

**November, 2014**



**Daylight Saving Time  
ends November 2  
Turn your clocks back  
one hour**



**November 9**



**November 16**

- 1. Worship**
- 2. Congregational Meeting**
- 3. Stewardship Luncheon**



**Stewardship Sunday**



**November 23**

**Holy Communion**

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service**



**6:30pm, November 23,  
at the Living Faith  
Church of the Brethren**



## ***The Living Church***

*“The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.”*

These words from the 19th century Wesley hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” sing of the wonder and joy of “being church.” We are children of the God who sent the Son out of an incomprehensibly deep love for human beings -- a costly, grace-filled love. So it is appropriate at this point in our congregation’s transitional journey to be informed and challenged by Scripture.

Our congregation will gather after worship during the first three Sundays of Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14) for a **crook-pot soup or chili lunch followed by Bible Study in small groups in the fellowship hall**. We will be studying Scripture passages that will help us focus our table discussions on the nature of God’s call to the church and the ministry that the church is called to engage in today. This experience will help us ground our thinking, planning, and dreaming for the future in God’s Living Word, the Bible.

These Bible study conversations are a vital part of our ongoing preparation for the coming of this congregation’s new pastor. It is appropriate to be in a spirit of expectation and wonder as we wait once again for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, born into this world as our Savior. In what do we base our hopes, our longings for this congregation’s future ministry? The simple answer is in Christ’s transformative presence with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit . . . let us open ourselves to that very Spirit as we talk about Christ’s specific call to us here at Flora Presbyterian Church during the first three Sundays of Advent.

**Who are we and what are we for? Whose are we?** We will formulate answers to these important questions together as we warm ourselves with homemade soup and the warmth of Christian fellowship.

In Christ’s gracious love,

*Pastor Mary Ann Banning*

**Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced**

# Flora Presbyterian Church

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**Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Time Change <b>Susan Scholl</b> <b>Pastor Mary Ann Banning</b> <b>Craig McGill</b> <b>Ed &amp; Donna Sholty</b>	3 7:00 PM Caregiver's Support Group	4 Election Day	5 6:00 PM Oasis – Library Night	6 7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Churches Bible Study at Delphi	7	8 <b>Vicky Snipes</b>
9 Session meeting & Thank Offering <b>Susan Scholl</b> <b>Ann Brown</b> <b>Doug MacLauchlan</b> <b>D &amp; L MacLauchlan</b>	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 6:00 PM Oasis	13 7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Churches Bible Study at Burrows	14 <b>Angie Austin</b>	15
16 Congregational mtg & Stewardship luncheon <b>Susan Scholl</b> <b>Laraine MacLauchlan</b> <b>Joe Mayfield</b> <b>Ron &amp; Angie Austin</b>	17	18 10:00 – 3:00 Presbytery Mtg, GC 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Terry Langston, hostess	19 <b>Matt Parker</b> 6:00 PM Oasis	20 <b>Ruth Erisman</b> <b>Susan Scholl</b> 7:00 PM Carroll County Presbyterian Churches Bible Study Party at Deer Creek	21	22
23 Communion <b>Susan Scholl</b> <b>Terry Langston</b> <b>Bill Kerns</b> <b>Mark &amp; Denise Good</b> 6:30pm Community Thanksgiving Svc, Living Faith Church	24	25 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	26 NO OASIS	27 	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent <b>Susan Scholl</b> <b>Martha Clark</b> <b>Gerry Hollis</b> <b>Sally Schmidt, Janis Burns</b>						

## Christian Education

*by Barb Mayfield*

### **Sunday School**

It is not too late to join us as we study "The Invitation to John." Using video, discussion questions, and participant guides we are enjoying an in depth look at John's gospel led by Pastor Mary Ann. We meet after worship from 11:45 to 12:30. Please come!



### **County-wide Bible Study**

The 6 Carroll County Presbyterian churches are coming together for a Bible Study every Thursday evening this fall. We will be hosting the group at our church on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Even if you have never participated, consider coming that evening to show hospitality to your fellow Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Christ. It starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m.



### **Nursery/Junior Church**

Please see Laurie Brower if you can help serve several weeks during the upcoming year. If we want to grow our congregation and serve members and guests with children, this is an important ministry.



Nursery/Junior Church



### **Off to a great start!**

Each Wednesday evening, every seat in the dining room has been filled. Many of our tribes are averaging over a dozen children each week and we have 6 tribes!! Weather permitting we will have our annual hayride on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Cutler Presbyterian Church.

### **YOU can be a part of this ministry!**

If you are able to help prepare, serve, and/or clean-up a meal, please refer to the sign-up sheet on the counter in the fellowship room or talk to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty.

If you would like to donate towards the cost of meals and other special events, designate "Oasis" in the memo line on your check to the church.

If you are interested in assisting with Oasis in any way, we encourage you to come visit on a Wednesday evening. There are many ways you can help out.

We will NOT be having Oasis on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov 26<sup>th</sup>) and our Christmas celebration will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Presbyterian Women

*by Jane Bishop*



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on November 18 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 p.m. The Hostess will be Terry Langston; Yearbook of Prayer, Libby Sparks; Horizons, Lola Snavelly; Bible Study, Jane Kerns.

### Thrift Shop Schedule for November

Sat. Nov. 1	.....Sacker
Thurs. Nov. 13	.....Sort & Mark
Thurs. Nov. 20	.....Sort & Mark
Sat. Nov. 29	.....Cashier

### **Choose a Date!!**

### 2014 Thank Offering

The Thank Offering will be received on November 9.

Since 1888, when by Eliza Clokey urged each woman, with thankful hearts for their

blessings, to give one dollar over and above her regular contribution, this offering has been received in the fall. Of course, it is hoped that as we contemplate our contribution we will remember inflation! Thirty grants have been chosen for the funding of this offering, 17 serving needs in the United States, and 13 international. Forty percent are Health Ministries. Some of the others are Food, Housing, Children, and Human Trafficking.

Please prayerfully consider how you can, with thankful hearts, support this important ministry.



## Worship Committee

*by Kevin Clark*

Communion will be observed on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.





Music is an important part of our relationship with God. It prepares the soul to hear and receive God's word and is a wonderful expression of praise. I am so thankful for those who are willing to stand before the congregation and God to sing praises, play the piano or organ, they add so much to the spiritual life of everyone.

If you would like to join choir, practice starts at 9:30 on Sunday morning.

Psalm 92:1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

### **Clerk of Session**

*by Laurie Brower*

November Session meeting will be held following Sunday School on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to approve the Pastor's terms of call and presentation of the 2015 budget.

### **Congregational Life**

*by Terry Langston*

#### ***Advent Bible Studies and fellowship lunch***

Join Pastor Mary Ann and your fellow congregation members during the first three Sundays in Advent, beginning on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Table bible study discussions and a delicious crockpot soup lunch will be served after worship in the fellowship hall. Please contact Terry Langston if you can provide a crockpot of soup, chili, or stew for any of those Sundays. We are also hoping for homemade bread or rolls with butter and jam to complete the meal.

### **Stewardship/Mission**

*by Joe Mayfield*

Fall has arrived and the leaves are beautiful now. The turning leaves should remind us that it is Stewardship season in our church. 2014 has been a very important time with Pastor Mary Ann helping us prepare for the process of getting a new pastor. We are discovering there are things we are good at, things we need to change, and things we need to get rid of, like spring cleaning. 2015 promises to be an even bigger year. In the 2015 budget, there will need to be money set aside for the Pulpit Nominating Committee to cover the expenses associated with bringing candidates to our church to interview and preach.

In preparation for 2015, we will have a Congregational meeting on November

16th, followed by a Stewardship luncheon and time of fellowship.

Watch for a "stewardship letter" in the mail during the week of November 3rd. We will need all of our members and friends to do their part to meet our goals. Many are concerned that our congregation is too small to cover our current and future needs. Do not despair. Our church is generous and can meet and even exceed our budgetary needs. If you doubt ..... do some math with me: we have approximately 30 giving units currently in our congregation. If each giving unit has an annual income equal to Indiana's median income of \$48,374 a year and tithes to the church, we can raise \$145,122!! That is not out of reach.


2015 will be a pivotal year in the life and history of Flora Presbyterian Church. Everyone is vitally important! Prayerfully consider your pledge, not just with your offerings of money, but pledge to participate in worship, in fellowship, and in service.




We welcome Becky Amos who was employed in October to fill the position of Secretary of our church. Becky, the daughter of Dean and the late Russell Mocherman, is a native of Flora and a graduate of Carroll High School. She lives near Burlington and is married to John "Pat" Amos. Their married sons live in Kokomo and Indianapolis. They have three grandsons with a granddaughter due to arrive in January.



A reception for our retiring secretary Eunice Lowery will be held following worship on December 21. Please join us in thanking her for the many years of service to our church family.





**Praying hands**

One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.

*Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.*

RIGHT

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4:2

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Colossians

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**Answer:** Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful..  
Colossians 4:2, NIV

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