

SEPTEMBER 2019



Communion
September 1st

LABOR
Day

September
2nd



September 22nd



Joint Worship
W/ Delphi
September 29th
Carry In Lunch



OASIS
KICK-OFF
September 4th

September is upon us...

Kids are back in school; the days are getting gradually shorter. Sunday School will be starting in a couple of weeks.

What is your favorite memory from Sunday School as a kid? I remember sitting in little chairs, listening to the Bible stories as the teacher moved characters around on the flannel graph. I remember playing with cardboard bricks to build and then knock down the wall around Jericho.

Now my favorite times in Bible study are when I see a gleam of understanding spark in someone's eyes. That moment when a person says, "Wait... why...?"

As I write this, my heart is burdened for the generation of folks who did not grow up learning the stories of the Bible and the many kids today who have no idea that Christmas is about anything except Santa Claus and presents. Every ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church is supposed to be able to teach a Sunday School class. Their primary responsibility is as a Spiritual Leader in the church. As many elders as they are in this congregation, I would presume that Bible studies would be happening all the time. That the adult class would be full-on Sunday morning as well as the kid's classes. 1 Peter 3:15-16 tells us we are to know what we believe and why. "... in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

I'm asking that each elder give a review of a Bible study that they have recently been a part of. A study that has helped you to better understand the scriptures and to understand what you believe and why. We will print these in the newsletter over the next several months. I look forward to reading about all the different types of studies and classes that have been experienced over the last few years. Perhaps



this will stir a renewed interest in studying the Word of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace



Bible Study

**Sundays 4PM Delphi Church Office
Walk through the Gospels**

**Thursdays 5:30PM Pastor Grace's Home
Study of OT-Joshua**

Christian Education

by Barbara Pearce

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for Adults and Children is scheduled to start September 15th, 2019. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Adults will be going through BE Committed with Ruth & Esther by Warren W. Wiersbe. Our Book for the children will be "All-in-one Sunday School for all ages. WE will be looking at the Armor of God, Celebrating God's Blessings, Listening to God and more. The children will be in the basement, the room left of the backdoor stairs. The Adults will be in the room next to the kitchenette.

OASIS

OASIS is scheduled to start on September 4, 2019 with a Walking Taco Kick-off with outdoor activities and registration. The first night of studies will be September 11, 2019. We are in need of volunteer(s) for crafts. And as always, we need all the assistance we can get with meals. Please pray for guidance!!



Flora Presbyterian Church sent 16 children to church camp this past summer. This is a privilege we have had for the last few years. The children have a great time learning about God's Love. With God leading us, we have decided next year to allow children to all go to a Church Camp of their Choice. We will still be doing Fund Raisers and requesting a Mission Grant. We are asking for your continued prayers and letting us know of any questions or ideas you may have.

FUNDRAISER Pigs have been spotted headed toward Carroll County, again this year. The authorities are expecting them to be scattering in our yards around September 1 -4 and will stay in Carroll County around 2 months. We can expect to see them leave around October 30th. You can purchase Insurance to keep them out of your yard for \$7.00. If you fail to purchase the Insurance and they land in your

yard, it will cost \$10.00 to have them professionally removed. (If you have them professionally removed, you will need to tell the professionals where to take the pigs).

Congregational Life

By Joan Moss

Join Us on September 29th for a joint worship service with Delphi followed by a carry in lunch.



Notes

By Toni Brewster

Where has the summer gone? School has started, and we have already had fog delays and tornado warnings. And the 'new to us,' used riding mower has probably turned 'belly up' for the last time.

We attempted to keep choir and bells going through the summer, and were semi-successful. We didn't sing or ring often, but each time we did...we were improved from the time before. That says a great deal about the work these folks do at each rehearsal.

We are going to try a new format with the bell choir and divide it into two smaller ensembles. This will make it easier to schedule rehearsal times, and give me more opportunity to assist when ringers need individual help.

Even though the two groups are housed at Flora, these are Parish Ensembles and open to people in both congregations. We are already discussing how it would look to have bells and choir to do some type of rotation between both churches to assist leading in worship. This is still in the "TALK" stage, but it is doable.

Rehearsal for choir is Sat @ 8:30 and bells is 9:30 A.M. There is room in both groups for more members. Do you sing in the shower? Do you catch yourself singing along with the radio in the car? The choir is your cup of tea. Can you walk and talk and clap at the same time? Can you count to four? Do you know the tune of the

Big Ben Chimes? Head over the the bells. Give me a call. (260-224-5625)

We'll have the welcome mat out for ya...

Stewardship, Mission, Finance

By Tammy Moss

We met 07/01/19 and 08/12/19. We will be collecting for the Food Pantry during the month of September. They are asking for taxable (non-food) items and box mixes. There are copies of the list in the Fellowship Room. We discussed mission opportunities over the next few months. We will be asking for Session approval to not participate in the Joy Offering this year and instead participate in a mission project to benefit people in need who have to use the services of shelters in our area.

We are also researching mission opportunities in conjunction with our Oasis program. More to come when we have details.

Please contact any of us with questions

June 30, 2019 financials:

Total funds as of 06/30/19 - \$144,901.84

Total funds as of 06/30/2018 - \$140,401.00

Net income for June was (\$2,793.54) but YTD net income was \$7,836.09

Please contact Tammy Moss with any questions.

Women of Joy

By Barbara Pearce

Worshiping God was led by Gospel Singer Charles Billingsley with many poplar songs. The music was invigorating. Maybe a little loud for some, but the place was rocking with God's Joy.

The Speakers were just as invigorating. They each included their own humorous testimonies within their talks. The two days left you longing for more of God's Word.

Margaret Feinberg.

Margaret told us the very funny story of how she met her husband Leif Feinberg. She was a dynamic speaker, her focus was on the agricultural references which are made by Jesus in the Bible. She did extensive research in the growing and properties of olives, grapes,

salt and other food items. Her insights led her to write a book; Taste and See: Discovering God among Butchers, Bakers and Fresh Food Makers. This would be an interesting Bible study.

Jennie Allen

The second speaker was Jennie Allen. Jennie asked us: (1) How we describe ourselves? (2) What do we find ourselves thinking about? (3) What do you have strong emotions about: and (4) Other than Jesus, what do you put your hope in? The answers to these questions reveal what we really worship in this life, where our identity lies. Instead of having our identity with God, our identity set in this world.

Instead of running to God who knows and loves everyone, we run to this world that cannot fully know us nor have unconditional love for us.

Ephesians, chapter 1 tells that through Jesus we have been adopted by God, we will inherit all that God has. God loves us so much, he decided -even before we were born -to adopt everyone who will believe in him. To make you his child, to give you everything the same as he does Jesus. Satan can take our joy, only while we are here on this earth. We will have all God has to give for eternity. God will give us wisdom and understanding. We will have an even greater understanding of our Faith in God. (While looking at Ephesians 1, she gave us much to think about regarding how we turn to God or to the world for our value and meaning.)

Karen Kingsbury

Karen is an American Christian novelist whose books are about to be an upcoming TV series, The Baxters. Karen says there are 4 things we need to do well. The first is Love. 1 John 4:7-8 says to love one another, for love comes from God. The second thing we, all, need to do is to Laugh Often. Through stories of her own family, she shared the need to be able to see yourself and circumstances with humor. Every little thing is not a crisis or the ruination of a family event. The third thing everyone needs to do is Look for Miracles in our everyday lives. Karen says there is nothing ordinary about any day. There are miracles that go on around us every day. And last, Jesus Christ must be the hero of your story.

Angela Thomas Pharr

Angela explains that since we have accepted Jesus Christ, we need to continue to follow him. We need to be rooted in Jesus and overflowing with thankfulness. Angela told us a story about her trip to visit Israel which did not end up as she planned. Through various mishaps and redirection, she became very disgruntled because she did not get to see the sites she had planned. Then later was reminded through Colossians 2:6-7 to be thankful for the lives we have. This changed the outcome of her trip for herself and those traveling with her.



We are in need of ushers for the whole month of October if you would be able to help PLEASE contact Beth in the office. If you would like to read scripture let us know so we can add you to the rotation as well.



September Ushers

September 1 Barbara Pearce, Marlene Smith
September 8
September 15 Joe and Tammy Moss
September 22 Marshall and Patsy McCammack
September 29 Susan Scholl, Maggie Scholl

Scripture Readers for September

September 1 Marlene Smith, Laraine MacLauchlan
September 8 Martha Clark, Susan Hollis
September 15 Jay McMillin, Judah Pitts
September 22 Tammy Moss, Toni Brewster
September 29 Patsy McCammack, Libby Sparks

Audio/ Visual Schedule for September

September 1 Matt Matos
September 8 Kevin Clark, ShawnRoss Pitts
September 15 Martha Clark
September 22 Barbara Pearce
September 29 Matt Matos

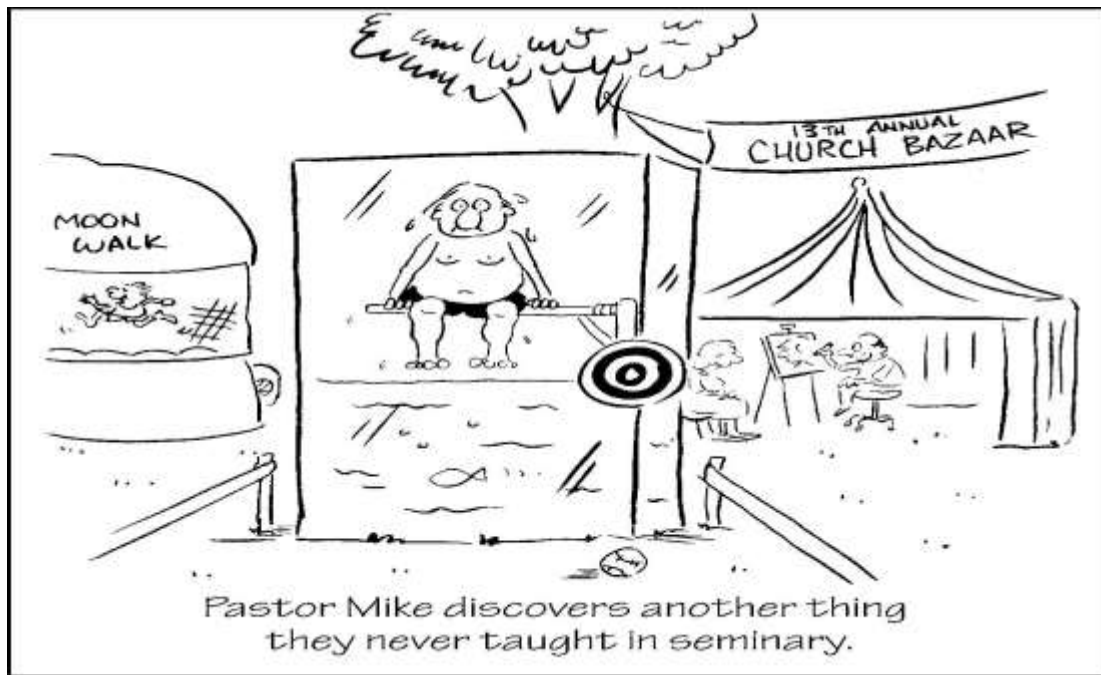
Acolytes for September

September 1 Haylee Randolph, Autumn Mauer
September 8 Gabe Mauer, Judah Pitts
September 15 ShawnRoss Pitts, Kolton Pitts
September 22 Aden Mauer, Janessa Pitts
September 29 Autumn Mauer, Gabe Mauer

Communion

Session Leaders

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



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B=Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 B=Ron Austin	2 Labor Day	3 Office Closed	4 Oasis KICK-OFF	5	6	7 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
8 Communion Bible Study 4PM	9 Delphi PW 1PM	10	11 Delphi Senior Lunch/Bingo 12PM OASIS STARTS	12 Bible Study 5:30	13	14
15 Bible Study 4PM	16 B=Michelle Matos	17	18 Oasis 6PM	19 Bible Study 5:30	20	21 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells
22 Bible Study 4PM	23	24	25 Oasis 6PM	26 Bible Study 5:30 PULSE Deadline	27	28 8:30 Choir 9:30 B. Bells B=Matt Clark
29 Joint Worship Carry In Lunch Bible Study 4PM	30 B=Marshall McCammack					