



# November 2020 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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Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night (and enjoy the extra hour of sleep).



Warmth Tree

**The Warmth Tree is now up in the narthex** for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. Since our building remains closed due to COVID-19, there is a collection box outside the main entrance; items will be taken inside daily and placed on the tree. If you bring items on Sunday, you can set your items under the tree. **The deadline for adding items has been extended to November 15th.**



### NO CANNED VEGETABLE COLLECTION THIS YEAR

**Due to Covid-19, Flushing Community Church** and the assisting churches will not be providing Thanksgiving dinners to Flushing area families this year. Instead they will be providing \$40 gift cards to each of the 300 families. In order to do so, each of the assisting churches have been asked for financial help to purchase gift cards for these families. If you are willing to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Thanksgiving" on the memo line. The need is especially great this year, so any help you can give will be much appreciated. **The deadline for donating is November 15th.**



Thanksgiving



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on (or about) **November 22nd** in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, you can pick up an angel and purchase gifts for the child. **All gifts must be at the church no later than Sunday, December 14th.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius or the church office.



## Hanging of the Greens

It will soon be time to celebrate the start of the Advent season by decorating our church for the birth of God's son. The Hanging of the Greens will take place **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the worship service.** There are many areas of the church to decorate, so everyone can participate and still be able to remain socially distanced. Please join us for a wonderful start to the Advent season!

## Session Highlights

The Session of Flushing Presbyterian Church continues to regularly evaluate the best ways to hold in-church worship services while keeping our members safe. We are thankful to all that have remained positive and cooperative during these uncertain times.

- Contract Tracing – Guests and Visitors are asked to stop on their way out of church and leave contact information with an usher on Sunday morning. If any individual that has attended a Sunday worship service is diagnosed as being positive for Covid-19, an email will be sent to our entire email list making everyone aware. Members that are not on the email list will be contacted by phone. Each person that attended that same service should then monitor themselves for symptoms.
- Small group meetings will continue to be allowed in the church for groups of ten people or less, wearing masks and using cleaning supplies we will provide to clean up after themselves. Additionally, each group is asked to take attendance for their group. Attendance sheets will be available by the cleaning supplies, just outside of Fellowship Hall. There will be a tray for the completed attendance sheets.

## The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

*The Wired Word* is a weekly study group that is now meeting on-line via Zoom every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM (**there will be no *Wired Word* on Sunday, November 29th**). 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.



**We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, December 7,** from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



### **The beginning of Advent**

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, “coming.” It’s about anticipating and preparing for Christ’s arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: “The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us.”

That’s what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.

*From the November 2009 Newsletternewsletter*



## Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for the rest of 2020

November 1 - Max Hayden  
November 8 - Max Hayden  
November 15 - Julianne Princinsky  
November 22 - Julianne Princinsky  
November 29 - Max Hayden  
December 6 - Max Hayden  
December 13 - Max Hayden  
December 20 - Max Hayden  
Christmas Eve - Max Hayden  
December 27 - Julianne Princinsky

We have been blessed by Max Hayden's and Julianne Princinsky's willingness to serve as our guest ministers over the past many months. Max has again graciously offered to be our minister for all the Sundays during the Advent season and Christmas Eve. We are so thankful to him for taking on this role during this important season in the life of the church, and also to Julianne for all of the Sundays that she has led us in worship.



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2021 calendars for a project to help prisoners "mark the time" while they are incarcerated. Stony Point is participating in the *Alternatives to Violence Project's* annual calendar drive. AVP coordinates a number of conflict resolution programs in prisons.

If you would like to help, you may bring calendars to the church and leave them on the table in the narthex. Any calendars will do - either an extra one you were given or one that comes for free through the mail as a promotion for an organization or company. **Please avoid calendars with metal spiral binding**, but staples are okay. Deadline for donating calendars is December 27th.



### From the Old Newsboys of Flint . . .

On behalf of the Old Newsboys of Flint, Inc., we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, the Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and the generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we **"Let No Child Be Forgotten."**

### From Presbyterian Mission Agency . . .

Thank you for your generous and faithful support during September. On September 16, 2020, we received your generous gifts for Eglise Evangelique Republique du Niger and for the Hunger Fund. You are a valued partner in mission.



We finally have all our pill bottles sorted, bagged and ready for delivery. We want to thank everyone who contributed to our Girl Scout service project for Matthew 25 Ministries. The response was so much greater than we expected! We really appreciated having a container at the church for collection. Troop 13196 especially appreciates and thanks, Kelli Peter for volunteering to take all the pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio; Kelli Peter - you are awesome!!

Shirley Sanborn  
Girl Scout Troop 13196

*(The collection is now complete -  
please recycle your pill bottles in the future).*





### Christmas Floral Decorations

Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.

Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.

Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.

(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ White

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th**



# This Month's Schedule

## November 1

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lescelius, Steve Howe, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha

## November 8

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Brett & Gary Albert, Bob Chase, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha

## November 15

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Dick & Kaye Barnett, Bob Barnhart, Kathie Rhoads  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert

## November 22

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dona Ballard, Karen & Steve Howe, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler

## November 29

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Bob Chase, Mike Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill



## November

- 2 Janet Ballagh
- 3 Gillian B
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Sarah Bemis
- 7 Jeanne Blanton
- 9 Sue Lannon
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 17 Alta Amy
- 18 Natalie & Dave Lucas, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Mark Jacobson, Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M
- 26 Beverly Howe
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



Average 2020 Collections	\$3,072
Average September Collections	\$3,540
Average 2019 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2020 Budget	\$3,821



The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for November are cereal and toilet paper. 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

**November 1:** Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12

**November 8:** Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

**November 15:** Judges 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

**November 22:** Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

**November 29:** Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2020 Session

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Kip Hogan

Property Team

Bill Churchill  
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin





# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Pavilion	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 10:00 AM - Book Club	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	<b>9</b> 3:45 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts - Pavilion 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM - B & F	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:00 PM - PNC 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Property	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Pavilion	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>18</b> 12:30 PM Book Club 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 11:00 AM - Hanging of the Greens 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	<b>23</b> 6:45 PM - Session 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Pavilion	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Pavilion					

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