

February 2018



Oasis Bowling Feb. 25



LENT

1st
Sunday of
Lent
Feb. 18th



February 14 Dinner 6pm Service 7pm



Feb. 11 Mark Good



Session Meeting Feb. 18th



February 14th

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Cor. 13:4-7

This is one of the more often quoted scriptures especially at weddings. I have heard it said that before deciding on marriage a person should put their beloveds name into the scripture passage. Instead of "love is..." "Joe is... or Jane is..." If you can speak this aloud with sincerity, then you have found true romantic love.

What happens when we put our own name into the scripture. "I am patient, I am kind." Does it ring true? When I look at my brothers and my sisters in Christ do I treat them with true love? Do I delight when someone who has wronged me falls into bad times or do I take it as an opportunity to restore real friendship? I know, I've started meddling again.

Yet true love that comes from knowing God through Jesus Christ looks for opportunities to protect others, to lift others up. Just as Christ forgives AND forgets our sins when we confess them, we are to keep no record of wrongs done to us.

The Bible tells us repeatedly that God is love. "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" 1 John 4:16 Since God is love we can put His name into this passage from 1 Corinthians. God is patient, God is kind. Let's try to be more like God. After all isn't that what a disciple of Christ is? Someone who is seeking to be more like our Savior?

Your sister in Christ, Pastor Grace





Genesis...IN THE BEGINNING

What: Adult Bible Study WHEN: Sundays. 3-5

Where: Pastor Grace's House

Join our small group as we continue to look at the people in Genesis. Get a new perspective on the Old Testament when we see them as real people with real emotions and real families.

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL JOIN US THIS WEEK by Barbara Wilkinson

We are still meeting at 9:00 AM, every Sunday morning

and currently studying "A Framework to Understand Poverty". It was discussed, in Flora there is more of an economic difference than a racial difference. With this study we can discover how different people think and what they feel is important to survive or thrive. Come join us upstairs in the room next to the kitchenette

GENEVA CAMP Our Oasis children are excited about going to the different Camps at the Geneva Center. We sent 9 Children last year, which was 4 more the than the previous year. Any free will offerings would be greatly appreciated by the Oasis children, their parents and by the Oasis Leaders to show these children, they are loved by God and our Church Family. We are applying for a Grant but do not know if it will be approved.

OASIS Oasis is continuing its studies on "How the world thinks" versus "God's ways and why God's plans for us is so awesome". Oasis starts with a meal every Wednesday

Night at 6:00. After that there is time in Worship and then we break up to

different classes for study. There is also an adult class and all adults from our congregation and the community are welcome. February 14 will be Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. We will have a special Ash Wednesday Service. Oasis needs help (both financial and with volunteers) in order to continue to serve the community children and their parents. Listen to the Holy Spirit to discern what God wants you to give for this worthwhile mission.

Bowling

Oasis will be bowling at Meyer Sport Bowl in Logansport on February 25, 2018. We will

meet at the Church at 1:30 and caravan to Logansport. We should be back at the Church between 5:00-6:00. We are asking for Snack Donations to eat while at the bowling lanes.

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss
The Congregational Life Committee will have a planning meeting on Thursday February 1st at 6:00 at the church. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to share

Faith Bio

Hello. My name is Tammy Moss. I grew up attending Trinity United Church of Christ in Mulberry, IN....because my parents made me go, but only on Easter and Christmas. I did attend Sunday school and Youth Group into my teens, but considered those social functions. I did not attend church again until my daughter was growing up. I began taking her to church....because I knew I should. That lasted only a few years, until she was in her teens. Around 2007, I began dating "a religious guy" and began attending church with him. He invited me to attend a Great Banquet spiritual retreat one week-end. At first I thought "What has he gotten me into?" I ended the week-end with thoughts of "Wow, I had no idea. Thank you, Lord". I certainly felt God's touch and knew my spiritual journey had begun. I am happy to say I am now married to that "religious guy" and I do believe his spiritual influence is why God brought Joe into my life. I am so enjoying the journey and I know I have to keep learning and reading God's word to continue my journey and for my faith to grow stronger. I love the "God moments (and Godbumps) I am blessed with. I love my prayer time when I frequently wake during the night. I know now that I am attending church....because I enjoy worshiping God and learning from other Christians. I have to admit that I frequently remind myself that it is His will....not mine. My faith tells me the destination will be so worth the journey!

Presbyterian Women



by Jane Bishop

Here is the February Schedule for the Thrift Shop.

Of course, you are needed on other days to help sort through the mountains of donations we have been receiving.

PRESBYTERIAN

Thrift Shop Schedule for February

Thurs. Feb 1...Jane B, Sort & Mark Thurs. Feb 8...Laraine M...Sort & Mark Sat.Feb.17.....Donna S......Cashier Sat. Feb. 24....Barbara W...Sacker



This is our month to work in the Food Pantry.

The volunteers are below: Friday February 3...Gerry & Susan Hollis Monday, February 5,,Joan Moss & Sally Schmidt Friday,

February 9.. Marlene Smith & Jane Bishop Monday, February 12...Ed & Donna Sholty Friday, February 16..Ed & Donna Sholty Monday, February 19. Pastor Grace & Jane Bishop Friday, February 23....Gerry & Susan Hollis Monday, February 26..Laraine Mac & Jane B

Also, this month, we help to supply the Food Pantry with some items most needed. Jane B. has a list for you.



If you would be interested in helping as a scripture reader or an usher please let the secretary know.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 8am-12pm



Ushers for February

Feb. 4 Terry Langston, Marlene Smith Feb. 11 Terry Langston Barbara Wilkinson Feb. 18 Joe and Tammy Moss Feb. 25 Joe and Tammy Moss

Scripture Readers for February

Feb. 4 Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss Feb. 11 Kevin Clark, ????

Feb. 18 Martha Clark, Jay McMillin Feb. 25 Marlene Smith, ??????



Nursery Volunteer for February

Donna Sholty

Session Leaders

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





Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

WORD LIST: covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth

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Worship 10:15, Sunday School 9:00

B=Birthday
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Flora Presbyterian Church February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Oasis	8	9	10
B=Reagan Catron		B=Laraine MacLauchlan B=Joe Moss				B=Starr Barnes
11	12 B=Donna Sholty	13	Oasis Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17
Session Meeting 1st Sunday of Lent	19 PRESIDENTS DAY	B=Melissa Bishop Pulse Articles Due!!	21 Oasis	22	23	24
Oasis Bowling 2nd Sunday of Lent	26 B=Gerry Hollis	27	28 Oasis			