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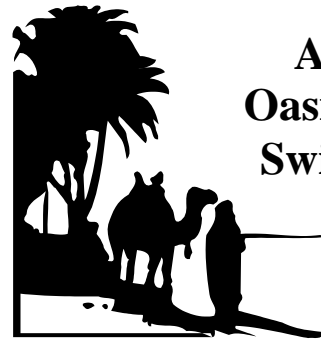
*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

April, 2014



To Our New
Transitional
Pastor

**Welcome to Mary Ann Banning, our
Transitional Pastor as of April 1, 2014**



**April 16
Oasis Annual
Swim Party**



**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2014**

**Maundy Thursday
Communion
7:00 PM April 17**

**Community
Good Friday Services
April 18
12:05 PM FPC
7:00 PM Bringhurst
United Methodist
Church**



**Easter
April 20**

**Community
Cantata 6:30 AM
Flora United
Methodist Church**

**FPC Worship
10:15 AM**

Journeying Together with Christ



This is my first newsletter article as your new “transitional pastor,” what used to be called “interim pastor” in our denomination.

Transitional pastors arrive after a called pastor has departed to help the congregation appreciate its past, take a look at its current ministry setting, and help envision and develop its future ministry. I will journey with you during this important time, while you seek God’s will for your congregation.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you, hearing your stories, and working with your Session to develop a plan for moving forward. To get a head start on those interesting conversations, I’d like to tell you a little bit about me. I have served four congregations in my 24 years of ministry, from small to large in size. Some were rural, others were suburban or downtown churches. I am a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. I really enjoy working with people of all ages. The aspects of ministry in which I have specialized experience are visionary leadership, pastoral care, and transformation/redevelopment.

Hiking, bicycling, knitting, painting, and reading are my favorite activities. I also enjoy gardening and raising flowers. You will probably see me walking through the streets of Flora for exercise and the joy of being outdoors. I have two grown children; one is married with a child and lives in Maine, the other lives in Florida. I am a native Montanan, but have lived in Colorado, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Minnesota, Texas, Kansas, and now Indiana, so I have seen a great deal of our beautiful country.

I am filled with anticipation as I move to your community from northern Indiana. God will be with us, encourage and guide us as we seek God’s will for your congregation in Christ, through the Holy Spirit. The Presbytery of Wabash Valley stands ready to offer us its resources during this transitional time, as well.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Pastor Mary Ann Banning

Sunday School 9:15, Choir Practice TBA, Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday
 Nursery
Scripture Readers
Ushers

April, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mary Ann Banning begins as Transitional Pastor of our church	2 6:00 PM Oasis – Library Night	3	4	5
6 Barbara Wilkinson Tammy Moss Marlene Smith Mark & Denise Good Prayer vigil - light lunch carry-in	7	8	9 Chuck Compton 6:00 PM Oasis	10 7:00 PM Lafayette Great Banquet Gathering	11 Marty Catron	12 Susan Hollis
13 Bob Scholl Palm Sunday Barb Mayfield Kathy King Steve Catron Bill Kearns Jay McMillin Session meeting	14	15 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Kathy King, hostess	16 6:00 PM Annual Oasis Swim Party	17 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion	18 Erika Hollis 12:05 PM Community Good Friday Service here at FPC 7:00 PM at Bringhurst United Methodist Church	19
20 Abby Cox Easter Sunday Barb Mayfield Rachael Catron Kent King Bill Kearns Jay McMillin	21	22 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	23 Joe Mayfield 7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Delphi PC	24 Rachael Catron	25	26
27 Barb Mayfield Vicky Snipes Jay McMillin Marty & Julie Catron	28 Steve Catron	29	30 7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Deer Creek PC			

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Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield



Oasis ~

12th Year Ends April 16th

Wednesday, April 16th will be the final evening for this school year's Oasis program. That night we will be hosting our annual swim party.

The Story has been our study and the children and adults have studied 31 Bible stories presented to give a sweeping overview of the entire Bible. We have copies of this wonderful resource and encourage anyone to pick up a copy.

Other highlights of this year include our annual outdoor carnival kick-off, hay ride, raking leaves and caroling for the senior center, going bowling, and a movie night.

During the summer there will be a get-together for our "Super 7 Stars" to have a cook-out and to play putt-putt golf. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year successful.

Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide Study: "Six Great Ends of the Church"

Join with other Presbyterians throughout the county in a six week study beginning Wednesday, April 23rd. Each week at 7 PM for six Wednesdays we will join together to study the six great ends of the church.

The first meeting (April 23rd) will be held at the Delphi Presbyterian Church. The other meetings will be:

April 30th at Deer Creek

May 7th at Cutler

May 14th here at Flora

May 21st at Rockfield

May 28th at Burrows

On June 4th we plan to have a celebration at the Delphi City Park. Please plan to get involved.



Welcome Spring! During the winter months, when everyone was snuggled in trying to keep warm, your church librarian was busy going to different places gathering books and DVD's to add to our collection. Please stop by the display in

the fellowship hall to see all the new books and DVD's I've added to the library. You will find books for all ages along with great DVD's. Borrowing is easy – just sign your name on the card with the date you borrowed the item. Place the card in the tray and return the item when you're done with it. I will keep track of the time for you!

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on April 15 in the Fellowship Room at 7:30 PM. The Hostess will be Kathy King; Donna Sholty, Year Book of Prayer; Marlene Smith, Horizons; Lola Snavelly, Bible Study.

Thrift Shop

On March 31 several members promised to work at the Thrift Shop changing seasonal clothing.

Thrift Shop Schedule for April

Sat. Apr. 5.....Donna Sholty..... cashier

Sat. Apr. 12.....Libby Sparks..... tags

Sat. Apr. 19.....Laraine MacLauchlan..... sacker

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



Please welcome and support Mary Ann Banning! She will be leading our church through this time of transition as we explore our calling in Christ service.

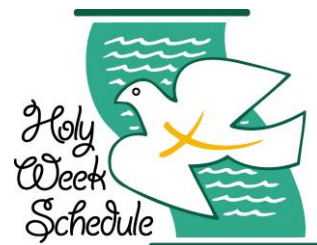
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Community Easter Cantata, 6:30 AM at Flora
United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday Worship at 10:15AM





We will be having a prayer vigil and light lunch the 1st Sunday of every month following service and fellowship.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower



Next Session meeting will be April 13, 2014 immediately following worship service.

Stewardship/Mission Committee

by Joe Mayfield

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received April 6, 13, and 20. With his disciples during the



Last Supper, Jesus prayed for oneness, connection, and unity (John 17:20—23). Perhaps he knew that understanding our oneness would be one of our greatest challenges as human

beings. [Give to One Great Hour of Sharing and join others as we bring love and hope to those in need.](#)

Congregational Life Committee

by Terry Langston



The winter has been long and quite a challenge at times for everyone! After inspiration from a friend doing a kind deed for her community, I decided to pay it forward here to

our Post Office. During the month of February, an assortment of items, Kleenex, crackers, Chapstick, gum, nuts, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, candy, coffee, tea and water, to name a few were collected from the congregation to fill a box for our appreciation of their dedicated service.

Following is a note that was attached to their box.

To Our Postal Workers:

The blowing wind and lots of snow,
Have been pains, as you well know.

Though winter seems to have no end,
The summer heat will soon descend.

We want to Thank You for all you do,
So here's a gift from us to you.

The boxed up items you'll see inside,
For all of you to divide.

Serving Our Lord With Joy!

Flora Presbyterian Church

On March 16th, a carry-in lunch was held.

A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by the 20 members and friends that stayed.

A big "Thank You" to the Following worship leprechauns (Doug, Laraine, and Gerry) that decorated for the St. Patrick's Day .



Carry-in Lunch



Easter

**Easter song, Easter bell,
Joyful tidings they all tell,
How our Savior rose again,
From the grave to save all men.
How upon the cross He died,
And was by human folks denied.
Oh! The joyful news today,
For the stone was rolled away.
Now we know that He in glory stands,
To welcome all with outstretched hands.**

**Charline Ferguson
1963**

