



January 2017 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

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Winter Line Up: New Classes

Come join a class! You will feel enriched with knowledge of the Word, engage in some good discussions and it is a great way to get to know your church family even better. Your class choices are: **"That the World May Know"**, a video series by Ray VanderLaan led by Mike Keeler, where you will experience the Bible in historical context with beautiful locations that take you right where it happened **OR "The Wired Word"**, where a current event topic is discussed each week with concentration on what the Bible actually says to us, led by The Howes and The Sochas, with support from Scott Tucker.

Preschool - 6th Grade Class will be **"Fruit of the Spirit"**, taught by Carrie Younkin. This class will learn what the Fruits of the Spirit are, why they matter and how to have them as part of your life.

Classes begin January 15 following worship, approximately 11:15 AM - Noon. We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be no Christian Education classes January 1st, 8th & 29th.



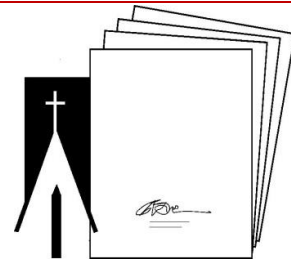
January 1 - 8

Family Promise Guests are here
Many volunteer spots are still unfilled
Prayerfully consider how you can help



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in January, the church office will be closed on Fridays. Our regular office hours will be Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. In July and August, our hours will be 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Also, please note that the office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.



Elder Installation:

Sunday, January 15th, during our morning worship service, the Class of 2018 Ruling Elders will be installed. They are: Dick Barnett, Sharon Donaldson, Karen Howe and Don Rowley. Please pray for our new class of elders as they begin/continue their time of leadership service to the church. *We are still seeking an elder to serve on the Community Outreach team.*

Removal of the Greens



The Removal of the Greens will take place on Sunday, January 8th after the worship service. All who are willing and able are asked to provide help taking down the decorations and putting them away. Thanks so much in advance!



All 6th - 8th Graders are invited to come with a parent, **Sunday, January 15th, at 11:15** (during the Christian Education time) to discuss being part of confirmation: what it means, when we will meet, what we would learn. Contact Pastor Teresa if you are interested, but unable to attend this organizing meeting.



Congratulations to Michael Rowley for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout!! His accomplishment will be celebrated at an Eagle Court of Honor in Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 14th.



We will be printing an updated church directory in January. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address in the past year, please notify the office by **January 16th** so that the new information can be included.



Sunday, January 22, 6:00 PM

Beat cabin fever by joining others for a night out Sunday, January 22nd at 6:00 PM. We have two movies from which you may choose: "**Miracles From Heaven**" and "**The Secret Life of Pets**". Admission is free. Popcorn and soft drinks will be served. All ages are encouraged to attend. Adult supervision will be provided for the animated film.

"**Miracles From Heaven**": Rated PG; A young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident. Cast: Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers, Martin Henderson. Nominated for Favorite Dramatic Movie by People's Choice Awards.



"**The Secret Life of Pets**": Rated PG; Animated film: The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes and the adventures which proceed from this adoption.





The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 29th, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to hear reports from the teams of our church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall where we will hear updates and reports of what our Session Teams have accomplished in the past year.



Sunday, February 5th, 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. Executive Presbyter, Dan Saperstein will be our guest preacher for this Sunday. We hope you will join us for this very special focus Sunday.

If you would be willing to provide soup, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board.

Let us help you pick out the best Valentine's gifts... Join us at...



1st Annual Heart Bazaar



At Flushing Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, February 11, 2017 ~ 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 February is not only the month for Valentine's Day
 It's also Heart Awareness Month

A Variety of Vendors

Mary Kay Cosmetics	Spencer's Gems Boots and Purses
LuLaRoe Fashions	Scentsy
Pampered Chef	Thirty-One Bags
Palatable Pallets	Jamberry
Youna Livina	Jewelrv

Donations can be made to
 C.S Mott
 Children's Hospital
 In Ann Arbor

Bake Sale
 Sponsored by
 The Believers
 FPC Youth Group



AN AUCTION WITH DESSERT SATURDAY, MARCH 4

We are planning a special event March 4th - a fun time together as we 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. The more items we have, the more fun it will be. We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More details to come.



The **2017 Flower Chart** may be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are many open dates for which you may sign up. 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 **Wednesday** noon prior to the Sunday you are providing flowers.



From Dave and Jeanne Blanton ...

A very special thank you to our second family for your outpouring of support and prayers with the passing of our brother, Skip. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was very uplifting during a difficult time and we are very grateful for your genuine love and support.

From the Old Newsboys of Flint ...

We would like to thank you for your generous donation. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, the Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and the generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we "*Let No Child Be Forgotten.*"

From Laura Widman ...

Thanks to my church family for the cards, calls and prayers over the last months. The bone cancer is being treated orally. I am so thankful for those who have given me rides when the pain meds have made me a little "loopy". Some friends have been to the doctor with me. All the delicious food was appreciated. I am so fortunate to have such a loving church family!



Mark Your Calendar!!

- Sunday, February 5: Souper Bowl Sunday, No Christian Ed Classes, A soup lunch will be served
- Wednesday, March 1, 7 PM: Ash Wednesday Service
- Sunday, March 4, 6 PM: Auction with Dessert
- Sunday, March 12, 3 PM: Flint Male Chorus



*This
Month's
Schedule*

January 1

Fellowship Host: Sandy Tucker
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R

January 8

Communion Preparers:
Communion Servers: **Volunteers Needed**
Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Pat Bemis, Bill & Denise Churchill, Gordon Hall
Lay Leader: Darla Arn
Welcome Desk: Lisa Judson
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S

January 15

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Welcome Desk: Vonnie Koehn
Acolytes: Lilly & Ben S

January 22

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Margaret & Ted Meehle
Lay Leader:
Welcome Desk: Sylvia Keeler
Acolytes:

January 29

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader:
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Acolytes:



January

- 1 Pat Bemis, Laura Ruppel
- 4 Jon Bitterman, Sherry & Tim Bradish
- 12 Ed Davison
- 16 Sandy Walther
- 22 Kaye Kaufherr, Abbie Shaw
- 23 Rodney Martz, Ed Shipley
- 25 Karlee Schmoak
- 31 Bob & Joyce Tassell



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2016 Collections	\$3,159
Average November Collections	\$3,186
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you to all who supported the FCOC in 2016. Our special request item for January is canned fruit.

If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you.

Leviticus 25:25

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing canned fruit, 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
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.

Lectionary Readings

January 1: Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

January 8: Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:15-17

January 15: Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22: Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

January 29: Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2017 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis

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.



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

Music Opportunities...The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:15 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.



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.



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. Contact Marian McTaggart with any questions.



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.

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No CE Classes today	2 Church Office Closed	3 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	5 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
-----Family Promise-----						
8 Communion Noisy Offering No CE Classes today 11:15 AM - Removal of the Greens 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	11	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13 Church Office Closed	14 3:00 PM - Eagle Scout Court of Honor
15 10:00 AM - Installation of Officers 11:15 AM - Confirmation Class Meeting 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 6:00 PM - B & F	17 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	18	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Auction Planning Meeting 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 6:00 PM - Movie Night 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	25	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	27 Church Office Closed	28 10:00 AM - AHSGR
29 No CE Classes today 11:15 AM - Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30	31 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages </div>			

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