



# March 2021 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)  
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### Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:

Your PNC has been hard at work each week meeting and reviewing the Pastoral Information Forms (PIF's) that have been received thus far. Unfortunately, the biggest challenge we face is that there are not many PIF's for reviewing. As of this report, we have only received thirteen PIF's. Of those thirteen, we are actively pursuing two candidates through the interviewing process. Many of the PIF's received either did not answer our request for a discussion or they simply declined to even talk with us. The PNC will continue to keep you all updated as we progress through this process. Please continue to keep this committee, our future called pastor and our church in your prayers for a successful outcome! We continually remind ourselves that this is not of our timing but of God's timing. If you have questions about the process itself, or anything else, feel free to reach out to a member of the committee.

Debbie Bayer, Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Randy Socha, Scott Tucker, Kay Hall and Mike Keeler.



### Help Feed Hungry Families at Easter

The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) is hoping to provide Easter Dinner food boxes for hungry families in Flushing. Their goal is \$4,000 to purchase all the food needed. Generous local businesses have provided a match of up to \$2,000 to help reach their goal. Will you please consider helping FCOC raise \$2,000 to meet that match? You may donate by going to their Go Fund Me site:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/easter-dinner-food-basket-for-needy-families>  
or by sending a check directly to FCOC or by making a check payable to our church and we will forward your donation to FCOC (be sure to indicate Easter Dinners on the memo line of your check.)



## Worship Options

As you are aware, we are again open for in person worship. All previous protocols will remain in place – wearing masks, socially distanced seating, open windows for good ventilation, and no singing still apply. Session continues to encourage you to choose the option of worship which makes you most comfortable.

- In Person worship - this is a fluid option which could change at any time
- Tune to our radio frequency (98.5) in our parking lot
- FaceBook Live on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM
- Watch our recorded service at a time of your choice.



*The Wired Word* is a weekly study group that class meets on-line via Zoom every Sunday at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. Our discussions are focused on current events as they relate to Scripture passages. Lessons are more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. Good conversations and staying connected are great reasons to join us! If you would like info on how to connect with us, please contact Karen Howe, karen.howe@outlook.com, (810) 252-2679.



### Guest Pastors' Schedule


The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors:

March 7 - April 4 - Max Hayden

*Join us (on-line or in-person) as Pastor Max leads us through the Lenten season and Easter*



Carol Dulin and Mike Keeler have both been endorsed by the Session to attend a Lay Preaching Course being conducted by the Presbytery of Lake Huron. Completion of the course would satisfy the educational component for being certified to provide pulpit supply within the Presbytery on a non-contractual basis. This is exciting news as we commission and equip our leadership to go out into the community of faith. Many prayers of blessings and thanksgiving go with you on this journey.



**The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 5, 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).**



**One Great Hour of Sharing: Why We Give**

In Mark 12, Jesus explains that the two most important commandments are to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) responds to these commandments by helping our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Whether we're offering relief in the wake of a devastating storm, providing food or access to clean water, or assisting in the empowerment of our oppressed and marginalized brothers and sisters, One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual opportunity for us to show our love globally to our neighbors in a very tangible way. You may use the special envelopes available in the narthex, or simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "One Great Hour" on the memo line.



**From Mary Beth Hawes . . .**

Thank you to the church members who sent get well cards to me, I really appreciate it. Stay safe.

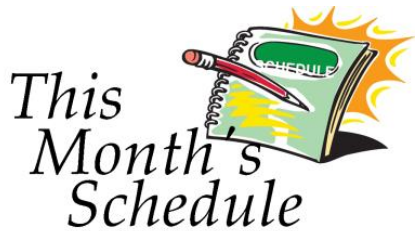


**Paddling through Lent - and life**

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

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### March 7

**Communion Preparer:**

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert

**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Sandy & Scott Tucker

**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson

### March 14

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Brett & Chris Albert, Mike Keeler

**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig

### March 21

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha

**Ushers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Mark Jacobson

**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker

### March 28

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Pat Bemis, Randy Socha, Bill Weiss

**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler



### March

- 1 Jim Wiley
- 7 Mitchell Albert
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 15 Mary Beth Hawes, Fred Prause, Michael Whitman
- 17 Leone Burwell
- 20 Nelly Warda
- 21 Jeff Gauger, Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Katie Whitman
- 23 Jarold Stuber
- 25 Steven Howe
- 31 Deborah Bayer



### Financial Highlights

Average 2021 Collections	\$2,874
Average January Collections	\$2,874
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173



**The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March are juice and bar soap.** If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, please deliver them to the FCOC at 5409 West Pierson Road. The need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed.



**STAY CONNECTED  
WITH WEEKLY  
UPDATES**

**EMAIL UPDATES**

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.



*Lectionary  
Readings*

**March 7:** Ex. 10:1-17 and Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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

**March 21:** Jer. 31:31-34 and Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

**March 28 (Palm Sunday):** *Palms:* Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:2-16 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 4:1 - 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

**Flushing Presbyterian Church  
2021 Session**

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Scott Tucker  
Bill Weiss

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin