

JULY 2018



INDEPENDENCE
Day

*Happy 4th of
July*



New Service
Time
10:30
Starts July 22



Mary Martha
July 17th 7PM
Session Meeting
July 22nd 1PM



July 15th
Pitch-In
to follow



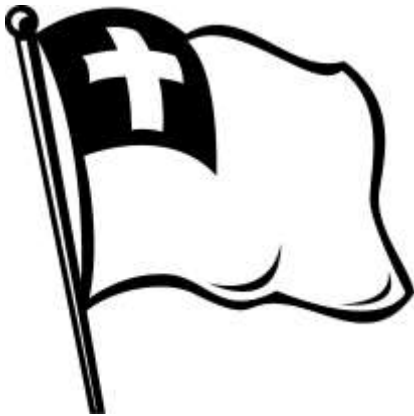
July
8th-12th
6-8:30



"I pledge
allegiance
to the Flag
of the
United
States of

America, and to the Republic for
which it stands, one Nation under
God, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all." Most of us know these
words by heart. Since our school days we
probably do not say it very often, but we still
mean the words.

Do you know the Pledge of Allegiance to the
Christian Flag?



"I pledge
allegiance to
the Christian
flag, and to
the Savior
for whose
Kingdom it
stands; one

Savior, crucified, risen, and
coming again with life and liberty
for all who believe."

Allegiance to country and to our Lord need not
be divided. We love our country and therefore
as lovers of Christ we should want the two to be
well acquainted. This means sharing our faith
and the love of Christ with all Americans.

Praying for our leaders that they would seek
after God's will in all that they do and say.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything **according to his
will**, he hears us. And if we know that he hears
us—whatever we ask—we know that we have
what we asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15)



Notes From the Pastor

If we truly want to have one nation under God
then we need to be seeking it in our own lives
and communities. Take time to pray for our
local leaders. That within the town of Flora we
would be one city under God. That Carroll
County would be one county under God. That
your street would be under the influence of the
One true God.

It is God's will that all would come to know
Him and His Son, Jesus the Christ. That all of
our neighbors would know God and be able to
enjoy Him for all of eternity.

This should be where our allegiance lies. To
promote the kingdom of God and to invite all
who are willing to enter in.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Grace

Answer: A (See John 9:6-7.)

Change is Happening!

By Pastor Grace Hammer

For over a year, Flora and Delphi Presbyterian Churches have been seeking ways to better serve God in our communities. The decision was made to share a pastor and become a Parish.

A Liaison Team was formed with 3 members from each church along with the treasurers to work on the Pastor's Terms of Call. They have done a tremendous job for which we can all be thankful.

What seemed to be a long and tedious journey has begun to move very quickly. In fact, the change is happening now. Beginning July 1, I will be preaching at Delphi PC at 9 AM and at Flora PC at 10:30.

The Liaison Team name has changed to Parish Council. They will continue to meet with me to plan for the future. As a Parish, we will remain individual congregations but will work together to proclaim the Word of God to the community and to the world. We will share in each other's burdens as well as in our joys.

So, what will Sunday morning look like?

For Delphi – Worship at 9 with Fellowship to follow. I will stay for fellowship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

For Flora – Fellowship at 10 with Worship at 10:30. I will attend fellowship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. 5th Sundays will be a joint service. (The next one is in September and Flora will host)

This will take some getting used to. Please know that the Worship Committee, Christian Ed, and Congregational Life are working together to make these changes work. There will still be Sunday School and coffee time and worship. These changes are not carved in stone. The Parish Council will be listening to the congregations concerns and suggestions. If after a few months, the arrangement needs to be adjusted we are open to that.

When Jesus returns, the only thing that will matter is that we were worshipping God when we came together in the house of the Lord. Keep the Parish Council and your session

leaders in prayer as they strive to serve God and the congregation.

Christian Education



by Barbara Pearce

Adults are still studying the Prodigal Son. John

MacArthur really emphasizes

God's Love for not only each one of us but the love he has for those that are lost. God's love is so unconditional. He is waiting for the worst of the worse to come to him. –And when they do, the joy in heaven is unimaginable. John also reminds us all of how we live every day with the mistaken belief that we are righteous. He reminds us that we are all sinners and all need God's forgiveness.

Sunday School leaders are eagerly waiting to see how our Sunday Mornings will look, when we start sharing Pastor Grace with Delphi Presbyterian Church. Once we know what times Worship and Sunday School will start, we will be looking for any children who are interested in attending Sunday School. Please be getting your mind ready to meet Jesus not only at church but also in Sunday School. We will be announcing plans as soon as times are set up.



The Block Party will be held at First Christian Church this year. This is a joint effort and we will need as many congregation members as possible to help with food. We are to bring covered dishes, again this year. Like in the past, please remember, we are providing food for the neighbor and will need all we can get. So, like last year, Let's Cook Our Little Hearts Out.



VBS DON'T FORGET! A

week after the Block Party, on Sunday, July 8th VBS will start at First Christian Church.

Please pray about being a volunteer. You could help in the kitchen with the meals, with refreshments or clean up. If that does not appeal to you, you could help with taking a

group of children around to the different stations.

Building and Grounds

by Kent King

This Past month we have agreed to accept Gotshall's bid to seal the crack between the building and the southern sidewalks. This work should be done later this summer. This should prevent rain water running down the side of the church and seeping into the basement walls. The Gotshall people pointed out that the building badly needs to be cleaned, painted and treated with masonry water repellent. Session does not have the money for this effort so it was tabled for this next year.

We have an estimate for the chipped plaster on the walls and ceiling thru out most of the church. This effort will be discussed at the next session meeting. Other minor repairs have been completed since the last report.

Kathy and I will be traveling during the month of July and part of August. Kevin Clark and Doug MacLauchlan have agreed to look after the building and grounds. If problems arise please contact them.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet July 17 in the basement dining room at 7 pm. The Hostess will be Jane Bishop; Year Book of Prayer, Pastor Grace; Horizons, Donna Sholty;

Bible Study, Marlene Smith. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for July

Sat. July 7Cashier.....Barbara W.

Thurs. July 19...Sort & Mark... Libby S.

Thurs. July 26...Sort & Mark... Jane K.

Worship Committee

by Martha Clark

Congregational meeting and new time

July 1st is a called congregational meeting and we will vote on whether to accept Pastor Grace's new salary package and change her status from full-time to part-time pastor. Since we will be sharing the Pastor with Delphi Presbyterian, the Liaison team and the Session agreed that Flora Fellowship time will start at 10:00 with coffee and treats and the Worship service will begin at 10:30 and the service will last approximately an hour.

The Ushers will be greeting people and passing out bulletins in the fellowship room. It was discussed and decided that any guests that arrive will be greeted there and offered a cup of coffee. We hope to make it a welcoming area.

Communion

Communion was last June 17th and we served 32. Sally Schmidt shared a wonderful poem about the value of fatherhood. Thank you Sally. There will not be communion in the month of July.

July Schedule

This July, the worship services will be at 4 different churches:

July 1st –service at Flora Presbyterian.

Congregational meeting immediately after the service. Worship service will start at the new time 10:30.

July 8th – joint service will be at 1st Christian Church in Flora -starting time 9:30.

July 15th –Adam's Mill service with Cutler- starting time 10:00.

July 22nd -Flora Presbyterian- starting time 10:30.

July 29th -Delphi has had the tradition of conducting the Worship service at Jim and Diane Justice's house on the last Sunday in July. And we have been graciously invited to participate (5th Sunday of the month) starting time 10:30.

VBS will be July 8th -12th 6-8:30 at the Christian Church



Delphi Presbyterian is hosting Family Movie Night. July 26th will be Bed knobs and Broomsticks. Doors Open at 6PM movie starts at 6:30. Free popcorn and bottled water.



Just a Thought....



"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them," God told Abram (Genesis 15:5, NRSV). On a clear summer night, especially if you can get away from city lights, try this yourself: "Look toward heaven and count the stars "

Although none of us can count them all, someone has calculated (don't ask me how!) that if a grain of sand represented a star, you'd need 94,608,000 railroad hopper cars full of sand to represent all the stars of the universe. If you watched all the cars pass by, one per second, you'd be standing there for three years!

As we gaze at the sky on a warm summer night, our minds can't comprehend such a vast universe. Yet our hearts can comprehend a God great enough to craft it.



Ushers for July

July 1 Joan Moss, Susan Scholl
July 8 Gerry and Susan Hollis
July 15 Gerry and Susan Hollis
July 22 Marshall and Patsy McCammack
July 29 Marshall and Patsy McCammack

Scripture Readers for July

July 1 Terry Langston, Patsy McCammack
July 8 Marshall McCammack, Barbara Pearce
July 15 Libby Sparks, Kevin Clark
July 22 Joe Mayfield, Gerry Hollis
July 29 Sally Schmidt, Heather Mauer

Audio/ Visual Schedule for July

July 1 Joe Mayfield
July 22 Martha Clark



Nursery Volunteer for July

Martha Clark

Session Leaders

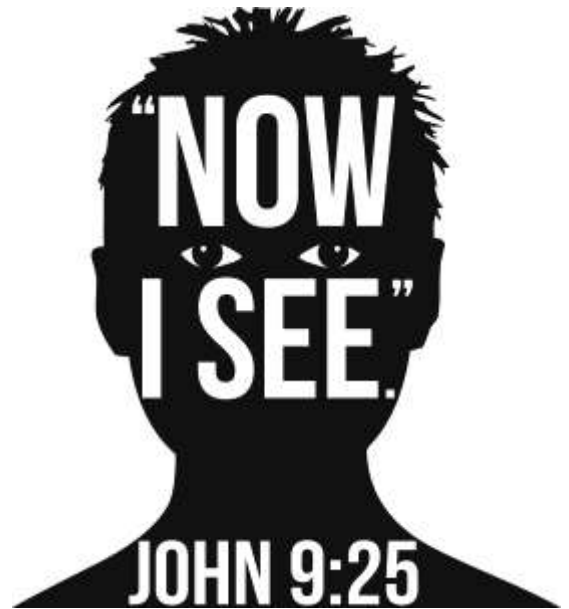
Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
Sally Schmidt -Congregational Life
Barbara Wilkinson - Christian Ed.
Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission
Martha Clark- Worship
Kent King-Bldg. and Grounds

Bible Trivia Question

How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 B=Beverly Mayfield	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8 VBS Begins! Morning Worship 1 st Christian Church 9:30A.M.	9 VBS 6-8:30	10 VBS 6-8:30	11 VBS 6-8:30	12 VBS 6-8:30	13	14 B=Jackie Davis
15 Adams Mill Service 10A.M.	16	17 Mary Martha Circle 7PM	18	19	20	21
22 Service starts @ 10:30 AM Session Mtg 1PM	23 B=Doug MacLauchlan, Chris Mayfield Laurie Brower	24	25	26 Pulse Articles Due!!!	27 B=Jay McMillin	28
29 Service with Delphi At Justice's home 10:30	30	31				