



October 2022 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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Dear Members and Friends,

Along with cooler weather, October is Stewardship month. Each member will receive a letter, annual Time & Talent sheet and a 2023 Pledge Card. We ask you take some personal time to reflect on all the blessings you have received from God and this congregation, and through prayer, ask for God's help in discerning how you may return a portion of those blessings to grow the ministry of God's church.

Stewardship packets will be delivered to you either via email or US Mail (for those not on the church email distribution list). Just as last year, we are offering several ways to return your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Sheet prior to October 23rd. Details are included your packet. Your pledges of time, talent and treasure will allow us to plan for 2023. All financial information will be kept confidential. We encourage you to prayerfully consider God's call for us to share what we have for the building up of his Kingdom, prior to completing the forms.

Our worship service on Sunday, October 30th, "Reformation Sunday", has also been designated as "Consecration Sunday"; a time to respond to God's love and acknowledge the many gifts that we have been given, individually and collectively. All of our pledged gifts will be dedicated to God during worship that morning. The pledged gifts will be used to sustain our worship, Christian education, member care and outreach ministry in 2023.

Consecration Sunday will conclude with a special coffee hour celebrating God's abundant gifts, love, and grace, and our renewed commitment to sharing those gifts. Please plan on taking part in the celebration!

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Come paint with us!



16 x 20 Canvas \$25

Friday, October 21
6:00 – 9:00 PM
INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS!



Wood Sled 18 x 9 Inch
\$35

We will be hosting a painting party on **Friday, October 21st at 6:00 PM**. There will be a choice of a pumpkin canvas or a wood sled. The cost for the pumpkin canvas is \$25 and the cost for the wood sled is \$35 (if you want to do both – you can order a “take-home kit” for one of the projects). All materials will be supplied by the instructor, Victoria Freeman, from *Art in the Mitten*. Payment is due by October 5th for the sled and by October 19th for the pumpkin. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate “Painting Class” on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Sanborn.



The Warmth Tree will be up in the narthex on Sunday, October 23rd, for your donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. All items collected will be given to Flushing Community Schools for distribution to those in need. **Deadline for donating will be November 20th.**

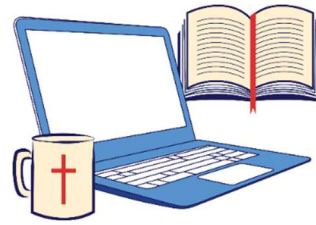


Sunday, November 6, 3:00 PM. Come enjoy an afternoon of music performed by the Flint Concert Band. Bring your friends and family and join us for this special event!! We will need help in providing cookies for the reception following the concert. Volunteers to help with set-up (following the morning worship service) and clean-up after the concert are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please plan to help where you are able.

The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The Wired Word Bible study continues on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Classes are based on current events and how the Bible and our faith can be used to relate to these events. Class discussions will be led by Pastor Paul, Karen Howe, Mike Keeler and Julie Socha on a rotating basis. If you were to join a class, you would see that the variety of members and their experiences and input are what lead to lively discussions and make this class so interesting. Please consider joining us via Zoom!! Contact Karen Howe if you need information about logging in with us.



Prayer Requests Via Facebook

In an effort to be more consistent at including prayer requests via Facebook on Sunday mornings, the Spiritual Growth Team has established a more formal process. Anyone watching at home should put their prayer request in the “Comments” section as soon as possible during the service. The streaming person will be responsible for monitoring Facebook and writing these requests down on the blue prayer request form, which would then be handed in at the point in the service where we ask for prayer requests. As always, prayer requests can also be submitted by a phone call to the church or given directly to Pastor Paul’s email at paul.pfeuffer@outlook.com prior to the worship service.



Please keep those affected by Hurricane Ian in your prayers. Thousands of people have lost homes and livelihoods due to the unprecedented damage caused by the hurricane. If you would like to donate to those affected you may make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate “Hurricane Ian” on the memo line.



TAKING AWE BREAKS

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—*Gunilla Norris, from the October 2022 Newsletternewsletter*





We are currently collecting items for soldiers returning to Fort Carson, Colorado, after being deployed to Poland since April. There is a donation box in the narthex. **Donations will be accepted until the end of October.** Requested items are listed below.

**Personal hygiene items
“TRAVEL SIZE” only**

Body wash
Chapstick
Deodorant
Hand sanitizer
Mouth wash

Individually wrapped snacks, including:

Beef jerky
Breakfast/protein bars
Chips / Crackers
Granola bars
Nuts
Popcorn
Pretzels
Trail mix

Other items

Tide pods and dryer sheets (they hope to be able to give each soldier two of each)
“Little Tree” car fresheners - to hang in their rooms that have been locked-up for 9 months!
Monetary donations will be used to purchase (locally) bottled water, Gatorade, and perishable treats.
Checks should be made out to the church with “Fort Carson” on the memo line.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the troops!



**What's a Christian to do
with Halloween?**

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows’ Day (All Saints’ Day) “All Hallows’ Eve.” As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called “seas of light.” Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it’s fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — *hallowed!* — children.

From the October 2014 Newsletternewsletter

Big Thank You!

To my church family:

My deepest thanks and appreciation for the many beautiful cards and to Spiritual Growth for the cake and ice cream for coffee hour in honor of my retirement. And, to my church family, many thanks for all the support given to me over the years. I have been richly blessed from all the choir participants and from the many who graciously helped me with the skits! I cannot thank you enough. But most of all, I thank my four daughters and my husband in heaven, who was always there for me! Thank you Marty, for always keeping me on track!!!! You're the best!!!! I could never have done my job without the help of so many!! Thank you!

Pastor Paul, I deeply appreciated your kindness to me upon receiving my retirement letter. Your support was the best!!!

Now, it is time to move on and give our new accompanist, Wendy Szukhent, our love and support as she begins her musical journey!

With love and appreciation,
Marilyn Schmoak



From Flushing Community Schools . . .

Thank you so much for the generous donation of school supplies for our students! These items will be so helpful to so many little ones throughout the community. Thank you again for thinking of us.




Be Still (and Silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life.

We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

—Mother Teresa; From the September 2021 Newsletternewsletter



*This
Month's
Schedule*

October 2

Communion Preparer: Marilyn Schmoak
Communion Servers: Mike Keeler, Kelli Peter, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary Albert, Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye
Lay Leader: Mark Jacobson
Streaming: Randy Socha

October 9

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kelli Peter
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bruce & Debbie Coxworth, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Annette Nickel
Streaming: Steve Howe

October 16

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Kaye Kaufherr
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Streaming: Mike Keeler

October 23

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Natalie Lucas, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Streaming: Scott Smith

October 30

Communion Preparers: Scott & Sandy Tucker
Communion Servers: Gary Albert, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller, Sandy Tucker
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Bruce Coxworth
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Gary & Jerry Stuber
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Streaming: Randy Socha



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for October are canned fruit and kleenex. If you can help by providing these items, 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.



October

- 2 Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Max Socha
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 9 Norbert Burwell
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse Smith, Cathy & Gary Stuber
- 23 Dona Ballard
- 25 Frank Hawes
- 31 Michael Keeler



Lectionary Readings

October 2: Lam. 1:1-6 and Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137; Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Ps. 37:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 9: Jer. 29:1, 4-7 and Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Kgs. 5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps. 111; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16: Jer. 31:27-34 and Ps. 119:97-104; Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps. 121; 2 Tim. 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23: Joel 2:23-32 and Ps. 65; Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 and Ps. 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30: Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Ps. 119:137-144; Isa. 1:10-18 and Ps. 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .
October 2 & 30.



Blood Drive

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



Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$2,843
Average August Collections	\$2,348
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2022 Session

Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer
Bill Churchill

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Pat Bemis
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Randy Socha
Gary Stuber

Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler
Carrie Younkin

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 1:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at Kathy's Restaurant. All are welcome!



Bread for Life is a 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 for this program at 5:15 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to Margaret Meehle or the church office.



Digital Church . . . Our Sunday morning worship service is on video and can be viewed via a link on our website (flushingpres.org) or watched live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings or at another time of your choosing.



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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 in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



Music Opportunities

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 Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of *“Two Coins a Meal”* that funds hunger programs locally and around the world.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage and other 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.



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

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





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 Communion 7:00 PM – The Wired W8ord via Zoom	3 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	4	5 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	6 10:00 AM – Member Care 11:00 AM – Bible Study	7 Church Office Closed	8	
9 Noisy Offering 7:00 PM – The Wired W8ord via Zoom	10 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	11 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property	12 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	13 11:00 AM – Bible Study	14 Church Office Closed	15	
16 7:00 PM – The Wired W8ord via Zoom	17 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts	18	19 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	20 11:00 AM – Bible Study	21 Church Office Closed 6:00 PM – Painting Party	22	
23 7:00 PM – The Wired W8ord via Zoom	24 6:45 PM - Session	25 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	26 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	27 11:00 AM – Bible Study	28 Church Office Closed	29	
30 Communion 7:00 PM – The Wired W8ord via Zoom	31 Happy Halloween 	***Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays***					

