



January 2022 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Happy New Year, Saints of Flushing!

Contained in the passage above are the words of institution, which may look familiar to you. I say them every time I preside at the table and we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Notice how I wrote that last sentence, saying that we "celebrate." Communion is not an act of obligation, but an opportunity to embrace the facet of our relationship with the Lord that strives toward oneness, unity, and harmony. In other words, we don't *have* to do communion. We *get* to!

The Lord's Supper, along with baptism, is one of our two sacraments. We often speak of sacraments as being "visible signs of an invisible grace." In other words, the bread and the cup are things that we can see, taste, touch, feel and smell. God gives them to us for our benefit, so that we can relate to some reality that we cannot see: the grace that is offered to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

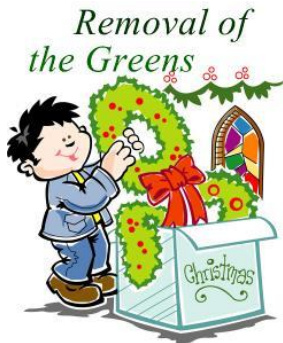
The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Corinth and says that "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." The Book of Order, one-half of our constitution of the PCUSA, states that we must observe communion quarterly – four times a calendar year. Many churches in our denomination bump that up to monthly, with the occasional observance on holiday services such as Easter and Christmas Eve. After spending some time in discernment and discussion with both the Spiritual Growth Team as well as Session, we have decided to observe communion at least *twice* a month. In so doing, we will re-emphasize the sacrament and more often remember the power of Jesus' saving death and resurrection. Don't be surprised if worship looks a little bit different in the year 2022. Don't be afraid to ask questions either! Let's continue walking in the light of the Lord and let's celebrate and give thanks for all the good things with which God has blessed us!

Sincerely,
Pastor Paul Pfeuffer



SPECIAL WORSHIP IDEAS

Now that Pastor Paul is here, the Spiritual Growth Team is excited to reinstitute our special worship planning meetings that we used to have. We'd love to hear from some of you if you have any ideas for special worship services or ideas related to worship. We always try to keep an open mind and love to hear new ideas. **The Spiritual Growth Team will be meeting on January 5th so please have your ideas to one of the team members before that.** Those members are Carrie Younkin, Mike Keeler, Julie Socha, Sandy Tucker, Karen Howe and Marilyn Schmoak. Of course, you could always tell Pastor Paul too!



Removal of the Greens

The Removal of the Greens will take place on Saturday, January 8th, at 1:00 PM. Please plan to attend if you are able so that lots of hands will make for light work.



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 23rd**, so that the new information can be included.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 30th, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to hear reports from the teams of our church.



Looking to learn a new skill? Mike Keeler is proof that an old dog can learn new tricks! And he is need of people to train on how to operate our live streaming equipment on Sunday mornings. Currently, he is the only one who does this, so he really needs your help! It really is much more simple than you might think. Please reach out to Mike at his home phone number - (810) 639-2315 and leave a message if you don't reach him. He'll be getting back in touch with you!

HUMOR TO BREAK UP THE WINTER BLAHS

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
- People are funny: They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Working for God on earth doesn't pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.



All are invited to join us for a Baby Shower for Darrah and Paul
Sunday, January 16
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Paul and Darrah are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/baby-darrah-bird>

If you would prefer to donate toward a gift,
please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church
and indicate "Baby Shower" on the memo line.

We are planning light refreshments for the shower.
If you would like to help with food, please contact Pat Bemis.

Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board,
or by contacting the church office or Shirley Sanborn.



Powerful tornadoes ripped across several states on December 10th, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities. In the wake of these catastrophic storms, it is the role of people of faith to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God to help to rebuild the lives of those who have experienced immense loss. We are invited to stand with them – and stand together – bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us. If you would like to make a donation in support of those impacted by these tornadoes, you may do so by making your check to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. All funds collected will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).



Join us for Movie Night! **Sunday, January 30th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.** If it is ready to rent, the movie for the evening will be “American Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story”. This is the story of Kurt Warner, who goes from hometown grocery stock clerk to NFL MVP. If it is not yet available, our selection will be “Overcomer”, a story of a high school basketball coach, who amidst unexpected news, must resort to coaching cross country and give up his state championship dream. He meets an unlikely athlete that inspires him.

Snacks will be provided. If you would like to car pool or need a ride, please contact Karen Howe or the church office.



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.





From Central Elementary School . . .

We were so pleased to receive the overflowing box of hats and mittens from your generous congregation! They will definitely be put to good use and the students in need will be happy to have them. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

From Springview Elementary School . . .

Thank you so much for your donation to our school. We are very grateful for all of the assistance you have given throughout the years. Our kids are blessed to have such a great community.

From Dave & Liz Maguire . . .

Thank you for all the cards and prayers for us while David was ill. It was so appreciated!

From Pamela Meranda . . .

I was especially grateful these past months when so many of you remembered me with oodles of cards and well-wishes after a bad fall in April. I'm still mending and hope for more of God's wondrous healing. I know your great kindness makes it so. Many thanks for helping along our bounteous God.



When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Igggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?

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This Month's Schedule

January 2

Communion Preparer: Marilyn Schmoak
Flowers:
Welcome Desk:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary Albert, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker

January 9

Communion Preparer: Marilyn Schmoak
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kelli Peter
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Carole Noye
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler

January 16

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader:

January 23

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Debbie & Bruce Coxworth, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader:

January 30

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Mark Jacobson, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader:



January

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



Average 2021 Collections	\$3,115
Average November Collections	\$3,109
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 January are cereal and kleenex. 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.

FIRST IN LINE

We were rushing to our next destination when yet another traffic light turned red. As usual, I had packed too many tasks into the day. Now we'd be even later. While I stewed in frustration, my son had a completely different reaction to being stopped. "Yes — I love this!" he shouted as we sat. "We're first in line!"

What an important lesson on perspective. I focused on the negative, but he saw the good in the situation. As Proverbs 15:13 says, "A joyful heart brightens one's face, but a troubled heart breaks the spirit" (CEB).

Now instead of pep talks about half-full or half-empty glasses, our family offers reminders about being stopped by a light versus being first in line. The next time I'm delayed, I hope I can think, "Yes — I love this!"

—Janna Firestone

(from the January 2022 Newsletternewsletter)

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. If you have any cards you are willing to donate, please deliver them to Margaret Meehle or the church office.

Lectionary Readings

January 2: Jer. 31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 9: Isa. 43:1-7 and Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16: Isa. 62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 30: Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year!!
2 Communion	3 Church Office Closed	4 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	5 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	6 10:00 AM-Member Care 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	7 Church Office Closed	8 1:00 PM – Removal of the Greens
9 Noisy Offering	10 6:00 PM – B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion)	11 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	12 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	13 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 3:00 PM – Pfeuffer Baby Shower	17 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion)	18 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	19 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	20 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	21 Church Office Closed	22
23	24 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion) 6:45 PM - Session	25 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - GFWC - (Flushing Women's Club)	26 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	27 7:15 PM – Chancel Choir	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 11:15 AM – Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM – Movie Night	31 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion)					

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays