

MARCH 2016



Daylight Savings begins
March 13th
SPRING forward



Holy Week

Begins March 20th

Service @ 12:05PM
March 25 at the
1st Baptist Church



Tenebrae Service @ 7PM
March 25 at the
Victory in Christ Fellowship
Church – Pastor Andria
will present message

Friday, March 4

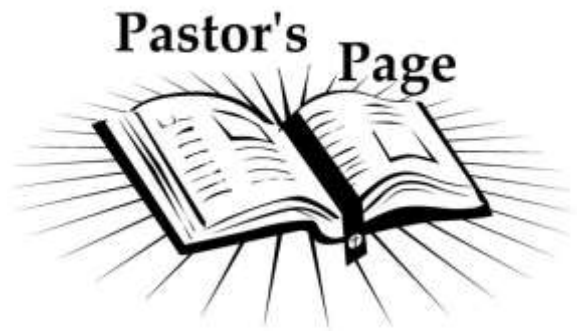


Maundy Thursday
March 24
@ 6PM
Flora Presbyterian
Church

He is Risen!
Easter
March 27



The Day We Found Lili



When we drove up to the farm house, we were both pretty quiet in the car, and I wondered if we should have phoned to tell her we were on our way. It would be the first time we lived where we could have a dog, although we had a cat and kittens that came along in time, gerbils, a pet rat (never could get used to that one) and an assortment of fish.

The house was beautiful with lots of wide open space for them to run, and when we pulled up close to the barn, we met the owner and followed her back to the barn. It was a big day for us – we had a dog in Africa, but left Simba with the rest of his family. It wouldn't be right to take him from his home. He was an African dog and it's nothing like Africa here in Indiana. He might not have survived the culture shock!

Before the barn door swung open, we could see 2 or 3 snouts pushing through the crack. They were cute! They were 4 months old, the father was a black lab and the mother was a German shepherd. There were four females, and we had the pick of the litter.

That's how it began seven years ago, the day we met Lili. When Peter woke up that morning, he stepped on the case for Lily Allen's CD, and so it was how Lili got her name. She was a shy and bashful puppy...at first. Her owners named her the Shy One. Docile didn't begin to describe her. We practically had to drag her everywhere because she was too timid to move. But that didn't last very long. Our parsonage was in town, and one night she found her barking voice

when a motorcycle roared down the alley whooshing past the back door speeding by her new domain!

Over the last seven years, Lili has become a significant part of our family, and in these past several months, I too, am beginning to feel like I am part of a family – the Flora Presbyterian Church family as I find my voice. I trust mine is a voice of love, hope and encouragement that echoes the voice of the Good Shepherd to His flock. I feel your love and encouragement and look forward to all that God has for us as we grow together in the love, grace and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Andria



Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Sunday School

Please consider joining the adult class on Sunday mornings at 9AM. We have really been enjoying the "Believe" study and videos.



Oasis

On February 21st, **52** children, parents and leaders went bowling at Myers Sport Bowl in Logansport. Thank you to all who donated snacks!



Oasis will meet on March 2, 9, 16 and 30th and take off the 23rd for spring break. The final event of this school year will be the annual swim party on April 13th.

There are still several open slots for preparing meals before the end of this year.

The children and leaders are so appreciative of the delicious meals every Wednesday night.



We will be hosting VBS again this year and will begin planning with a meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 3PM.

at the church. If you are interested in helping plan, you are welcome to attend. Stay tuned for dates and ways you can participate.

March Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Library circulation for February was 15 books and DVD's. Oasis kids are very interested in the newer DVD's, so I will concentrate more effort on getting some into the circulation.



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet March 15 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00PM. The Hostess will be Sally Schmidt; Year Book of Prayer, Donna Sholty; Horizons, ??; Bible Study, Jane Bishop. We will

be exploring some of the Bible's 800 references to water -- "Come to the Waters". All women are welcome. Study books will be available.

Thrift Shop Schedule for March

Sat. March 5.....Jaen Bishop.....Sacker
Thurs. March 17.....Jane Kearns.....Sort & Mark
Thurs. March 24.....Laraine Mac.....Sort & Mark

Clerk of Session

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Next session meeting will be March 6, 2016, at noon at the church.

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

Saturday February 20th sure felt like Spring! People were out riding bikes, working in their yards, walking their dogs and enjoying the sunshine. The darkness of winter fades as Easter approaches!

This year Easter is March 27th. Our church is having a Seder Meal on Thursday evening March 24th at 6PM, there is a Good Friday Service at Noon at the 1st Baptist Church, followed by a Tenebrae Service at 7PM at the Victory in Christ Fellowship Church, and our own Easter Service is at 10:15. Please come! Bring family and friends and enjoy.



Seder Meal

Our "refrigerator" fund drive collected 541 dollars! Thank you all. The February collection for the food pantry was very successful; we will be delivering all the "stuff"

the first week of March. If you have not worked there as a volunteer, please do so. It provides a very needed service and is so well organized that volunteering is a pleasure.

As most you know the Easter season is also the One Great Hour of Sharing season too. Be thinking and praying about it in the coming weeks.



Take a moment each day to pray for our church, reflect on the grace shown us in the resurrection and consider how you can make a difference in your "part of the world".

God Bless!

Additional Thoughts.....

Taking up the cross

"That's her cross to bear," it's said of someone's hardship or inconvenience. The challenge might be as serious as poverty or as trivial as crabby neighbors. However, when Jesus called people to "take up their cross," he didn't mean it that way. Nor was he referring to anyone imposing suffering on another.

When Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24 and parallels), he spoke of a radical new way to engage a society that more often called people to take up swords and fight for self-preservation. He called people to peace, not violence — and from being self-focused to following him.

That is also Jesus' call today. The cross isn't a euphemism that lets us dismiss someone's suffering. We don't appoint someone else to bear it. When we choose the cross, we do so for ourselves in response to Jesus' invitation that, one way or another, ultimately leads through death to new life.

No more sting

One spring day, a father and son were driving when a bee flew in the window and buzzed around. Because the boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he panicked. But the calm father reached out and caught the bee in his hand, holding it tight.

After a few moments, the dad reached over, opened his hand and showed his son the stinger, stuck in his palm. "It's okay," the father said. "I took the sting, so the bee can't hurt you."

Likewise, people who know Jesus as their victorious Savior no longer need to fear the sting of death. "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55, NIV).

The King

Sometimes we speak or shout the truth without realizing just how right we are. That happened during Holy Week, first when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The palm-waving crowd hailed Jesus as their king — though he wasn't the earthly king they wanted.

Days later, during Jesus' trial, Pilate taunted the Pharisees, saying, "Here is your king." Furious, they protested, "We have no king but Caesar." Pilate turned Jesus over to them. But still wanting to needle the insistent persecutors, he wrote a sign reading "The King of the Jews" and had it fastened above Jesus' cross (John 19:19).

Was Jesus a king? Witnesses of the Resurrection thought so. The first Christians were accused of "saying there is another king, Jesus" (Acts 17:7). The writer of Revelation envisions the day when the whole world will understand that the risen Christ isn't only Lord and Savior but also "Lord of lords and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14).

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

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

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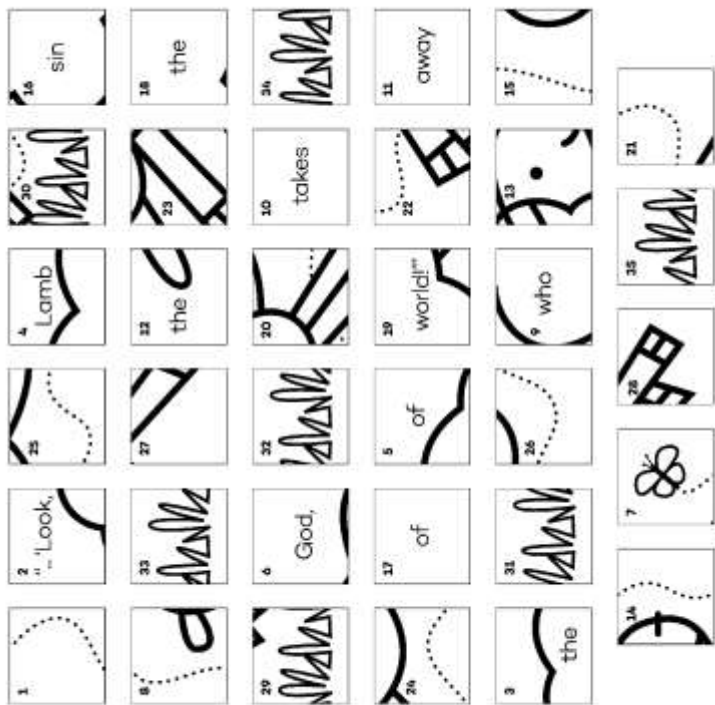
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 B=Samuel Parker	2 6:00PM Oasis Library Visit	3	4 	5
6 Session Mtg 12PM 9AM Adult Sunday School B=Howard McGill N=Martha Clark SR=Terry Langston SR=Doug MacLauchlan U=Joe & Barb Mayfield	7	8 B=Bob Peterson	9 6:00PM Oasis	10	11	12 
13 Daylight Savings! 9AM Adult Sunday School N=Martha Clark SR=Bill Kearns SR=Laurie Brower U=Ron & Angie Austin	14	15	16 6:00PM Oasis	17	18	19
20 Palm Sunday 9AM Adult Sunday School B=Maggie Scholl N=Martha Clark SR=Tammy Moss SR=Marlene Smith U= Ron & Angie Austin First Day of Spring!	21 7:00PM Crafters at Cutler Presbyterian	22	23 NO Oasis ! B=Dick T. Bishop	24 Maundy Thurs  Seder Meal 6PM at FPC	25  Tenebrae Service Victory in Christ 7:00PM	26
27 EASTER 9AM Adult Sunday School B=Seth Parker N=Martha Clark SR=Joe Moss SR=Angie Austin U=Mark & Denise Good	28 B=Rhoda Kratz	29	30 6:00PM Oasis	31	Apr 1	Apr 2



Lamb of God

John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



Answer key: "Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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