

July, 2014



**Carroll County
Collaborative ministry
planning meeting at
FPC 6:30 PM,
Wednesday, July 2**



**9 to 3, Saturday, July 26, at Flora
First Christian Church**

**Outdoor
Worship
Service**



**10:00 Sunday, July 20th,
we will join the
Cutler Presbyterian Church for
worship and picnic at Adams Mill**

Explorers and Adventurers



“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28: 17-20

How many of us, when we hear these words of Jesus from so long ago, think of explorers and adventurers? Probably not many. But the times in which we live compel people of faith to envision being the church of Jesus Christ in creative and challenging ways. The tried and true methods, programs, and approaches are not working as well as they used to because our society has changed.

Christ calls us to engage with the world outside of our doors so that the good news of the gospel may be shared effectively in our own time . . . but how will we do that? The challenge just seems overwhelming to us.

Perhaps we can take our cue from this famous prayer by Sir Francis Drake, an English sea captain and adventurer in the 16th century . . .

*Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when
with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.*

*We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*

*This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.*

I suggest that as we progress through our interim journey with Christ and one another that we begin to develop a spirit of adventure. Do you remember, in the years of your childhood, how exciting it was to get on your bicycle and zoom around the neighborhood with your friends? Do you remember the joy of discovery when you saw a beautiful butterfly or found a hideout in a vacant lot?

Venturing out into the world outside of our doors can be such an adventure if we expect to discover wonderful new things, meet interesting new people, and see new vistas opening up before our eyes.

Lewis and Clark began their journey of discovery with a few inaccurate maps and eyewitness stories -- they sought a northwest passage from one coast to the other upon which travelers could travel by boat. Instead, they found mountain range after mountain range and experienced many hardships. But they reached the Pacific Ocean and opened up the western part of the country to further exploration and settlement.

Our “Looking Back at the Past” congregational gathering will happen on Sunday, September 22nd. The Rev. Stan Kessler, retired pastor from Kendallville in northeast Indiana, will be our preacher that morning and lead our discussion after worship and a carry-in meal. Only God knows where our journey of exploration will take us, and what marvels we will experience along the way. We can be confident that no matter what joys or what obstacles or what deep satisfaction in ministry we experience, Jesus the risen Christ will be our companion and our guide.

May the Lord our God who blessed us so profoundly with the Son be our inspiration and our strength . . .

Pastor Mary Ann

Sunday School 9:15, Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

July, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bev Mayfield	2 6:30 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church Gathering Meal and Planning Meeting here at FPC	3 7:00 PM Caregiver's Support Group	4 Independence Day	5
6 Maureen Parker Rhoda Kratz Laraine MacLauchlan Dale & Vicky Snipes Prayer vigil - light lunch carry-in	7 Pastor Mary Ann Vacation through July 13	8	9 7:00 PM Bible Study	10 7:00 PM Lafayette Great Banquet Gathering	11	12
13 Maureen Parker Terry Langston Doug MacLauchlan Dale & Vicky Snipes Mark Good, guest Speaker	14 Jackie Davis	15 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Joan Moss, hostess	16 7:00 PM Bible Study	17	18	19
20 10:00 AM Adams Mill Worship Service and Carry- in Luncheon	21	22 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	23 Laurie Brower Doug MacLauchlan Chris Mayfield 7:00 PM Bible Study	24 11:00 to 2:00 Singles group meets in basement	25 VBS preregistration and hot dog meal at First Christian Church parking lot	26 9 to 3 VBS at Flora First Christian Church
27 Jay McMillin Maureen Parker Ann Brown Gerry Hollis Steve & Rachael Catron	28	29	30 Harry Hartman Rachel Parker 7:00 PM Bible Study	31		

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Summer Bible Study



Please join us on Wednesday evenings, July 9, 16, 23, and 30 as we study words from the Bible. In June our words were hope and blessing. Upcoming words and locations will be printed in the bulletin. Each meeting is from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome!

Carroll County Presbyterian Church- Gathering July 2nd 6:30 PM

The six Presbyterian churches will gather at our church in Flora for the next collaborative ministry planning meeting. As hosts, we are providing the meal. This is an opportunity to meet other Presbyterians from around the county and plan events and projects to work on together. Please join us.



Presbyterian
Church Gathering

Vacation Bible School



Saturday, July 26th is the date.
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the time.
Flora First Christian Church is the place. **There will be a hot dog meal and preregistration on Friday evening, July 25, in the First Christian Church parking lot.**

"Gangway to Galilee" is the theme.

If you are interested in helping we still need "group leaders" who can lead a group of children from station to station.

VBS Mission Project: Jesus Well

Imagine no running water in your home. Imagine having to walk several miles every day to find and carry water home.

Imagine your village well is off limits to you because you are a "Dalit," one of the "Untouchables" in your society...

Imagine a generous group of Christians in Flora Indiana raise \$1000 to build a Jesus Well in your community.

Imagine the joy of fresh, clean water.

Imagine hearing about the "living water" of Jesus.

VBS Mission Project



Help make these dreams a reality for a village in Asia...

If you would like to contribute toward this special project, we will be collecting for two Sundays prior to VBS. If you write a check to the church, designate "VBS Jesus Well" in the memo line. If you won't be in church on July 13 or 20, you can send your donation to the church.

Together with the Cutler church, the Christian church, and the children who attend VBS, we can build this well!

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on July 15 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 PM. The Hostess will be Joan Moss; Year Book of Prayer, Jane Bishop; Horizons, Lola Snavelly; Bible Study, Laraine MacLauchlan. All women are invited.

Thrift Shop Schedule for July

Sat.	July 5....Donna Sholty.....	Cashier
Thur.	July 17...Libby & Joan	Sort & Mark
Thur.	July 24...Jane Bishop.....	Sort & Mark

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



As Pastor Mary Ann will be on vacation July 7 through 13, we will have a guest speaker for the 13th.

Adams Mill Worship Service and picnic is on July 20th, 2014 at 10:00 AM. They will be providing ham sandwiches, drinks and table service. Bring side dish, chairs, tableware etc.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next Session meeting will be August 10th following worship.

Session decided to keep the red hymnals.



Stewardship/Mission Committee

by Joe Mayfield

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in Heaven." A hard teaching in this mean spirited world, but it's what Jesus tell us to do. So this month, try it. Pray for Iraq, Iran, and Syria, let's see how the Lord changes our hearts and what he teaches us in July by trying this.



We have revised the 2014 Budget to show Mary Ann payment package, and will have copies available for you to review on June 29th. Mary Ann came April 1, this year, so she will be getting 9/12's of the numbers.

For the first half of the year, we are right on budget in our giving, and under on our expenses. Thank you!

Congregational Life

by Terry Langston.

Mark your calendar for the annual church picnic on August 24th at the Flora Park.



Caregiver's Support Group



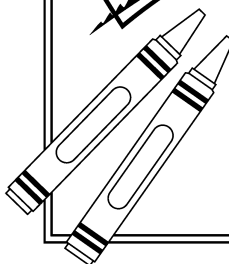
Caregiver's support group met for an organizational meeting in June with seven in attendance. Nancy Distell, of Serenity Hospice, was the guest

speaker. Pastor Mary Ann will lead the regular meetings at 7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month.



We honor the service of Veterans in relationship to our congregation (Revised listing):

Black, Richard
Boulden, Don
Butler, Jay
Butler, Lewis
Butler, Michael
Catron, George
Catron, Steve
Christiansen, Carl
Crutchfield, Don
Crutchfield, Scott
Eberle, Larry
Erisman, Carl
Fouts, Tom L.
Hess, Russell, Jr.
Johnson, Edward
Kratz, Robert
Kuntz, Marvin
MacLauchlan, Doug
MacLauchlan, Nick
Charles Markley
Mayfield, Joe A.
Mayo, Paul
McCammack, Jason
McCusker, Tom
Morrow, Don
Moss, Al
Myers, Donald
Phillips, Edward A.
Phillips, Edward G.
Phillips, Joseph
Phillips, Joseph, Jr.
Phillips, Michael
Reedy, Jay
Ritzler, Charles
Sparks, Bob
Thompson, James
Wilkinson, Cole
Winn, Otis
Workman, Noel E.
Workman, Noel P.
Wray, Phyllis

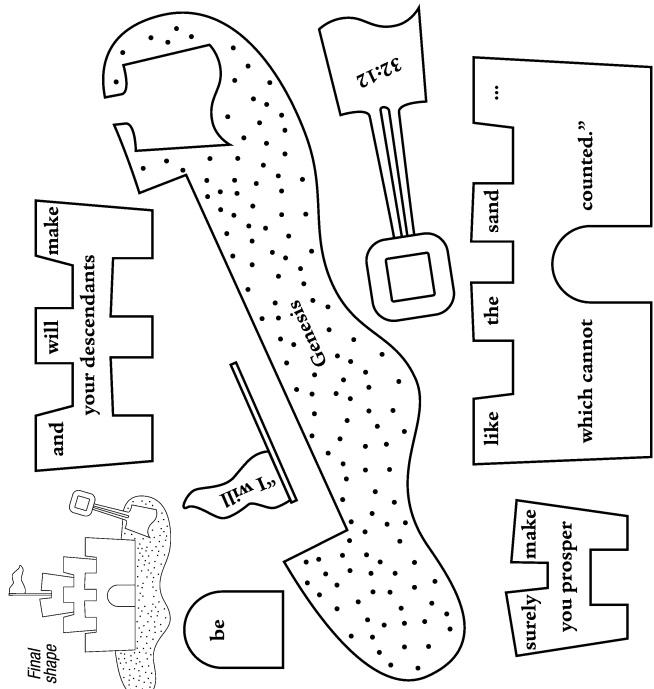


Puzzle

A promise kept

In Genesis 32:12 (NIV), Jacob remembers a promise God made about his family. We, too, can be part of that promise. God always keeps his promises.

Directions: "Build" a sand castle using the shapes below. Cut out and assemble the shapes to complete God's promise. (Use the "final shape" image as a guide.)



Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV

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