



March 2015 Newsletter

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 AM, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
(Followed by Prayer Vigil at 8:00 PM through 11:00 AM on Good Friday)

Good Friday

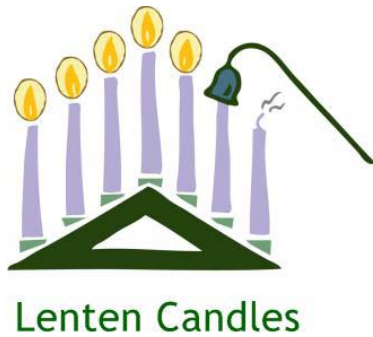
Friday, April 3 – 6:00 PM, Sanctuary

Easter Morning

Sunday, April 5
8:30 AM – Early Celebration, Memorial Garden (weather permitting)
9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
(Followed by an egg hunt for the kids)
10:30 AM – Easter Worship, Sanctuary

Jesus Christ is Risen Today,
Alleluia!!





During Advent, we lit a new candle each Sunday as we prepared for "the light of the world" to arrive. This year, as we prepare for Good Friday, we will extinguish a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death. On Good Friday, it appears that "the light" has gone out of the world. Yet we know that it was just hidden for a time and that healing and wholeness came from that very dark time.

As we worship together this Lenten Season, may this new aspect of worship bring us closer to Christ.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

During the Sundays of Lent, we will examine groups of people who interacted with Jesus and look at how Jesus affirmed or challenged their understandings of what it meant to be good and to be a follower of God. The groups include: the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, Disciples and Women. We will also explore where it is we see these groups today and ask the same question of what it means to be good and a follower of Christ.



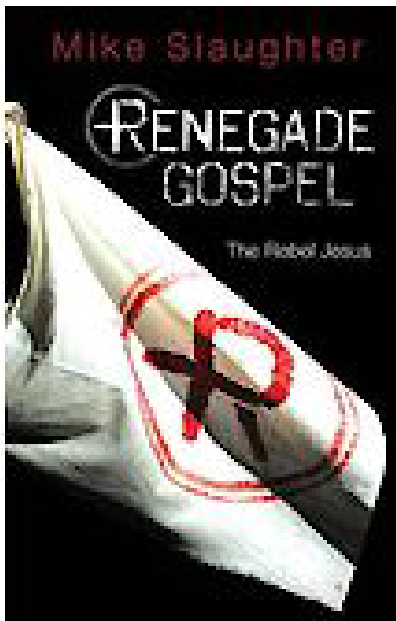
Prayer Vigil

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 11:00 AM on Good Friday, members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church are asked to participate in a prayer vigil. This vigil is based on Mark 14:32-43, which recounts the story of Jesus going to Gethsemane to pray.

The prayer vigil is a time of personal meditation, prayer and scripture reading. The vigil is divided into half-hour segments. People of the congregation are asked to fill these segments so that at least one person is present in the sanctuary praying, reading and/or meditating during the hours Christ asked his disciples to stay awake and watch.

The segments begin at 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 2nd, and end at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 3rd. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. You may take more than one segment. Prayerfully consider participating in this meaningful time of watching, waiting, and praying.





Lenten Study

During Lent, a six week Bible study, *Renegade Gospel*, is being offered. Two times are offered: Sunday evenings, 6:00 PM beginning February 22 or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning February 25 (**please note the change of time for the Wednesday study**). This DVD study by Rev. Mike Slaughter re-examines Jesus' life and ministry, his purpose and call to us.

From the cover: "Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In *Renegade Gospel*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again."

Topics include:

- Week 1: Discovering the Rebel Jesus
- Week 2: Revolutionary Lifestyle
- Week 3: The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer
- Week 4: Seeing Jesus Today
- Week 5: The Way of the Cross
- Week 6: Resurrection

(Child Care will be provided at the Sunday evening study.)

Even if you were not able to attend the first session(s), you are invited to come learn and participate.



BUILDING UPDATES

You requested it and it is happening: Recommendations for building updates and improvements. It's been a long process with many hours spent gathering information, exploring options and looking at various opportunities for this congregation. At the time of this writing, two members are in the process of finalizing the presentation to the congregation, the brochure with recommended updates and rationale has been printed, the session has reviewed the recommendations (again), and prayers have been offered asking Christ to lead us as we face a wilderness situation.

The session reviewed wilderness at last night's session meeting - going into an unknown situation that provides challenges and opportunities, hardships and blessings - and how that is not always a comfortable place. But Exodus 16:9-10 tells us that it was only when the Israelites looked into the wilderness that they saw the glory of God. The session reminded one another that we have been seeing God's glory - being a successful host congregation for Family Promise, receiving grant monies to support Family Promise (for some extras), increased giving for 2015 (pledges are up 6%), meeting our commitments for mission giving and being able to give extra, and needing to take down a wall because we need a bigger youth room. We are being led and blessed.

Sunday, March 1, a short presentation regarding the proposed updates to the building will take place after worship. We hope you will be able to attend. You are encouraged to ask questions to gain a clear understanding of the proposal.

Sunday, March 8, the congregation will vote on each aspect. Of course time will be given for discussion before each vote.

The goal is to have financial support for the approved updates – commitments in March and work to begin when funding is secured. The hope is that sufficient commitments will be made so work can take place over the summer and the project be completed by September. Lofty goals, but doable with the congregation's support.

Prayerfully consider where Christ is leading this congregation and what your role is in this leading.



The **Spiritual Growth Team** is asking for donations of **individually wrapped** candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. If you can help, collection will take place from March 1 - 29th. There will be a collection bin in the shelving unit outside of the kitchen. Please help us with this much loved event for the children of our congregation!!



Double Coffee Hour...Please note that there will be two opportunities for coffee and fellowship on Sunday, March 29th. We will be having a pre-worship coffee hour at 10:00 AM as well as the traditional coffee hour at 11:30. Please join us at one, or both, of these times.



We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, April 6th**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Confirmation classes have begun. Five of our youth are exploring what it means to be a member of Christ's Church here at Flushing Presbyterian. They will explore various aspects of discipleship and learn more stories about faithful followers from long ago.

Be ready if one of these young people asks you to be their mentor - a person who is willing to talk about their faith journey. On March 22nd, mentors will be invited to come to class to have a first discussion. The congregation has always been supportive of our new members. Thank you in advance, for supporting this new group.

Please keep these confirmands in prayer: Michael B, Elle B, Marie S, Max S and Gillian B.



Thank you! to all who helped with the second week of Family Promise. Especially **Pat Bemis and Carole Tucker!** Our guests were very grateful and felt at home in the building. We got to see two families move into permanent housing. What an awesome experience! AND we got to hear about one adult's experience as they started a new job and how it went the first two weeks. These are priceless experiences. It is so good to see God at work in our midst!



**Thursday, April 23rd –
Saturday, April 25th**

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 23, 24 & 25. Start setting aside items to donate for the sale as you clean and plan for spring. Donations can be delivered to the church April 19 - 22. Watch for more info in the April Newsletter.

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2015 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
John Dulin

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Natalie Lucas

Member Care

Kathie Rhoads, Chair
Loretta Hudson

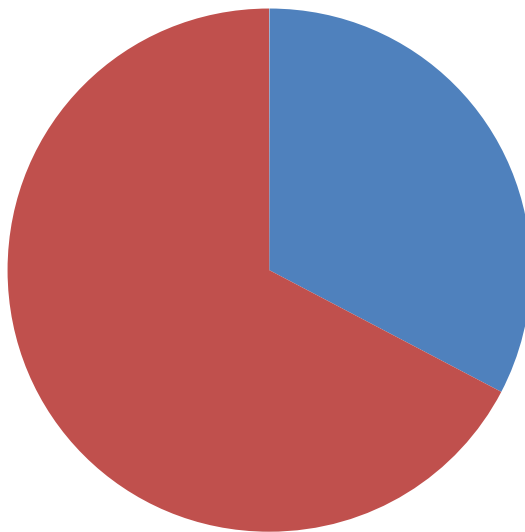
Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair
Don Rowley

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith

2015 Per Capita (\$25 Per Member)



Where we stand today

- Per Capita received from members Jan/Feb 2015 - \$1,725
- Per Capita remaining to be paid in 2015 - \$3,550

Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost this year is \$13.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$13.00 per plant, make any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, March 22.**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____


I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____



This Month's Schedule



March 1

Coffee Hour Hosts: Louise Ellman
Communion Preparers: John & Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Darla Arn, Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Bella B
Acolytes: Elle B, Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Elyse S

March 8

Coffee Hour Hosts: Girl Scouts
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Girl Scouts
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Bella B

March 15

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Brett & Chris Albert
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: The Blanton Family
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Logan H

March 22

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathie & Roy Rhoads
Flowers: Jeanne & Mac McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Carol & John Dulin, Dave Finley, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill, Jr.
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Paige A

March 29

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Lisa Judson, Ted Meehle
Lay Leader: Steve Howe
Acolytes: Elle B, Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Michael R



March

- 1 Jim Wiley
- 5 Butch Albert
- 7 Mitchell A
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 14 Richard Aubrey
- 15 Joe Koshaba, Fred Prause
- 17 Shirley Baker, Leone Burwell
- 18 Doris Morrish
- 19 Clare Cole
- 21 Jeff Gauger, Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Sue Prevost
- 25 Steven Howe
- 28 Ginnie Panek
- 29 Jeannette Hagenbuch
- 31 Deborah Bayer





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus item requested by FCOC for March is canned fruit. If you can help by purchasing canned fruit or any other non-perishable food items, there is a collection basket in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



Financial Highlights

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,299
Average January Collections	\$3,299
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for Budget	\$3,744



The email address for the church office is flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor Teresa Peterson, her email address is: pastorT90@gmail.com

Lectionary Readings

March 1: Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-32; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

March 8: Exod. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 15: Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 22: Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 29: *Palms:* Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



From Natalie & Dave Lucas...

Thanks for all the beautiful cards, phone calls and kindness through our health challenges. All the prayers have been heard and we are on the mend! With thanks and blessings.

From Diane Rowley...

Thank you to all the folks who sent cards and said prayers following my car accident. They were all very thoughtful and were greatly appreciated.



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!

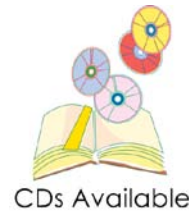


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. The program is in need of volunteers to help pack the bags at 5 PM on Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Meehle at 659-9670.

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 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 7:00 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.



The **Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 9:30 AM 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 in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.



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.



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 Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



VG's "Cash for Class" A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



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



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 11:30 AM - Bldg Updates Presentation 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	3 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	4 10:00 AM - Lenten Study	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 5:00 PM - Confirmation Class 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
8 Noisy Offering 11:30 AM - Congregational Meeting 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	11 10:00 AM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM -Ski Banquet 6:30 PM - Property	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 5:00 PM - Confirmation Class 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	-----Girl Scouts-----	
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22 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	25 10:00 AM - Lenten Study 6:45 PM - Session	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 5:00 PM - Confirmation Class 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 4:00 PM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30	31 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour			