

PULSE

The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church

October 2015

In Remembrance



World Communion Sunday
October 4th at
Cutler Presbyterian Church,
10:30AM, Carry-In to follow



Wed. Oct. 6th at 6:45PM
AND
Sun. Oct. 11th at 10:15AM
Carry-In to follow



October Guest Speakers:

4th = Cutler Presbyterian
11th = de la Croix
18th = Mark Good
25th = Pastor Lee McReynolds



**Columbus
Day**

October 12



**OASIS
HAYRIDE**



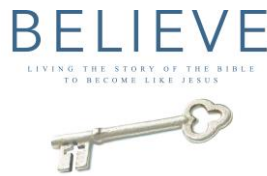
October 28th
6:00PM
Hosted by Cutler
Presbyterian
Church

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Fall Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 18th at 9:15AM. We will be using the "Believe" resources which cover 30 key beliefs of the faith.



We plan to cover half this year and half next year. Books and study guides are available in the Fellowship room. Take one home and read the first lesson prior to our first meeting. These were developed by the same people who created "The Story."

Oasis



We praise God for wonderful weather and a great turnout for our Oasis kick-off September 16th. At least 75 children, youth, adult helpers and parents came. A big thank you to everyone who helped out!

Want to help out?

We welcome helpers before dinner to supervise our new "homework help" time. We need people to help cook, serve, and clean up meals --- list is in the Fellowship Room. We welcome helpers with any of our groups or welcome you to just come and check out what goes on every Wednesday night.

October Fun Night – Hayride

This year's hayride will be on Wednesday, Oct 28th hosted by the Cutler Presbyterian Church.



October concerts:



We are excited to host **de la Croix**, national touring and recording artists. Tim and Danielle Fontaine once lived in Flora and attended Flora

Presbyterian Church. They will be leading

worship two times for us: Wednesday, October 7th from 6:45 to 8PM for our Oasis families, but you are welcome too! On Sunday, October 11th, they will be leading our worship service, starting at 10:15AM. We will be having a carry-in lunch following that service. They do not charge for their concerts, but simply collect a free will offering. Invite your friends for one or both of these concerts. For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.de-la-croix.com/>

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet October 20th in the Fellowship Room at 7:00PM. The Hostess will be Joan Moss; Year Book of Prayer, Jane Bishop; Horizons, Lola Snively; Bible Study, Jane Kearns. All women are welcomed.

Thrift Shop Schedule for October

Thurs. Oct 1Jane Kearns Sort & Mark
Sat. Oct 3OPENING DAY!!!
Thurs. Oct 8.....Joan Moss..... Sort & Mark
Sat. Oct 17.....Donna Sholty Cashier
Sat. Oct 24.....Libby Sparks Tags

All are welcome to see the new Community Thrift Shop! Our church has been a part of this Mission since the first day it opened in 1963.

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

October 4th is World Communion Sunday. We will join together at Cutler Presbyterian for a 10:30AM service and a carry-in lunch after.



Our speakers for the month are:

Oct 4 – Cutler Presbyterian Church
Oct 11 – de la Croix
Oct 18 – Mark Good
Oct 25 – Pastor Lee McReynolds

If there is prayer needed, please let me know and I will start an email prayer chain.



Choir will be starting later this month and practice will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the sanctuary.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Next Session meeting is October 13, 2015, at 6PM.

PNC Report: PNC has completed the MIF process and PIFs are being matched to the Flora Presbyterian Church. PNC Chair Laurie Brower is pulling down the PIFs for the PNC to review. Next meeting will be October 1, 2015.

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

"As you harvest your crops, bring the very best of the first harvest to the house of the Lord your God." Exodus 23: 19.



It is indeed harvest time again. The mornings have been cool, the days warm, and the sunsets stunning.

It is right to give praise to the Lord!

We have been doing so well with our giving to the "House of Lord" this year. As circumstances now stand, we will not be using any of our reserve monies, we have some money for some much needed building repairs, and we will be well situated to bring on a new full time pastor. While the "Presbyterian way" of getting a new pastor seems long, it is an important time to evaluate our commitments to the church, reflect on our relationship with

Jesus, and with each other. I feel like we have, as a congregation, done very well through all of this. Well Done!

As you start each new day, please pray for our new pastor,



whom the Lord is preparing for us. Pray that the search committee listens to and follows the Holy Spirit's direction. Pray also for all the refugees coming out of Syria into Europe. May the Lord be with them, and may He guide and direct Europe's leadership. Pray for the Lord to show us ways to help, and to soften our hearts toward them and all their suffering.



Hidden opposites.....

Self-help author Karen Salmansohn writes:

"You gotta look for the good in the bad,
the happy in your sad,
the gain in your pain,
and what makes you grateful, not
hateful."

As Resurrection people, we do "look for the good in the bad" — the life God raises out of death, the hope Christ offers beyond despair. But even faithful Christians can't expect to always find happy in the sad. Neither is our highest purpose in self-help, but in other-help — serving others as Jesus did.

Earthly happiness is temporary and circumstantial, but we find joy amid pain as the Holy Spirit reassures us that God is greater than this broken world. And practicing gratefulness is surely uplifting — for ourselves and others.



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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>30 - Sept</i> 6:00PM Oasis	1 PNC Meeting	2	3
4 World Communion @ Cutler & Carry-In N= Cutler Presbyterian SR=Cutler Presbyterian SR=Cutler Presbyterian U=Cutler Presbyterian	5	6	7 6:00PM Oasis Concert-6:45PM de la CroiX	8 B=Ann Brown B=Craig McGill	9 B=Ava McGill	10
11 Concert-de la CroiX & Carry-In N=Martha Clark SR=Patsy McCammack SR=Joe Mayfield U=Doug & Laraine MacLauchlan	12  Columbus Day	13 6:00PM Session Mtg B=Jane Kearns	14 6:00PM Oasis	15	16	17
18 Adult Sunday School @ 9:15am N=Martha Clark SR=Marshall McCammack SR=Laraine MacLauchlan U=Ron & Angie Austin	19 Crafters @ Cutler Presbyterian Church 7 – 9PM	20 7:00PM Mary Martha Circle – Hostess Joan Moss	21 6:00PM Oasis	22	23 B=Mitchell Catron B=Barb Mayfield	24
25 Adult Sunday School @ 9:15am N=Martha Clark SR=Ann Brown SR=Doug MacLauchlan U=Mark & Denise Good Reformation Sunday	26 B=Matt Clark	27	28 6:00PM Oasis Hayride @ Cutler Presbyterian	29	30	31

Additional thoughts.....

Giving it all



A meager but meaningful donation recently made news at a church in Charlotte, North Carolina. In the collection plate one Sunday was an envelope with 18 cents and this message: "Please don't be mad. I don't have much. I'm homeless. God bless."

Pastor Patrick Hamrick was able to locate the donor to thank him in person. But the man wanted to stay anonymous, saying the gift was between him, the church and God.

The pastor praised the donor's bravery, saying, "We gratefully acknowledge that this individual, out of his poverty, has given all he had to live on." Like the widow's mite in the New Testament (see Mark 12:41-44), the 18 cents was truly a sacrificial gift.

A call to serve

Ruth M. Walsh wrote: "I was naked, and you questioned my lack of modesty in my appearance. I was imprisoned, and you debated the legal aspects of interference. I was penniless, and you discussed tax-deductible donations from your wealth. I was sick, and you thanked the Lord for the blessings of your health. I was hungry, and you formed a committee to study malnutrition. I was homeless, and you said God's love was shelter under any condition. I was lonely, and you left me by myself while you and your friends prayed. You seem so holy and close to God, yet I'm still sick and alone and afraid!"

By contrast, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV). When we fail to serve our neighbors, we fail to serve Jesus. Yet when we feed the hungry, we're actually feeding Jesus. When we visit the sick, we're actually visiting Jesus. And when we love one another, we're actually loving Jesus.

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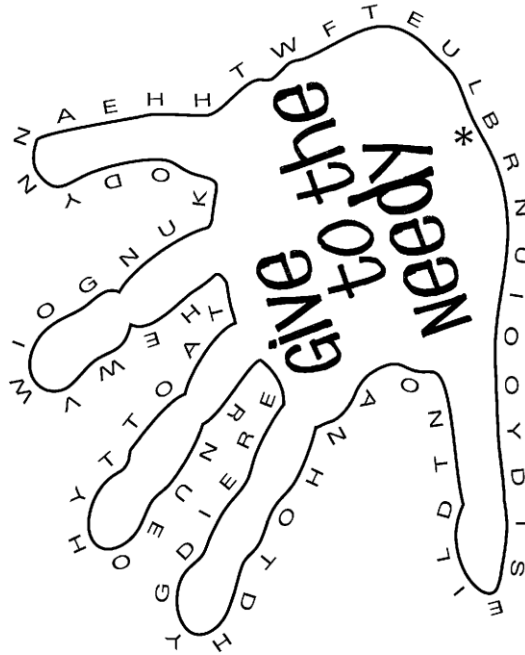




Meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



"B"

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

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Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV

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