

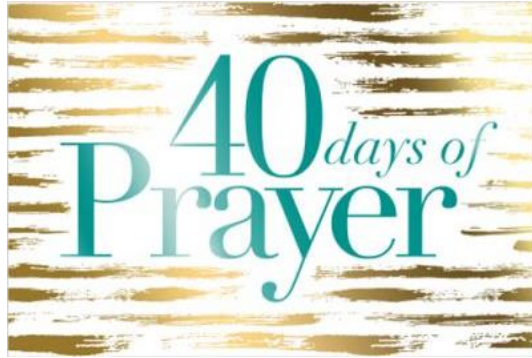


January 2019 Newsletter



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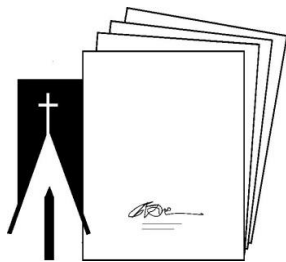
40 Days of Prayer: Unleash the Power of Prayer in Your Life



Life doesn't always go as planned. At some point, you'll face impossible obstacles and barriers — situations that make you think there's no way this is going to work out. But God wants to help you handle uncertainty when it comes your way. God is ready and willing to give you a breakthrough, but it doesn't just happen spontaneously; breakthroughs happen when you seek them. And the way you seek them is through prayer.

Throughout the 40 Days of Prayer series, you will learn how to cultivate a powerful prayer life and experience breakthrough in your relationship challenges, financial difficulties, bad habits, health crisis, and many other areas of your life. Don't miss a single week of this life-changing series!

Beginning January 13th, the six week series will begin with the sermon during worship. Following worship, a short video and discussion time will be offered. Prayer journals, which are designed to follow the series, will be offered for a donation. We have purchased 25 journals at a discounted rate. Be sure to sign up and get your journal. What a great way to begin the new year! This will be our Christian Education for January and February. Spiritual Growth is excited to offer this series. We hope to see you there!



Service of Ordination and Installation January 6th, 10:00 AM

During worship on Sunday, January 6th, we will welcome the incoming session. Sylvia Keeler has committed to serving another two years (we thank her for that). Bill Churchill, Jr and Steve Howe are becoming active members of session (we thank them for coming back). These three will be installed during worship.

Carrie Younkin and Nancy Young will be ordained and installed during this service. It is a very special act that the Church conveys upon elders and ministers. It is acknowledging God's call on our lives to specific service, by making promises to God through Christ and asking God to bestow the Holy Spirit upon and into their service to Christ's Church.

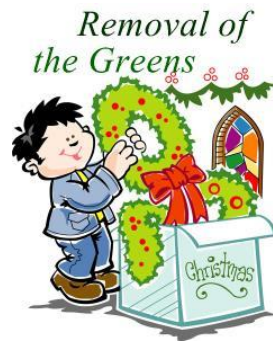
Please pray for our newly elected and returning elders as they seek to lead and guide this congregation.

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)
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There will be no Christian Education Classes on Sunday, January 6. Classes will resume on January 13th with our "40 Days of Prayer" series.



The Removal of the Greens will take place on Sunday, January 6th, immediately following 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!

Movie Night: Sunday, January 13th, 6:00 PM

Bring your family and friends to view the movie, *Hidden Figures*, in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 13th at 6:00 PM. We have promised to get the kinks worked out and plan to show the movie on time as planned (we've had electronic hiccups previously).

Hidden Figures is the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers", we follow these women as they quickly rose in the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds, specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit and guaranteeing his safe return. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Gobel Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided. We invite you to bring a snack to share, if you would like, as we gather and enjoy time together.





We will be printing an updated church directory in February. If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address in the past year (or have one that you would now like to have added), please notify the office by **Sunday, January 20th**, so that the new information can be included.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 27th, 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.



We are planning to hold our third annual auction to raise funds for Family Promise on **Saturday, April 6th**. 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 \$1,800 for Family Promise, and had a great evening of fun!! We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More details to come.



Undaunted

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, "We've already tried prayer. It didn't work!"

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren't always what they seem. We can't see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won't undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can't "solve" sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren't always what they seem.

--from the Newsletternewsletter, January 2017

Session Highlights

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At the December Session meeting, one of the primary agenda items was to examine the new incoming elders. There are a list of eight questions, which were written by previous elders at Flushing Presbyterian, to be asked of all incoming elders. It is primarily to get to hear their faith journey and help to further the understanding of what it means to be an elder - in leadership and service to the church. We now know a little bit more about: Carrie Younkin, Nancy Young, Bill Churchill, Jr., Steve Howe and Sylvia Keeler.

We also acknowledged the service of the outgoing elders: Karen Howe, Don Rowley, Dick Barnett and Sharon Donaldson. We are grateful for their time on Session.

OTHER MATTERS:

- * **Security System:** Session approved the proposal from Guardian Alarm Systems and Service. There will be more information coming as the system is being prepared to be installed. There will be training on use of the system.
- * **Security Lights:** Bids for outside lighting are being gathered by Property.
- * **Date Set for Elder Installation:** January 6th
- * **Date Set for Annual Congregational Meeting:** January 27th following worship in Fellowship Hall (Teams and Committees should have annual reports to the office by January 10th).
- * **Movie Night:** Session will supply popcorn (youth will pop) and drinks at each movie night event and ask the congregation to supply other snacks as desired.

NOTIFIED BY EMAIL

- * **Changes to Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC):** Frank Farmer, board chair of FCOC, sent an email to pastors about the upcoming changes. FCOC will be moving to Pierson Road in the strip mall located just west of Mayfair Bible Church. A list of building supplies needed is being developed. Work is to begin the first of the year. The hope is to be in the new location by spring. More info will be placed on the bulletin board. Prayers for this continued and new ministry being developed.





This Month's Schedule

January 6

Communion Preparer:
Communion Servers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas
Fellowship Hosts:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolyte:

January 13

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert; Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Debbie Bayer
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Acolytes:

January 20

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Bob Chase, Shirley Delbridge
Lay Leader:
Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker
Acolyte:

January 27

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Sharon Donaldson, Carol Dulin
Lay Leader:
Welcome Desk: Nancy Young
Acolyte:



January

- 1 Pat Bemis, Laura Ruppel
- 4 Jon Bitterman, Sherry & Tim Bradish
- 12 Ed Davison
- 22 Kaye Kaufherr, Abbie S
- 23 Gary Stuber
- 25 Karlee S
- 31 Bob & Joyce Tassell



Financial Highlights

Average 2018 Collections	\$3,283
Average November Collections	\$3,104
Average 2017 Collections	\$3,299
Average needed for 2018 Budget	\$3,773





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for January is juice. If you can help by providing juice, 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 6: Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

January 13: Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20: Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 27: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sandy Snyder
Nancy Young

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" 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!

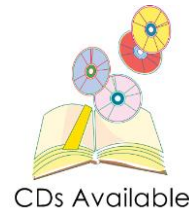


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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.



Choose biblical history or current events, each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
---Church Office Closed-----		1 Happy New Year!!	2 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	3 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	4 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	5
6 Communion 11:15 AM - Removal of the Greens 11:15 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Youth Group No C/E classes today	7	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property	9	10 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group 6:00 PM - Movie Night	14 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	15	16	17 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 6:00 PM - Youth Group	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	23	24 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 11:15 AM - Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM - Youth Group	28 6:45 PM - Session	29	30	31 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder- Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages	

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays