



January 2023 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round
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epiphany (*noun*) – a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something

If you’ve ever found yourself stumped while working through a crossword or a sudoku puzzle, only to put the puzzle down and walk away, go about your daily business and then come bounding into the room because you’ve been struck by sudden insight as to the solution to the problem – you’ve had an epiphany. My favorite artistic representation of moments like this comes in the form of a lightbulb going off over the head of a cartoon character. They were once in the dark, so to speak, but now they have seen the light and they *get it*.

So it is with us. Epiphany of the Lord is observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ. The three Magi come to bear witness to the light that has come into the world. John’s gospel in particular is abundant in light/darkness imagery.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

It doesn’t have the typical songs and nativity stories of Mark or Matthew, opting instead to focus on Jesus as there from the creation of the world, right alongside God the Father. And something important to note is that John doesn’t relegate the light into the past tense. “The light *shines* in the darkness, and the darkness *has not* overcome it.”

As the last traces of Christmas fade and we settle back into our normal routines, know that the light shines continually – even to this day. Pray that your eyes may be open to how it illuminates the darkness of the world, bringing its resplendent glory to all that it touches. And remember that God loves you with a love that is big, and broad, and deep, and wide.

--Pastor Paul

The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The Wired Word will resume meeting on January 8th. This on-line study group meets via Zoom on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM to discuss current events and how we can relate and deal with them using our faith and the Bible. We would love to see some new faces join us for the Wired Word in 2023!!! Contact Karen Howe if you need information about logging in with us.



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.

Removal of the Greens



The Removal of the Greens will take place on Sunday, January 8th, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to lend a helping hand after the worship service as we pack away the Christmas decorations.

Congratulations

Let's give a round of applause to **Ashley (Bemis) Smith** who graduated in December with a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Health Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint. We are very proud of you Ashley!!



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 22nd**, so that the new information can be included.



Through the centuries [people] have displayed many different symbols to show that they are Christians. They have worn crosses in the lapels of their coats, hung chains about their necks, even had special haircuts. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of this, if one feels it is [one's] calling. But there is a much better sign, a universal mark that is to last through all the ages of the church until Jesus comes back. ... Love - and the unity it attests to - is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the Father.

—Francis Schaeffer
From the Newsletternewsletter

Notes of Thanks

Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

From Barb Hogan . . .

Thank you so much for all of your cards, prayers, well wishes, e-mails, and flowers following my cancer diagnosis. You will never know how much your support and caring means to me. It helps me every day. I ask for your continued prayers as I go through this journey.



From the Early Childhood Center . . .

Thank you so much for your generous donations of hats, gloves, scarves and socks. These items are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your kindness.

From Family Promise of Genesee County . . .

Thank you so very much for your gift of financial support for our golfing event. We will use this gift to forward our programs that serve and support all of our families.



From Mary Burdis, School-Home Coordinator, Central Elementary School . . .

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Central family that was recently affected by a house fire. Mum was moved to tears and said "Thank You" about 30 times throughout our conversation! Your kindness uplifted us all.

From Bob Coe, Flushing Community Church . . .

I wanted to reach out with sincere gratitude and thank you for the recent donations that were given to the church to purchase Thanksgiving/Christmas Gift Cards for our food boxes. The support we received for this endeavor was very generous and it warmed my heart. Many of you gave financial gifts and some gave actual gift cards. 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.



*This
Month's
Schedule*

January 1

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Steve Long
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Streaming:

January 8

Communion Preparer:
Communion Servers:
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary Albert, Shirley Delbridge, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Mark Jacobson
Streaming: Randy Socha

January 15

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Kaye Kaufherr, Steve Long
Lay Leader:
Streaming: Mike Keeler

January 22

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Delbridge
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha
Lay Leader:
Streaming: Kelli Peter

January 29

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Frank Hawes
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Margaret Meehle
Lay Leader:
Streaming: Scott Smith



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for January are cereal & 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.



January

- 1 Pat Bemis, Laura Ruppel
- 4 Sherry & Tim Bradish
- 12 Ed Davison
- 22 Kaye Kaufherr, Abbie Shaw
- 23 Gary Stuber

Lectionary Readings

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

January 8: Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

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

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

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



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .

January 8 and February 5 & 22 (Ash Wednesday)

Believe.
HOPE.
Encourage.
PERSEVERE.



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, February 6, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. 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).



Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$3,286
Average November Collections	\$3,068
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2023 Session

Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer
Bill Churchill

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Pat Bemis
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Randy Socha
Gary Stuber

Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler
Carrie Younkin

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 1:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at Kathy's Restaurant. All are welcome!



Bread for Life is a 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 for this program at 5:15 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to Margaret Meehle or the church office.



Digital Church . . . Our Sunday morning worship service is on video and can be viewed via a link on our website (flushingpres.org) or watched live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings or at another time of your choosing.



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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 in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



Music Opportunities

The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the choir.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of *“Two Coins a Meal”* that funds hunger programs locally and around the world.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage and other 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.



Youth Group (The “Believers”) is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker for information.

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at 659-5831



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 6:00 PM – Chancel Choir	5 11:00 AM – Bible Study	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 Communion Noisy Offering 11:15 AM – Removal of the Greens 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	9 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property	11 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM – Chancel Choir-6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	12 11:00 AM – Bible Study 4:00 PM – Member Care	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	16 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	17	18 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM – Chancel Choir-6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	19 11:00 AM – Bible Study	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	23 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	25 6:00 PM – Chancel Choir-6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	26 6:00 PM – Canasta Club	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 11:15 AM – Annual Meeting 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	30	31				

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays