

PULSE

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Flora Presbyterian Church*

NOVEMBER 2017



Session Mtg.
Congregational
Life Mtg.
Stewardship
Lunch
Nov. 19th



Communion
November 5th



Happy
Thanksgiving
November 23rd



Daylight
Savings
Time Ends
November
5th



VETERANS DAY
November 11th

“Give Thanks” Don Moen

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus
Christ, His Son

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

November.... The month of Thanksgiving where we take time to be with family and friends and reflect on the many blessings in our lives. Or at least we used to. Times have changed and too many of us are more concerned about the beginning of Christmas shopping, holiday schedules and SALES. I become nostalgic at the holidays. I want my Mom's green beans and rhubarb salad. I want the table that I remember from my childhood. (Minus all the arguing)

Paul tells us that we are to be thankful in all circumstances. How do we really do that when we are in distress, in the midst of an abusive relationship, a completely dysfunctional family dynamic? When our parents have divorced or were never married and have moved on to another relationship that includes other kids? When there is so much hate in our nation and in our world?

Don Moen says we are to give thanks because God has given us His Son, Jesus the Christ. With all that is wrong in our lives, in our physical bodies and in our world, we can give thanks that we have a Savior. God came into our world as a baby. He grew up with a step-father, step brothers and sisters. He was different than his family. He grew up to fulfill a promise that God had made to the world long ago. He grew up to pay a debt that we could not begin to repay.

Yet the world, our nation and our community are so busy with our everyday lives that we can



From the Pastor

no longer take more than a few minutes to say thank you. In every circumstance there is something to give thanks for. I remember reading about Corrie ten Boom. She and her sister were in a concentration camp during WWII for helping the Jewish people. Her sister insisted that they give thanks for the bed bugs. Corrie could not imagine why until she realized that the prison guards left that overcrowded room of women alone because they were disgusted by the bugs. Those women had 1 Bible and at night would have a Bible study which led many to Christ. Had it not been for those bed bugs, their area would have been searched, the Bible seized and Corrie and her sister would have been sent to the gas chamber.

Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God for our lives. In hindsight it is easy to give thanks for how God has seen us through a difficulty or used a difficulty to our betterment. In the midst it is not easy.

IF we are truly disciple of Jesus then we DO give thanks in all things even if we aren't sure why. We do it because God wants us to. I have low back arthritis and fibromyalgia. I get worn down with the pain at times. I love God and Jesus is my Savior. It is God's will that I give thanks in all things. Therefore I WILL give thanks for my arthritis and fibromyalgia. For my headaches as well as my home and my friends.

Give thanks with a grateful heart because He has given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace

Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson



Sunday School

We are missing you on Sunday mornings at 9:00.

Church leaders have come

together to build and maintain ways for us to grow in Christ and reach out to the community.

Flora Presbyterian Church invites everyone in our Sunday morning congregation, everyone in our Wednesday night congregation and the community to join us for Sunday School.

Pastor Grace is leading the Youth Class (ages 7-12) every Sunday studying steps to affirming their belief in Christianity. Pastor Grace will be waiting for the youths in the room next to the bathroom upstairs. Grades 1-6 will be down stairs left of the stairs from the backdoor.

Marth Clark will be leading these youths in November. The adults are studying the book "Just Walk Across the Room". It has been very exciting and very eye opening showing us how everyday conversations and outings can and do plant seeds and lead others to Christ. We have seen several congregation members every Sunday Morning, but are still missing you!

Oasis – The month of October ended with Oasis' Annual Hayride on Sunday October 29.

Every year the kids enjoy the campfire, roasting marshmallows and the ride around countryside. They also look forward to coming every Wednesday; knowing they will

have an evening with a meal, with fellowship and activates with other children. This is a very exciting mission that has been very successful and gives the children in our community a place to go where they know there is structure, safety, adults to talk to, library time to take home religious books or videos and fulfils their longing for knowing our God. We ask for your prays for this mission. Help to allow the children in our community to know about God's constant and unconditional Love.

Don't forget Oasis is not just for community



children, but is also for you! We also offer every church member and the community a chance for a meal, fellowship and adult studies. The evening starts with a meal at 6:00 PM.

Great Banquet

The Great Banquet will give you 72 hours to live, breath and think GOD. You will strengthen and renew your faith. Time will be spent singing, praying, sharing, discussing and listening to 15 minute talks given by religious leaders and ordinary people. The Frankfort Camp Ministry is located at 704 West Freeman in Frankfort, Indiana. Spring dates for Men will be March 13-16, 2018 and March 20-23 for women. You have time to prayerfully consider enhancing your spiritual life or the spiritual life of a friend. Please contact Barbara Wilkinson (765-210-1977) if you are interested for yourself or a friend.

Halloween

Sally Schmidt and Barbara Wilkinson will be passing out candy and Halloween



Tracts in front of our church on Tuesday, October 31. The children will be given faith instead of the scary traditions that happens on Halloween Night.

Clerk of Session

The next Session Meeting will be November 19th

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss

Congregational Life

Committee will meet on Sunday, November 19th

immediately following church for a short meeting. We need additional members for this committee in order to carry out the various intended tasks.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this committee and join us for this meeting. Any questions feel free to contact us!





Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet November 14 in the basement dining room at 7:00. The Hostess will be Donna Sholty: Year Book of Prayer, Libby Sparks: Horizons, Jane Kearns: Bible Study, Marlene Smith. We welcome, and, invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for November

Thurs- Nov. 9. Joan M...Sort & Mark
Sat- Nov.11...Sally S... Sort & Mark
Thurs- Nov.16...Libby S...Sort & Mark
Sat- Nov. 25...Donna S...Cashier
Mon- Nov. 20...Kathy K....Sort & Mark
Thurs- Nov. 30...Marlene S...Sort & Mark

Stewardship and Missions

by Joe Mayfield

Well, we have had a taste of November weather already! November is a special but busy month for the Stewardship/Missions committee.

Please put this date and event in your calendar. Sunday November 19th is our annual congregational meeting where we choose new session members, review the 2018 budget, and vote on the pastor's pay package for 2018. This year after the congregational meeting will be our Stewardship luncheon. The nice thing about this is you do not have to worry about bringing food, it is all provided. Please plan to attend that Sunday!

Here is the income/expense summary through September 2017: Income from all sources; \$ 79,285 dollars, Expenses for the same period; \$99,630 dollars.

Please continue to take time each day to pray for all the hurricane victims and their recovery, the Mexico earthquake victims, whom the world has seemed to have forgotten, the northern California forest fire victims, and the Las Vegas shooting victims and their families.

In this traditional month of thanksgiving, let each us vow to make a difference in our

neighborhoods, and through that start, a difference in this lost and hurting world.

In closing, I pray your Thanksgiving Holiday is filled with love, food and fun!

Sincerely and with much love,

Joe Mayfield, Stewardship\Missions Committee

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

November 1st is All Saints Day...what is **All Saints Day**? It is when the churches commemorate every saint, known and unknown. The eve of All Saints Day is known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween.

We are saints....

We are called to be saints...

A saint is someone who is set apart because of their faith. A saint is someone whose life is dedicated to the worship of God and the doing of God's will. A saint is someone who inspires in us the desire to know and follow Christ Jesus...think not of the famous saints, but think of the saints who have touched your lives, those who have inspired in you a deeper faith in God, of those who have made you want to bless the God they believe in... of those whose love and whose testimony have awakened something in your soul.

An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

Our next communion will be November 5th.

On November 26th, Joey Mayfield, will be our guest speaker. Following the service on that day, everyone is asked to please stay for the "Hanging of the Greens".

Updates are being made to the usher list, if you have any preference on a date, please contact me. Also, the scripture list is being updated and if you are not currently reading and would like to be added, once again, please contact me.

Serving with a grateful heart,
Terry Langston, Worship Chair



Usher Schedule

- Nov 5 Kevin & Martha Clark
- Nov. 12 Bill Kearns, Jay McMillin
- Nov. 19 Joe & Barb Mayfield
- Nov. 26 Marty & Julie Catron



Nursery Volunteer for November

Barbara Wilkinson

Scripture Readers for November

- Nov 5 Kathy King, Mark Good
- Nov. 12 Laurie Brower, Barb Mayfield
- Nov. 19 Jay McMillin, Gerry Hollis
- Nov. 26 Terry Langston, Martha Clark

Session Leaders

- Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
- Terry Langston- Worship
- Tammy Moss & Sally Schmidt-
Congregational Life
- Barbara Wilkinson- Christian Ed.
- Joe Mayfield- Trustee



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

Worship 10:15; Sunday School 9:00

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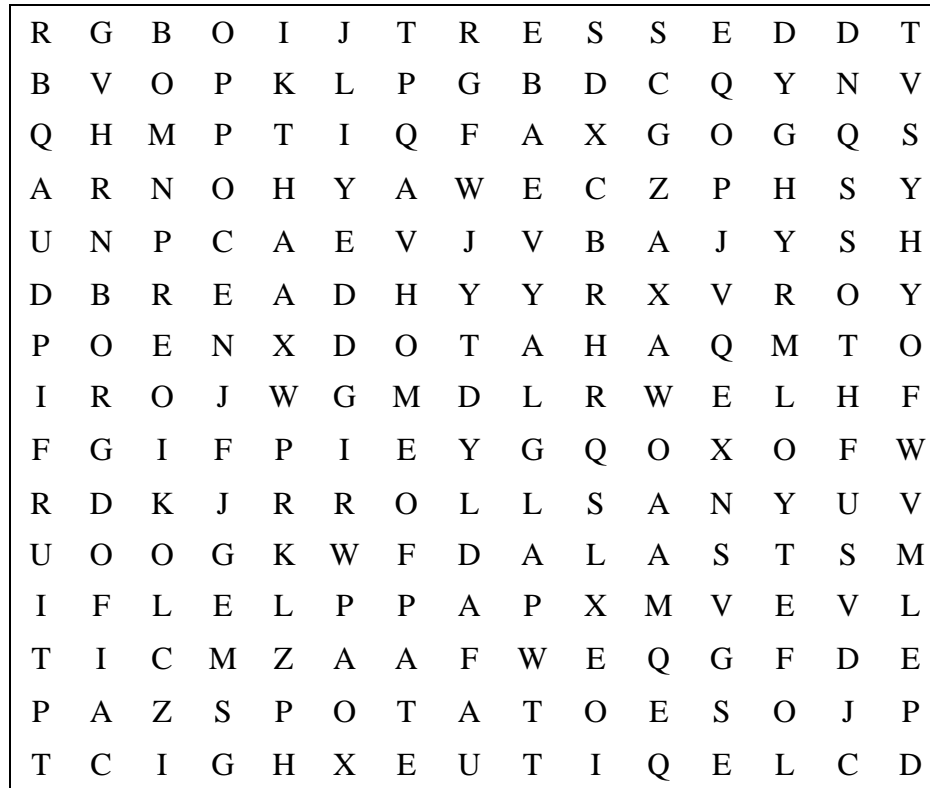
B=Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Oasis	2	3	4
5  Communion Pastor Grace Open House 2-4	6	7 Election day	8 Oasis	9	10	11  Veterans Day
12	13	14 Mary Martha Circle 7 pm B= Angie Austin	15 Oasis	16	17	18 Flora Christmas Parade Craft Show
19 Session Mtg. Congregational Life Mtg. Stewardship luncheon	20 B=Ruth Erisman B=Susan Scholl	21 Pulse Articles Due	22 Pastor Grace On vacation 22-28	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29 Oasis	30		

Scripture Readers and Usher Schedule on Page 5
SS-Sunday School


Thanksgiving Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Thanksgiving words in the word search puzzle below.
(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



APPLE	FRUIT	PILGRIM
BREAD	GRAVY	POTATOES
DESSERT	HOME	ROLLS
FOOD	PARADE	SALAD


Word List




GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.






A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

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