



April 2018 Newsletter



Easter Breakfast

8:45 - 9:15 AM

Easter breakfast is one of the beloved aspects of this special Sunday. This year breakfast will be served from 8:45-9:15 (you do not have to be finished eating by then, but the food will not be available after that time). Why? So our kitchen crew can enjoy Easter Worship and not spend the time cleaning up.

It would be of great help to the kitchen crew if there were a few more to assist in cleaning up (Scott and Don are amazing, but they would appreciate others assisting). An Easter Breakfast cleanup sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help.

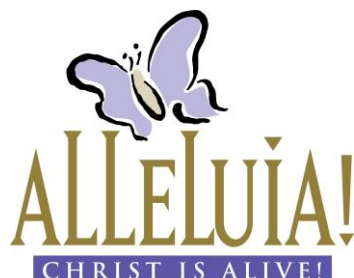
Easter Worship

Sunday, April 1, 10:00 AM

Featuring Chancel and Handbell Choirs

We end our morning time together with a celebration. Christ has risen!! It's a message we need to engage with wonder and amazement. Perhaps a little confusion and uncertainty is okay too. The women and disciples were confused and did not understand until they encountered the resurrected Christ. May we encounter that Christ this Easter morning.

Join us!





Celebrating the Gifts of Women

Presbyterian Women of the Lake Huron Presbytery invite you to their annual Spring Gathering, "Celebrating the Gifts of Women" on **Saturday, April 14th**, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Midland St. Bay City. The featured topic will be the organization *Women At Risk, International*. There is no fee for this event.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

1:00 PM	Sign in and <i>Women At Risk</i> Marketplace
1:30 - 2:15 PM	Presentation on <i>Women at Risk, International</i> Special Recognition of PW Lifetime Members
2:15 - 3:30 PM	Marketplace Shopping & Light Refreshments



Holy Humor Sunday - April 15th

Flushing Presbyterian Church is going to try something new (but is really very old): Holy Humor Sunday or Bright Sunday. We are going to hold our celebration on Sunday, April 15th. Why? Because it is a time to continue to celebrate resurrection and embrace joy and laughter. We can do that in a worship, or at least we are going to give it a try. And what better Sunday than "Tax Day." There are surely many jokes to go with that thought. Bring your friends and join us for worship as we celebrate the LORD with joy and laughter.

The History:

Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity - "Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humor Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party."



**Thursday, April 19 –
Saturday, April 21**

Collection Dates

- Sunday, April 15, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- Monday - Tuesday, April 16 & 17, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. (NO donations after 12:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders. If you are unable to get your donations to the church during the designated drop-off times, please contact Pat Bemis to make alternate arrangements)

Sale Dates

- Thursday, April 19, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 20, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM - Noon

MANY volunteers are needed, before the sale to receive and sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board by the kitchen for all those willing to help. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Contact Pat Bemis with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.



During the rummage sale, we will also be including a Bake Sale. If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, they can be delivered to the church on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday morning (April 19, 20 or 21).

Please address questions regarding the bake sale to Margaret Meehle.

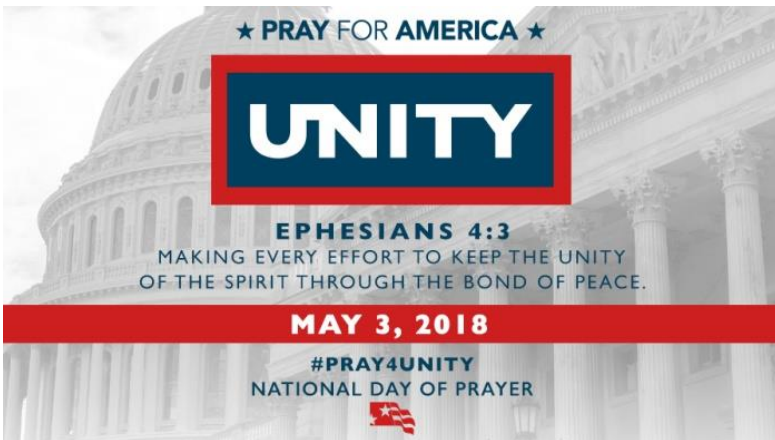




Dinner and a Show:
Owosso Community Players presents...
Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Sunday, April 29 @ 3 PM, we plan to attend the play, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, followed by dinner at Roma's in Owosso, if you so choose. **Please RSVP by Sunday, April 8.** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board, or you may call the office to sign up. Ticket prices: \$18.50 adult, \$16.50 senior (+65), \$16.50 student. Dinner cost depends on what you order. Please contact Karen Howe if you have any questions.

In this laugh-out-loud-funny, yet unexpectedly moving American Comedy, we meet middle-aged Vanya and his sister Sonia, who live in the farmhouse where they grew up. When their movie-star sister Masha returns home with her handsome Spike, an unforgettable husband...



National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3 7:00 PM
Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene

Join together with other community members as we pray for our nation. This year's theme is "Unity". Local pastors are coordinating this joint venture. Bring your neighbors and friends as we pray together.





Christian Education Schedule

The last day for the Sunday morning Bible study classes will be May 13th. We believe that those who have participated have enjoyed the classes and we hope that, following the summer break, we will welcome back even more participants. Ask those who have been in class - we're sure they'll say that it has been an enjoyable experience of getting to know others better while learning more about God and the world around us. Thank you to all the teachers for their guidance and dedication.



Fellowship Opportunity for All!!

Sunday, May 20th, following the worship service, you are invited to join us at Liberty Restaurant (on Pierson Road) as we celebrate our life together at Flushing Presbyterian Church. It will be a time of fellowship and good food as we enjoy lunch together.

Reservations are needed by **Sunday, May 13th**. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board, or you may call the office to sign up. Cost depends on what you order. We hope to fill that back room with Flushing Presbyterians!! Please contact Karen Howe if you have any questions.



In the coming weeks you will receive information about when new pictures will be taken to update our directory. We encourage all members and friends to be a part of this effort. This is one of the special things we are doing in recognition of this congregation's 60th birthday.

Watch for information and get signed up. **May 21 & 22** are the photography dates. Don't miss out!!

Nancy Young is serving as our coordinator. She will have more information after April 2nd.



Gluten-Free Bread will now be available for communion!!

Beginning Easter Sunday, there will now be a gluten-free bread option available during communion. For both communion in the pews and come forward communion, the gluten free bread will be in a small bowl in the center of the bread tray. We're happy to now be including this option for all those in need of it.



**Mission Co-workers
Coming to
Flushing Presbyterian!!**

On Sunday, July 22nd, we will welcome Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, PC(USA) mission co-workers in Manila, Philippines. They will be participating in our worship service and joining us afterwards for a pot-luck luncheon where they will share with us information about their work in the Philippines. Plan to join us on this special Sunday.

Session Highlights

The congregation has asked that Session share some of the highlights of actions taken - What are you doing on our behalf?? Below is a brief review of some of the actions taken. It is not a comprehensive list, but a few highlights.

AS A WHOLE: There are some events and missions which come from our Coordination & Planning Time. Session asks the question: What is missing? What else would we like to see happening on our church calendar? While some Teams pick up and coordinate these projects, the session as a whole assumes responsibility in helping to make these projects happen.

- * **March Movie Night** - held in sanctuary due to no heat in Fellowship Hall. Successful. Recommend holding future movie nights in sanctuary, being sure to address the glaring setting sun issue.
- * **Auction:** Very successful! Supports future auctions with suggestions on ways to further enhance the event: silent auction time before live auction; addressing check out for greater ease
- * **Pictorial Directory:** In recognition of the church's 60th Anniversary, update with a new picture directory of members and friends of the church. To be held May 21 & 22
- * **60th Anniversary Celebration:** Planning committee is in place to begin the work of planning a celebration to be held in October with numerous special events
- * **2009 Session Action:** In 2009, the session, after careful review and consideration, voted to offer \$500 support to a potential parolee. On May 31, 2018 this prisoner will be released. The governor has commuted this lifer's sentence and granted him parole (he has been in prison 48 years). Session will follow through with the initial promise of \$500 and offer prayers as he begins the difficult process of transitioning back into society.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

- * Oversees the disbursement of funds and offers guidance when unexpected bills are incurred (i.e. boiler repair)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: This is our mission, outreach and promotional team. They research and bring mission & ministry opportunities to our attention.

- * **Rummage Sale:** to be held April 19-21. Proceeds support many mission opportunities.
- * **Mother's Day:** Collect \$\$ in support of blankets to be purchased by Church World Service (CWS).
- * **New Curtains** for classrooms in hopes of providing greater insulation for the rooms, especially during Family Promise times when they are used as bedrooms. The rooms can be cold.
- * **Mission Co-Worker HERE:** July 22nd. Rev. Cathy Chang and family will be here that Sunday. Following worship, Cathy and husband, Juan, will discuss the work they do in the Philippines.

PROPERTY: Oversees maintaining the building and property

- * **Contracts:** Lawn, Cleaning, Snow Removal, Dumpster - reviews contracts to obtain quality service at reasonable prices and negotiates for better pricing.
- * **Phone bill:** While not a contract, the bill was reviewed and a new service negotiated.
- * **Boiler Repairs:** Two different pumps needed repair within weeks of each other. Repairs obtained. Boiler working well.
- * **Lights in Sanctuary:** the "headlight" spot lights will be replaced and all light bulbs will be replaced with warm LED bulbs. The bulk of the expense to come from designated memorial monies.

***Hanging of Curtains, Repair of Toilets, Future repair of Women's Bathroom Fan, Addressing Bird in the Pavilion.**

***To set Spring Cleanup and Outside Projects**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Oversees Worship, Christian Ed, Bible Studies - all matters pertaining to Spiritual Growth.

***Special Services:** regularly reviews all special services and notes what went well plus what needs adjustment.

***Bread for Communion:** Became aware that more and more individuals have a gluten intolerance. Because Communion celebrates Christ's Table, ALL need access to it. Gluten-free bread will now also be offered.

***Planning "Take Away" for Students:** looking for ways to connect to students, who are our neighbors. May offer gum, popsicles, candy, cold drinks or some other item to students during exams or on the last day.

***Summer Services:** Coordinating two special services during the summer. One July 8th with communion around the tables in Fellowship Hall, the other August 19th followed by a church picnic in the Pavilion.

SUB COMMITTEE OF SESSION: Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)

This Committee is looking at how We, Flushing Presbyterian, are prepared in case of various emergencies. EPC is addressing these areas: Medical Emergency; Weather Emergency (Tornado); Fire Emergency; Violent Assault Prevention.

The congregation will note gradual changes and updates. Currently,

*Compiling a list of CPR/AED trained persons

*Checking all first aid kits and AED machine

*Getting digital floor plan so fire routes can be posted

*Have begun locking doors when worship begins and ask that one usher be in narthex at all times.

*Will ask congregation to update emergency contact information; to keep in a secured location.

*Looking into various security options.

This is just some of what the session is working on. Next month, the list will be shorter and I will highlight new or updated information.

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Moderator of Session



Flushing Presbyterian Church to Turn 60!!

Can you believe it?! In October, Flushing Presbyterian Church will celebrate 60 years as a congregation here on the corner of McKinley and Carpenter Roads. Session wants the congregation to celebrate this milestone.

We are pulling out notes from previous celebrations to help guide our planning. Session is looking for others to be a part of this special planning group.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Add your name to be involved with this very fun filled activity.

*This
Month's
Schedule*



April 1

Communion Preparer: Sylvia Keeler
Communion Servers: Pat Bemis, Sharon Donaldson, Loretta Hudson, Kathy Lescelius
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gordon Hall, Lisa Judson, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn, Nancy Young
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes:

April 8

Fellowship Host: Pat Bemis
Flowers: Deb & Bruce Coxworth
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Vonnie Koehn, Kathy Lescelius
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Welcome Desk: Deb Bayer
Acolytes:

April 15

Fellowship Hosts: Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Carol Dulin, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: Sharon Donaldson
Acolytes: Handbell Choir

April 22

Fellowship Host: Kathy Miller
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R

April 29

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Welcome Desk: Lisa Judson
Acolytes:



April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Grace J, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Kelly & Tim Stein
- 17 Kelsey H
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Rose Jackson, Jacob S, Marie S, Darla & Bill Arn, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige A, Dick Barnett



Average 2018 Collections	\$3,408
Average February Collections	\$3,094
Average 2017 Collections	\$3,299
Average needed for 2018 Budget	\$3,773



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you to all who contributed cereal last month! This month we are asking for canned fruit.

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by contributing canned fruit, or any 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*

April 1 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 8: Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 15: Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 22: Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 29: Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**Flushing Presbyterian Church
2018 Session**

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth
Sylvia Keeler

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!

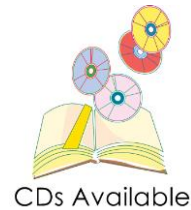


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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.



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday Communion 8:45 AM - Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM - Easter Worship Service	2 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	3 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	4 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
8 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	11 9:30 AM - Community Outreach	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13 Church Office Closed	14 1:00 PM - Presbyterian Women - <i>Women at Risk</i> , Bay City
15 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	18	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20 Church Office Closed	21
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22 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	25	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	27 Church Office Closed	28 11:30 AM - Decker Baby Shower
29 3:00 PM - Owosso Community Players, <i>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike</i> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30			Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM - <i>Women's Devotional Study</i> 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages		

*****Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays*****