

November 2016

Welcome
Pastor Grace
November 20



Thanksgiving

November 24

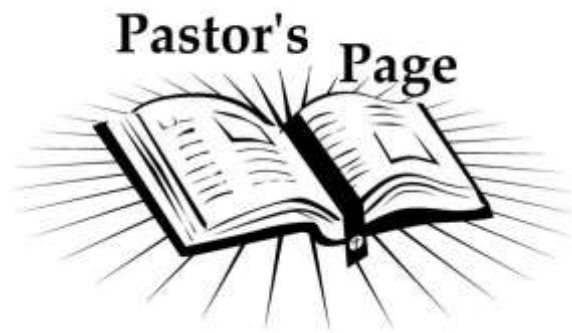


Fall Back

November 6



Nov 6 – Andria Helm
Nov 13 – Richard Voorhees



Thanksgiving or Black Friday Shopping Prep?

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ! It is truly with joy that I write this my first newsletter article for you. I am looking forward to not only meeting you but truly getting to know you as my sisters and brothers in the Lord.

My first Sunday is right before Thanksgiving Day. This is the season which leads us directly into Advent the mad dash for Christmas shopping. I have a challenge for you this year. I would ask that you would write a short note telling what you are thankful to God for. I would love to see a large display outside of the sanctuary covered with your praise and prayers of thanks to God.

Nehemiah 8:10 (NIV)

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Let us celebrate God's mercy and grace. Now I do not expect folks to *NOT* watch the parades, eat the big meal or watch football. I will be doing all of those things. But..... do not rush through Thanksgiving Day. Make of list of all of your blessings as you prepare for the day *instead* of making lists of all of your wants for Black Friday shopping.

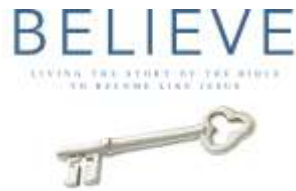
Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Fall Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. upstairs in the classroom next to the kitchen. We are continuing a study of "Believe." This video based curriculum covers the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. It is written for new as well as "old" believers. We spend two weeks on each lesson. Books are available. Please join us!



OASIS

Praise and Worship Leader

After much searching for someone to lead music on Wednesday nights, we are thrilled to have Nick Root to lead praise and worship. What a difference it has made in our singing!

Thank you Cutler

Rain or shine we had our annual hayride on Wednesday, October 26th, hosted by the Cutler Presbyterian Church. We are so grateful to the Cutler congregation for hosting this much loved event.

We will NOT be having Oasis on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov 23rd) and our Christmas celebration will be on December 14th.

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 this ministry designate "Oasis" in the memo line on your check to the chu

November Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

"Welcome back to the Oasis kids. We had a great library day this past month. They borrowed 9 DVD's and 9 books. I know they will enjoy them! With the library days for Oasis, the children are able to explore other avenues of their Christian heritage."



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet November 15 in the basement dining room at 7:00 pm. The Hostess will be Donna S.; Year Book of Prayer, Sally S.; Horizons, Libby S. Bible Study, Jane K. All women are invited.

Thrift Shop Schedule for November

Thurs. Nov 10..Libby S...Sort & Mark
Thurs. Nov 17..Jane K... Sort & Mark
Sat. Nov 26..Donna S...Cashier

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

Our speakers for November are as follows:

Nov. 6 - Andria Helm
Nov. 13 - Richard Voorhees
Nov. 20 - Pastor Grace Hammer

It is with great excitement that our speaker for the 20th, is our new Pastor! It has been a long journey, but God has been there guiding us.

The month of November is our time for channel 2 to visit and record our services.

November 20th is our, "Hanging of the Greens", so please plan on helping with this annual event after church service.
November 27th is the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Clerk of Session

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Session will meet on Sunday, November 6th.

Stewards/Mission

by Joe Mayfield

Wow, November is going to be an exciting month! A new pastor, and Thanksgiving all in the same month. I look forward to our next chapter in working for the "kingdom." This, as we all know is stewardship season in our church. This year because we have a new pastor, the session has been discussing delaying our traditional November Stewardship drive and luncheon for a few weeks to allow Pastor Grace to get involved in the planning. So don't worry we have not forgotten! Be praying about what your contribution to the work of the kingdom and the running of the church will look like in 2017. Each one of us has a vital role to play!

Here is a quick update on income and expenses for your review: Income through Sept 30th-\$69,492. Expenses for the same period-\$58,711.

Our new church secretary, Beth Zootman is working out very nicely. Howard McGill and others are looking after our grass nearly every day. We are researching people to paint our high windows and "very high eves." Finally we are working diligently to get our downstairs drain problem fixed. I will say though, it will not be cheap. I think it is alright to pray for plumbers, so, please do so.

In closing, thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving. Three years without a pastor is a long walk in the desert. The congregation's willingness to persevere has given this church a very strong opportunity to forge a long and fruitful future.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Delphi Presbyterian Church Baked Steak Dinner will be November 5 from 4:30 to 6:30. \$10 for Adults and \$5 for kids.

Additional Thoughts.....

My thankful heart

Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread. Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body — even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting "spices" that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we're an unbeatable mix.

—MaryAnn Sundby



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

Flora Presbyterian Church

November 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>6:00PM Oasis Library</i>	3	4	5
6 Session Meeting N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Mark Good SR=Sally Schmidt U=Kevin & Martha Clark <i>Daylight Savings time ends</i>	7	8	9 <i>6:00PM Oasis</i>	10	11	12
13 N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Laurie Brower SR=Barb Mayfield U=Bill Kearns and Ed Sholty	14 <i>B=Angie Austin</i>	15 <i>7:00PM Mary- Martha Circle</i>	16 <i>6:00PM Oasis</i>	17	18	19
20 N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Jay McMillin SR=Gerry Hollis U=Joe & Barb Mayfield <i>B=Ruth Erisman B=Susan Scholl</i>	21	22	23 <i>NO Oasis</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27 N=Barbara Wilkinson SR=Terry Langston SR=Martha Clark U=Marty & Julie Catron <i>December Pulse Advent Begins</i>	28	29	30 <i>6:00PM Oasis</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Dec 3 B=Janis Beck</i>



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

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