



# June/July 2022 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**Presbyterian Women . . .** All women of the church are invited to join us at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 2, when Sharon Auger from the group, *Presbyterian Women*, will join us to talk about the organization.



### Graduation Sunday - June 5

Join us on Sunday, June 5, as we celebrate the graduates in our congregation during our worship service. A special coffee hour will be provided following the worship service in honor of our graduates.



**June Communion** dates will be June 5 and June 12; **July Communion** dates will be July 3 and July 17; **August Communion** dates will be August 7 and August 21.



### Outdoor Worship Services July 3 and 17 August 7 and 21

We will be having worship services outdoors in our pavilion on July 3 & 17 and August 7 & 21. Bring a folding chair for comfort, if you would like, and dress casually for a non A/C environment (in the event of cold or wet weather, we will move indoors). Come and enjoy worshipping the Lord in God's great outdoors!



Join us at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for *Camp Fellowship*. All are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will have food, fire, smores, cornhole games, songs and a devotional. Come join the fun!



*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning/Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning/God's recreation of the new day*

--Morning Has Broken, Eleanor Farjeon

Friends, fast approaching is the summer season, a time of nostalgia when our memories are thrown back against the currents of time. While our church calendar denotes this as “ordinary time” there’s usually nothing ordinary about it! I like to think of this point of the year as a sabbath of sorts, where we emulate God’s resting from the Divine labors of creation. We rest assured in taking our rest because Jesus was raised and God has done all the work! In this time we revel in the sunshine, take in the sights and sounds of fireworks, the rustling touch of the grass. We *rest*. We are at *play*. Maybe a better name for this season on the calendar is *extraordinary* time!

Yes, folks. Even the Presbyterians, we of the “Frozen Chosen” moniker, are allowed to cut loose every now and then. We’re allowed to partake in a bit of fun and capture some of the joy that comes with being alive in the midst of God’s creation. And to that end, life in the church will look a little different this summer than it does other times of the year. We’re not called to a life of obligation; we are called to a life of faith. We’re going to be doing some celebrating around this place. We have the opportunity to do so energetically, exuberantly and joyfully through the following means:

### **Summer Bible Study**

The past few weeks we’ve looked into the gospels and the New Testament, but starting in June we’ll be flipping the pages back and looking into Genesis, at some stories both familiar and not so familiar.

### **July “Scripture Lottery”**

Have you ever come across a passage in the Bible that was so weird and fascinating, only to never hear it preached on a Sunday morning? I typically preach using the three-year Revised Common Lectionary, a tool that helps keep preachers disciplined and ensures that they’re exposing the people in the pews to as much scripture as possible, and not preaching the same things over and over again. The lectionary, however, is FULL of holes and gaps. There are entire books of the Bible that get left out, never to be preached on if your pastor follows the lectionary.

During the month of June, we’re going to pass a hat around during announcements and you can submit your choice for what I will be preaching on in the months of July and August. That’s right! You get a say in what the sermon passage is for a given Sunday! The goal of this exercise is to expose us to stories that aren’t as familiar and to approach our Bible with the realization that not every story is going to fit nicely into our modern perspective. Also, we follow the belief that everything in both the Old and the New Testament points to the saving work of the cross, to Jesus’ death and resurrection. But there are some passages and stories that are *really* far out there. What do we do with such stories? Are they better off left alone, cast by the wayside? I like to think not, and I hope that when we’re done with the Lottery, you’ll feel the same way!





Please note that our office hours in July and August will be from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



The Wired Word on-line study will not be meeting during the summer months. We hope you will join us when we resume in the fall.



There will be no HOSTED coffee hour during July and August. You are welcome to prepare coffee for an informal fellowship hour on any Sunday. All we ask is that you clean up after yourself! Our regular Coffee Hour will return in September.



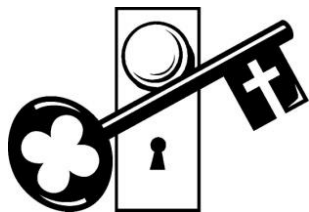
Beginning in July, we will be collecting school supplies for local children in need. You can help by placing back packs, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, glue stix, spiral notebooks, erasers, etc. in the large box in the Narthex. The deadline will be in August – date to be announced later.



From the family of Joan C. Russell . . .

Thank you for your thoughts, cards and prayers during this difficult time. Our church is family. A special thanks for the dedication and time in providing the wonderful funeral luncheon for Joan. She would be humbled. I know we were.

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped out with the Rummage Sale. With the help of everyone that contributed items for the sale and the 35+ people that helped with the sale itself, we were able to raise over \$2,300 that will be donated for Ukraine support and “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” – which supplies beds for kids.



Help!!  
The door is locked and I can't get in!!

Please keep in mind that there may be times that Marty is out of her office (perhaps in the sanctuary or down in the CE wing, etc.) and she won't be able to hear the doorbell. Please be patient and try ringing the bell again in a few minutes. If you have a key, you can use your key to enter the building.

# member spotlight

## BELLA BLANTON . . .

This summer Bella Blanton is traveling abroad, with a departure date of June 12<sup>th</sup>. She will be spending the first six weeks of her trip studying at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA) with a group of eighteen graduate students and one other undergraduate. The ASCSA is the United States' oldest overseas research center and offers students the ability to attain an advanced understanding of ancient Greek culture. The school's summer session, which Bella is attending, visits over sixty sites throughout Greece, spending three weeks in Athens, one week in the Peloponnese, one week on Crete and one week in Northern Greece. Afterwards, she is joining the University of Chicago's excavations at Tell Keisan, a site in northern Israel in the country surrounding Haifa. In the Iron Age, Keisan was part of a Phoenician Kingdom with close economic and cultural ties to the Israelites. Bella is looking forward to this opportunity to learn from scholars important to her field, Classical Archaeology, and beginning her next research project in the fall on Hellenistic (Greek World, c. 323 BCE – 31 CE) heroes in Western Asia Minor (roughly modern Turkey).

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### **FAMILY PROMISE IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING URGENT NEEDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

Laundry Soap  
Trash Bags  
Tooth Paste  
Toilet Tissue  
Paper Towels  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Tylenol/Ibuprofen (especially children's)  
OTC Medications

*If you can help, there is a bin in the narthex for donations*



## JUNE SCHEDULE

### June 5

**Communion Preparer:** Kathy Miller  
**Communion Servers:** Gary Albert, Karen Howe, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Kaye Kaufherr, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:** Bruce Coxworth  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### June 12

**Communion Preparer:** Kathy Miller  
**Communion Servers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Mike Keeler, Randy Socha  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### June 19

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Gary & Jerry Stuber  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Welcome Desk:** Debbie Coxworth  
**Streaming:** Steve Howe

### June 26

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Natalie Lucas, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Dean Bemis  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Delbridge  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler



## JULY SCHEDULE

### July 3

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Communion Servers:** Pat Bemis, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Carole Noye  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Mark Jacobson  
**Welcome Desk:** Karen Howe  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### July 10

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Annette Nickel  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Lescelius  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### July 17

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Communion Servers:** Karen Howe, Kathy Miller, Kelli Peter, Sandy Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas  
**Streaming:** Steve Howe

### July 24

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### July 31

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kelli Peter  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith





## June

- 3 Fred & Millie MacMain-Prause
- 5 Dave Finley
- 6 Diane Rowley, Marilyn Schmoak, Olivia W
- 7 Michael B
- 9 Chris Albert
- 10 Frank & Mary Hawes, Bill Churchill, Jr.
- 12 Carol Dulin, Dave & Joan Finley
- 13 Shirley Wolfe
- 15 Lynette Daig, Sandy Tucker, Jean & Ron Weirauch
- 18 Bob & Gail Barnhart
- 19 Helen Dickenson
- 21 Norma Zuehlke
- 23 Dave Maguire
- 26 Isabella B, John & Kathy Miller
- 30 Scott Smith & Diane Tuttle-Smith

## July

- 1 Jake B, Kathy Dubovsky
- 4 Flora Radspieler
- 6 Megan R
- 7 Kathy Lescelius
- 8 Ella Baney, Joyce Tassell
- 11 Bill Ballagh, Marsha & Herb Judd
- 12 Karen Howe, Julie Socha
- 13 Joshua Y
- 14 Tim Bradish, Virginia Churchill, Christine Cooper
- 17 Kip Hogan, Jeff Rumsey
- 18 Katie & Michael Whitman
- 19 John Daig
- 26 Cathy Stuber

## Lectioary Readings

**June 5:** Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9 and Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**June 12:** Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 and Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

**June 19:** 1 Kgs. 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a and Ps. 42 – 43; Isa. 65:1-9 and Ps. 22:19-28; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

**June 26:** 2 Kgs. 2:1-2, 6-14 and Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kgs. 19:15-16, 19-21 and Ps. 16; Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

**July 3:** 2 Kgs. 5:1-14 and Ps. 30; Isa. 66:10-14 and Ps. 66:1-9; Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10:** Amos. 7:7-17 and Ps. 82; Deut. 30:9-14 and Ps. 25:1-10; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**July 17:** Amos 8:1-12 and Ps. 52; Gen. 18:1-10a and Ps. 15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**July 24:** Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85; Gen. 18:20-32 and Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

**July 31:** Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Eccl. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 and Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



## Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$3,148
Average April Collections	\$4,074
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for Budget	\$3,811



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for June are juice & Kleenex and for July are cereal & shampoo. 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.



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, June 6, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

# Summer



## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2022 Session

### Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer  
Bill Churchill

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Pat Bemis  
Shirley Sanborn

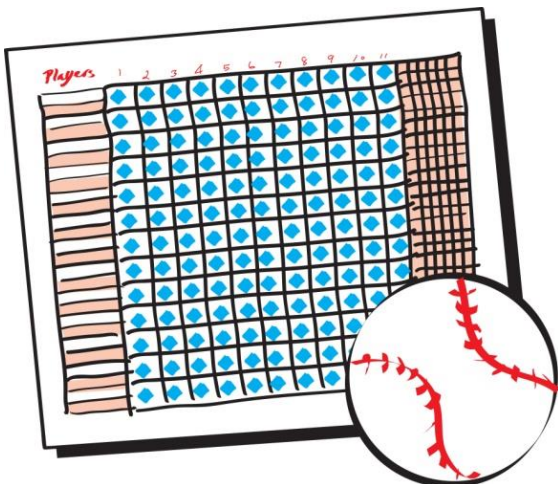
### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Gary Stuber

### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler  
Carrie Younkin

## KEEPING SCORE



Baseball purists often delight in keeping detailed scorecards. So do many Christians — often unknowingly. Do you give yourself “credit” for your years in the faith? for the number of services or studies you attend? for the good deeds you perform? for the Bible verses and creeds you know by heart?

In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul recites his impressive scorecard, yet despite those credentials, he couldn’t earn God’s favor. Neither can we. Our tallies are all “loss” (v. 7) when compared to the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ (v. 9).

Attending church, serving and memorizing Scripture are good things. But we do them not to *get* right with God but because we *are* right with God — through Jesus.

*From the September 2018 Newsletter*

# 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 5:00 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](http://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

**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 Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.





*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**






Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM – Presbyterian Women Presentation Member Care Meeting	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Communion Graduation Sunday</b>	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM – MARSP	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM – AHSGR	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed	<b>11</b> 1:00 PM – Shaw Open House
<b>12 Communion Noisy Offering</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - (Flushing Women's Club)	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>30</b>		

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



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>Summer Office Hours</b>            9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday -         </div>					<b>1</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Communion	<b>4</b>  Independence Day Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Noisy Offering	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b>
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