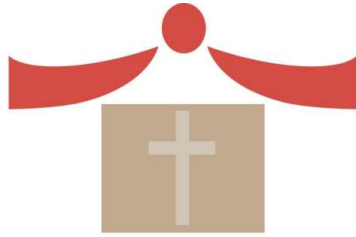


Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)
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December 2019 Newsletter



Guest Pastors' Schedule

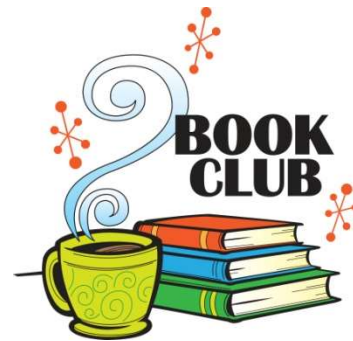
We have been blessed by Max Hayden's and Julianne Princinsky's willingness to be our guest ministers over the past several months. Max has graciously offered to be our minister for all the Sundays during the Advent season and for Christmas Eve. He continues to preach meaningful and pertinent sermons, and we feel very fortunate that he is taking on this role for us during this important season in the life of the church.



The Angel Tree is now up in the narthex in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, please select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. If you would like to participate, but are unable to shop, you may make a donation for a gift. Please indicate "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check. **All gifts must be at the church no later than Sunday, December 15th.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius or the church office.

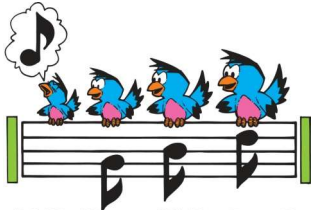


We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, December 2**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767). **December is our month to host - volunteers are needed to help with registration and the canteen (2 shifts: 12:00 - 3:00 PM & 3:00 - 6:00 PM.** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Kathy Miller if you have any questions.



The **December 6th meeting of the Book & Breakfast Club** will be held at 10:00 AM at the home of Kathy Lescelius. Please RSVP to Kathy by Monday, December 2nd, and let her know if you plan to attend.





ADD YOUR VOICE!

This year the Chancel Choir would like to do some special music during the worship service on **December 15th**. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us in singing for this service. **Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, December 5th and 12th, at 7:15 PM.** Please let any choir member know if you are interested or contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC



SAVE this date, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM. The Flushing High School Christmas Program, known as the *Collage*, will be presented at 6:00 and 8:00 PM on both December 18th and 19th. We will plan to go as a group to the 6:00 PM show on the 18th. Every year all four performances have been sold out at the Flushing High School Auditorium. The full Orchestra, Concert Band and all the choir groups take part. We are attempting to get price information and reserve tickets. Watch for more info in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24th, at 8:00 PM *(Please note the change in time this year)*

Join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. At 7:50 PM, pre-service special music provided by the Handbell Choir will begin.

Our advent time of preparation comes to a close as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Special music will be provided by the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Join us on this special night as we celebrate the gift God gave to us. Communion will also be celebrated as we remember the ultimate gift of eternal life given.

We hope you will bring your family and loved ones to this very special service.



Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers and to serve communion at our Christmas Eve worship service. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.



Special Worship Service December 29th

Join us on at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 29th, for a service of scripture and carols as we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25, 26 & 31, and January 1.



There will be no Small Group Studies on Sunday, December 29th or Sunday, January 5th. All classes will resume on January 12th.

Removal of the Greens



The Removal of the Greens will take place on Sunday, January 5th, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to lend a helping hand after the worship service as we pack away the Christmas decorations.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Every Christmas, we express our gratitude for the birth of our savior by supporting the **Christmas Joy Offering**. This offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (which provides critical financial support to church workers and their families) and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges (which provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage). Please give generously to Christmas Joy this year by using the special envelopes in the pews or by indicating "*Christmas Joy*" on the memo line of your check.



We will be printing an updated church directory in February. If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address in the past year (or have one that you would now like to have added), please notify the office by Sunday, January 19th, so that the new information can be included.



Flower Calendar

The new Flower Chart for 2020 has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday morning worship, you are responsible for ordering what you want. Both Flushing Florist and Village Florist have keys to the church and will deliver flowers if you so choose. You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the service. If you are remembering or honoring a loved one, be sure to mark that on the calendar or call the church office by noon on **Wednesday** prior to the Sunday you are providing flowers.



Pill Bottle Donations . . . You can donate empty plastic pill bottles to *Matthew 25 Ministries* (an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization) for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies to developing countries. They are accepting prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles of any size. All bottles must include a plastic lid. There is a collection basket in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



Thank You Notes

From Pauline Lazar...

I want to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and all the cards, calls, visits and prayers. I very much appreciate our thoughtful and loving church family.

From The Salvation Army...

Thank you for responding to the needs of others with your recent gift to The Salvation Army. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As winter approaches, more and more resources are needed to relieve hungry stomachs, cold bodies and broken spirits here in our community. There are so many who need our assistance. And with your support, we are able to show these hurting people that help is never far away. That is, indeed, a comfort. Thank you again for your kindness. May God bless you as you have blessed others.

From Darla Arn...

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, notes, calls and well wishes following my shoulder surgery. I appreciate all the wonderful, caring people at Flushing Presbyterian Church.



*A Season
for
Sharing*



Christmas Floral Decorations

Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.

Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.

Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

IN HONOR OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.

(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)

_____ Red _____ Pink _____ White

YOUR NAME _____ *PHONE NO.* _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th



This Month's Schedule

December 1

Communion Preparers: Kathy Miller
Communion Servers: Pat Bemis, Marilyn Schmoak, Julie & Randy Socha
Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Acolyte:

December 8

Fellowship Host:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Acolytes: Keelers

December 15

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Marilyn Schmoak
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolytes: Sochas

December 22

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Randy Socha + One volunteer needed
Lay Leader: Joyce Hudson
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Acolyte: Kelli Peter

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Communion Preparer:
Communion Servers: **Volunteers Needed**
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**
Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**
Acolytes:

December 29

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Cathy & Gary Stuber, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**
Acolyte: Tuckers



December

- 10 Carol Sawatzki
- 12 Tim Stein
- 17 Katy & Robert Churchill
- 20 Ed Lannon
- 23 Robert Churchill
- 26 Mary Graham, Margaret Meehle
- 27 Sherry Bradish
- 29 Larry Brownell, Emilie Wiley



Financial Highlights

Average 2019 Collections	\$3,013
Average October Collections	\$3,328
Average 2018 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2019 Budget	\$3,824



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for December are chunky soup and liquid hand soap. 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.



STAY CONNECTED 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.



Lectionary Readings

December 1: Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80: 1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37

December 8: Isa. 40:1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Mark 1: 1-8

December 15: Isa. 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1: 46b-55

December 22: Isa. 7: 10-16 Ps. 89: 1-4, 19-26; Luke 2: 1-20

December 24: Isa. 52: 7-10; Ps. 98; John 1: 1-14

December 29: Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Kip Hogan
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" OPPORTUNITIES



Book & Breakfast Club meets at 10:00 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. All are welcome!

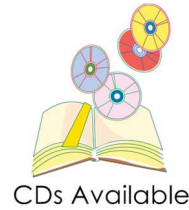


Bread for Life is a program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5:00 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. 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.



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.



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 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	3 9:30 AM - Presbytery Meeting; Fenton First 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	4	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 Church Office Closed 10:00 AM - Book & Breakfast Club @ Kathy Lescelius' Home	7	
8 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Property	11 10:00 AM - Community Outreach	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13 Church Office Closed	14	
15 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM - Session	17 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	18 10:00 AM - Memorial Committee Meeting 6:00 PM - High School Collage	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20 Church Office Closed	21	
22 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23	24 8:00 PM - Christmas Eve Worship Service	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> -----Church Office Closed----- </div>	26	27 Church Office Closed	28	
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Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays

