



# March 2024 Newsletter



“In like a lion, out like a Lamb.”

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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I don't know about you, but it feels like Easter is inordinately *early* this year. I got back from vacation in January, threw my bag down on the office floor and stared in shock, dumbfounded that Easter was already fast approaching! But I suppose it's appropriate, all things considered. After all, this month goes out like the proverbial lamb.

And that lamb imagery that we so often associate with mild weather and good climes is also tied in with our Passion story. John's gospel in particular goes heavy on the lamb metaphor for Jesus. He is offered as the perfect Passover sacrifice, replacing all other sacrifices. We pass along the story from one generation to the next, handing it down and reminding ourselves of the covenant and promise God makes to us.

Palm Sunday            10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Readers' Theatre reading of the Passion according to Mark's gospel, complete with a celebration of communion and a stripping of the chancel. If you are interested in taking part in the Passion reading, please email me or the church office.

Maundy Thursday    5:45 pm dinner, 7:00 pm worship at Flint-First Presbyterian Church

We have been invited to worship with the other local Presbyterian congregations. Please note that we are preparing to carpool from our parking lot. If you are interested in attending the service, please make use of the sign-up sheet in the narthex along my office wall. We will be looking at the Seven *Other* Words of Christ (in lieu of the Seven Last Words service that we normally see on Good Friday).

Good Friday            6:00 pm at the Flushing Methodist Church

We'll be looking into how Jesus' trial and death on the cross fulfilled Old Testament scripture and the how the words of the prophets prefigured the suffering of our Savior. Please join us as we worship with our neighbors down on Main Street.

Easter Sunday            9:00 am in the Memorial Garden  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Our "hosanna's" will be put behind us, as will our sorrow at Jesus' suffering death on the cross. Let us face this day of resurrection with "hallelujah's" on our lips and unending joy!

--Pastor Paul





Dawn Bitterman from McLaren will be speaking about Navigating Healthcare at our March 17<sup>th</sup> coffee hour. Everyone is invited to come to hear this interesting and informative talk and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!



**Volunteers are needed** to help to fill a rotating schedule of care givers for our nursery on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help out with our youngest members, please contact Sandy Tucker.



We will be having a **Bunco Night on Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM.** All are invited for a night of fun playing this dice game – No prior experience needed! If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Sanborn or the church office.



**The Handbell Choir is looking for more hands to ring the bells.** Practice takes place on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (September - May). If you are interested in learning more about the Handbell Choir, please contact Marilyn Schmoak or the church office.



**Hooray!** The \$500 goal for Souper Bowl was met and exceeded! Flushing Christian Outreach Center will receive \$736.00 for their hunger program from our generous members. It took many generous donations and willing hands to accomplish the goal. A huge thank you to our soup makers: Pastor Paul, squash; Debbie Bayer, potato & mushroom with wild rice; Carol Dulin, chili; Debbie Grant, chicken noodle; Mary Beth Hawes, chicken noodle; Kathy Lescelius, clam chowder; Kathy Miller, bean; Shirley Sanborn, cheeseburger; Flora Radspieler, ham with noodles. Desserts made by Ed Davison, Mike Keeler & Diane Tuttle-Smith. Bread made by Darrah Bird and Kay Hall. Randy Socha ran the dishwasher and Mark Jacobson helped in many ways. Thank you to everyone for helping to support those in need in our own community.



## 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.



## From Karen Howe . . .

To the Session of FPC and the Congregation:  
Thank you so much for your thoughtful gesture of thanks in recognition of my service as Clerk. I absolutely love the art pole/garden post - I have always admired them whenever I came upon one but just wouldn't treat myself! I will enjoy it somewhere (that will be a decision!) in our yard, as Steve and I have done a number of yard and outdoor enhancements over the past year and it will add even more interest & beauty. I consider it a privilege to have served my church and congregation in this way.

## From Teresa Peterson . . .

Thank you to everyone for the cards you sent when my mom passed and then again when I had this unexpected abdominal surgery. The last few months have been challenging, but manageable, knowing I had the support of my church family, past and present. You've no idea how much I appreciated your cards and support. Blessings to each of you.



The Member Care Team is currently planning to have a Rummage Sale in the spring or early summer (date to be determined). 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.





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

***Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:00 AM***

*Readers' Theatre reading of the Passion according to Mark's gospel*

***Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship Service, Thursday, March 28***

***First Presbyterian Church, Flint***

*5:45 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Worship*

*Meet at our Church at 5:00 PM to Carpool*

***Must sign up to attend the dinner and to carpool***

***Good Friday Service, March 29 – 6:00 PM***

***Flushing United Methodist Church***

***Easter Sunday, March 31***

*Early Service – Memorial Garden – 9:00 AM*

*Easter Morning Worship – 10:00 AM*



## **Because Jesus Said So**

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

*From the March 2024 Newsletternewsletter*





### March 3

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert

**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Karen Howe, Scott Tucker

**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### March 10

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Shirley Delbridge, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy Tucker

**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson

**Streaming:**

### March 17

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha

**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Kaye Kaufherr

**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison

**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### March 24 (Palm Sunday)

**Communion Preparers:** Kathy Miller

**Communion Servers:** Kathy Miller, Annette Nickel, Carole Noye, Sandy Tucker

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Mike Keeler, Kathy Miller

**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter

**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### March 31 (Easter)

**Communion Preparers:** Kelli Peter

**Communion Servers:** Volunteers Needed

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:**

**Ushers:** Volunteers Needed

**Lay Leader:** Annette Nickel

**Streaming:**



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March are "kid friendly" cereal and quart or gallon size zip-lock storage bags. 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.



### Upcoming Communion Dates . . .

March 24 & 31



## March

- 7 Mitchell Albert
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 15 Mary Beth Hawes, Fred Prause, Michael Whitman
- 19 Paul J. Pfeuffer
- 20 Nelly Warda
- 21 Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Katie Whitman
- 23 Jarold Stuber
- 31 Deborah Bayer

## Lectionary Readings

**March 3:** Ex. 20:1-17 and Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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

**March 17:** Jer. 31:31-34 and Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

**March 24 (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 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

**March 31 (Easter):** Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9 and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8; Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9 and Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



# Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 1, 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).



## Financial Highlights

Average 2024 Collections	\$3,133
Average January Collections	\$3,133
Average 2023 Collections	\$3,008
Average needed for 2024 Budget	\$3,861

## The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The Wired Word 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. Class discussions will be led by Pastor Paul, Karen Howe, Julie Socha and Mike Keeler on a rotating basis. The more perspectives, the heartier the discussion!! Contact Julie Socha if you need help logging on with us.

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2024 Session

### Budget & Finance

Ed Davison  
Bill Churchill

### Community Outreach

Kathy Miller  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Shirley Sanborn  
Sandy Snyder

### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler  
Kelli Peter

# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Book Club** meets at 12:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month at Liberty 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 10:00 AM on Thursdays, at Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road.

## 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 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.



## 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

**Music Opportunities . . .The Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the chancel choir and Marilyn Schmoak for info on the Handbell 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**





# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM - Men’s Fellowship-@ Liberty 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed 10:00 AM - Memorial	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Property	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM - Men’s Fellowship-@ Liberty 9:15 AM - Community Outreach 12:00 PM - Book Club - @ Liberty 6:00 PM - GFWC	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM - Member Care 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM - Men’s Fellowship-@ Liberty 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed 6:00 PM - Bunco Night	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>25</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 5:45 PM – Dinner & Worship - <b>First Pres Flint</b> 6:00 PM - Canasta Club 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>29 Good Friday</b> 6:00 PM – Good Friday Worship Service – <b>Flushing United Methodist Church</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>30 Easter</b> <b>Communion</b> 9:00 AM – Early Service- Memorial Garden 10:00 AM – Easter Worship Service						