



April 2022 Newsletter



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10:00 AM

Service will include our traditional palms and focus on the passion of the week through Peter's denial.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 6:00 PM

A solemn Tenebrae service of shadows and darkness.

Good Friday, April 15, 6:00 PM

"And There was Darkness"

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:45 AM - Breakfast

10:00 AM – Worship Service

A traditional service of resurrection.

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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Holy Communion

In continuing our efforts towards "getting back to normal", full passing of the plate style Communion will be reinstated starting in April. You will be given the option of continuing to use the Communion cups if you desire, or taking Communion from the passed plate. The Offering will continue to be collected in the Narthex for the foreseeable future. Again, as we all know, this is a fluid situation due to COVID and will continue to be monitored. COVID is something that has entered our lives and most likely will continue to be a part of our daily living for a long while. It has introduced to our world many options, to say the least. If you have any feelings, thoughts or concerns to share about this topic, feel free to contact a Spiritual Growth Team member or a Session member.



When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

– John 19:6

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

– Revelation 1:4-8

Does anyone remember the famous adage that goes along with the month of March? “In like a lion, out like a lamb.” It’s used because the weather typically turns with the vernal equinox, when the bitterness of winter gives way to the mildness of spring. While it’s true we’ve flipped the calendar over to the subsequent month of April, I think that we would be mindful to keep the spirit of that adage when we view the movement of Holy Week. We move from the crowds’ celebratory shouts of “Hosanna!” upon Jesus’ arrival to Jerusalem, to the betrayal of Judas and the disciples. Ultimately those same crowds who welcomed Jesus as king decried him with shouts of “Crucify him!” And even the death in this story is fleeting, moving from moments of mourning and grief to the acknowledgement of Jesus as risen king.

Sunday of Passion and Palms

10:00 am – We will be enacting a collective reading through the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by the betrayal, trial, and crucifixion of the Lord

Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm – In the social hall, we will begin with communion and then we will continue into a service of tenebrae, an extinguishing of lights as we remember our Savior who was plunged into darkness.

Good Friday

6:00 pm – In this service, entitled “And There Was Darkness,” we will worship in a sanctuary stripped of adornments and enter into a time of solemn contemplation.

Easter Sunday

10:00 am – Join us as we gather to honor our risen Lord, who conquered sin and death with God’s power of life-giving grace



The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The *Wired Word* on-line study is still being held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. For April, the dates of the study will be Sunday, April 3 & Sunday, April 10 (no *Wired Word* on the 17th or 24th). Please consider joining in the wonderful discussions that inevitably develop no matter the topic! Contact Karen Howe if you need information about logging in with us.



April Communion dates will be April 10 (Palm Sunday) and April 17 (Easter).



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 few lines regarding your post-graduation plans by Wednesday, May 25th. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 5th.



CLUE on Stage: Sunday, April 24th at 3:00PM

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu.

Tickets are still available at the time of this publication. Go to lebowskycenter.com to purchase your tickets. If you'd like to join the group going for dinner following the play, please contact Karen Howe by April 15th.



Volunteer Opportunity for the congregation: The Community Outreach Team received a letter informing us about a volunteer opportunity for Hospice Volunteers through *The Medical Team*. They provide all kinds of services in clients' homes as well as senior living facilities such as Elmcrest Apartments and Cedarwood Apartments. If anyone is interested in pursuing the opportunity, please contact Kathy Miller and an information session can be arranged.





CHUNKY BLANKET WORKSHOP SATURDAY, APRIL 23 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Want to have an afternoon of fun while also learning to make a chunky blanket? Plan to join us on Saturday, April 23rd, in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. There is no cost for the workshop, but you will need to purchase your own yarn. All you need to bring is your yarn and a pair of scissors to the class. The yarn you will need can be purchased at Hobby Lobby. It is called Yarn Bee Eternal Bliss. The regular price of the yarn is \$6.99 a skein, but it goes on sale every other week for \$4.89. You will need 8 skeins of yarn to make a nice size throw blanket. These blankets make wonderful gifts!!! There is a limit of 25 attendees, so sign up to save your place. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you may call Shirley Sanborn at 810-252-6864, or Denise Churchill at 810-659-1838.



From Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) . . . “As violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.”

You may contribute to PDA through our church by making your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating “Ukraine” on the memo line.



Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, May 13 and Saturday May 14. You may start bringing your sale items into the church after the first of May.



Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

From Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) . . .

We wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the food (soup, chili and pasta) you provided for FCOC.* Your donation helps us meet the needs of hundreds of people each month. Thanks for your generosity!

**This was from our Souper Bowl Collection*



From Bob & Bev Blair . . .

Bev and I wish to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, letters and visits while Bev was in the hospital and rehab. There were many. Bev is now in Victoria's House, a Memory Care Home at 1219 Dye Road, where she is receiving needed care.

From Carol Dulin . . .

Thank you for the thoughtful cards received and many prayers said to comfort me in the loss of my brother, Keith.

From Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen . . .

As we start 2022, I wish you a blessed year and thank you for your generosity and gift to Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen. As we start our 81st year serving the people in this community, we understand you have choices regarding who you support. We do not take that responsibility lightly. Your contributions will be influential in helping us to continue providing more than 300 meals every day, keep our Warming Center open for area residents to seek shelter from the elements, as well as be a source of light and hope for those who need us on any given day. Thank you again for thinking of us and helping to *Provide Help and Create Hope*.

From the Shelter of Flint . . .

"Thank you" cannot begin to describe our gratitude for your donation in March. No matter how big or small, you've opened up your heart to help Flint families. It's easy to turn our heads to those less fortunate, but you stood your ground and said, "I want to help." At Shelter of Flint, we hope one day homelessness will be eradicated. In the meantime, you've brought us one step closer. You are the reason we are able to do what we do. A single "thank you" may never be enough, but from each and every staff member, client and volunteer, we thank you.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



This Month's Schedule

April 3

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Debbie Bayer

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Gary Albert, Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye

Lay Leader: Dean Bemis

April 10 (Palm Sunday)

Communion Preparers: Sandy & Scott Tucker

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Shirley Delbridge

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe

Lay Leader: Mark Jacobson

April 17 (Easter)

Communion Preparers: Sandy & Scott Tucker

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Debbie & Bruce Coxworth, Kathy Miller

Lay Leader: Annette Nickel

April 24

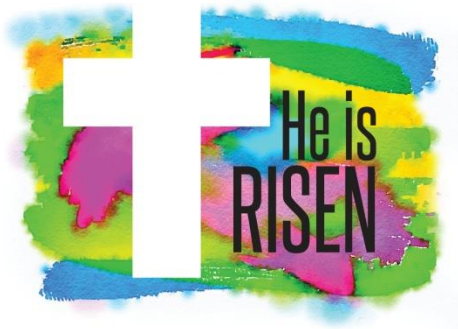
Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Karen Howe

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Natalie Lucas, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha

Lay Leader: Julie Socha



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson
- 5 Kelli Peter
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Kelly & Tim Stein
- 18 Gary Albert
- 24 Rowan B-P.
- 25 Jacob S, Marie S
- 27 Paige Albert, Dick Barnett



Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$2,901
Average February Collections	\$3,057
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

Lectionary Readings

April 3: Josh. 5:9-12 and Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 10: Palms: Luke 19:28-40 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 17: Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25 and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15-19 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18

April 24: Acts 5:27-32 and Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150 or 2 Kgs. 7:1-16 and Ps. 2; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



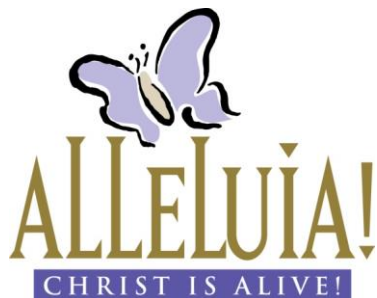
The old, old story

A little boy was not exactly happy about going to church on Easter Sunday morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside. As he sulked in the back seat of the family car, his parents heard him mutter, "I don't know why we have to go to church on Easter anyway. They keep telling the same old story, and it always comes out the same in the end."

-from the April 1999 Newsletternewsletter



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 4, 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).



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



APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	4 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	5 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	6 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	7 10:00 AM – Member Care 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 Palm Sunday Communion Noisy Offering 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	11 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	12 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	13 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	14 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM – Worship Service	15 Good Friday Church Office Closed 6:00 PM – Worship Service	16
17 Easter Communion 8:45 AM - Breakfast 10:00 AM – Worship Service	18	19 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	20 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	21 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	22 Church Office Closed	23 1:00 PM – Chunky Blanket Workshop
24 Communion	25 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:30 PM - GFWC - (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	27 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	28 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	29	30

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