



August 2023 Newsletter



²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

Friends, the summer is winding to a close and the days are getting shorter. We’re entering the part of the season with fewer days before us than behind us, reminded everywhere we turn that school will soon be back in session. No matter how far removed you are from your school days, or the school days of your children, I think we can all agree that seeing the back-to-school shopping sections at our local Target or Wal-Mart represents a neat example of “time’s dividing line.”

The days of nostalgia and summer rest are coming to an end. As we reflect on such a prospect, let us think about the novel concept of rest. We worship a God who rested on the seventh day, after six days of creating, well, *everything*. There are laws in the Old Testament that revolve around preserving the Sabbath and making it holy; the Israelites were called to rest, just as their Creator rested. Jesus is depicted as retreating from crowds in order to find rest. And need I remind you, dear reader, that Jesus was in fact *asleep* when a storm broke over the Sea of Galilee? Jesus snoozed through it and the disciples had to wake him up so he could calm the storm!

Rest is holy. Rest is sacred. Time set apart from the busyness and from the noise is something precious. It is commanded of us so that we can function at a high level and so that we can worship the Lord. Think of that, the next time your head hits the pillow! To be a good steward of the time you’ve been given, of the body you’ve been given, of your mental and emotional faculties, *you must rest*. (Now someone please tell that to my kids!)

Pastor Paul



Camp Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, August 2 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun under the pavilion, weather permitting. In case of rain, the event will be in Fellowship Hall.

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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Please note that our office hours in August will be from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. **On Tuesday, August 8 the office will close at noon.**



Our nursery has been a relatively quiet place for several years now, but we have recently found it to be in need more often once again, which is a wonderful thing. Because of that, we are looking for volunteers to fill a rotating schedule of "on-call" care for Sunday mornings starting in September. If you are willing to be one of these volunteers, please contact Sandy Tucker.



**Outdoor Worship Service
August 13**

We will be having our worship service outdoors in our pavilion on August 13. Bring a folding chair for comfort, if you would like, and dress casually for a non A/C environment (in the event of cold or wet weather, we will move indoors). Come and enjoy worshipping the Lord in God's great outdoors!

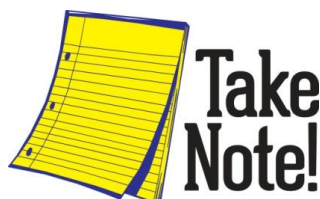


SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Building will take place here at our church from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 9. Come and join with other members of our community to build beds for children that don't have one of their own. All skill levels welcome and no tools are needed. Ages 10-100; all children 10-18 must be accompanied by an adult.

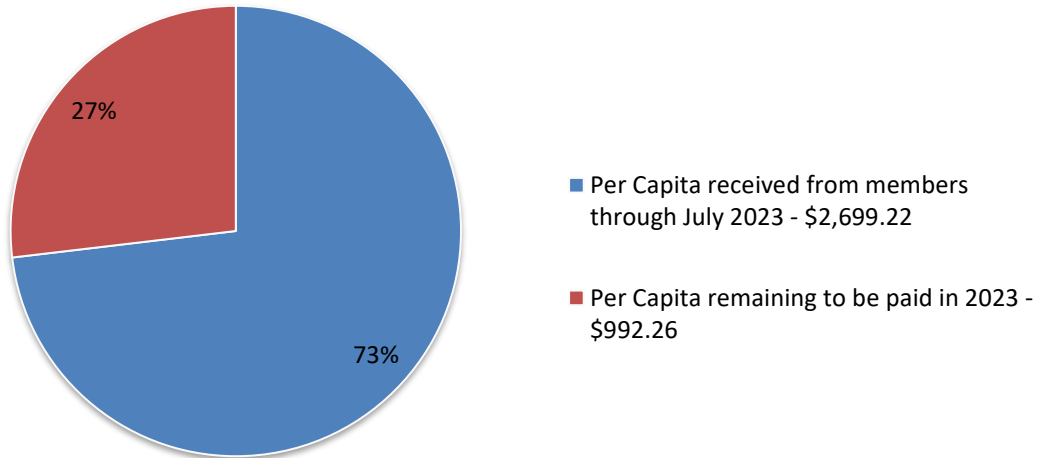


There will be no HOSTED coffee hour during August. You are welcome to prepare coffee for an informal fellowship hour on any Sunday. All we ask is that you clean up after yourself! Our regular Coffee Hour will return in September.



The Men's Breakfast/Bible Study will begin again in September on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at Liberty Diner on Pierson Road. The exact start date is still to be determined; watch for info in the September Newsletter and future bulletins.

2023 Per Capita (\$29.77 Per Member)



Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$29.77
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)



From the United States Fire Safety Service . . .

Thank you for your recent donation to the United States Fire Safety Service, Inc. and your local fire department. United States Fire Safety Service, Inc. takes pride in working with dedicated fire departments such as yours, who are committed to teaching your children and community vital fire safety and burn prevention. Your generosity will allow your local firefighters to distribute these materials to a larger number of children and individuals in your area. On behalf of your local firefighters, parents and their children, we thank you for recognizing the need for this type of life-saving prevention program in your community.





August 6

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Gary Albert, Bill & Denise Churchill, Sandy Tucker
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Delbridge
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Annette Nickel
Streaming: Randy Socha

August 13

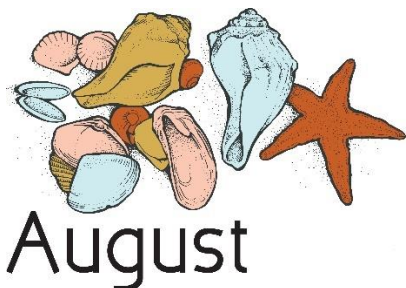
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Not Needed
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary Albert, Kathy Miller, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Kelli Peter
Streaming: Scott Smith

August 20

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Sylvia Keeler
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Streaming: Mike Keeler

August 27

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Margaret Meehle, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker
Streaming: Kelli Peter



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for August 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.



August

- 5 Brenda Hollenbeck
- 6 Pamela Meranda
- 9 Brett Albert, Elle Blanton
- 10 Dan Radspieler
- 13 Dan & Flora Radspieler
- 14 Sandy Snyder
- 17 Carole Noye
- 18 Kelly Stein
- 21 Darrah Bird-Pfeuffer, Beverly Tuttle
- 25 Dean & Pat Bemis
- 26 Michael & Sylvia Keeler
- 29 Kay Hall, Janet & Bill Ballagh

Lectionary Readings

August 6: Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Isa. 55:1-5 and Ps. 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21

August 13: Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28 and Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kgs. 19:9-18 and Ps. 85:8-13; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

August 20: Gen. 45:1-15 and Ps. 133; Isa. 56:1, 6-8 and Ps. 67; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 27: Ex. 1:8 - 2:10 and Ps. 124; Isa. 51:1-6 and Ps. 138; Rom 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20



The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The Wired Word on-line study will not be meeting during the summer months. We hope you will join us when we resume in September.



Financial Highlights

Average 2023 Collections	\$2,887
Average June Collections	\$2,248
Average 2022 Collections	\$3,212
Average needed for 2023 Budget	\$3,676



Communion Schedule

Upcoming Communion Dates . . .

August 6, September 3

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2023 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 Liberty 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 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.



The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the choir.



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 PM – Camp Fellowship	3	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 Communion	7	8 9:00 AM – North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property	9	10	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 Noisy Offering	14 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	15 9:30 AM – Community Outreach 6:00 PM - B & F	16 12:00 PM – Book Club – Liberty Restaurant	17 11:00 AM – Bible Study	18 Church Office Closed	19
20	21	22 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	23	24 11:00 AM – Bible Study	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28 6:45 PM – Session	29	30	31 11:00 AM – Bible Study		

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays