



**MAY 2020**



Happy  
**MOTHER'S**  
Day  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

★**NATIONAL**★  
DAY of PRAYER

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**



May 25<sup>th</sup>



May 31<sup>st</sup>

# April showers bring May flowers!

To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The whole month of April, the good Lord brought us to a screeching halt. We lost all of our excuses for not having time to pray without ceasing or to abide in His Word daily. I'm looking forward to hearing about all the beauty that has been brought forth in your lives from this tremendous shower of blessings.

For one thing, none of us had time to figure out how to get a YouTube channel started to upload our worship services that have been recorded since back in December. And within a week we were on-line! AND this first Wednesday of May the weekly Bible Study of Strolling Through the Scriptures will be on there as well.

I've heard from different friends and family members around the country who have found a new hunger for reading the Bible. Some are learning how to Zoom or Face time with their grand-kids. Reconnecting with family who live far away in a manner they haven't thought of before now.

It is my prayer that we are back together in the sanctuary by the first Sunday in June. I want that to be a time of celebrating what God has been teaching us during this time of self isolation. You have a whole month to think about what you will say. No one will be made to speak that does not wish to, but all who wish to share what the Lord has been doing in their lives during this time is encouraged to share



when we all gather in the sanctuary once again.

What bounty of spiritual flowers has God's April shower of the blessings of time brought to your lives?

In Jesus holy name,  
Pastor Grace



**Join Us**  
**Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**For online bible Study**  
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**Flora Presbyterian**

## Christian Education

*by Barbara Pearce*

### **God Is Always with Me – and You**

My God stands by me and holds me up no matter what. I remember a time when I felt so isolated... no, worse than isolated, I felt cornered, degraded and treated like living God's way made me the worst person in the world. I had many talks with God, praying that the people around me would see Jesus in my words and actions. I prayed these people would see God's life, was (and is) a better life - for everyone. I knew I had to leave all these people in God's hands. God eventually lead me away from this ungodly situation and closer to Him. God also reminded me, Vengeance is His, and he will take care of all situations in his time and his way. Sometimes it seems what all we are going through is unbearable but, trusting in God will always get you through any trials.

COVID-19/Coronavirus is "putting a wrench in all of our daily and weekly activities. We all need to take our stresses to the Lord for many reasons. God is the only one in control. God longs to have a relationship with all of us. He wants us all to feel safe and secure. He gives us strength and peace. Can't wait to get back to life "as I know it"!

**Sunday School** for Adults and Children will resume in the Fall.

**Oasis** will also resume in the fall.

**Vacation Bible School** is "on hold" until we know when the "Stay at home order" and the "Social Distancing" has ended.

**Summer Camp** is also waiting to see if the "Stay at home order" and the "Social Distancing" has ended.



## Presbyterian Women

*By Jane Bishop*

### **If it is possible**

The Mary-Martha Circle will meet May 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Basement at 6:00p.m. The Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Deloris Pitts, Yearbook of Prayer; Jane Kearns, Horizon; and Jane Bishop, Bible Study.

### Notes

*By Toni Brewster*



Remember back in the day when minutes seemed like hours while we watched the clock and waited for the recess bell. Or

when a week seemed like forever as we were waiting for Christmas vacation, or for the last day of school before summer break. 'Hunker Down, Indiana' has so far...seemed like forever. Going to church, preparing the worship time and then the actual "doing" the service so it can be videoed and edited. It seems so strange...worshipping in our homes alone or with 2 or 3, seeing only those few needed to lead the worship and those needed to record... I have so missed worshipping together in our faith communities. I feel that community when we share the bread and cup and when we sing, when I know we are lifting our voices together. The Holy Spirit connects us even though we are physically miles apart. It will be such wonderfully joyous times when we are finally able to stand together and be united as a body of believers. God Bless each of you as we continue to HUNKER DOWN. Keep wearing your masks when you go out in public and stay tuned to God in prayer.

## **A BIBLE STUDY**

*By Deloris Pitts*

I ask you, what bible study do you connect with and why? For me it's the story of the Samaritan Woman from John chapter 4.

We are familiar with the story who the woman who had 5 husband and now living with her boyfriend. In her shame she goes to the well to get a drink when no one else would be there. On this day she meets Jesus. They begin to talk. "If you only knew the free gift of God" (John 4:10), he said.

Worldly things don't quench our thirst. We always desire more. Jesus tells her basically with Him she will never thirst again.

**But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14**

When I think of my first meeting with Jesus I was in a place I believed I would have been. I not only shamed myself but my family. There someone said "you are right where Jesus wants you." I began my journey with Christ there, alone. It was some time when I accepted him in my heart that I was working at a restaurant and many people from a local church, including the pastor and his family would come every Sunday. The Pastor knew my story as did some of the church people. It was there that I had another meeting with Jesus. This meeting showed me no judgement for my past sins. So later I started going to that church got baptized, started raising my family in a church.

It's been an amazing journey walking with Jesus. It has led me to Flora Presbyterian Church. Where now I'm more like the Samaritan woman, sharing even more Gods love with the community.

## **Missions Outreach**

*By Deloris Pitts*



Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Mission Outreach Committee has been providing a hot meal on Wednesdays for the Community Youth Center. We have been doing this since the Stay at Home order has been in place. We plan to do this through the month of May. We have no idea how long the Community Youth Center will be doing this; we would like to do this longer if we could get more volunteers to help prepare the meals for Wednesday nights. The Community Youth Center does this on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They also provide brown bag breakfast and lunches for the children.

I believe on average 80 + people, including senior adults are served a hot meal 3 times per week. They do curbside pickup and delivery. We have been supplying all the food and doing the cooking on Wednesdays. If you would like to make a donation to help with the food cost or prepare a meal please contact me. Deloris Pitts 574-228-1296.

I would also like to thank those on my committee for all the time and dedication they have been putting in every week to feed Flora's people in need.

## **Session Leaders**

Michelle Matos-	Clerk
Barbara Pearce –	Personnel
Melvin Matos –	Worship
Martha Clark-	Stewardship
Kent King-	Bldg and Grounds
Deloris Pitts-	Missions Outreach
Sally Schmidt-	Cong. Life

**... whenever we have an  
opportunity, let us work  
for the good of all ...**



**Galatians 6:10, NRSV**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  B=Martha Clark	2
3  B=Marge Scholl	4	5  B=Gary Scholl	6	7	8	9  B=Bob Brown
10   HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13  B=Toni Brewster	14	15	16
17  *Session Meeting Time TBA	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  31 Day of Pentecost	25  	26	27	28  B=David Kratz	29	30