



March 2022 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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\$10,000 Lent Challenge

During Lent this year, be challenged to save \$150-300 and then give it away. The goal is to give \$10,000 to our Community Outreach Team. The \$10,000 will be divided and go to Family Promise, Flushing Christian Outreach Center, and the other great organizations we support at FPC. Traditionally at Lent we talk about giving up an indulgent. This challenge asks you to pass that on. The challenge starts 3/2 and ends 5/1/2022. Find generosity this Lent!

- \$10,000 is 34 people giving \$300
- \$10,000 is 67 people giving \$150
- \$10 is giving up two coffees
- \$100 is giving up a family movie night



40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, *Stewardship*. For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? Over the years, 40acts has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity – during Lent and beyond.

Join us for the daily Lenten Bible study, **40acts: The Lent Generosity Challenge**. You can find the study plan at one of the following:

- on the youversion bible app on your smart phone
- Flushing Presbyterian facebook page daily
- 40acts.org.uk

Let God’s living word speak to you this Lenten season. Contact Karen Howe or Carrie Younkin if you have any questions.




In Pastor Paul’s absence, we will not be having an Ash Wednesday service this year. However, we will be having both a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service, both at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday’s service will be a solemn Tenebrae service of shadows and darkness and will include communion. Good Friday’s service is titled “And There was Darkness.” Please consider joining us for one or both of these services prior to the celebration of Easter morning at our 10:00 AM worship service.




MOVIE NIGHT
SUNDAY, MARCH 20
6:00 PM

Not a basketball fan? Then join us for MOVIE NIGHT! Sunday, March 20th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. 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 we are unable to secure the rental, our selection will be “I Still Believe”, the true life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss, which attempts to prove there is always hope.

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



The Wired Word on-line study is still being held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm – now on an every-other week schedule. For March, the dates of the study will be March 13th and 27th. Please consider joining in the wonderful discussions that inevitably develop no matter the topic! Contact Karen Howe if you need information about logging in with us.



While some time has passed since Kathy Dubovsky departed, we still think she would love to hear from us. If you would like to send her a card to thank her, tell her she is missed, or just to say “Hi”, here is her address:

100 Airport Drive
Holly, MI 48442

Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale



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.





Congratulations to:

Pastor Paul and Darrah
On the birth of their daughter,
Juniper Marie Bird-Pfeuffer
Born: February 15, 2022



PASTOR PAUL'S PATERNITY LEAVE

While Pastor Paul is on paternity leave, a familiar face will be leading our worship services. Max Hayden has agreed to fill in through March 20th while Paul is off.



The Minute for Mission presentation in December was given by the local representative of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. This a national organization of volunteers that builds beds for children who do not have a bed to sleep in. Our Community Outreach Team has donated \$250 to build and provide all necessary bedding for one bed. The organization has built several beds in the 48433 zip code.



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 pews, or simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "One Great Hour" on the memo line.



WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Fair question. Let's attempt to answer it.

PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

2022 PER CAPITA

General Assembly \$8.98

Synod \$3.25

Presbytery \$16.77

Total per member \$29.00

HOW IS PER CAPITA COMPUTED?

The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery.

Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, gas, water
- pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip

In order to keep Presbytery's per capita rate from escalating the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the Presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including:

- The mortgage payment on the Presbytery office
- The office of the Stated Clerk including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk
- Salaries of the Business Manager/Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant
- Insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit
- Costs associated with operating the Presbytery office
- Meeting costs for our standing units



This Month's Schedule

March 6

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Bruce Coxworth
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary Stuber, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Ed Davison

March 13

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kelli Peter
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Mark Jacobson
Lay Leader: Joyce Hudson

March 20

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Bruce & Debbie Coxworth, Kaye Kaufherr
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler

March 27

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March are **juice 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.



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
- 19 Paul J. Pfeuffer
- 20 Nelly Warda
- 21 Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Katie Whitman
- 23 Jarold Stuber
- 25 Steven Howe
- 31 Deborah Bayer



Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$3,471
Average January Collections	\$3,471
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

Lectionary Readings

March 6: Deut. 26:1-11 and Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 13: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 and Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 20: Isa. 55:1-9 and Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 27: Josh. 5:9-12 and Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



OUR STAIN REMOVER

From sanitizers and soaps to solutions and sprays, many products promise to eliminate germs and grime. Unfortunately, they often fall short. Just think how many items in your closet or kitchen have been ruined by stubborn stains.

What if we were that concerned about ridding our lives and hearts of sin? What if we spent as much time confessing and repenting as scrubbing and laundering? The good news is that with one “application” (the cross), Jesus makes us “whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7). Praise be to our unblemished Lamb, the perfect stain remover!

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The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 4, 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).

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



MARCH

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

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