

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

March 2018



March 29th
Delphi Presbyterian
7pm



March 30th
Noon
Flora First
Christian Church
Evening Service
Bringhurst UMC
7pm



Oasis Skating
March 28
5-8pm



Don't forget to
Change your
Clocks
March 11th



Fellowship Meals
LUNCH
AT
CABO'S
12 PM
March 11th



Session Meeting
March 18th 12:30
Cong. Life Mtg.
March 22nd 6pm
VBS Planning
March 10th 10am



Notes
From the Pastor

Here we are in the midst of the Lenten Season. Normally I would encourage folks to give up a bad habit and exchange it for a good habit. It is during these 40 days and nights that we are to be reflecting on the sacrifice that God made for us.

Yet how can we come even close to understanding the depth of Christ's love for us? It is too much for the human heart and mind to fathom. The gospel of John says it best; "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

God so loves **ME** that He gave Jesus, His only begotten Son. That when **I** believe in Jesus **I** will have eternal life with God in Heaven.

That is for each and every person regardless of their past or present life circumstances. **You** are loved beyond measure. Accept the good news. Live each day as the beloved child of God that you are.

Share the good news this Easter! See you at church.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace



*God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

In The Beginning Bible Study

Meeting March 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 3:30-5:30PM

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Please text, call or email for location

Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson



We are almost done with the study "A Framework for Understanding Poverty".

Around the Middle of March we will start a John McArthur Study "The Prodigal Son". This book will show who we are and how we need God's Grace. It will also remind us of our sins and the duty of the sinner to repent. Please join us upstairs, in the room next to the kitchenette at 9:00 every Sunday Morning. We are asking for a \$20.00 donation from each Sunday School Member for the cost of the materials.

OASIS



The Oasis children will have gone bowling in February. This is a favorite activity for us all. March is bringing a new activity. The children will go Skating during their Spring Break on Wednesday March 28th between 5 – 8 PM.

The children always seem very eager to join us weekly. Every week we have fellowship and a meal starting at 6:00 PM. There is fabulous worship music every week led by Nick Root. We are learning to follow God and not what the world would lead us to do. Please continue to volunteer, both financially and by joining us with the children weekly. We always need someone to help us with preparing meals. See you every Wednesday night between 6-8 PM.



Oasis is raising money for Compassion International and asking the congregation to pray about what God is asking them to add to this Oasis Mission.

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt

Please join us for a fellowship luncheon with the Delphi Presbyterian Church on March 11th as we meet at Cabo's at 12.



The Congregational Life Committee will have a meeting on March 22nd at 6 pm.

March Library News

by Laraine

MacLauchlan

Our January library circulation is 9 books and 10 DVD's. The library is looking so good and it is a pleasure to see the Oasis kids enjoying all that is offered there.



Faith Bio

Hello! I am Laraine MacLauchlan. My faith journey began in New Britain, Connecticut where my family attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church. It was a high episcopal church and not too unlike the Catholic church where my parents were raised. They left when my father joined the Order of Masons which was not recognized by the Catholic church. I did much in St. Mark's - attending Sunday school, singing in the choir, helping out with the children. I met my husband and joined his church - Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - in Bristol, Connecticut. Again, I was involved in many activities working with children and singing in the choir. Our two children got their faith roots there and continue working on their journeys. My husband died and I moved on. I worked in a large bank and that is where I met my husband and my best friend, Doug. He belonged to First Congregational Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. When his father died, we moved to Indiana to help with the companies he ran. My faith wavered as we moved with Doug's involvement in active duty

military service. The children were grown and on their own by then.

We settled in Flora to be close to most of our family and joined Flora Presbyterian Church in 2009 where I have served several duties.

Presently I am Clerk of Session and Treasurer of our Mary Martha Circle of United Presbyterian Women. I attended the Great Banquet in 2011 and that experience was like nothing I had ever attended. I learned how to accept my stumbling and to build on my achievements. My faith journey continues as I constantly learn about the wonders of God's work in our lives.

Laraine MacLauchlan
Clerk of Session
Class of 2018



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on March 20 in the basement dining room at 7:00pm.

The Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Year Book of

Prayer, Joan Moss; Horizons; Jane Kearns; Bible Study, Jane Bishop. The Bible Study this year is "Cloud of Witnesses." (The Community of Christ in Hebrews) Books will be available soon. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for March

Sat...March 3...Barbara W...Sacker

Sat... March 10...Barbara W.

Thurs...March 15...??????Sort & Mark

Thurs. Mar. 22...Jane B... Sort & Mark

Stewardship and Missions

by Tammy Moss

One Great Hour of Sharing

You will receive inserts and envelopes in the bulletins on Sundays 03/11/18 and 03/18/18 with more information. Please be praying about your donation to this important cause.

Donations will be collected on Palm Sunday 03/25 and Easter Sunday 04/01/18. Just let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.



Ushers for March

March 4 Kathy King, Sally Schmidt
March. 11 Joe and Barb Mayfield
March 18 Gerry and Susan Hollis
March 25 Laurie Brower, Sally Schmidt

Scripture Readers for March

March 4 Ann Brown, Gerry Hollis
March 11 Terry Langston, Susan Hollis
March 18 Bill Kearns, Laurie Brower
March 25 Tammy Moss, Laraine MacLauchlan



Nursery Volunteer for March

Laurie Brower

Oasis Meal Preparation

March 7th Kent and Kathy King, Sally Schmidt
March 14th Heather Mauer, Autumn Mauer
March 21st Laurie Brower

Please Contact the church office if you need to change or switch with someone

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

8-12

Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
Sally Schmidt-Congregational Life
Barbara Wilkinson- Christian Ed.
Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission
Martha Clark- Worship
Kent King-Bldg. and Grounds

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom



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Worship 10:15, Sunday School 9:00

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B=Birthday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 3 rd Sunday of Lent	5	6 B=Howard McGill	7 Oasis	8 B=Bob Peterson	9	10 VBS Planning Mtg 10am
11 4 th Sunday of Lent 	12	13	14 Oasis	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18 5 th Sunday of Lent Session Mtg. 12:30	19	20 B=Maggie Scholl	21 Oasis	22 Cong. Life Mtg 6pm	23 B=Dick T. Bishop	24
25 Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins	26 Spring Break!!! 	27	28 Oasis Roller Skating 5-8pm B=Rhoda Kratz	29 Maundy Thursday Service @ Delphi	30 	31