

APRIL 2018



April 1st

Sunrise Service

6:30 AM

Flora United

Methodist

10:15 Service

Flora Presbyterian



**Swimming
Party**

Oasis

End of the Year
Swimming Party

April 18th



April 9th 6pm

Joint Session Mtg.

With Delphi Presbyterian

David Lawrence

Jennifer Burns Lewis



Carrie Munson

April 8th

April Spring
Spring Cleaning
Fresh Flowers
Fresh Start



Notes
From the Pastor

As I am writing this I am looking forward to the easing of cold winds and threats of snow. The crocuses in my yard are starting to open just a little. We are officially in the season of Spring but the weather forecast is calling for sleet and snow this Saturday. Yet the crocuses and the appearance of singing robins remind me that warm weather is coming. I have hope that before long the grass will put aside the brownish hues for a rich deep green.

My mind starts to turn towards Spring Cleaning. How I look forward to opening windows and airing the musty smells that have accumulated over the winter. Getting outside picking up the debris from around the yard and planting new bulbs of gladiolas and begonias and calla lilies. I await the blooms on the blackberry and golden raspberry bushes. We are awaiting the construction of a fence around the back yard so as to keep stray dogs out and keep our dogs in.

How much this is like my heart in the Spring. I look forward to cleaning out the musty smells of stagnant thoughts from my heart and soul. To see how Jesus cleans the debris from my life and allow God to till my mind and heart so as to plant fresh thoughts of Him. To sit outside in the sunshine with my face toward Heaven as I reflect on His word and allow the breezes of the Holy Spirit to refresh my soul.

How will we here in Carroll County seek renewal and a fresh start? What cobwebs cloud your mind and what layers of dust need to be removed from your heart?

Open the windows of your soul and allow the fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit to give you new life. For in Christ we are a new creation. We are reborn. Celebrate! Rejoice! Spring is here and the promise of new life in Christ is ours.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace



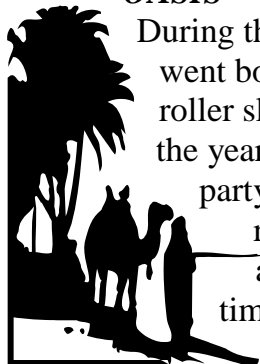
Christian Education



by Barbara Wilkinson

Adult Sunday School has started a study on the Prodigal Son by John MacArthur with a video intermingled with readings and discussions. We would really like to hear your ideas. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:00 in the room next to the kitchenette upstairs

OASIS



During the month of March, Oasis went bowling and will have roller skating. In April, we will end the year with the annual swimming party on the 18th. The children really enjoy these extra activities and we enjoy this time to get to know their parents.

The children are also making good use of our library with the help of Laraine MacLauchlan. Oasis' Compassion Mission has raised approximately \$200.00. Thank you to everyone who has supported our event.

VBS



Our church members have met with members of the First Christian Church and Cutler Presbyterian Church to discuss the study this year for Vacation Bible

School. VBS will be Sunday, July 8 – Thursday July 12, 2018. We are continuing to visit different countries around the world with our Amazing Race Theme, this year studying God's Amazing Grace.



Block Party

Block Party

We are planning a Block Party the week before VBS. We are fulfilling God's vision by reaching out to the community. God wants us to plant seeds and be patient for the growth.

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt

Happy EASTER!!! Not much going on for the month of April.

Faith Bio

Hello, I'm Martha Clark. I was raised in a non-religious household; however, my aunt (who happened to be my neighbor) took it upon herself to bring me to church every chance she could. First Vacation Bible School, then to Sunday school and eventually she convinced me to stay and attend the church service. She never missed an opportunity to share her understanding of the Gospel with me. Even though my parents were skeptics, they never hindered or criticized my interest in church. They couldn't answer questions I had regarding God but the church members and Youth minister were more than willing to talk and share their testimony and the Gospel with me. Eventually I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. It was only through the Holy Spirit that I could see the rightness of the Gospel and be convinced of the need for Christ in my life. I have never looked back; although, I have ignored His teachings at times in my life, He has always moved me back into the fold.

Side note-My parents became very involved in the church the last part of their lives. -GOD IS GOOD.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on April 17 in the basement dining room at 7:00pm. The Hostess will be: Joan Moss; Year Book of Prayer, Libby Sparks; Horizons, Jane Bishop; Bible Study, Grace Hammer. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for April

Thurs.. April 12...Jane B.....Sort & Mark

Thurs.. April 19...Marlene S. Sort & Mark

Sat.....April 28...Donna S. . . Sort & Mark



Building and Grounds

by Kent King

As most of you know the Trustee position has been changed to Building and Grounds and I am the new person in this position. Last month we experienced heavy rains that got our basement wet. As a result Kevin & Martha Clark along with Terry Langston took the initiative with clean up because of my absence. Our church is so blessed to have people who stop their personal lives and do whatever is needed. I know that God smiles at them and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Worship Committee

by Martha Clark

Carrie Munson will be our guest speaker on April 8th as Pastor Grace will be taking vacation time off following Holy Week.

There will be a meeting with Delphi and Flora Presbyterian Church Session, and both churches Liaison teams on April 9th at 6:00. We will begin to explore what it will mean to share a pastor and also how both churches will work together for positive growth.

Communion will be served on Easter April 1st and on Mother's Day May 13th

Ushers for April

April 1 Bill Kearns, Jay McMillin

April 8 Bill Kearns, Laurie Brower

April 15 Marty and Julie Catron

April 22 Marty and Julie Catron

April 29 Ed and Donna Sholty

Scripture Readers for April

April 1 Joe Moss, Sally Schmidt

April 8 Kent King, Barb Mayfield

April 15 Kathy King, Ann Brown

April 22 Barb Mayfield, Tammy Moss

April 29 Sally Schmidt, Kathy King



Nursery Volunteer for April

Barb Mayfield

Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk

Sally Schmidt -Congregational Life

Barbara Wilkinson - Christian

Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission

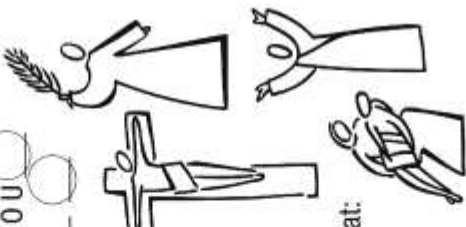
Martha Clark- Worship

Kent King-Bldg. and Grounds

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

1. Brave: EOU
2. A dark profile: OUE
3. Circular: OU
4. Running away: EEE
5. Savage, fierce: IOU
6. Odd or nostalgic: UAI
7. A person from the 50th state: A IA
8. Compress, push together: UEE
9. A large tree in California: U IA
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: OEI
11. Upright, moral and righteous: UOU
12. Lining up in a row: UEU
13. Gorgeous: EAU E U
14. Precipitation: AI



Easter phrase: _____

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Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beauteous, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!

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APRIL
2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER <i>Alleluia!</i> HE IS ALIVE!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Session Mtg W/Delphi B=Chuck Compton	10	11 Oasis B=Marty Catron	12 B=Susan Hollis	13	14
15	16	17 Mary Martha Circle 7pm	18 Oasis Swim Party B=Erika Hollis	19	20	21
22 	23 B=Joe Mayfield	24 B=Rachel Catron	25	26 Pulse Articles Due	27	28 B=Steve Catron B=Mason Eakins
29	30					