

**MAY 2019**



**"I AM GOING TO  
THE FATHER."**  
JOHN 14:28

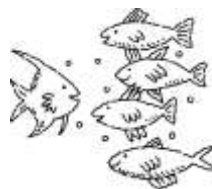
Ascension  
Of  
The Lord  
May 30<sup>th</sup>



May 12<sup>th</sup>



Saturday  
Movie Matinee  
Delphi 1<sup>st</sup> Pres.  
Doors open 12:30  
"True Grit"  
May 11<sup>th</sup>



**NEW  
Member  
Class**  
Begins  
Wednesday  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
6PM



Session  
Meeting  
May 19<sup>th</sup>



May 27<sup>th</sup>



May 2nd

# WEEDING AND PLANTING

The glories of Easter Sunday are still dancing through my mind. The gathering of both congregations in one place. The sound of the bells and the choir. The innocence and joy of the children as they sang "O Easter Tree" I look forward to our combined worship services every time. Yet each church is very unique and has its own style and preferences. These are to be honored and nurtured as well.

It has been said that everyone wants progress but no one like change. Personally I long for the progress of the garden but am not so inclined to enjoy the process of digging and planting and weeding.

It is the same at our churches. We long for the days of the pews being filled with families and the return of a full choir, yet we must also be willing to put in the work of digging deep into our hearts and into the Word of God to see what He is asking of us, and where He is leading us. We must be willing to plant seeds of kindness, mercy and love to not only those we like but to all whom God puts in our path. We are to see others as Christ sees them... broken, hurting and in need of a Savior.

We must be willing to get the weeds out of our own lives. The weeds of gossip, envy, self-indulgence and greed. When we speak of one another let our words be filled with compassion and encouragement. Where discipline needs to take place, let us do so with the mercy that Christ has shown each of us.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have ever lasting life."

John 3:16 Who is in your world that needs to know this? Share the good news of Resurrection Day with everyone.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Grace



## **New Members Class**

Flora Presbyterian and Delphi 1<sup>st</sup>  
Church

Wednesday evenings 6 PM

May 15 – June 5

at

Flora Presbyterian Church

Bring your Bible, notepad and your  
supper.

New Members will be received into  
the church and as needed Baptized  
Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

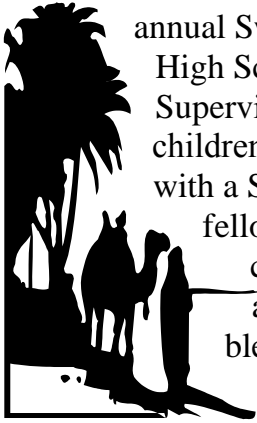
## **Communion with Mom**

Communion will be served on  
Mother's Day, May 12th

If you or your mom are unable to  
attend church and would like  
Communion brought to your home,  
please contact the church office to  
schedule a visit by Thursday, May  
9<sup>th</sup>.

## Christian Education

*by Barbara Pearce*



Oasis will be ending its 17<sup>th</sup> year with its annual Swimming party at the Carroll High School Pool. There was a Supervisor and 2 Lifeguards for the children's safety. The evening started with a Sacked Picnic Meal and fellowship time. There were both children and adults in attendance. It is such a blessing to be able to interact with the Oasis children every year. Planting seeds for God is an unmeasurable ministry.

### Religious Summer Camp

Sending children to learn about God is an awesome blessing this church has had for a few years. This past year we also had the blessing of participating in fund raising for our local children. Many thanks to everyone who made the soups, cornbread, baked goods and, all those who participated during our Soup Supper. Our Mary Martha Circle (PW) has also given a donation for this mission. Updates will be sent to let you know if we are also awarded monies from the Wabash Presbytery Mission Grant.

### **CALLED April 6, 2019**

#### **Taking Women Deeper in a Shallow World**

This year's Called was at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Attendees from Delphi and Flora Presbyterian Churches were Linda and Sally (from Delphi), Pastor Grace, Toni Brewster and myself. There were several workshops. I attended two: Called to Develop a Culture of Disciple-Making in Your Local Church presented by Anna Cotto and Basic Counseling Skills for Ministry Leaders by Dr Mary Hendrickson. Both workshops were very informative.

#### **Barriers to Discipleship**

Discipleship was defined as using our strengths and weaknesses to engage in relationship with others by INTENTIONALLY becoming involved in their lives and helping them to whole heartedly follow Jesus, the Holy

Spirit and God. Anna explained there are 5 common Barriers to Discipleship: Assumption of Knowledge, Anonymity, Accuracy, Activity and Attitude.

We should not assume other's knowledge of God or Jesus. There needs to be a very good line of communication in order to really understand the life viewpoints of other's. We cannot be anonymous and lead other's to Christ. God made everyone of us with a longing to fellowship with family and friends. We need to be a trusting friend before introducing God. The feeling of having to be accurate about every part of the Bible before you can spread God's news stops a lot of us from discipling. We all need to spread God's news from where we are and learn along the way.

Many of us feel we already have too many daily activities. We feel we are too busy to spread God's word. We need to make intentional decision to shift or change our activities in order to make room for God.

And the fifth barrier from discipling is our attitudes. Many of us say discipleship is not part of my personality or talking to others makes me uncomfortable. We, all, need to have an attitude of willingness.

#### **Counseling**

My afternoon workshop on Basic Counseling also emphasized the importance of good communication. Counseling is a way to help other's determine why they act and think as they do and if they want changes in their personality. Every counselor needs to be very careful not to lead the counselee based on the counselor's own thoughts and behavior.

The first and most important step is to create the good rapport. A counselee will not reveal him/herself if he/she does not trust the counselor. The counselor also needs to be able to identify and understand body language and gestures as part of messages the counselee is sending. Counselor also needs to determine if the body languages and words being used agree with one another.

Some non-threaten, non-judgemental phrases that can be used to help the counselor to further aid the counselee in understanding his/her behavior and needs are: "I noticed \_\_\_\_" and

“Did you notice that you \_\_\_\_\_”. When trying to help the councee understand his/her thoughts always ask open ended question. Question with yes/no answers will not lead to any type of soul searching. Counseling should aid the councee in processing their thoughts and actions in order to better understand any detrimental behaviors.  
In His grip of Grace, Barbara Pearce

### **Stewardship, Mission, Finance, Personnel**

*By Tammy Moss*

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$275 One Great Hour of Sharing. This will help provide much needed help to our neighbors in need. Thank you to all who contributed.



### **Presbyterian Women**

*by Jane Bishop*

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the church basement on May 21 at 7 pm.

Hostess will be Laraine Mac;  
Year Book of Prayer, Libby S;  
Horizons, Jane B; Bible Study,

Marlene S. New members are always welcome.

### **May Thrift Shop Schedule**

We are starting a new plan for workers: The first Saturday each month we will be responsible for 3 persons at the checkout counter.,(also for the fifth Saturday when there is one); then on Thursday in the clothing sorting area, at least one or two persons on specified days.

Saturday, May,4: :Laraine Mac, Register,  
Jane B, and????

Thursday May 2: Barbara P. & Jane B.

Thursday May 9: Libby S. & Jane B.

Thursday, May 16: Pastor Grace & Toni B.

Thursday May 23: Pastor Grace & ???

Thursday, May 31: ???



### **Notes from Toni**

*By Toni Brewster*

What a wondrous and joyful Easter Resurrection Service!

All together in one holy time and place. We were truly blessed with the Holy Spirit's power and inspiration! A huge THANK YOU to all the musicians who offered their time and talents, as they offered to God what He had 1st given them.

### **Have you ever wanted to sing in choir or ring handbells.**

These opportunities are available to both congregations. The bells rehearse Sat morning at 9:30 at Flora. We would love to have some Delphi folks join us! Our Chancel Choir will continue through the summer offering joyous sounds. Once again, Delphi folks are welcome and we would have a Parish Choir. We would be able to share music at both congregations at a variety of times throughout the summer. We rehearse Sat. at 8:30 AM. If you have questions give me a call.

***VOLUNTEERS are needed for ushering during the month of June, dates available are June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would be interested in helping please let Beth know in the office. We welcome all volunteers.***

**SATURDAY MATINEE**

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**"TRUE GRIT"**

**DELPHI 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**DOORS OPEN 12:30**

**MOVIE BEGINS 1:00PM**

**FREE BOTTLED WATER**

**FREE POPCORN**

**FREE ADMISSION**



**May God continue to  
bless us; let all the  
ends of the earth  
revere him.**

Psalm 67:7, NRSV



**May Ushers**

May 5 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan  
May 12 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan  
May 19 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan  
May 26 Kevin and Martha Clark

**Scripture Readers for May**

May 5 Heather Mauer, Toni Brewster  
May 12 Kevin Clark, Autumn Mauer  
May 19 Doug MacLauchlan, Jay McMillin  
May 26 ShawnRoss Pitts, Laurie Brower

**Audio/ Visual Schedule for May**


May 5 Barbara Pearce  
May 12 Kevin Clark  
May 19 Matt Matos  
May 26 Martha Clark

**Acolytes for May**

May 5 Judah Pitts, Gabe Mauer  
May 12 Kolton Pitts, Aden Mauer  
May 19 Haylee Randolph, ShawnRoss Pitts  
May 26 Kolton Pitts, Autumn Mauer

**Session Leaders**



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







# A blessed woman


The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets \_\_\_\_\_ while it is still \_\_\_\_\_ ;  



she provides \_\_\_\_\_ for her \_\_\_\_\_ ....  



Her \_\_\_\_\_ rise \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  



\_\_\_\_\_ her blessed.  


PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

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B=Birthdays

MAY  
2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 B=Martha Clark	2 National Day of Prayer	3 B=Marge Scholl	4  8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
5 B=Gary Scholl	6	7	8	9 B=Bob Brown	10	11  8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells  Delphi PC Saturday Movie
12 Communion 	13 B=Toni Brewster	14	15  New Members Class 6PM	16	17	18  8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
19  Session Meeting	20	21	22  New Members Class 6PM	23	24  <b>Last Day of School</b>	25  8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
26	27 	28 B=David Kratz	29 New Members Class 6PM	30 Ascension of the Lord	31	