



# February 2021 Newsletter



## 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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### Session Update

I would like to share with everyone that your Session has been working their brains hard! As Clerk of Session, I am witness to the care, compassion and discernment that has gone into each Session meeting dealing with many decisions regarding uncharted issues we have never before encountered. Each Elder does their best to always keep our congregation in mind knowing they are representing Flushing Presbyterian Church and a varied group of opinions. You can be assured and proud of the work they are doing and accomplishing, all while keeping God at the forefront at all times.

At this time, Flushing Presbyterian Church will remain closed for in person worship through Sunday, February 14. **On Sunday, February 21, the first Sunday of the Lenten Season, we will re-open for in person worship at 10:00 AM.** All previous protocols for in person worship will remain in place; wearing masks, socially distanced seating, open windows for good ventilation, and no singing still apply. Your Session continues to encourage you to choose the option of worship which makes you most comfortable.

- In Person worship beginning Sunday, February 21 - this is a fluid option which could change at any time
- FaceBook Live on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM
- Tune to our radio frequency (98.5) in our parking lot
- Watch our recorded service at a time of your choice.

Rev. Max Hayden will lead us throughout the entire Lenten Season, just as he did for Advent.

Karen Howe, Clerk of Session



*The Wired Word* is a weekly study group that will begin meeting again on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Our class meets on-line via Zoom every Sunday at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. Our discussions are focused on current events as they relate to Scripture passages. Lessons are more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. Good conversations and staying connected are great reasons to join us! If you would like info on how to connect with us, please contact Karen Howe, [karen.howe@outlook.com](mailto:karen.howe@outlook.com), (810) 252-2679.



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, February 1, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. This will be our month to provide volunteers for the drive; if you can help, please contact Kathy Miller. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



### Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors:

- February 7 - Max Hayden
- February 14 - Julianne Princinsky
- February 21 - April 4 - Max Hayden



Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, February 28, immediately following our worship service. To actively participate, you can either attend in person or in our parking lot. Those are the only two options where actual voting will count. The meeting itself will not be streamed on Facebook Live, nor will it be recorded for viewing later.



### February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Bob Blair
- 3 Max Hayden, Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 7 Bob Chase
- 8 Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 14 Bill Weiss
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson
- 28 Sharon Donaldson



### Financial Highlights

Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average December Collections	\$3,244
Average 2019 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173





# Direct Deposit Your Pledge

## Looking for an easier way to get your pledge to the Church? Here is an idea for you:

During this time while we are away from our normal worship service routine, we wanted to provide some guidance on how you can keep current with your pledge/tithe. If you currently use online banking through your financial institution to pay bills, simply add Flushing Presbyterian Church to your list of payees. Some of our members are currently doing this and receiving the benefits of not having to write a check, place it in a pledge envelope and bring it to church.

Simple steps include:

1. Add Flushing Presbyterian Church to your list of payees from your financial institution's online banking service website
2. Use the church address of 5010 North McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433, (810) 659-5831
3. Select the frequency (weekly, monthly, quarterly) and/or the date you want your check issued
4. If you have pledge envelopes, include the pledge number listed on the envelope in the memo section of the online form – this helps our Financial Secretary insure your pledge is credited to you correctly

Benefits of auto bill pay to you include:

1. No more writing and bringing checks to the church for your pledge
2. Always being current on your pledge, as your financial institution will issue and mail your check to the church based on the recurring payment schedule you set up
3. If you do not get free checks from your financial institution, this will save you money by reducing the number of checks you write
4. Most financial institutions provide free online banking as a service, print the checks, mail them and pay the postage

You can also hand write a check and mail it to the church if you feel more comfortable doing so.

If you like this idea, we encourage you to start using online banking to Flushing Presbyterian Church and join the growing number of members who are submitting their pledge in this manner. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Howe at 810-252-2785 (Mobil Number) or [steveh365@hotmail.com](mailto:steveh365@hotmail.com).

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## A Lenten history Lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning “March”) and *lencten* (meaning “spring”).

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and “the Lenten fast” to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus’ time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren’t counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they’re considered “mini-Easters.”

*From the March 2020 Newsletternewsletter*

## Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

### From the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan . . .

On behalf of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your recent contribution. In these unprecedented times, your support is especially imperative to our continued ability to provide fresh produce, dairy, protein and shelf-stable food items to our most at-risk populations. Every \$1 you donate provides 6 meals for people in need throughout the 22 counties we serve. Thank you for rising to our call of immediate need. The Food Bank's staff and our more than 700 Hunger Relief Partners continue to show resilience and flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since mid-March of 2020, the Food Bank has distributed 42 million pounds of food – compared to 23 million pounds over the same period last year. We have also seen the percentage of people in need of food skyrocket during that time. In normal times, approximately 19 percent of our population is food insecure. During the pandemic, that has increased to nearly 40 percent. As we move forward into the challenges of winter, it is comforting to know that our supporters remain vigilant in our quest to eradicate hunger in our communities. Thank you again for making a difference.

### From Max & Sandy Hayden . . .

Your thoughtful Christmas gift and cards were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our family. I feel blessed to be able to share in your ministry during this transitional period. The new year is filled with promise and I look forward to the Sunday you will gather together and celebrate as God's family.



### From Gary Albert ...

Many thanks to everyone who sent cards or contacted me on the loss of my brother, Tim. It is still hard to believe that he has passed on but our church family messages of sympathy and prayers have been very comforting during this time of sorrow.

### From Bob Coe, Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene . . .

I wanted to reach out with sincere gratitude and thank you for the recent donations that were given to the church to purchase Thanksgiving Gift Cards for families. The support we received for this endeavor was very generous and it warmed my heart. We used all of the gifts to help ease the burden for many families in our area over the holidays. I am grateful and thankful for your kindness and compassion. I am also very appreciative to all of you for coming together to meet the needs in our community. May you find your peace, comfort, joy and strength in our mighty God.

### From the North End Soup Kitchen . . .

I am counting blessings and feeling very grateful for friends like you. Your generous gift to Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen is vital now more than ever. I am so thankful for your support. As 2020 drew to a close, I am sure we can agree this is one of the most challenging years any of us have ever experienced. People, who otherwise never needed our services before, are seeking our help. Our food lines are longer, the request for clothing and personal needs items has doubled and our counseling services are in high demand. We will remain faithful and committed to serving all. Your gift makes that possible and it will be instrumental in helping us continue our mission of *Providing Help and Creating Hope*.



The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for February are peanut butter and/or jelly and Kleenex. If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, please deliver them to the FCOC at 5409 West Pierson Road. The need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed.



## Lectionary Readings

**February 7:** Isa. 40:21-31 and Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**February 14:** 2 Kings 2:12 and Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

**February 21:** Gen. 9:8-17 and Ps. 25:1-20; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:9-15

**February 28:** Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 and Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



**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.



## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2021 Session

### Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Shirley Sanborn

### Property Team

Scott Tucker  
Bill Weiss

### Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin