

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

August, 2014



August 3, 5:30 PM
Oasis "Super 7" family
cook-out at the home
of Joe and Barb
Mayfield. Putt-Putt
golf will follow at
Hollow Acres
Miniature Golf Course
in Yeoman.

*Holy
Communion*

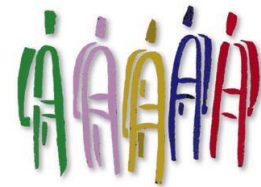


August 10

**Church
Picnic**



Annual Church Picnic
At Flora Park
Following Worship
August 24th



**Presbyterian
Church Gathering**

**Carroll County Presbyterian
Church-Gathering 6:30 PM,**
Thursday, August 28th



Listening to God in Prayer

Psalm 131

*O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.*

I invite you to relax into the arms of our risen Lord during the rest of the summer and open yourselves to the encouragement and guidance of the Lord in prayer. As we all sit quietly in prayer as individuals and as a congregation we give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to reach us when we are not distracted by the many attractions of the modern world. Find a quiet time and place when you can devote at least five minutes to this kind of prayer. Light a Christ candle. Free your mind of thoughts as much as you can, and when they enter your mind, just gently let them go. This is an ancient form of Christian prayer called "contemplative prayer" in which a space is formed within our consciousness for God.

Before we begin our period of congregational self-examination and discernment in September, it is fitting that we give God the opportunity to reach us through the Holy Spirit. If you practice this sort of prayer daily, a gradual awareness of God's will shall surface in your life. If we all do this together, expecting guidance for the future of this congregation, unexpected ways forward will become evident to us . . . doors that we didn't know were there will open.

Remember, with God all things are possible. Faith can and does move mountains!

Grace to you and peace from God and the risen Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Pastor Mary Ann Banning

Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

August, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Martha Clark Barb Mayfield Bill Kearns Steve & Rachael Catron 5:30 PM Super 7 cook-out & Putt Putt Golf	4 Denise Good Marlene Smith	5	6	7 7:00 PM Caregiver's Support Group	8 Stanley Langston	9 Dick N. Bishop
10 Communion Martha Clark Tammy Moss Marlene Smith Joe & Barb Mayfield Session meets after worship	11	12 Myra Compton	13 7:00 PM Oasis Planning meeting	14 7:00 PM Lafayette Great Banquet Gathering	15	16
17 Martha Clark Kathy King Steve Catron Laurie Brower, Sally Schmidt	18	19 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Donna Sholty, hostess	20 Maureen Parker 7:00 PM Oasis Planning meeting	21 11:00 to 2:00 Singles group meets in basement	22	23
24 Martha Clark Rachael Catron Kent King Laurie Brower, Sally Schmidt Church picnic following Worship	25	26 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	27	28 6:30 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Church-Gathering at Cutler Presbyterian	29	30
31 Martha Clark Janis Burns Jay McMillin Craig & Kris McGill						

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Oasis Planning for

Year 13 – the year of “Family”

Oasis leaders will meet on Wednesday, August 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. to begin planning for the 13th year of Oasis.



Our theme this year is “Family.” We will be

learning what it means to be a child of God and to have a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus. We will learn that a church is a family, not a building, and will be inviting our church family to participate in as many ways as possible so the kids can build a relationship with us. We will be inviting the Oasis families to be more involved than ever.

God has exciting things in store for this year – come and be a part of it! Everyone is welcome to attend the planning meetings. Be watching future newsletters and bulletins for ways to be involved.



Oasis Cook Out and Putt-Putt Golf

Tonight, Sunday August 3, 30+ children who were “Super 7 Stars” this year have been invited with their parents to a cookout at the Mayfield’s home in Delphi followed by a fun evening of miniature golf

at Hollow Acres in Yeoman. This event has become a treasured tradition.

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to all of the leaders who helped with this year’s VBS. The numbers were small but the fun was big.



VBS Mission Project



They practiced carrying water on their head and saw pictures of villages in India

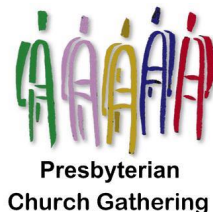
VBS Mission Project Update: Jesus Well

Thanks to Terry Langston for her old pump, the children at VBS got a “feel” for what pumping their own

like the one where “our” Jesus wells will be built. The totals are not counted yet, but our goal of one well was exceeded and we are hoping to raise \$2,000 to build two wells!!

Carroll County Presbyterian Church-Gathering August 28th 6:30 p.m.

The six Presbyterian churches will gather at Cutler Presbyterian for the next collaborative ministry planning meeting. One of the exciting things planned for this meeting is the other churches want to help with Oasis and will be signing up to help. Everyone is welcome to attend!



Library News - It has been a busy summer! Now we are gearing up for the beginning of our Oasis year and another fun time at the library. Oasis kids can come to the library on the first Wednesday of each month to browse the books and choose a DVD if they would like. When they return their choices the following month, they may borrow again.



This has been successful last year and we are hoping to make it work again this year. I have added more student oriented books and DVD’s to make the library more inviting. Adults are also invited – we do have many of the popular books including “Heaven Is For Real” and Karen Kingsbury’s ongoing series. Any other suggestions for purchase would be appreciated. See you at the library!

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on August 19 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 p.m. The Hostess will be Donna Sholty; Year Book of Prayer, Laraine MacLauchlan; Horizons, Sally Schmidt; Bible Study, Marlene Smith. All women of the church are invited.

Thrift Shop Schedule for August

Sat. Aug. 2.....	Joan Moss.....	Tags
Sat. Aug. 9.....	Laraine MacLauchlan	Sacker
Thur. Aug. 21	Jane Bishop	Sort & Mark
Thur. Aug. 28... ..	Jane Kearns	Sort & Mark

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark

Communion will be observed
Sunday, August 10th.



On September 21, 2014 we are planning a special day "Gathering on the Past" which is part of the process of calling a new pastor. Rev. Stan Kessler, a retired PC(USA) pastor from Kendallville, Indiana, is experienced in leading this type of gathering for churches and will lead us in morning worship and the afternoon congregational gathering with input from the congregation about past events. There will be a carry-in meal after the morning message. Please mark your calendar and look forward to this special day.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

August Session meeting will be the
10th following worship.



Congregational Life

by Terry Langston.

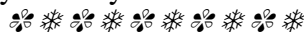
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August 24th. There will be a carry
in picnic under the pavilion at the
Flora Park (weather permitting)
after church services.



Thank You

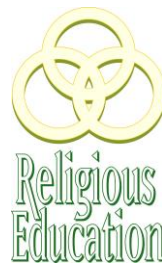
Thank you to David and
Rhoda Kratz for their years
of service to this church.
May their new beginning in
Tennessee be a blessing to

them and everyone they meet.



Caregiver's support group
will continue to meet at
the church the first
Thursday of the month.
The August meeting will
be the 6th and we will
have a hospice speaker
who will present ways to
handle anxiety and
stress.

Caregiver's Support Group



**CARROLL COUNTY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, INC.**
Foundations in Christianity for
Elementary Children.

Carroll County Religious Education or simply Released Time (RT) is a concept used in the United States public school system wherein students enrolled in the public schools are permitted by law to receive religious instruction as long as no public money is used to fund the classes and students have parental permission. Court rulings permit release time for religious education to be conducted during the school day, and not funded by school (tax) dollars. This program offers up to one hour of instructional time per week to elementary school children who are taught basic principles of Christian theology. Two public schools in Carroll County, Carroll Consolidated School Corporation, and Delphi Community School Corporation, are served by this organization.

They are in need of financial support to keep their opportunities strong. Tax deductible donations may be mailed to the treasurer, Jennifer Spesard, 554 N 50 E, Flora, IN 46929. For more information you may call Jennifer at 574-967-44595 or e-mail her at lsjs@embarqmail.com





In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the **P O O R**
I N S P I R I T _____

2. "Happy are those who _____

3. "Happy are the _____

4. "Happy are those who _____

5. "Happy are the _____

6. "Happy are the _____

7. "Happy are the _____

8. "Happy are those who are _____

hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled."

pure in heart, for they will see God."

peacemakers, for they will be called
the children of God."

persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven."

merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

meeek, for they will inherit the earth."

mourn, for they will be comforted."



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