

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

September, 2014



**September 17
6:00 PM
Oasis "Kick-Off"
Carnival in
Church Parking Lot**

*Holy
Communion*



September 14



**"Gathering on the Past"
Celebration
September 21, 2014
Rev. Stan Kessler,
Guest Speaker
Carry-in Lunch will precede
Memories of Yesteryears**



Revisiting the Past

***"Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."***

These words from the beautiful hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" written by Isaac Watts to paraphrase Psalm 90 are the theme for our first gathering as part of the interim process here at Flora Presbyterian Church. This hymn reminds us that God has been with us, God is with us now, and God will be with us in the future -- encouraging, guiding, and challenging us to remain faithful through all the challenges and joys of ministry in Christ's name.

An important event in the preparation work that we are doing together to ready the congregation for calling a new pastor is coming up on Sunday, September 21st. It is our "**Gathering on the Past**" in which we will be given an opportunity to remember and value important events in the past life of this congregation. Reflection on the past is an integral part of the interim time, because in looking back at the congregation's walk with God we rediscover who we have been in order to clarify who we are now, enabling us to dream with God about who we might become in our future ministries.

Rev. Stan Kessler, a retired minister from Kendallville, Indiana will be the preacher for the day and will enjoy a delicious carry-in meal with us before he facilitates the Gathering on the Past.

The results of this gathering will be an important part of the Mission Information Form that the Pastoral Nominating Committee will write after their election next spring. This form, when completed, will be uploaded to the Presbyterian Leadership Connection for prospective pastors to read as part of their search process.

Please bring a dish to share for our celebration meal together, and your memories of the years that you have been in relationship with this congregation. If you have any pictures or mementos that you would like to share, bring them with you to place on memory tables in fellowship hall.

Let's make September 21st a joyous celebration and beginning of the process of calling a new pastor!

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Mary Ann Banning

Worship 10:15, Sunday School 11:45 starting September 14

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday
 Nursery
 Scripture Readers
 Ushers

September, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ron Austin	2	3	4 7:00 PM Caregiver's Support Group	5 Pastor Mary Ann Study Leave thru September 12	6
7 Barb Mayfield Angie Austin Vickie Snipes Craig & Kris McGill Mark Good, guest spkr	8 John Helvie	9	10 7:00 to 8:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian churches meet at Burrows for General Assembly presentation	11	12	13
14 Communion Barb Mayfield Sally Schmidt Mark Good Gerry & Susan Hollis Session meets following Sunday School	15	16 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle meets in Fellowship Room, Joan Moss, hostesss	17 6:00 PM Oasis Kick-Off Carnival in Church Parking Lot	18	19 Chris Parker	20
21 Gathering on the Past Celebration Stan Kessler, guest spkr Barb Mayfield Patsy McCammack Craig McGill Gerry & Susan Hollis Carry-in lunch precedes Sharing of Memories	22	23	24 6:00 PM Oasis	25	26	27
28 Matt Clark Barb Mayfield Martha Clark Marshall McCammack Terry Langston Marlene Smith	29	30 Mark Good Marshall McCammack				

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield



Fall Sunday School

Our first quarter of Sunday School for the 2014-2015 school year will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2014. To avoid a conflict with choir, Sunday School will meet **AFTER**

worship. We will begin at 11:45 and meet until 12:30. We will meet in the classroom upstairs next to the kitchen. Grab some treats and join us!

Pastor Mary Ann will be leading our study of the Gospel of John written by the Lutheran Disciple program. It is a fascinating study of the major passages in John with a study book that encourages daily reading and study. The video presentation of the Scripture reading will be shown each Sunday during worship, and Pastor Mary Ann will preach a sermon on the passage that we will be discussing after worship. Each Bible study session will include a video of a specialist in John discussing the passage followed by a small group of lay people talking about the insights they gained from reading the same passage. Then participants will discuss their own insights, from the weekly reading and from the sermon and video presentations. **Participants can pick up their study books on table in Fellowship Room.** It should be an exciting and faith building experience for all of us! Bible study is an important part of the interim process, as we seek God's will for the future of our congregation here in Flora. I hope to see a large group of you for our first meeting on Sept. 14 after worship. We will not meet on Sept. 21 due to our Gathering on the Past, or on Oct. 12 or 19, since Pastor Mary Ann will be away on vacation and study leave.

Oasis Kick-Off

Our 13th year of Oasis will “kick-off” on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 in the parking lot of the church with our annual outdoor carnival. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of the excitement! Sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin

board to volunteer.

Participate in ...Oasis Year 13!

Our theme this year is “We are God’s Family.” We are emphasizing how we are all God’s children and brothers and sisters in Christ. We are inviting the

Oasis parents to participate throughout the year, so please come so they can meet you and feel welcomed by our church. Please consider joining the adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights as they study “The Family Project.” We would love you to come for dinner, stay for the one hour study and participate in the evening closing with the children.

There are so many ways you can be a part of this ministry: Some are weekly, others periodically, and still others completely behind the scenes (like donating and praying!). There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Room for you to indicate your interests. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved. If you’ve never come to see what your church is doing on Wednesday evenings... come and see!

Some ways you can be a part of this ministry:

Cooks and Kitchen helpers – this can be weekly or just once in awhile. Sign up to prepare one or more meals. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Group Helpers – Several groups need someone to assist the leader: Young children grades K-1, (mixed boys and girls), Grades 2-3 (mixed boys/girls), Grades 4-5 (mixed boys/girls), Young Teen Girls (grades 6-8), Young Teen Boys (grades 6-8).

Help support this ministry:

Oasis is possible because of the generosity of our church members over and above their regular giving. The church budget cannot cover what it costs to run the weekly program and the special events throughout the year, but *you* make them possible. We appreciate everyone who gives so faithfully to this ministry. If you feel led to give a special gift for Oasis, please designate “Oasis” in the memo line of your check.

If you are interested in helping in any way, speak to Barb Mayfield, or send an e-mail to:

barb.mayfield@gmail.com

Autumn is in the air – or so we hope. Requests have been made to me for books and DVD’s for the library and I have been searching. There are now several new books and DVD’s in the library for your viewing and reading pleasure. In an effort to involve the adults more in our library, I would ask you to pick out a book, read it, and write a few lines about it so that I can put it in future PULSE articles. This way we can get more adults interested in the great



offerings of the library. We have books by Lori Wick, Karen Kingsbury, Sarah Dessen, Ted Dekker and Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye. I'm sure there's something in the library to interest everyone! Hope to hear from you and hope to see you browsing the wonderful collection.

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on September 16 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 p.m. The Hostess will be Joan Moss; Yearbook of Prayer, Lola Snavelly; Horizons, Donna Sholty; Bible Study, Ruth Erisman. All women of the church are invited.

An Invitation

The Delphi Methodist Women have invited us for an evening of fellowship on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Susan Holsinger who writes the Meandering Melodies column in the Comet will present the program with refreshments following. RSVP by September 5 to:

Janie Smith: 765-564-3863 or
Church Office: 765-564-2794

Thrift Shop Schedule for September:

Sat. Sept. 13Laraine MacLauchlan..... Cashier
Sat. Sept. 20Libby Sparks..... Tags
Sat. Sept. 27Donna SholtySacker

Also on September 3 and 4 we are needed at the Thrift Shop to bag summer clothes and put out fall/winter clothing.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark



As Pastor Mary Ann will be on Study leave September 7, our guest speaker will be Mark Good.

Communion will be observed Sunday, September 14th.



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



September Session meeting will be the 14th following Sunday School.

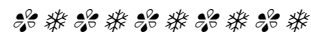
Congregational Life

by Terry Langston.

The annual church picnic scheduled for the park was moved to the basement of the church. The chance of rain and high humidity were elements out of our control, but the cool dry basement was nice.



As we head quickly into fall, I look forward to the carry-ins and fellowship with friends that have been absent through the summer. Mark your calendars now for the September 21st carry-in.



Caregiver's Support Group



The Caregiver's Support Group meets the first Thursday of every month, 7:00 PM, at our church.



Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

Directions: Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

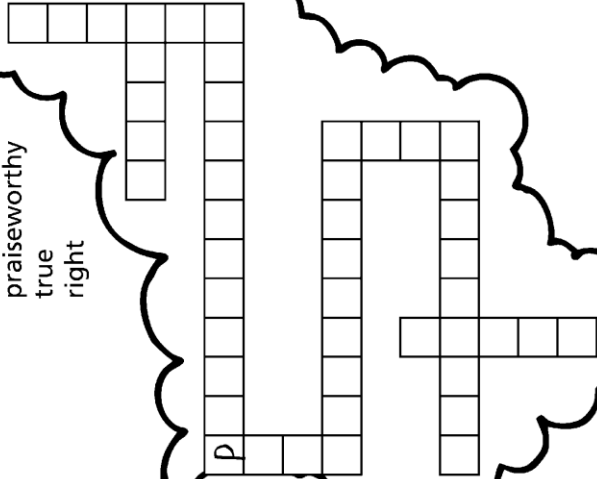
COLUMN 1

correct
 commendable
 extremely good
 having high moral principles
 deserving respect
 pleasant
 real
 wholesome

COLUMN 2

excellent
 lovely
 noble
 admirable
 pure
 praiseworthy
 true
 right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things."
 Philippians 4:8, NIV



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