower Doug MacLauchlan Christopher Mayfield 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering | 24 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Victory in Christ Church | 25 VBS Closing program | 26 | 27 Jay McMillin |
| 28 Laurie Brower Barb Mayfield Gerry Hollis Dale & Vicky Snipes 1:00 to 4:00 Compton Retirement Open House | 29 | 30 Harry Hartman Rachel Parker | 31 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Calvary Chapel 12:00 PM Lafayette Pastors Gathering 6:30 PM Bible Study | | | |

Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

Sunday School

Sunday school will not meet this summer and will resume after Labor Day.



VBS 2013



This year's Vacation Bible School's theme is "Hay Day" and will be held Monday, July 22nd thru Thursday, July 25th at Flora Presbyterian Church. Co-hosting with us are Flora First Christian Church and Cutler

Presbyterian Church. . Please contact Aimee Burns, Barb Mayfield or Tammy Moss if you are able to help. Signup sheets will be available 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.



Summer Small Groups

Please join us as we enjoy a small group Bible study each Wednesday at 6:30. We are meeting in various homes, so if you are interested please check with Tammy Moss for information. You can reach Tammy at 765-588-7408 or tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com.



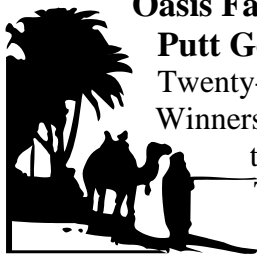
Oasis Family Cook-Out and Putt-Putt Golf Outing to be August 4th

Twenty-eight children were "Super 7" Winners (earning 7 or more stars) for the second half of the year!!

They were:

Desi Roe, Braylyn Best,
Owen Wise, Bryce Salgat,

Toby Burns, Eli Harshbarger, William Altic, Cory Smith, Elmer Crider, Whitney Freeman. Abigail Burns, Ben Lawson, Tyson Woodward, Emileigh Lucas, Kaitlyn Lucas, Katie Guenther, Megan Fultz, Teaha Miller, Lacy Salgat, Isabella Altic, Hailey Woodward, Cambree Roland, Ashtyn DeFries, Jacklynn Adams, Haley Savage, Marissa Crider, Nicole Heath, and Dawnetta Craven. These children and their parents will be treated to a cookout at the home of Joe and Barb Mayfield,



followed by putt-putt golf at Hollow Acres in Yeoman the evening of Sunday, August 4, 2013. All of the Oasis leaders will be invited to participate.

Thank you to all who helped weed the library! I have taken the books and will pull the cards from the card file. Then, as requested, I will check with various places to see if they are interested in obtaining some of the books. Our local library also takes donations, so I will keep that in mind, too. If you have any requests for any of the withdrawn books, please contact me. I will be happy to give you a listing of those books that have been withdrawn. Our library looks wonderful now and has room for expansion in the future. The young adult and juvenile books have been brought into the library in the fellowship room and shortly, the DVD's will join them out there so that children in the Oasis program will have the opportunity to visit the library. I will also begin showcasing certain books on a monthly basis in the area by the card catalog.

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet July 16 in the Fellowship Room. Hostess, Terry Langston; Mission Yearbook, Lola Snavelly; Horizons, Jane Kearns; Bible Study, Laraine MacLauchlan.

Thrift Shop Schedule for July

Fri., July 5 Jane Bishop..... sort/mark
Fri., July 19 Laraine MacLauchlan sort/mark
Sat., July 27..... cashier

VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED FOR 27th

Nominating Committee

by Tammy Moss



Nominating Committee met June 23rd and will be meeting again July 7th following church. Our mission is to replace a total of 4 Session members. Please give prayerful consideration if you feel a call to fill a leadership position for our church.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



Chuck and Myra will be celebrating 25 years of service to this congregation the month of July. Please reflect on how they have blessed you in your walk with Christ, LET THEM KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE

THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We will have an open house July 28 to honor Chuck and Myra for their dedicated service to Christ, congregation, and community.

Anyone interested in volunteering for special music contact Kevin Clark or Rhoda Kratz



We are all invited to Adams Mill for Sunday Worship with Cutler Presbyterian Church on July 21st at 10:00 AM. Please take your own lawn chair, and make plans to stay for the carry-in meal that follows the service.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next session meeting will be July 14th following worship..

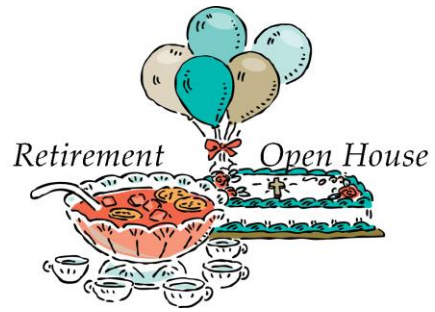
Congregational Life Committee

by Myra Compton



We have been blessed by many reasons to celebrate in God's love and with special people. We look forward to these upcoming celebrations:

- *August 25 – Church picnic
- *September 15 – Birthday celebration after worship for July, August, September birthdays
- *September 29 – Wedding shower for Jeremy Gilman and Melanie Cox after church. Join us for a carry-in lunch and a time to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Jeremy and Melanie.



Retirement Open House for the Comptons

Please join us in celebration of Pastor Chuck's and Myra's 25 years of service for us at a retirement open house for them on July 28th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2nd at 6:30 at the church. We will need lots of volunteers to help make this a special day, so please attend this meeting or contact Barb Mayfield or Tammy Moss if you are able to help.



"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them," God told Abram (Genesis 15:5, NRSV). On a clear summer night, especially if you can get away from city lights, try this yourself: "Look toward heaven and count the stars ..."

Although none of us can count them all, someone has calculated (don't ask me how!) that if a grain of sand represented a star, you'd need 94,608,000 railroad hopper cars full of sand to represent all the stars of the universe. If you watched all the cars pass by, one per second, you'd be standing there for three years!

As we gaze at the sky on a warm summer night, our minds can't comprehend such a vast universe. Yet our hearts can comprehend a God great enough to craft it.



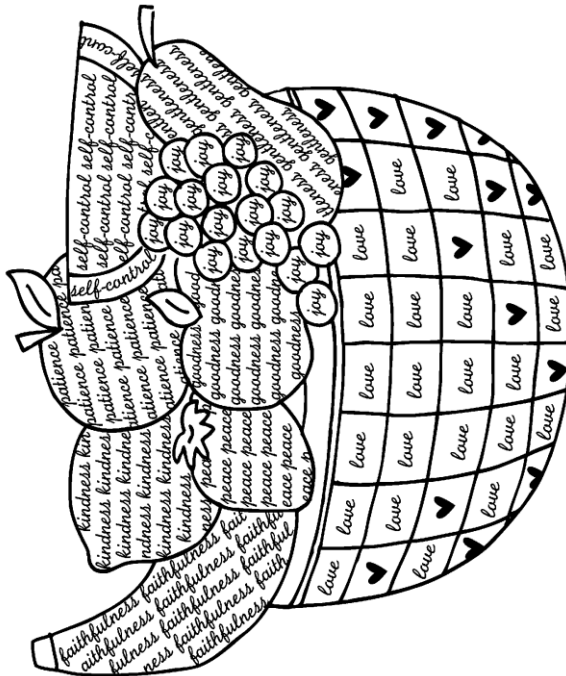
**Independence Day
July 4th**



Seasonal Fruit

Although some fruit is seasonal, God encourages us to share the fruit of the Spirit with other people all year long. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits we should give away.

Directions: Count each fruit (full words only) and write the numbers below.



Love= _____ Joy= _____ Peace= _____ Patience= _____ Kindness= _____
 Goodness= _____ Faithfulness= _____ Gentleness= _____ Self-control= _____

Answers: Love= 24, Joy=18, Peace=7, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5

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