



# May 2022 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.”*

Acts 2:14 (NRSV)

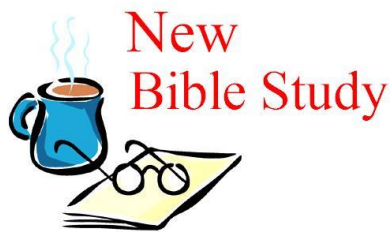
Friends, hear the good news of great joy once more: Christ is risen! And following that declaration of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I ask: where do we go from here? In as many ways as we treat Easter Sunday as the culmination and the ending of something, its occasion offers us a springboard for something new. There is no “happily ever after” once Jesus gets out of the tomb and appears to the disciples. Our New Testament does not end once Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John come to a close. The story keeps going.

The disciples find themselves at the beginning of Acts in a unique situation. Jesus has ascended and will no longer be with them in an earthly ministry. “This,” Jesus may as well say, “is now yours to take over.” If you pardon my use of a boating pun (because some of the disciples were, after all, fishermen by trade) they find themselves rudderless. Or at least, they could have. Peter and the others could have floundered when faced with something new and altogether intimidating – keep the movement together without the day-to-day leadership they’ve had before.

The scene at the beginning of Acts shows us that Jesus has ascended and the disciples have, in a sense, graduated. They go from “disciples” – ones who learn – to “apostles” – ones who are sent out. And they have now received the gift of the Holy Spirit. God has come to advocate for the power they are charged with. This is the story of the first Christian Pentecost, and even though it doesn’t fall until the first Sunday of June this year, it’s important to dwell on the lessons to be learned from it.

Chief among those lessons is: you’ll always face opposition in some form. Internal feelings of self-doubt or inadequacy. External forces of naysayers who like nothing more than to derive joy at others’ unhappiness. Take, for example, those who doubted the apostles before Acts 2:14. When the apostles are imbued with power from on high, they’re immediately faced with naysayers, people who claim that they’re drunk on new wine.

But did this discourage Peter? Our verse tells us Peter was standing with the eleven, but I prefer to more dramatic NIV rendering of this: “But Peter stood up...” It takes a lot of courage to rely on God’s promises when you’ve got a mission to get to. I can only imagine the overwhelming odds faced by the earliest disciples as they sought to spread the message of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Whatever you’re facing right now in the wake of this good news, whatever doubts or worries you have, take heart. With the power the Lord has granted the church, you can do anything you set your mind to. You can face whatever obstacle comes next in the story.



**Please join us on Sunday mornings following the worship service for our new Bible Study.** Take a moment to stop and get your coffee and donut and then meet us in Heaven's Highway. This study consists of passages detailing appearances of the risen Lord to his followers and the instructions that he gives them regarding carrying on without him. We will also explore who each gospel author wrote to, what the resurrection body looks like, and the importance of the sacraments in the texts. All are invited to attend.



**May Communion dates** will be May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**The Wired**WORD

An Adult Curriculum

*The Wired Word* on-line study is still being held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom. For May, the dates of the study will be Sunday, May 15 & Sunday, May 22. 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.



Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

A display board of graduating seniors, composed of photos and biographical information, is typically displayed. Please bring in or mail a senior photo (no larger than 5 X 7) and a few lines regarding your post-graduation plans by Wednesday, May 25th. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 5th.



**HORROCKS  
FARM MARKET**

**LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Outing:**

We will be going on a fun trip to Horrocks Farm Market in Lansing on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM to divide into cars. If you have never been, it is an awesome experience with much to see and do and many different foods and plants to shop. There is an outdoor garden eating area where we will have lunch. If you would like to check it out, go to [shophorrocks.com](http://shophorrocks.com). We will leave to come back home at approximately 3:00 PM (or whenever your "car load" is ready to go). Pray for a nice, warm and sunny May afternoon!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. If you have questions, please contact Karen Howe.



Friday, May 13, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 14, 9:00 AM – Noon

Proceeds to Ukraine and  
*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* – Flushing Chapter (Beds for Kids)

### Collection Dates

You may start bringing your sale items into the church beginning May 1st. Items can be delivered during the times that the church is normally open - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, or immediately following the worship service on Sunday. If you have a key and a passcode, you can deliver your items at any time that is convenient for you. If you do not have a key and are unable to get your donations to the church during regular office hours, please contact Pat Bemis to make alternate arrangements.

### Sale Dates

- Friday, May 13, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday, May 14, 9:00 AM - Noon

**MANY volunteers are needed** before the sale to receive and sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in front of the Bulletin Board for all those willing to help. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Contact Pat Bemis with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.



## Please Note

Please note that there will be a combined Newsletter for June & July. All info to be included in this Newsletter will need to be submitted by Monday, May 23rd.



### From Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

“As violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.”

*You may contribute to PDA through our church by making your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating “Ukraine” on the memo line.*



### PENTECOST OFFERING:

#### INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE - OUR YOUTH

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk

*Please consider using your Pentecost Offering envelope to make a donation, or simply indicate "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check.*





## ***Per Capita***

- Per capita is a **per member** apportionment for the operating budget of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.
- 2022 per capita is \$29.00 per member
- Members are asked to pay this amount over and above their pledge amount
- Congregations pay per capita for each member.
- Flushing Presbyterian Church pays per capita for each member whether the member helps offset the cost or not
- If members help offset per capita cost, more dollars are available for church projects, mission, etc.

Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$29.00  
***for each person in your family who is a member of the church***  
*(or simply indicate "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check).*

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**From Norma Smith . . .** Thanks to my church family for all the cards and calls. I really appreciate all of you.

**From Frank Murdough at Love INC . . .**

It looks like we may be getting some relief from Covid. That being said, my plan is to sit down with each of you to see how we can together help those with needs.

We have just had our first group complete the *Redemptive Compassion* class, and will be starting a new group on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. *Redemptive Compassion* is a program that teaches about applying a wholistic approach to change our focus from the need to helping the person in need. This program has been in use in other parts of the country for a number of years with great success. If interested in finding out more about this program, please feel free to contact me at (810)422-4452.

Our national office has been working very hard to bring us a new logo. I do not have the technical knowledge needed to get this up and running. Therefore, I am in need of assistance with this. If you know of anyone that would be willing to help, please contact me.

Thank you for your donation, which allows us to continue to keep our doors open. During the first three months of 2022 we have received 380 calls requesting assistance and we have been able to help with 796 requests.



## This Month's Schedule

### May 1

**Communion Preparer:** Carole Noye  
**Communion Servers:** Dick & Kaye Barnett, Pat Bemis, Annette Nickel  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Lescelius  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### May 8

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Kaye Kaufherr  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### May 15

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Gary & Jerry Stuber  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### May 22

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kelli Peter  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Bruce & Debbie Coxworth, Kathy Miller  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison  
**Streaming:** Steve Howe

### May 29

**Communion Preparer:** Carole Noye  
**Communion Servers:** Carol Dulin, Kathy Miller, Scott Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Sanborn  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for May are **peanut butter and/or jelly and dish soap**. 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.



## May

- 2 Karen & Steve Howe
- 3 Riley R
- 6 Roy Rhoads, Ernie Thrapp
- 7 Bob Barnhart, Addison P
- 9 Gary & Shirley Albert, Carrie & Larry Younkin
- 10 Kathleen Rhoads
- 11 Jim Crawford
- 14 Kaye & Dick Barnett
- 15 Tim Stein
- 16 Joan Finley, Lillian S, John & Luella Daig
- 18 Brett & Chris Albert
- 19 Matt Bemis
- 20 Donald Rowley
- 23 Annette Nickel
- 24 Cathy Blight & Ed Davison
- 26 Madeline R
- 28 Carrie Younkin
- 31 Dona & Robert Ballard

## *Lectio* **Readings**

**May 1:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) and Ps. 30 or Isa. 61:1-3 and Ps. 90:13-17; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**May 8:** Acts 9:36-43 and Ps. 23 or Isa. 53:1-6 and Ps. 114; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**May 15:** Acts 11:1-18 and Ps. 148 or Lev. 19:9-18 and Ps. 24:1-6; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**May 22:** Acts 16:9-15 and Ps. 67 or Deut. 34:1-12 and Ps. 109:21-31; Rev. 21:10, 21:22 – 22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**May 29:** Acts 16:16-34 and Ps. 97 or 2 Kgs. 2:1-15 and Ps. 2; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



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).



### Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$2,863
Average March Collections	\$2,778
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

### 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

# 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**





# MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM – Member Care 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed	<b>7</b>
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<b>8</b> Noisy Offering	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed	<b>14</b>
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<b>15</b> 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:00 PM – Decorate Fellowship Hall for Banquet 6:00 PM – GFWC Banquet (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>18</b> 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM – Horricks Market Trip 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> Church Office Closed	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>23</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Communion	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	<b>31</b>	***Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays***			