




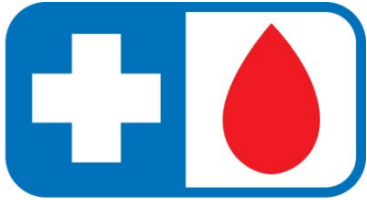
Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church



## Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 2nd is the date for the annual collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring AND the Sunday we have soup and bread for lunch. Cost will be a donation to be given to the Community Outreach Team for mission projects. We remember how blessed each of us are by having a simple meal - though the range of soups brought is fantastic and we do not leave hungry!



**GIVE**  
*Blood*


We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, February 3rd**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

### Confirmation Class Info



Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents!

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, following worship, there will be a brief organizing meeting for confirmation class. Information will be presented regarding the classes, and meeting times will be discussed. Please bring your calendar and schedule so date and time may be set for these classes. These classes are always fun and inspiring with a larger group. Hope to see all of those eligible there!



**ASH**  
Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM a service of ashes will be conducted. As we begin the season of Lent, it is appropriate for us to gather as people of faith to remember, reflect, and prepare our hearts and minds for this 40 day journey.

Mark your calendar, bring your family, invite a friend, as we gather to begin this journey together.

## Lenten Bible Study



For the seven weeks of lent a special study will be offered focusing on the "Final Words of Christ." Each gospel brings its own unique aspect of what Jesus said from the cross. The DVD series by Adam Hamilton will look at each phrase and put it into perspective with historical images as he helps us take a fresh look at some of these familiar phrases Christians recall during Jesus' crucifixion. Look for the day and time to be announced in the coming weeks. Detailed information will be in the March newsletter.



## LIFT

### *Ladies In Fellowship Together*

LIFT will be going to tour the Leader Dog for the Blind facility in Rochester Hills on Sunday, April 6th. We will be leaving right after the worship service, with our tour scheduled for 1:00 PM. This event is **limited to the first 20 women that sign up**. There is no charge for the tour. We will be car pooling to the event, and will be asking for donations to help cover the cost of gas. Please contact Darla Arn with any questions you may have. If you would like to check out the website, go to [leaderdog.org](http://leaderdog.org).



The Chancel Choir will be singing the cantata, "The Weeping Tree" for Palm Sunday this year. We are extending an invitation to the congregation to join with us in singing this beautiful selection. Special rehearsals for the cantata will be held from 7:15 to 8:00 PM on March 13, March 20, April 3 and April 10. Please let Marilyn know if you are interested. We have a few CD's available if you wish to use them for practicing. The choir will be looking forward to having some additional voices to sing along with them!!



Save the date for our next dinner theater coming this **March 22nd!** Look for complete details and sign-up sheets to come in Mid-February.



### *Per Capita*

The Per Capita Apportionment for 2014 is \$24.03. (General Assembly - \$7.02, Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25, Presbytery of Lake Huron - \$13.76) Please remember that Flushing Presbyterian Church is assessed a Per Capita of \$24.03 for every confirmed member of your family. Consider making your per capita payment as soon as you are able, by using the Per Capita envelope that is included with your offering envelopes, or by simply indicating "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check.

# Session Update

The first meeting with the newly installed session members took place Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a great meeting. Work that had begun in 2013 was presented to the new session and continues to be supported.

Some highlights:

- Personnel presented new evaluation forms for the pastor and other paid positions
- Celebrated all the great outreach being done by our members. Below is part of an email from our Clerk of Session. The first paragraph is the question she is responding to in filling out the Clerk's Report to General Assembly.

*"During 2013, how many different individuals would you estimate that the members of your congregation served or ministered among as they carried out the various activities, programs, and outreach of the congregation? (Include visitors and other non-members who attended worship and other events at the church, as well as any persons whom members had contact with beyond the church property as they carried out mission and ministries (including compassion, justice, and advocacy work) on behalf of the congregation.)"*

[Carol's thoughts] We would count (in no particular order): visitors to all our services (regular & special--Good Friday, All Saints, etc.), contacts with Pioneer Kids, VBS, North End Soup Kitchen, FCOC (we have members who work there, as well as provide food & other goods on a regular basis, meals for their workers, warmth tree, Thanksgiving food baskets & Angel Tree), the prayer retreats, youth Group activities, caroling, hosting the Presbytery meeting, the table at the Harvest Festival, Blood Drives, Family Promise interactions, Relay for Life, softball game, rummage sale, card ministry, prayer shawls, Health Fair Kits, backpack collection, calendar collection, hosted two Concerts, Mystery Dinner, funeral dinners, weddings, baptisms, prayer chain!!!

- The Session had a "wild-eyed guess" of **2,500 that have been touched by our members**. We think that guess may be low. Great job!!
- Discussed putting together a presentation about facility improvements. A work group is addressing this and will have info for the congregation. Due to elapsed time, verification of estimates will need to be conducted.
- Discussed the question which came up at the Annual Congregational meeting: What is being done to grow our church? Answer: A number of new initiatives have been tried over the year. The session and pastor have been doing and trying new things. But for whatever reason, we have been missing the mark with the members. So conversation is needed about what we, the church, want to be and are willing to put our time and energy into, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and inspire.
- Discussed writing a Grant Request to Synod. Members of Community Outreach, Property, and Budget and Finance in consultation with the pastor will be working on this project.

Many other matters were discussed. There are so many ministries happening that we take for granted. One of our silent ministries are the cards in each restroom with numbers to call for help if you or someone you know is being abused. Over a hundred cards have been taken. We have a lot of people who come through our building. This is a needed outreach and we send each with a prayer.

Please talk to your session if you have questions or comments. They are a great Team!!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Teresa Peterson, Moderator of Session

# This Month's Schedule



## February 2

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Communion Servers:** John & Carol Dulin, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Souper Bowl of Caring  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Bob Chase, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads  
**Lay Leader:** Shirley Baker  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn & Megan Ruppel  
**Acolyte Leader:** Logan Howe

## February 9

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Darla Arn & Ed Shipley  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Michael Rowley, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Darla Arn  
**Acolytes:** Lilly & Max Socha  
**Acolyte Leader:** Ashley Bemis

## February 16

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Sandy & Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill, Jr.  
**Acolytes:** Elle Blanton, Marie Smith  
**Acolyte Leader:** Isabella Blanton

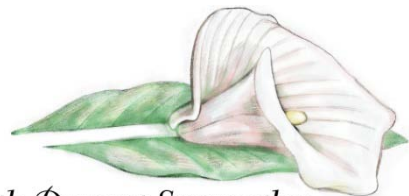
## February 23

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Marianna Pendelton & Loretta Hudson  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert; Mary Ellen Zellers  
**Lay Leader:** Elle Blanton  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn Estep, Elyse Smith  
**Acolyte Leader:** Paige Albert



## February

- 1 Chelsea Bradish, Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Robert Blair, Griffin Hegg
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 6 Mackenzie Winchester
- 7 Bob Chase, Tim Judson
- 8 Pauline Lazar, Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 14 Bill Weiss
- 16 Reva Jo Gordon, May Hresko
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson, Joyce Shepherd



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Nancy Young and family on the death of Nancy's husband, Ron

Loretta & Joyce Hudson on the death of husband and brother, Jerry

Dona Ballard and family on the death of Dona's sister, Carol Sischo



## Financial Highlights

Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average December Collections	\$3,268
Average 2012 Collections	\$3,734
Average needed for Budget	\$4,202

## Lectioary Readings

**February 2:** Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31;  
Matt. 5:1-12

**February 9:** Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12); Ps. 112:1-9 (10);  
1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20

**February 16:** Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 119:1-8;  
1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37

**February 23:** Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; Ps. 119:33-40;  
1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48



The email address for the church office is  
[flushingpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flushingpc@sbcglobal.net)

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor  
Teresa Peterson, her email address is:  
[pastorT90@gmail.com](mailto:pastorT90@gmail.com)



**The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)** focus items for February will be razors and/or shaving cream. In addition, the FCOC is sending out a special request for men's and women's coats, sizes 2X and 3X, and for sheets in full, queen and king sizes. If you can help with these needs, please place the items in the bin provided in the shelving unit outside of the kitchen.

Again, as always, thank you for all your support.

Terri Szukhent

Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



## Thank You Notes

### From Loretta & Joyce Hudson...

Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, support, flowers and cards during Jerry's illness and passing. We also want to extend our gratitude to those who prepared and served the luncheon. As always, it was perfect. Blessings to each of you.

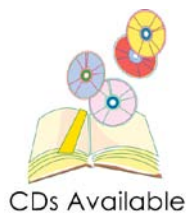
### From Pat Pratt...

I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and calls. I so much appreciate my church family showing their care and concern. I miss seeing you and hope to do so soon.

# ONGOING EVENTS & 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!



**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](http://flushingpres.org).

## 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.



**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.



**LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)** is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned for all ages to enjoy.



## 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 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 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.



**Pioneer Kids ...** Our new after-school Program for K-7<sup>th</sup> graders offers a proven kid's ministry program that is Bible-based, Christ-centered, relationship-focused and fun for kids and volunteers. There is no charge for this program. Vest and patch rewards are given as they learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Pioneer Kids meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 during the school year.



**The Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



**The Perpetual Book Sale...**Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

**The Prayer Shawl Group** meets in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.



### 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.



## 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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



**VG's "Cash for Class"** A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



**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***



# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour						1
<b>2 Communion</b> 11:30 AM - Souper Bowl of Caring 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>5</b> 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids 6:30 PM - NCCG	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>8</b>
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