



## MARCH 2019



Saturday  
Movie Matinee  
Delphi 1<sup>st</sup> Pres.  
Doors open 12:30  
"Do You Believe?"  
March 9<sup>th</sup>



**Time  
CHANGE  
March 10th**



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
Lent  
March 10<sup>th</sup>



Be Sure to check out  
the calendar. Lots of  
Events Happening!!!



Service  
And Dinner  
6PM  
March 6<sup>th</sup>



Oasis  
Annual  
Skating Party  
March 27<sup>th</sup>

# What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

**March 6– April 18**

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

What will you sacrifice for the well-being of your soul this year? In the past I have given up cappuccinos, a certain TV show and even gave up buying flower bulbs until Easter.

When we give something up, it is usually best if you replace it with something good. Your sacrifice might mean giving your lunch money to the food pantry and choosing to take your lunch to work or school instead. Some might sacrifice the comfort of their beds on a cold Saturday morning so they can volunteer to help someone with yard work.

Lent is a time that we reflect on our lives in light of the sacrifice that Christ gave to us: the gift of salvation and eternal life with God the Father. We have nothing to sacrifice that can compare but it is our willingness to seek God's will for our lives and to give up some of our own free will that truly matters. This is what truly matters during Lent. What is your heart saying to God about your relationship with Him? Is your life focused on pleasing Him or others?

May you each be blessed as we journey to the cross and into eternity.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Grace



## Pastor Grace Invites **YOU** to join a Bible Study.



*Walk Through the Bible:*

*Leviticus*

**Thursdays 5:30-7:30**

**404 Washington Blvd. Flora**

*Paul: A Forgiven Child of  
God*

**Sundays 5PM**

**Delphi First Presbyterian  
Church Office**

**213 S. Indiana St.**

## Christian Education

by Barbara Pearce

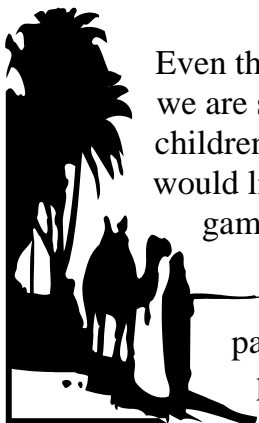


### Sunday School

Adults are still studying  
"Entrusted, a Study of 2

Timothy'. The first topic was *Devine Triangulation*. The class looked at the journeys of Paul and Saul and compared it with their own journeys. The second topic was *Purpose and Grace*. During this reading, they looked at being intentional in bringing friends/people to God. The third stage was *Strong in the Grace* where they looked at Grace as never being limited or ineffective. God will tear down any wall and move any mountain for you. The fourth study was *Difficult times, Difficult people*. Experiences do not need to be good for God to use them for good. If we guard our hearts, guard our homes and guard our bodies, we will guard our calling for God. Adult Sunday School has two more Sections in the study of Timothy and are anxiously waiting for you to join. They meet in the room next to the Kitchenette off of the Fellowship room at 9:00 AM every Sunday morning.

Barbara is really missing the children for Sunday School. Please come to finish the study of the Books of the Bible. Next, we will be looking at God's Holiness, Love and Goodness. Same time, every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.



### OASIS

Even though Oasis has a new look, we are still serving neighborhood children. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer for crafts, games, or help in the kitchen with meals. If you would like to sign up to supply a meal or part of a meal for any week, please contact Laurie Brower or sign up on the meal volunteer sheet in the Fellowship Room.

**Camp Fundraiser** Our Soup Supper was postponed but not cancelled. March 12, 2019, we will meet to discuss a new date. We discovered there was another Community Dinner Fund Raiser on the same night we had

chosen. . Sorry for any inconvenience, but we will still be looking for volunteers to help with baked goods, and assistance serving. Please be looking for our new date. The Oasis children and parents will be very appreciative.

### Roller Skating Party

Oasis is taking the children roller skating on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Oasis will not have a meal at the church. The skating will be paid for by Oasis donated monies. Parents or guardians must attend or the children will not be allowed to skate. This is the second year for roller skating. Oasis is not allowed to take snacks. Parents will be given a list of menu items and the cost. Snacks will be paid for by parents.

### Stewardship, Mission, Finance, Personnel

By Tammy Moss

The committee met on Sunday, 02/24/19. Our 2019 offerings will be One Great Hour of Sharing in April and Christmas Joy in December. A periodic financial review will be performed soon. A \$500 contribution received recently will be deposited into our Memorial Fund for future use.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

You will receive inserts and envelopes in the bulletins on Sundays 03/31/19 and 04/07/19 with more information. Please be praying about your donation to this important cause. Donations will be collected on Palm Sunday 04/14 and Easter Sunday 04/21/18. Just let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

### Notes from Toni

By Toni Brewster



There has been so much happening with the music makers at Flora. We are having a blast and hope that you have been BLESSED! Bells have shuffled and you will see several new ringers. We are also fortunate to have Melvin Matos share his time and talents with us. We are trying to work toward having some of our worship times have a more contemporary or blended feel. Let us know what you think!



### **Presbyterian Women**

*by Jane Bishop*

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the church basement on March 19 at 7 pm. Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Year Book of Prayer, Pastor Grace, Horizons, Jane Kearns, and Bible Study, Jane Bishop.

### **March Thrift Shop Schedule**

Sat. Mar. 1...Sacker... Marlene Smith

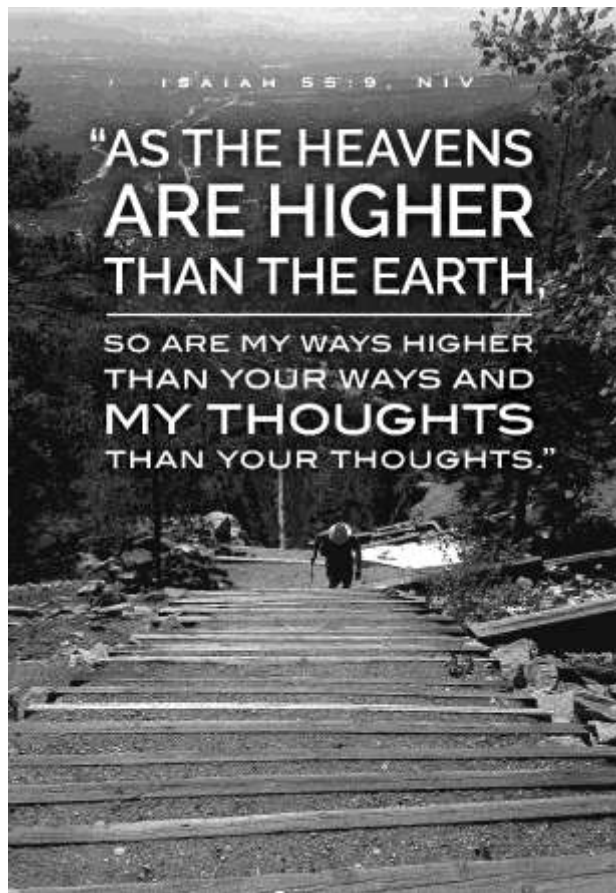
Sat. Mar. 9...Sacker...Joan Moss

Thur.Mar.21...Sort & Mark...Jane Kearns

Thur.Mar.28...Sort & Mark...Marlene Smith

March is also the month for our church to empty trash, tidy shelves, check the restroom, and sweep runners, etc.

Please help!!!



## **Pastor Changes Office Hours**

I truly am honored to serve both churches; Delphi First & Flora. But with the increase in duties, some essentials were left to “when I find time” category. After discussion with my mentor I decided a change was needed. Instead of being at Delphi First on Mondays & Wednesdays, I am now having Wednesday only office hours unless otherwise needed. In Flora I am in the office on Tuesdays. (Unless otherwise needed)

I am in and out of the offices on other days, but those are the days that I try to schedule administrative tasks.

So what am I doing with all of my extra time? After all I am being paid for 20 hours a week at each church.

Mondays I spend the greater part of the day researching for my sermons and Bible studies. Thursdays I go out to visit with folks. I needed to make these intentional, on-my-calendar dates because these things were being left towards the end of my schedule and visitation had gone by the way-side.

Fridays & Saturdays are my days off. Most meetings happen in the evening or on Sunday after church. I have 2 Bible studies that I lead, Sunday at 4 & Thursday at 5:30. Mixed into this are a couple of counseling sessions. As your pastor I am available 24/7 for emergencies. As a mere human, I must have times of rest and relaxation. Burn out is the number 1 reason that pastors leave the ministry. This is my life and I could not feel more blessed than I do now. The very idea that God is using me in this way is sometimes more than my mind can grasp. Yet I will serve Him as long as I have breath for it is my greatest joy to do so. If someone needs me other than my regular office hours, I will schedule time. I ask that you determine if the matter could wait until my office hours or does it truly need to be addressed now.

You are truly my sisters & brothers in Christ,  
Pastor Grace

## "We are Witnesses"

### Encounters with the Savior

2019 Community Choir Call out, You are invited to join the Community Choir for the Annual Easter Sunrise Cantata. Practices start Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at the Flora United Methodist Church. Practices will be every Sunday from 2-4PM, with a final practice the Saturday before Easter.



### **Shamrock**

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed.

As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the

kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!" On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.



### March Ushers

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Kearns, Laurie Brower  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Moss, Susan Scholl  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Joan Moss, Susan Scholl  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Pearce, Sally Schmidt  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Gerry and Susan Hollis

### Scripture Readers for March

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Kearns, Deloris Pitts  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Marlene Smith, Doug MacLauchlan  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Martha Clark, Susan Hollis  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Jay McMillin, Michelle Matos  
March 31<sup>st</sup> ShawnRoss Pitts, Melvin Matos

### Audio/ Visual Schedule for February

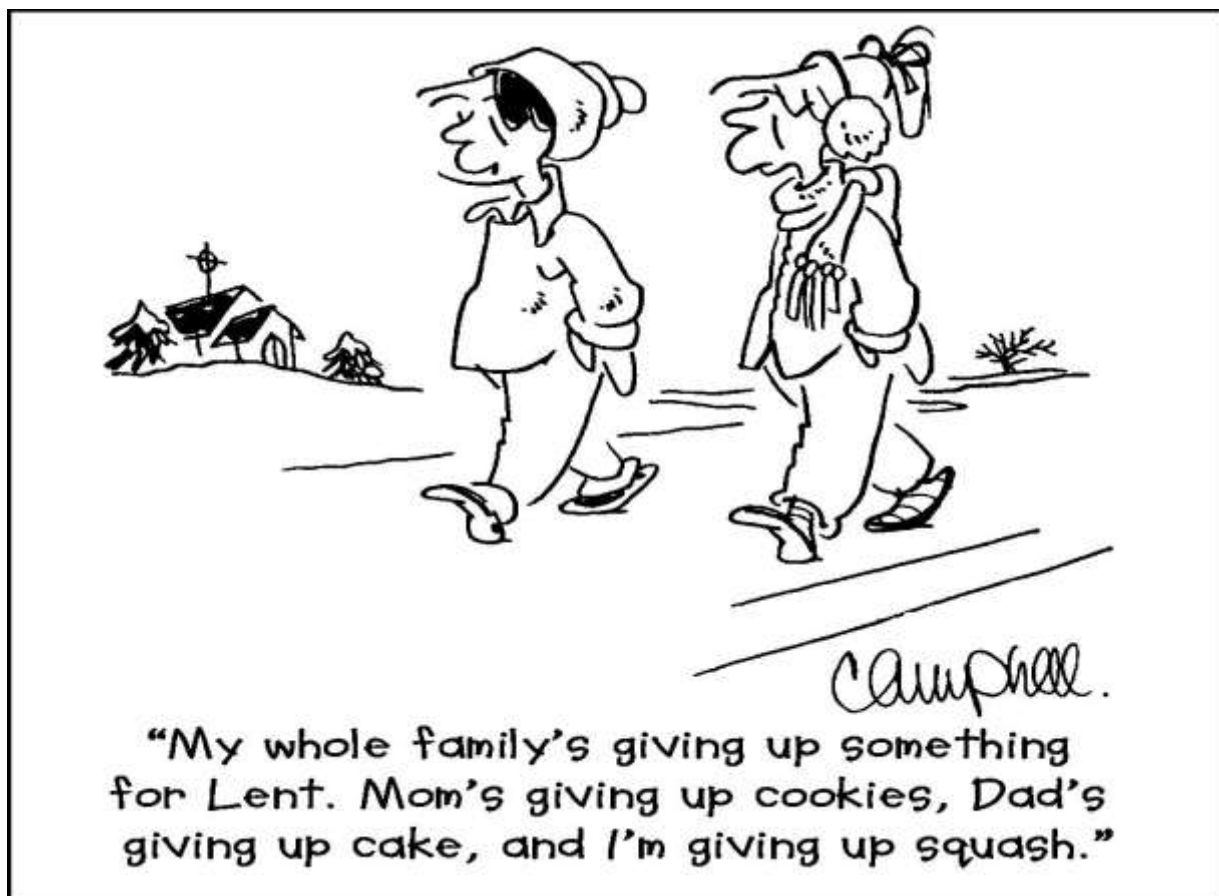
March 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Pearce  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Kevin Clark, ShawnRoss Pitts  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Martha Clark  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Pearce  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Kevin Clark, Matt Matos

### Acolytes for February

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Judah Pitts, Haylee Randolph  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Aden Mauer, ShawnRoss Pitts  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Gabe Mauer, Kolton Pitts  
March 24<sup>th</sup> Haylee Randolph, Autumn Mauer  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Judah Pitts, Janessa Pitts

### Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk  
Barbara Pearce – Christian Ed.  
Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission  
Martha Clark- Worship  
Kent King-Bldg and Grounds  
Joan Moss  
Doug MacLauchlan



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**First Class Mail**



B=Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9AM Bells
3	4	5 Christian Educ. Meeting 7PM	6 Ash Wednesday Service 6PM B=Howard McGill	7	8 B=BobPeterson	9 9AM Bells Delphi Movie 1PM
10 	11	12 Oasis Meeting	13 Oasis	14	15	16 9AM Bells
17 Session Meeting St. Patricks Day!!	18 B=Earnest Pitts	19 Mary Martha Circle 7PM Parish Council Meeting 7PM	20 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Oasis B=Heather Mauer B=Maggie Randle	21	22	23 9AM Bells
24 Finance/Mission Meeting B=ShawnRoss Pitts  31 Joint Worship	25 Carroll Schools SPRING BREAK	26	27 Oasis Skating Party	28	29	30 9AM Bells