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## February 2018 Newsletter



### LENT: FAITH IN DEED

Wednesday, February 14th, we begin another season of lent - the 40 days leading up to Easter, plus the six Sundays (Sundays do not "count" as they are mini Easter celebration days). Lent is when Christians remember the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time for reflection, reconnecting with the Lord, and altering behaviors and attitudes as needed.

Often the focus of lent is to "give up" something to remember Christ's suffering; or to "take on" enhancing a spiritual practice. But what if we also used this time as another season of stewardship, in which we focused on generosity - actively engaging the world around us with a purpose?

This year, Spiritual Growth and I want to tap into a resource which comes out of the UK called "40Acts.org.uk". Each week the sermon will focus on a passage from James with a thought to consider and then challenge us to action for the week.

For those with email connections, you will have the opportunity to receive a daily devotional with suggested actions. Two years ago I sent these devotions to the people who were part of the "Christ Walk" group. There was positive feedback at the time. These are new devotions for 2018. There will be three ways to acquire these daily devotions: 1) On the church FaceBook page; 2) To sign up with 40acts.org.uk individually; or 3) Sign up with me and I'll send you the daily devotions (like I do with the Weekly Update). The first and third option would keep you from receiving follow-up emails from the organization.

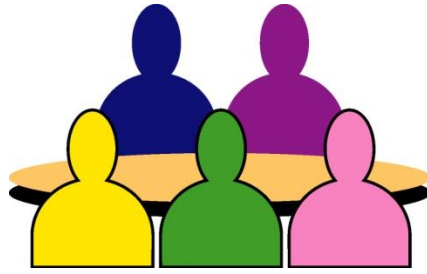
What an opportunity we have to be a presence in the community doing good. Not for notoriety, but to bring joy to people around us and help them experience Christ in the world. We will have packets with some start up ideas to get you thinking. I look forward to experiencing Christ in new and renewed ways this year as we share our experiences with one another.

### LENTEN LUNCH AND STUDY

This year our Lenten Study will be on the book of *James* (see below the topics). We will meet over lunch! It has come to our attention that there are some who do not drive after dark, so we are giving this a try. Hopefully, those who work will be close enough to pop in for lunch, participate with the conversation/study and then go back to work. We will keep it simple with soup and bread of some sort, trying to stay on the healthier side.

Our Lunch Study will begin February 21, 12:00 - 1:00 PM for five weeks. We hope you will join us!

February 21: Faith in Deed vs Faith Alone  
February 28: Keeping Favorites vs Welcoming All  
March 7: Speaking First vs Thinking First  
March 14: Selfish Ambition vs Selfless Provision  
March 21: Hopelessly Hoarding vs Freely Giving



## **Congregational Meeting Highlights**

Sunday, January 28th, following the worship service, the congregation moved to Fellowship Hall for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We were treated to an expanded coffee hour buffet with many delicious foods. We heard the reports of each of the Teams and Committees of the church. Learned that we received more money than expected, spent less than forecasted, and donated even more to various missions than the previous year.

We ended our time together with the pastor sharing info about the planning that Session is doing. Session has occasional meetings on Saturday mornings to do brainstorming and planning for the upcoming year. In January they met for training and to review goals which had been set out in 2017. Pastor Teresa highlighted five areas being addressed:

1. Emergency Preparedness: a subcommittee of Session is meeting to evaluate how to improve the safety and security of those who come to worship.
2. Revisiting how we use Social Media, update our Website and make better use of our Digital Sign
3. Considering & Planning some intergenerational events, such as VBS and a Service Sunday
4. Planning on how to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Church. Photos for a new pictorial directory will be taken in May
5. Having quarterly updates from Session during Coffee Hour


The meeting ended with hilarity - thank you, Jim Wiley! - and prayer. We look forward to the coming year and the possibilities which lie ahead. It's going to be a great year.



**Sunday, February 4th**, we will celebrate the big football Sunday with a focus on hunger. Each year we participate in Souper Bowl Sunday and collect money for a local food program and then enjoy a variety of soups with bread. We keep the meal simple to remind ourselves that this is enough to sustain our bodies and highlight how, too often, we consume too much.




We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, February 5**, 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). **February 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) as well as to unload the Red Cross truck in the morning and re-load the truck in the evening.** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Kathy Miller if you have any questions.



# ASH Wednesday

Our annual Ash Wednesday service will be held Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. This intimate service is a special way to begin the season of Lent.

**Don't drive after dark? LET US PICK YOU UP!!** It's not a bother. We are just being faithful followers of Christ assisting a beloved member. So let us know you would like a ride by calling the office or signing up on the bulletin board.



## HANDBELL CONCERT

All are invited to attend the "Warm Winter Ring" handbell concert at 3:00 PM on Saturday, February 10th, at Sts. Charles and Helena Catholic Church Parish Center, 230 E. Vienna Street, Clio. Our handbell choir will be participating, along with four other handbell choirs. The concert is free - donations will be accepted. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of handbell music!!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 25: Palm Sunday  
March 29: Maundy Thursday  
March 30: Good Friday  
April 1: Easter Sunday

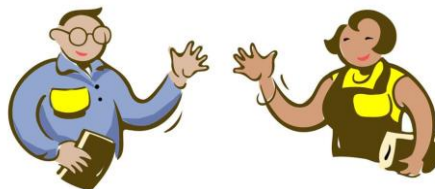


**AUCTION & DESSERT  
TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3  
6:30 PM - Doors Open & Dessert  
7:00 PM - Auction**

We are planning our second annual auction to raise funds for Family Promise. We are asking that you consider donating to this cause. Anything from a special handmade item to providing a service (like mowing a lawn or whatever "service" you are able and willing to provide). Plus, if you would be willing to ask for contributions from a business, that would be great also. Start planning ahead and thinking about what you could donate. The more items we have, the more fun it will be. Last year we raised over \$1,200 for Family Promise!! We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to join the fun. We are in need of people willing to provide desserts or finger foods for the event and individuals willing to help with set up and clean up. Sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Auction items can be brought to the church Sunday, February 25th through Friday, March 2. If you need more info, please contact Sylvia Keeler.



Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 19, 20 & 21. Start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. Donations can be delivered to the church April 15-18. Watch for more info in upcoming Newsletters.



### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We have been enjoying our weekly focus on various families. By the end of March, the submitted "Getting to Know You" forms will be exhausted. But there is still plenty of time to fill out one of those forms and be included in our focus. This has been a great project and we'd like to include all our members.

Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or by calling the office and requesting one. It is our hope that we get "introduced" to all of our members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church.



### From the Community Outreach Team...

Thank you to all that donated the many nice items to the Warmth Tree. The count was 1 large box of hats, 1 large box of mittens and gloves, 1 bag scarves, 1 bag of throws and 2 large bags of socks. The donations were delivered to the Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene where they were distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes. Thank you also to those that provided Christmas gifts for 55 Angels from our Angel tree.



*This  
Month's  
Schedule*

**February 4**

**Communion Preparer:** Shirley Sanborn  
**Communion Servers:** Pat Bemis, Bob Chase, Sharon Donaldson  
**Fellowship Hosts:**  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Vonnie Koehn, Kathy Miller  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter  
**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas  
**Acolytes:**

**February 11**

**Fellowship Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Carole Noye, Kelli Peter, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Lay Leader:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Acolytes:** Scott & Sandy Tucker

**February 18**

**Fellowship Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Lisa Judson, Roy Rhoads, Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Welcome Desk:** Kelli Peter  
**Acolytes:** Handbell Choir

**February 25**

**Fellowship Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Bob Chase  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Sanborn  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn & Megan R



**February**

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Bob Blair
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 5 Ralph Wilson
- 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
- 28 Sharon Donaldson



I PRAY  
 THAT YOU  
 MAY... KNOW  
 THE LOVE  
 OF CHRIST  
 THAT  
 SURPASSES  
 KNOWLEDGE.  
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV



**Financial  
Highlights**

Average 2017 Collections	\$3,376
Average December Collections	\$4,737
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



### Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

FCOC is so grateful for your continuous support of donating our monthly request item. None of our clients went hungry in December and January because of your love for one another. This month's request is for peanut butter and/or jelly.

God Bless,  
Terry Bigelow  
FCOC Program Manager

*If you can help by contributing peanut butter and/or jelly, or any 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  
from the Pastor**

### EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

## Lectio Readings

**February 4:** Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**February 11:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

**February 18:** Gen. 9:3-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**February 25:** Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2018 Session

### Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett

Kelli Peter

### Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth

Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Sharon Donaldson

Sandy Snyder

### Property Team

Don Rowley

Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe

Julie Socha

# 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!

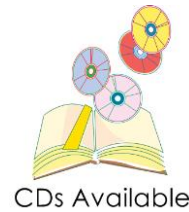


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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](http://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.



**LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)** is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned throughout the year 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...**The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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.



**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 at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



**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.



**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> 8:45 AM - <i>Women's Devotional Study</i> 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages				<b>1</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Communion</b> 11:15 AM - Souper Bowl 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 1:00 PM - Member Care	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>10</b> 3:00 PM - Handbell Concert, St Charles & Helena Catholic Church, Clio
<b>11 Noisy Offering</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">             -----Girl Scouts-----           </div>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>19</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM - AHSGR 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>21</b> 12:00 PM - Lenten Study & Lunch	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM - Session Brainstorming Meeting 10:00 AM - Prevost Baby Shower
<b>25</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>26</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM - Lenten Study & Lunch	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM - Dessert & Auction

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

