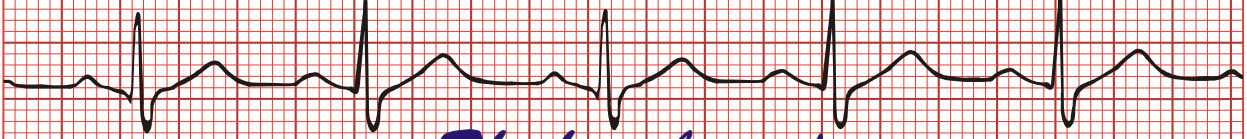


# **PULSE**



*The heartbeat of  
Flora Presbyterian Church*

**May, 2014**



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## *A Sojourner in your Midst*

The definition of the Biblical word *sojourner* is a person who stays for a while, a temporary resident. I am delighted to be your sojourner pastor, the one who prepares the way for the next called pastor to come.

You have welcomed me with open arms, gracious hospitality, and caring affection. A large crew of men and women helped me move my possessions into my residence on April 1st, and then took me out for a pizza dinner afterwards. You amazed me on the first Sunday that I preached in worship with an abundant spread of delicious food in fellowship hall.

I have been visiting many of our members, beginning with those who have the most need for pastoral care, and listening carefully to your concerns and your hopes and dreams for the future of this congregation. The Session will benefit from this input as they develop a plan for the first year of my transitional ministry with you. I hope to visit all of you within the next few months so that I can get to know you better.

The Oasis ministry is a phenomenal Christian witness to a large group of local children . . . I was able to attend the last two sessions before the summer break. I am very impressed with the longevity, the quality of the program, and the dedication of the volunteers who work with the children. Over the summer, the Session and I will look at the functioning of the program and tweak it just a bit to enable our members to mix more and build relationships with the parents who bring their children.

Over the summer, the Session will read and discuss a very interesting book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith*, by Diana Butler Bass. Extra copies will be available to congregation members who would like to read it with us. This book takes a careful look at the exciting things that are happening in neighborhood churches that have been successful with redevelopment and transformation. She tells the stories of ten different congregations of different denominations in widely varying settings. It is an inspiring book for our congregations that are struggling with growth, financial, and ministry issues.

This is a deeply faithful, loving congregation, and I am blessed to be ministering here in Flora with you during this transitional time.

Together in Christ's loving ministry,  
Pastor Mary Ann Banning

Sunday School 9:15, Worship 10:15

# Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday  
 Nursery  
 Scripture Readers  
 Ushers

May, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 Martha Clark</b>  8:00 AM Flora Ministerial Meeting here at FPC	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Marge Scholl</b>
<b>4 Peter Bishop</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Angie Austin</span> <span style="color: orange;">Mark Good</span> <span style="color: blue;">Marty &amp; Julie Catron</span> Prayer vigil - light lunch carry-in Session meeting	<b>5 Gary Scholl</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Cutler PC	<b>8</b>  7:00 PM Lafayette Great Banquet Gathering	<b>9 Bob Brown</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Mother's Day</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Janis Burns</span> <span style="color: orange;">Craig McGill</span> <span style="color: blue;">David &amp; Rhoda Kratz</span>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Flora PC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Abby Cox</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Sally Schmidt</span> <span style="color: orange;">Dale Snipes</span> <span style="color: blue;">David &amp; Rhoda Kratz</span> Birthday Offering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Marlene Smith, hostess	<b>21</b>  7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Rockfield PC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <span style="color: green;">Susan Scholl</span> <span style="color: orange;">Susan Hollis</span> <span style="color: orange;">Joe Moss</span> <span style="color: blue;">Kent &amp; Kathy King</span>	<b>26 Memorial Day</b>	<b>27</b>  7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	<b>28 David Kratz</b>  7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide study at Burrows PC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield



### Oasis –

#### Swim Party April 16th

Dozens of children enjoyed a picnic and swimming at the Carroll High School Pool to celebrate the end of our 12<sup>th</sup> year of Oasis. We are grateful to the Carroll School for permitting us to use the pool before it is closed for the season.

#### Highlights of the Year

Before swimming, the children shared what their favorite parts of Oasis this year were. The list included: swimming, the hayride, library, “Scooter and Beth” skits, learning about God, crafts, having a pen pal, watching videos about the story, movies, going bowling and drawing pictures.

#### Super 7 Stars

30 Oasis children earned “7 Stars” during the second half of the year and will be treated to a cook-out and putt putt golf this summer.

#### Carroll County Presbyterian Church-wide Study: “Six Great Ends of the Church”

Join with other Presbyterians throughout the county in a six week study, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup>. Each week at 7 PM for six Wednesdays we will join together to study the six great ends of the church.

Future meetings will be:

April 30<sup>th</sup> at Deer Creek

May 7<sup>th</sup> at Cutler

May 14<sup>th</sup> here at Flora

May 21<sup>st</sup> at Rockfield

May 28<sup>th</sup> at Burrows

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

#### Vacation Bible School

This year the Flora First Christian Church will be hosting our joint VBS. We have just started meeting to plan and haven't yet finalized the dates or the theme. As information is available it will be put in the bulletin. Please plan to help.



Thanks to the suggestions from Barb Mayfield and Tammy Moss at the

beginning of the Oasis year, we decided to allow the children access to the church library on a monthly basis. I am happy to report that circulation for the Oasis year was 86 books and 79 DVD's for a total of 165 items! This addition to the Oasis program seems to have been a hit and I look forward to welcoming the children again. During the summer months, you might want to check out the new reading materials I have found for the library. I use the honor system for circulation – you know what you have checked out and I have the card that was in the book or DVD. Just remember to return the item when you are done with it. Have a blessed summer!

*Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian*

## Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



Mary-Martha Circle will meet on May 20 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room. Hostess, Marlene Smith; Mission Yearbook: Kathy King; Horizons: Laraine MacLauchlan; Bible Study: Jane Bishop. All women are welcomed to the meetings.

### Thrift Shop Schedule for May

Thurs. May 1	Laraine MacLauchlan.....	sort/mark
Sat. May 10	Doug MacLauchlan. ....	cashier
Sat. May 17	Jane Bishop.....	tags
Sat. May 24	.....	sacker

### **Volunteer needed May 24**

### **2014 Birthday Offering!!!!**



Birthday  
Offering

It's that time again when we will count our blessings and celebrate our birthdays with an offering on May 18. This year the offering will go to the **Blue Corn Mothers Alliance which will benefit Native**

**American women who have experienced domestic violence.**

## Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark

We had a wonderful Holy Week! Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter were all very moving and well attended. We are so blessed to have Mary Ann as our interim!



We will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 11<sup>th</sup> and we also will be coming to the Lord's Table on May 11<sup>th</sup> for communion.

As summer approaches please be thinking about special music ideas to begin after the choir takes its summer vacation.



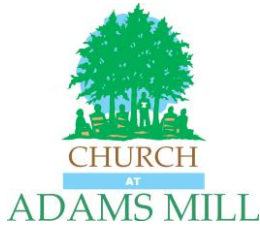
We will be having a prayer vigil and light lunch the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month following service and fellowship.



We are planning on having "Change the World Tour" with Tim and Danielle Fontaine here sometime after July 20 through mid August.

### Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower



We have received an invitation from the Cutler Presbyterian Church to the Adams Mill Worship Service and picnic on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

They will be providing ham sandwiches, drinks and table service. Bring lawn chairs, salads, covered dish or desserts.

Next Session meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 following Prayer Vigil.



### Stewardship/Mission Committee



The stewardship and missions committee wants to deeply thank you for your generous giving to The One Great Hour of Sharing this year. We collected 860 dollars. One Great Hour does use the money

wisely and with great effect. Thank you again.

We now move into Pentecost and are looking forward to summer fun and activities. The

committee asks each of you to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world. Many face hatred, hunger, and persecution for the sake of Jesus. May they feel our tender hearts toward them.



Thank you also for all the food and paper goods that were brought in for the food pantry. They are so appreciative!

Each of us on the committee hopes to see each and everyone of you throughout our summer services.

God Bless, and may the peace of Christ live in you and shine out for others."

*Joe Mayfield, Doug MacLauchlan,  
Joe Moss, & David Kratz*

### Congregational Life Committee

by Terry Langston

To welcome our speaker and new Interim Pastor, Mary Ann Banning, we had a carry-in lunch on March 30<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended with a bountiful assortment of food.



*The Congregational Life Committee would like to wish all of the beautiful women of this church, a "Happy Mother's Day" on May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

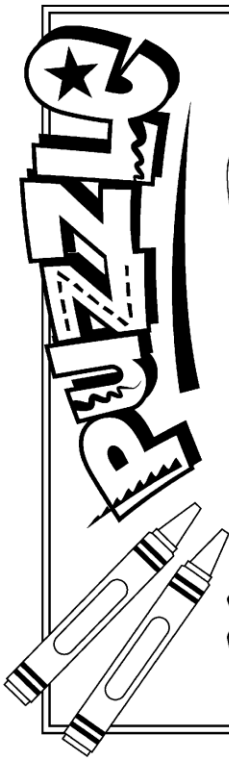


I am now residing at 16 East Elm Street here in Flora. My cell phone number is (513) 504-0539 and my e-mail address is [holymolyrev@hotmail.com](mailto:holymolyrev@hotmail.com) Please feel free to contact me anytime (24/7 in case of an emergency).

**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30 to noon at the church – call before you stop in so I can unlock the door.

*Pastor Mary Ann Banning*





# Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

- Eve ..... bore ..... Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>
- Sarah ..... bore ..... Isaac<sup>10</sup>
- Rebekah ..... bore ..... Jacob and Esau<sup>7</sup>
- Rachel ..... bore ..... Benjamin and Joseph<sup>13</sup>
- Leah ..... bore ..... Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>12</sup>
- Zilpah ..... bore ..... Gad and Asher<sup>30</sup>
- Bilhah ..... bore ..... Dan and Naphtali<sup>30</sup>
- Jochebed ..... bore ..... Moses<sup>3</sup>
- Naomi ..... bore ..... Mahlon and Kilion<sup>7</sup>
- Ruth ..... bore ..... Obed<sup>14</sup>
- Hannah ..... bore ..... Samuel<sup>26</sup>
- Bathsheba ..... bore ..... Solomon<sup>10</sup>
- Elizabeth ..... bore ..... John the Baptist<sup>10</sup>
- Mary ..... bore ..... Jesus<sup>16</sup>
- Eunice ..... bore ..... Timothy<sup>6</sup>



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W 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33  
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### PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: “May your ... mother rejoice, may she who gave you birth be joyful!” Proverbs 23:25, NIV

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