



# February 2022 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round      Rev. Paul J. Pfeuffer, Pastor      www.flushingpres.org  
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*“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”*  
--Romans 12:15

Hello, saints of Flushing. February is upon us already! The shortest month of the year is marked by celebrations of love and the consumption of as many sweets as humanly possible. And speaking of love and sweetness, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a profound and heartfelt “thank you” to this congregation for putting together the baby shower for Darrah, Rowan and me. While you can expect the forthcoming individual thank you’s, this is my way of addressing you as a collective whole and saying how blessed the Bird-Pfeuffer family is for the outpouring of love we have received.

This community of beloved disciples has followed the words of the apostle Paul when he exhorted the church in Rome to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” My little family is rejoicing and weeping tears of joy for the fast-approaching due date of our latest addition. And I have a few nerves about preparing for the lack of sleep and not having a moment’s peace until we adjust for that sleeping schedule, but I know that your prayers and kindness will lift us up and support us.

Come the end of the month, I’ll be taking a four-week leave filled with warming bottles, changing diapers, and dressing our new baby in all manner of clothing that you have generously gifted us. And each time I get that baby dressed, each time I burp that baby, or put that baby down to sleep, I will fondly remember you and the acts of service and good work this church community does. Once again, Darrah and I thank you for that display of love. We rest assured that our children will have this community as a space in which to grow and thrive.





The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, February 7, 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, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Join us for Game Night, Saturday, February 26, starting at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will kick it off with good old-fashioned BINGO with a sweet twist: CANDY BAR BINGO! Your price for entry is one King size or large size candy bar (think the Hershey bars you buy for baking). These become our bingo prizes. We will play many rounds so that we have many winners. Once we exhaust our stock of candy, we can play some other games. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship to beat those winter blahs. B-I-N-G-O!



The Wired Word study group will resume again via Zoom on Sunday, February 6th 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, (810) 252-2679.



### PASTOR PAUL'S PATERNITY LEAVE

When it comes time for Paul to go on paternity leave, a familiar face will be leading our worship. Max Hayden has agreed to fill in for the time while Paul is off, likely most of March.



The Member Care Team is currently planning to have a Rummage Sale (tentatively) on May 13 and 14. Be sure to start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. Watch for more info in upcoming Newsletters.





# Direct Deposit Your Pledge

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

During times while you may be away from our normal worship service routine, here is 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. Many 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. Just note Pledge Contribution on the envelope and it will directly to the Collection Plate Counters,

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 (Mobile Number) or [steveh365@hotmail.com](mailto:steveh365@hotmail.com).



# This Month's Schedule



## February 6

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Karen Howe  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Carole Noye, Gary Stuber  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha

## February 13

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Delbridge  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert

## February 20

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Debbie Bayer  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill

## February 27

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Jeanne Blanton  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Kathy Lescelius, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig



## February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Smith, 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



## February



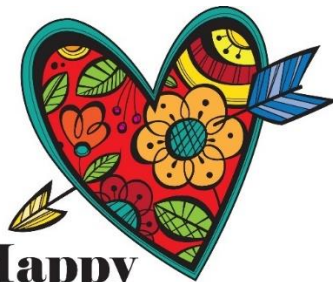
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average December Collections	\$3,209
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173





## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for February are peanut butter and/or jelly and bar 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.



# Happy Valentine's Day!

## Lectioary Readings

**February 6:** Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13) and Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

**February 13:** Jer. 17:5-10 and Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

**February 20:** Gen. 45:3-11, 15 and Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

**February 27:** Ex. 34:29-35 and Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2022 Session

### Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer  
Steve Howe

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Pat Bemis  
Shirley Sanborn

### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Gary Stuber

### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler  
Carrie Younkin

## BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES



The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any. *From the February 2022 Newsletternewsletter*



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM – Member Care 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	<b>8</b> 1:00 PM – Tuesday Book Club, Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> Church Office Closed	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>17</b> 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>24</b> 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM – Game Night/ Candy Bar Bingo
<b>27</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>28</b> 6:45 PM - Session					

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