

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

April 2015



Services will be held at
7PM at the Cutler
Presbyterian Church on
Thursday,
April 2nd



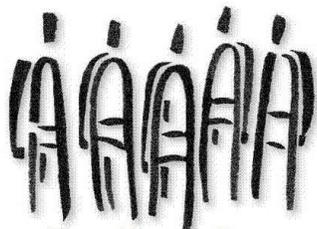
April 3rd at 12PM Services
at the Flora First Christian
Church with Rev. Mary
Ann bringing the message.



Concludes on
April 5th.



**Halleluiah!
Christ Arose!**

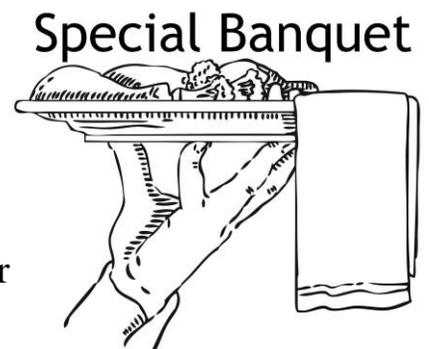


**Gathering
on the Future**

April 12th during worship.
Carry-In following.



OASIS
April 22nd for
children and
their parents,
details enclosed.



Pastor's Page



LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

“Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29: 11

I am excited that we are nearing the time when this congregation will elect its Pastoral Nominating Committee so that the work of searching for the pastor that the Lord has ready for you can begin.

There are a few more tasks that must be accomplished in preparation for that event. Our Gathering on the Future is planned for Sunday, April 12th during worship, with a celebratory carry in dinner afterwards. Your Session leaders will be presenting the AHA!! moments that they had during their study of the book “In Search of the Unchurched” by Alan C. Klaus. Then they will listen to you, the congregation, as you share your hopes and dreams for the future.

Dream big! Dream outside of the box! What sort of a congregation is God in Christ calling us to be as we move into the future here in Flora? How do you plan to help implement that vision? What are the pressing needs in our community and how can we help to meet them?

Evangelism and growth are a **BIG CHALLENGE** for congregations today. Pastors cannot and should not do that work alone. All of Christ’s disciples are called to take care of one another and reach out to others with the good news of the gospel. Pastors and congregations are most effective when they work together as a team, using everyone’s unique ministry gifts.

This Gathering on the Future will help us develop the information we need to write the Mission Information Form, the position description for your new pastor. What skills must that person have? What training and experience should they have to help you bring your dreams into the realm of reality?

May the Lord of life be our inspiration as we move forward . . .

Blessings,

Pastor Mary Ann Banning

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

Flora Presbyterian Church

April 2015

B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 PM Oasis- Library	2 7PM Service @ Cutler Presbyterian  MAUNDY THURSDAY	3 12PM Service @ First Christian Ch.  GOOD FRIDAY	4 <i>Holy</i>  SATURDAY
5 EASTER Communion N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Kent King SR=Mark Good U=Mark & Denise Good	6 7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group – Sally’s home	7	8 6:00 PM Oasis	9	10	11 B=Marty Catron
12 Gathering on the Future & Carry-In Session Mtg, 6PM B=Susan Hollis N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Joe Moss SR=Angie Austin U=Marty & Julie Catron	13 B=Bob Scholl	14	15 6:00 PM Oasis	16	17	18 B=Erika Hollis
19 N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Barb Mayfield SR=Bill Kearns U=Bill Kearns, Janis Burns	20	21 7:00 PM Mary Martha Circle – Sally Schmidt, hostess	22 6:00 PM Oasis Banquet 	23 B=Joe Mayfield	24 B=Rachael Catron	25
26 N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Sally Schmidt SR=Laurie Brower U=Marty & Julie Catron	27	28 B=Steve Catron	29	30	<i>MAY 1</i> B=Martha Clark	

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Adult Sunday School

The last two weeks to complete the study of John will be on Sunday, April 19th and 26th after morning worship and fellowship. The study follows the morning scripture and sermon. Come and explore God's Word with us.

Mid-Week Adult Summer Study

After Oasis ends we will be starting a mid-week adult study on Wednesday evenings through the summer months. Be watching the bulletin for dates and details.



Oasis –

13th Year Ends April 22nd

Wednesday, April 22nd will be the final evening for this school year's Oasis program. Due to construction at the Carroll High School we cannot host our annual swim party. Instead we are having a banquet. We hope to make this a very special evening for the children and their parents. If you are interested in helping prepare food or decorate the dining room please let us know. The leaders plan to dress up and be servers.

Our entertainment for the evening will be GG Magic, a Christian magician. We will also share our favorite songs with the parents and do a teaser for VBS.



Highlights of this year include our annual outdoor carnival kick-off, hay ride at the Cutler church, Christmas party, bowling, and movie nights.



During the summer there will be a get-together for our "Super 7 Stars" to have a cook-out and to play putt-putt golf. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year successful.

We are offering Geneva Center Camperships to our Oasis children. If we have interest we may be requesting financial support to make camp possible for one or more children.

Vacation Bible School –

Save the date! June 28-July 2

"Aslan is On the Move" is the theme, based on CS Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." We will be seeking help with props, costumes, food, and crafts. Be watching the bulletin for more information.



April Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan



I just finished reading a somewhat controversial book, Philip Pullman's *The Golden Compass*. Lyra Belacqua is content to run wild among the scholars of Jodan College, with her daemon familiar always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle—a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armored bears. And as she hurtles toward danger in the cold far North, Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: she alone is destined to win, or to lose, this more-than-mortal battle. The prose of the book is wonderful, the characters and their daemons are a treasure and I journeyed through this book quickly. I can't wait to start Mr. Pullman's second book. I hope you have the chance to read this trilogy by Philip Pullman.

If you have a favorite book, please let me know. I would love to read it and review it here. Happy reading!

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary Martha Circle will meet April 21st at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Room. The Hostess will be Sally Schmidt; Year Book of Prayer, Libby Sparks; Horizons, Kathy King; Bible Study, Pastor Mary Ann Banning. All women are welcomed.

The Birthday Offering will be received in May. Two grants have been made, one in Columbia, South America and the other in Memphis, TN.

Both programs will serve women and children who have been abused or need to find a new life after prostitution, addiction and trafficking.

Thrift Shop Schedule for April

Thurs. April 9....Jane BishopSort & Mark
 Thurs. April 16...Jane KearnsSort & Mark
 Sat. April 25.....Donna SholtySacker

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

The session continues to help guide the congregation through our search of a new pastor, please keep us in your prayers. An invitation is extended to anyone that could volunteer for any of the session committees. The work is not hard, but many hands are better than just a few. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any session member how you might help.

Served Communion will be on Easter, April 5th.



Reminder, after Easter, if the piano and organ in the basement dining room have not found a new home, I will be contacting a business about donating them. If these were donated by your family and you would be interested in taking them, please contact me.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next meeting will be at 6PM on April 12th, 2015, at the church.



Maundy Thursday service, April 2nd, will be held at the Cutler Presbyterian Church. Please join us beginning at 7pm.



Congregational Life

by Kevin Clark



We will be having a carry-in lunch following the worship service on April 12th. Please plan on joining us.

Trustees Report

Our new furnaces have been installed, this should reduce our energy cost.



Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield



It does not feel like Spring! Can March come in like a lion and go out like a lion too? Surely that cannot be fair. Nonetheless dress in Spring clothes and come to our Easter service April 5th.

The resurrection took place rain, snow or cold and we can be glad that no power can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The responses for additional pledges and contributions are coming in and we are in the process of tallying those up and will report to you on that in April. Thank you for your willingness to listen and respond.



Hour of Sharing



One last reminder, we are still taking up the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing and will conclude that on Easter Sunday. So if you have procrastinated, like me, you still have time!!

Don't procrastinate about this though; pray everyday for our church, it's outreach and the new minister being raided up for us. "

God's abundant blessing to you this Easter season.





OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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11 _____ 12 _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

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