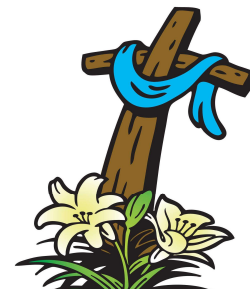




April 2020 Newsletter



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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COVID-19/Church Cancellation Update

Session would like to express to everyone their continued concern for the safety and well being of all of our church family. We have remained in frequent contact as the COVID-19 situation has continued to change and evolve with each day. On Sunday, March 22nd, the regular March Session meeting was held via online methods. During that meeting, it was decided to extend the cancellation of church services through April 30th. Unfortunately, this also includes Good Friday and Easter, which are such important days in the life of Christians. We are saddened by the continued distance we are experiencing and hope that you are all finding ways to feel connected to each other and to God. We must remember that this is a temporary situation and that God is walking with each one of us through this strange and difficult time.

Along with church services being cancelled, the restrictions involving church usage will also remain in place through April 30th. In adherence to the Stay Home Stay Safe order, Marty will be in the office only on an "as needed" basis. If you need anything, please still call the church phone number. The phone line has the capability to be transferred to any other phone number, so someone, most likely Marty, will be answering the call even if she is not in the office.

Please reach out to a Session member if you need anything. Please continue to pray for one another, for our country, for our leaders, and for the world. And please take all the necessary precautions to stay safe. We anxiously await the day when we can all gather again at Flushing Presbyterian Church.

Blessings to you all,
The Session of FPC

Request for Congregational Surveys

The Interim Search Team and members of Session would like to encourage everyone to take some time in the coming weeks to fill out the Congregational Survey. While we may not be physically gathering, people will be working to gather and summarize the information that is collected from the surveys. The initial deadline was March 22nd, but we have extended that to April 22nd. If you are willing, please include your name on the survey so we are able to know who has and who hasn't filled one out. If you are in need of a physical copy of the survey, let Marty or anyone from Session know, and one can be mailed to you. They are also available to be filled out online or printed at home. The best way to return the survey to church at this time is simply by dropping it in the mail. The information provided by each member is important and essential to finding a pastor that fits our congregation.

March 23, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church,

As you most likely have seen from the recent communication from your Church Session, we have taken needed actions to protect you and the community we serve.

Some of the questions your Session discussed include:

- Why should churches care about COVID-19?
- What should churches do about COVID-19?
- How should churches respond to COVID-19?

The Session plans to have continued conversations, via telephone conference at this time, to monitor, assess and take further actions as necessary to protect our members, friends and community.

The last several months have presented many challenges from a leadership and worship perspective, but we have been blessed by all the incredibly dedicated followers of Christ within our congregation. We are now facing the unprecedented situation of having to essentially close our building down for several weeks. That said, we are still providing our staff with full pay and must continue to maintain the financial obligations that are required to run the beautiful facility we have and support all the important missions of the Church.

For those of us that are accustomed to giving regularly to the church, we ask that you keep up on your pledge / tithe by using your financial institution's on-line banking feature or simply mailing your check to the church office just as if you were coming to worship service.

The events of the past two weeks have been troubling for all of us. If you feel the need for support, please reach out to any of the Session Members of Flushing Presbyterian Church.

God's blessings and grace to us all,

Steve Howe & Brett Albert
Budget and Finance Team Session Members





Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

A display board of graduating seniors, composed of photos and biographical information, is typically displayed. Please bring in or mail a senior photo (no larger than 5 X 7) and a line or two regarding post-graduation plans by Monday, May 18th. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on Sunday, May 31st.



The Girl Scouts are no longer collected pill bottles. A huge thank you to all that donated for this project.



*Thank You
Notes*

From Sandy Snyder...

Thank you for the flowers, cards and support. I much appreciate my church family.



Financial Highlights

Average 2020 Collections	\$3,920
Average February Collections	\$3,881
Average 2019 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2020 Budget	\$3,821



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
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Jacob S, Marie S, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige Albert, Dick Barnett





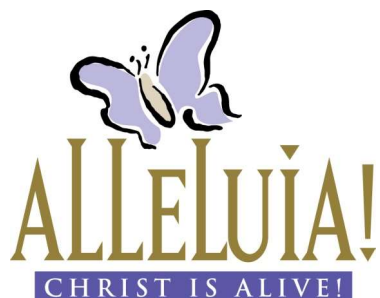
The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for April are canned fruit and toothpaste. If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, they can be dropped off at the FCOC, located at 5409 W. Pierson Road.



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WITH WEEKLY
UPDATES

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.



Lectioary Readings

April 5 (Palm Sunday): *Palms:* Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14 - 27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54

April 12 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-14; 1 Cor. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10

April 19: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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