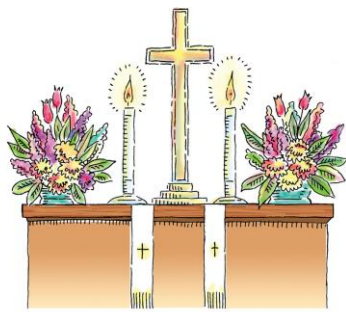


PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

March, 2014



Speaker Schedule

March 2 – Carrie Munson
March 9 – Louis Sandos
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March 30 – Podcast Sermon



April 16
Oasis Annual
Swim Party



March 9



Daylight Saving Time
begins at 2:00 AM,
Sunday, March 9

Five Rules to be Happy

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably coifed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.


So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred.**
- 2. Free your mind from worries.**
- 3. Live simply.**
- 4. Give more.**
- 5. Expect less.**

Birthday
 Nursery
 Scripture Readers
 Ushers

March, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food Pantry donations will be received each Sunday in March						1 Samuel Parker
2 Barbara Wilkinson Maureen Parker Joe Mayfield D & L MacLauchlan Carrie Munson, Gst Spkr Prayer vigil - light lunch carry-in	3	4	5 6:00 PM Oasis – Library Night	6 Howard McGill	7	8 Bob Peterson
9 Communion Barbara Wilkinson Rhoda Kratz Ann Brown D & L MacLauchlan Louis Sandos, Gst Spkr Session meeting	10	11	12 6:00 PM Oasis	13 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	14	15
16 Abby Cox Barbara Wilkinson Terry Langston Doug MacLauchlan Ron & Angie Austin David Smook, Gst Spkr	17	18 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Libby Sparks, hostess	19 6:00 PM Oasis	20 Maggie Scholl	21	22
23 Dick T. Bishop Barbara Wilkinson Laraine MacLauchlan Gerry Hollis Ron & Angie Austin Mark Good, Gst Spkr	24  Through 28th	25 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	26 NO OASIS	27 Seth Parker	28 Rhoda Kratz	29
30 Barbara Wilkinson Barb Mayfield Bill Kearns Mark & Denise Good Podcast sermon	31					

There will be a carry-in lunch on March 16 following worship.

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield



Oasis ~

Bowling Party

On February 23rd 20 children, parents and leaders went bowling at Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport. There were many scores over 100 thanks to gutter guards!

Oasis will meet on March 5, 12, and 19 and take off the 26th for spring break. The final event of this school year will be the annual swim party on April 16th.



We are grateful to our faithful helpers this year: Laurie Brower, Ken and Abby Cox in the kitchen; Laraine

MacLauchlan leading library once a month; Mark Good leading music; Toni Cook leading stories; Martha Clark leading the tribe of Benjamin; Barb Mayfield leading the tribe of Glory; Rhoda Kratz leading the tribe of Esther; Barbara Wilkinson leading the tribe of Eve; Joe Mayfield leading the tribe of Daniel, and the adult leaders, Joe Moss, and Jane and Bill Kearns.

Thank you to everyone who prepared meals or donated for meals and special events. There are still several open slots for preparing meals before the end of this year. The children and leaders are so appreciative of the delicious meals every Wednesday night.



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



Mary-Martha Circle will meet on March 18 at 7:00 PM in the Fellow-ship Room. Hostess, Libby Sparks; Mission Yearbook, Jane Bishop; Horizons, Marlene Smith; Bible Study, Sally Schmidt. "An Abiding Hope, The

Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy", will be the Bible Study this year. Books will be available at the meeting.

Thrift Shop Schedule for March

Sat. Mar. 1.....Donna Sholty.....Tags
Sat. Mar. 8.....sacker
Thurs. Mar. 20.....Jane Bishop sort/mark
Thurs. Mar. 27..... sort/mark

Volunteers are needed for March 8 and 27



Many thanks to all the volunteers for the Food Pantry in February.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



March Pulpit Fill:

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We would like to warmly welcome our Interim Pastor, Mary Ann Banning. She will assume her duties in early April. Mary Ann graduated in 1988 from Princeton Theological Seminary.

She brings with her a wealth of experience leading people of faith. Mary Ann will be relocating from Mishawaka, IN. She has a contagious smile and a heart for God's work and his people.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower



Next Session meeting will be March 9, 2014 immediately following worship service.

Stewardship/Mission Committee

by Joe Mayfield

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains." James 4:7.



Frankly I am getting impatient for spring! But thank goodness, God has been bringing Spring faithfully for a thousand generations. I can live with just knowing for sure it is coming, how about you?

For us at Flora Presbyterian Church, spring has some good things coming!

We are finalizing the contract and call documents for an Interim and hope to have her here and preaching on April 6th. Maybe a little before, God willing.



Interim Pastor



**One Great Hour
of Sharing Offering**

One Great Hour of Sharing will be held during each of the Sundays in April. Easter this year is on April 20th. Pray for Sunny and 60's!!

For our Food Pantry collection this March, I talked with Larry DeVos, its director, to find out what might really be needed. Here is the list:



- Sugar
- Canned Fruit, especially Fruit Cocktail, just the regular sized cans
- Soup: Tomato, and Cream of Chicken
- Saltines
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Toilet Paper: Larger rolls from Sam's Club if possible.



Also we are in the process of tallying up the Pledges and contributions for 2014. I can say we are financially in good shape and prepared for having

an interim pastor. I think our interim will be a very good thing for us.

Congregational Life Committee

by Terry Langston



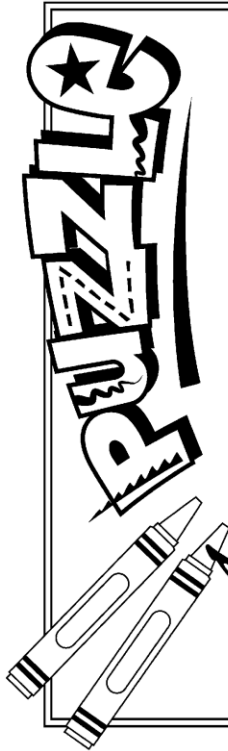
Seventeen people attended the carry-in on February 23. The basement was decorated in a Valentine's Day theme. A prize was given to the person that could guess the number of M&M's in a glass vase. Gerry Hollis was the winner by guessing the exact number of "144". He was given a choice of a bag of M&M's or a night light that said, "Fill your heart with Joy". Even though the number attending was small, it was an enjoyable day to spend together.

Mark your calendar now for another potluck carry in on March 16th. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for "Congregational Life", please let me or Ron Austin know.



**Carry-in
Lunch**
Following worship





A new creation

Just as spring brings beauty and renewal, in Christ we, too, are made new.

Directions: Follow each flying butterfly to its correct number. Then write that word on the line with the corresponding number to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

"Therefore, _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____, _____ 7

_____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 13

_____ 14 _____ 15 _____, _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

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