



April 2019 Newsletter

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14th, during our 10:00 AM worship, the Chancel Choir will help us experience the joy of Palm Sunday as the crowds celebrated Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. We will begin worship with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The celebration. The hope. And then the disappointment. Join us as we remember this special aspect of our faith story.

Good Friday

Friday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM we will begin our Journey to the Cross.

Our time will begin with ceremonial hand washing and communion. As we enter the sanctuary we enter the story of Jesus' journey to the cross, ending with his words and thoughts from the cross. Chancel Choir and special narrators will lead us on this journey. Join us as we remember the story and the significance of Jesus' sacrifice.

Easter Breakfast

Easter breakfast is one of the beloved aspects of this special Sunday. This year breakfast will be served from 8:45-9:30 AM (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 21st, at 10:00 AM, we will 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!



**AUCTION
TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
6:00 PM - Doors Open & Appetizers
6:30 PM - Auction**

How high will the bidding for Mary Graham's pies go? How many corny (but still funny jokes) will our esteemed auctioneer Steve Howe make to our groans? We're having our third annual auction to benefit Family Promise on Saturday, April 6. It has proven to be a great deal of fun, while raising much needed funds for our important mission of serving homeless families. We would encourage you to make, buy, or solicit donations for our auction. Please bring items to the church between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Tuesday - Thursday, April 2 - 4. Set-up for the Auction will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 5th. We also need people to bring appetizer/finger foods and assist with set up and clean up. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Come see how much fun we can have while benefiting the good work we are doing for our Family Promise guests!



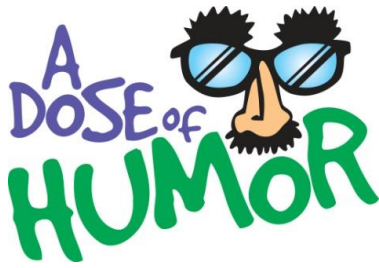
One Great Hour of Sharing: Why We Give

In Mark 12, Jesus explains that the two most important commandments are to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) responds to these commandments by helping our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Whether we're offering relief in the wake of a devastating storm, providing food or access to clean water, or assisting in the empowerment of our oppressed and marginalized brothers and sisters, One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual opportunity for us to show our love globally to our neighbors in a very tangible way. You may use the special envelopes available in the pews, or simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "One Great Hour" on the memo line.



Volunteers are needed on Easter Sunday to usher, serve communion and run the Welcome Desk. If you can step in and help, please contact the office.





Holy Humor Sunday - April 28th

On April 28th, Flushing Presbyterian Church is going to celebrate Holy Humor Sunday (or Bright Sunday) for the second year. Why? Because we continue to celebrate resurrection and embrace joy and laughter. Last year was truly joyful and fun.

A Bonus: This year our youth will lead the service with *The Big Red Box!* Expect lots of fun and laughter. Bring your friends and join us for worship as we celebrate the LORD with joy and laughter.

The Big Red Box

It's big! It's red! And it's free! Just exactly what's inside that big red box anyway?



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."





**Friday, May 3 –
Saturday, May 4**

Collection Dates

- Monday - Thursday, April 22 - 25, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Sunday, April 28, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- NO late donations 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 Carol Dulin to make alternate arrangements

Sorting and Marking Dates

- Monday - Thursday, April 29 - May 2, 9:00 AM - Noon

Sale Dates

- Friday, May 3, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, May 4, 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 Carol Dulin with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.





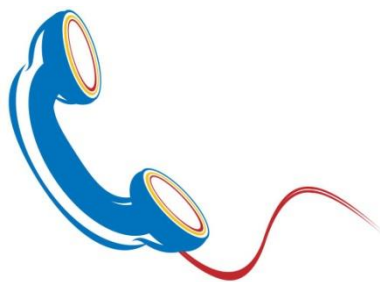
LITERARY ESTATE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 1,000+ 20th Century hardcover books
- Biography, History of all description, Civil War, WWII, Jane's, religion, classic and popular novels, children's literature, cookbooks
- No moldy books, textbooks, or encyclopedia
- Treasure hunt for First Editions
- Dealer's Welcome
- Make an offer - all titles must go
- All proceeds go to Flushing Presbyterian Church hunger program

Save the date! Saturday, June 15, 9:00 - 3:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Also, if you have books you would like to donate to the cause, they are welcome! Please ensure that they are hardcover with 20th century copyrights and are not textbooks, encyclopedia or moldy.

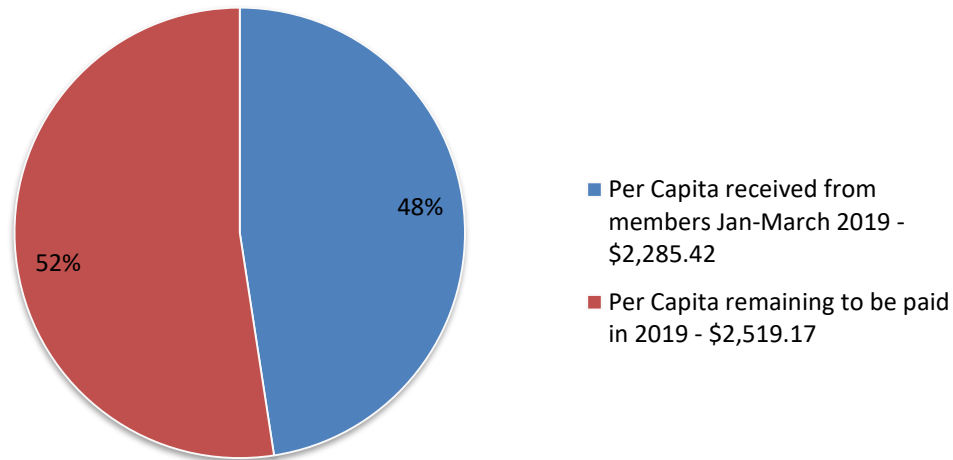
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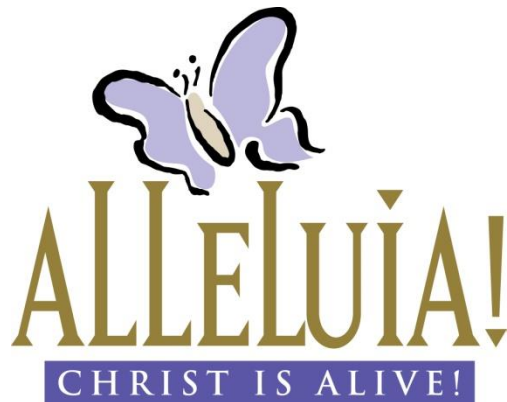
New Phone Tree

The Member Care Team is working to create a new phone tree. The phone tree will be for those who want to be notified of prayer concerns and unexpected church events by phone. Currently, members are notified of such events through email. This practice will continue. However, if you do not have email or prefer contact by phone, please contact Kathie Rhoads or Sandy Snyder.

2019 Per Capita (\$28.77 Per Member)



Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$28.77
for each person in your family who is a member of the church.
(or simply indicate "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church)



Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

From the April 2019 Newsletternewsletter

Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost this year is \$18.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$18.00 per plant, make any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, April 7**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____



*This
Month's
Schedule*



April 7

Communion Preparer: Scott & Sandy Tucker
Communion Servers: Kathie Rhoads, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn, Marilyn Schmoak
Fellowship Host:
Flowers: Ernie Thrapp
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker
Acolyte: Kelli Peter

April 14

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Nancy Young
Acolytes: Sochas

April 21(Easter Sunday)

Communion Preparer: Nancy Young
Communion Servers: **Volunteers Needed**
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**
Acolytes: Howes

April 28

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Cathy & Gary Stuber, Bill Weiss, Nancy Young
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes: Chancel Choir



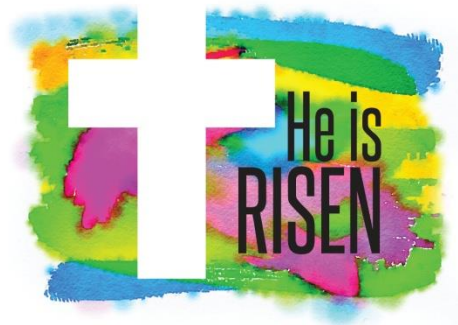
April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson
- 5 Kelli Peter
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Kelly & Tim Stein
- 17 Kelsey Howe
- 18 Gary Albert
- 22 Vonnie & Dick Koehn
- 25 Jacob S, Marie S, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige Albert, Dick Barnett



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2019 Collections	\$2,823
Average February Collections	\$2,755
Average 2018 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2019 Budget	\$3,824





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for April is **canned fruit**. If you can help by providing canned fruit, 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

April 7: Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 14 (Palm Sunday): *Palms:* Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 21 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 *Easter Evening:* Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 28: Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sandy Snyder
Nancy Young

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" 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!

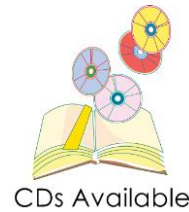


Bread for Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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

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 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.



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

TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE help support families who stay here 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.



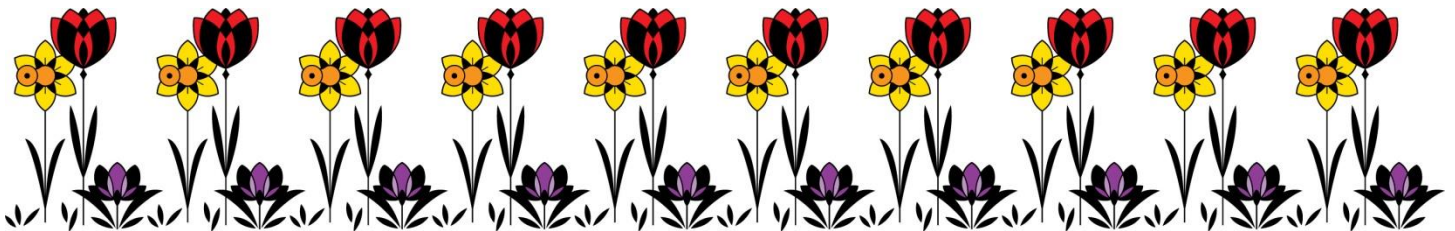
Choose biblical history or current events, each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



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 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	2 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	3 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	4 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	5 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant 11:00 AM - Auction Set-Up	6 6:00 PM- Auction
		-----Auction Collection-----				
7 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	8 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	10 10:00 AM - Community Outreach	11 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 Palm Sunday Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	17	18 Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	19 Church Office Closed 6:30 PM - Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter Sunday 8:45 AM - Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM - Easter Worship Service	22 6:45 PM - Session	23 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	24	25 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	26 Church Office Closed	27
		-----Rummage Sale Collection-----				
28 11:15 AM - Rummage Sale Collection 6:00 PM - Youth Group	29	30 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir			Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages	
		-----Rummage Sale Pricing-----				

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays