

Flushing Presbyterian Church



November 2017 Newsletter

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Sunday,
November 5th

Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!



Sunday school classes will continue to be offered every Sunday in November. There will be no classes on December 24th or 31st. Classes will resume on January 7th, 2018.



Thanksgiving



In order to honor our veterans, we will be preparing a video montage to be presented on Sunday, November 12th at our morning worship service and at the Flint Concert Band concert that evening. We invite all veterans in our congregation to submit a photo to be included. Email photos to Kay Hall, khall@gfn.org or deliver them to the office to be scanned.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5.



Flint
Concert Band

Sunday, November 12, 7:30 PM

Come enjoy an evening of music performed by the Flint Concert Band. We will be honoring our veterans before the concert with a video montage of photos of veterans in our congregation. Join us for this special event!! We will need help in providing cookies and "finger food" for the reception following the concert. Volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up are also needed. There are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board. Please plan to help where you are able.



Warmth Tree

The Warmth Tree is now up in the narthex for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. **The deadline for adding items is November 19th**, when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



Canned-Food Drive

The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) member churches plan to provide 300 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area again this year. Our church has again been asked to provide 50 cases (600 cans) of vegetables for these dinners. We ask that you please purchase "traditional" vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. **Deadline is November 19.** In addition to the vegetables, the FCOC is asking member congregations for donations to purchase the turkeys. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line.



SO MANY BLESSINGS



Hanging of the Greens

It's time to celebrate the start of the Advent season and adorn our church for the birth of God's son. The Hanging of the Greens will take place **Saturday, November 25th starting at 2:00 p.m.** There are many areas of the church to decorate, and all are welcome to partake in this fun event. When decorating is finished, the group will decide if there is any interest in going out for pizza. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon to start the Advent season!



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on **November 26th** in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, please select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. If you would like to participate, but are unable to shop, you may make a donation for a gift. Please indicate "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check. **All gifts must be at the church no later than December 17th.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius or the church office.



Advent Study


Faithful:

Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

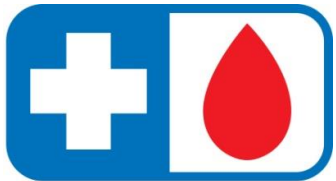
by Adam Hamilton

Come explore the story of Jesus through the eyes of his earthly father, Joseph. The gospel of Matthew gives us clues about Joseph, but what do we really know about him and what influence did he have on Jesus, our Savior?

Beginning **Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 PM**, we will begin our 4 week study. Sign up by November 15th and we will order you a book, or you may get your own e-book online. Come join the conversation as we explore the life of one of God's humble servants.



Please continue to pray for those affected by the catastrophic damage caused by the recent hurricanes and wildfires and by the earthquake in Mexico. Thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed by these unprecedented events. If you would like to contribute to help those affected by these disasters, you may do so through our church. Make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate *Disaster Relief* on the memo line. All donations will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to use where most needed.



**GIVE
Blood**

We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, December 3, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



From Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor...

Thank you for your recent pop-tab donation. These tabs will be recycled for money that will directly impact the children and families we serve every day. We appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

From Old Newsboys of Flint...

We would like to thank you for your generous donation. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, the Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and the generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we "*Let No Child Be Forgotten.*" (Note - This donation was from your Pentecost Offerings)





Are you throwing money in the trash??

Did you know that Flushing Schools collect "Box Tops for Education" to fund items for the students? Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, which may not seem like much, but they really add up!! You will find these Box Tops on many of the products that you use in your home. They come on General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker products, Ziploc brand bags and containers, Hefty trash bags, Kleenex tissues and MANY other products.



The schools also collect Bueche receipts that they are able to turn in for a percentage of the sale amount (you do not need to submit the whole receipt, just the segment at the bottom that says "Cash for Kids.")

What a great way to support our local schools without spending an extra penny!! We have a collection box for the Box Tops and Bueche receipts in the shelving unit outside of the kitchen and volunteers will deliver them to the schools. Don't throw that money away!!

Thank you, veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

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Christmas Floral Decorations

Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.

Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.

Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

IN HONOR OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.

(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)

_____ Red _____ Pink _____ White

YOUR NAME _____ *PHONE NO.* _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th



This Month's Schedule

November 5

Communion Preparer: Sandy & Scott Tucker
Communion Servers: Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Julie & Randy Socha
Fellowship Hosts: Kathy Lescelius & Kathy Miller
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R

November 12

Fellowship Hosts: Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett Albert, Dona Ballard, Randy Socha, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Acolytes: Karen Howe

November 19

Fellowship Hosts: Pat Bemis & Kay Hall
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Dick & Kaye Barnett
Lay Leader: Steve Howe
Welcome Desk: Carole Noye
Acolytes: Handbell Choir

November 26

Fellowship Hosts: Margaret & Ted Meehle
Flowers: Lisa & Tim Judson
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Pat Bemis, Sharon Donaldson
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolytes:



November

- 2 Janet Ballagh, Ted Meehle
- 3 Gillian B
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Ginger Aubrey, Sarah B, Ben W
- 7 Jeanne Blanton, Gordon Hall
- 11 Linda & Matt Bemis
- 12 Beverly Thompson, Margaret Tippet
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 17 Alta Amy
- 18 Natalie & Dave Lucas, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M
- 26 Beverly Howe, Larry Younkin
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



Financial Highlights

Average 2017 Collections	\$3,145
Average September Collections	\$2,888
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

A special shout out to all who donated canned fruit to FCOC in October. For November, we are collecting cereal.

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing cereal, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



**Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor**

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

Lectionary Readings

November 5: Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12

November 12: Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

November 19: Judges 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

November 26: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2017 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

ONGOING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Book & Breakfast Club meets at 9:30 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. All are welcome!

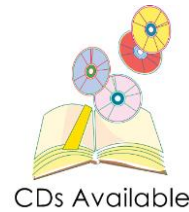


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Dennis or Shirley Sanborn.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to the church office.



CD copies of our worship services are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office. You can also listen to the sermon on our website, flushingpres.org.



FCOC (Flushing Christian Outreach Center)
One of the ways we support the Outreach Center is by collecting food and personal care items. The collection basket is located by the kitchen door.



LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned throughout the year for all ages to enjoy.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study...This group meets for breakfast and study at 8:30 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.



Music Opportunities...The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The **Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



Perpetual Book Sale...Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Group** meets at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage containers are collected and donated to the *Ronald McDonald House* in Ann Arbor to help support families who stay there while their children are hospitalized at the Children's Hospital. Collection box is located in the shelving unit in the hall outside of the kitchen.



Opportunities To Serve

Session Teams...All members are invited to serve as “at-large” members on our Session Teams: Spiritual Growth, Community Outreach, Member Care, Property and Budget & Finance. The church office can put you in contact with the team chairperson.



Soup Kitchen...Volunteers work at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



Women's Evening Group

Women's Evening Fellowship Group will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September through May). Join us at Pastor Teresa's home for fellowship, conversation and study!




Youth Group (The “Believers”) is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet at 6:00 PM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker.

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at 659-5831





NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM - <i>Trusting God: Girlfriends in God Devotional Study</i> 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages			1 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	2 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	3 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	4 12:00 PM - Baby Shower
5 Communion 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	6 1:00 PM - Member Care	7 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	8 9:30 AM - Community Outreach	9 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group 7:30 PM - Flint Concert Band	13 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	14 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	15	16 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	17 Church Office Closed	18 10:00 AM - Sanctuary Harvest Decorating 3:00 PM - Young Family Wreath Making
19 6:00 PM - Youth Group	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24 Church Office Closed	25 2:00 PM - Hanging of the Greens
26 6:30 PM - Advent Study	27 6:45 PM - Session	28 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	29	30 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir		

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays