



# November 2023 Newsletter



*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NRSVue)

So normally I use this space to tell you guys a funny story about myself and relate it to the Bible passage, but in the spirit of thanksgiving I wanted to use my page to tell you two separate, yet related, things:

- 1.) **I'm incredibly grateful to my Lord for the indescribable gift of serving you for another year**

And

- 2.) We have an exciting opportunity coming up at the end of this month. **Sunday, November 26** is Christ the King Sunday, which marks the end of our Christian calendar where we reflect on God as sovereign ruler and master of the universe. **We look forward to the indescribable gift of the coming of God's kingdom.**

Now, make no mistake. We are **not** looking forward to a future time and place yet to be determined. Rather, we are looking to the here and now for the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus spoke a *lot* about the kingdom of God, or as he sometimes referred to it, the kingdom of heaven. Think of parables and stories he used like that of the mustard seed. The word we translate as "kingdom" is the ancient Greek word *basileia*, which can better be translated as "kingship" or "reign." And you may ask, "What's the difference?" Well, a kingdom is tied to a geographical location or place. A kingship or reign, on the other hand, has everything to do with *time*.

Jesus becomes king through the events of his death on the cross and his rising from the tomb. And we, his subjects, are now called to obey the edicts and commands of the Good King Jesus. We do so by participating in the culmination of our Minute for Mission speaker series, our **First Annual Mission Fair**. We're inviting back all of those organizations who spoke to us through the months of 2023 and participating in their efforts once more. Worship that day will look a little different; we will begin in the sanctuary, take communion, and then we will process out to the Fellowship Hall where our friends and mission partners are waiting. There, we will have one more opportunity to learn about them and the people they reach. They will have literature available and information on how you can give to each of their causes.

I want you to remember something, saints of Flushing. Worship is not confined to the four walls of the sanctuary. Worship is not a singular event that you come to at a pre-appointed time on a pre-appointed day. Rather, worship is to be found outside the space with the pews as well. There's a great statement I once saw printed in a church bulletin a long, long time ago.

"The service of worship has ended. Our service through works now begins."

*Pastor Paul*

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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**Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 5th.** 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!)



**The Warmth Tree is up in the narthex** for your donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for children. A change this year is that donated items will be given to Voices for Children Advocacy Center. **The deadline for donating will be November 19.**



### **Canned-Food Drive**

**After 3 years, Flushing Area Churches** are returning to our pre-covid manner of providing Thanksgiving dinner to 300 local families in need. Our church has again been asked to provide 50 cases (600 cans) of vegetables for these dinners. We ask that you please purchase "traditional" vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. In addition to the vegetables, member congregations are being asked for donations to purchase the 300 turkeys that are needed. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line. **Deadline is November 19 for the veggies and the cash donations.** We will also be joining with the other members of the community on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 PM to help in the packing of the boxes for the families. This community wide event takes place at Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road and generally only takes about 1½ hours to complete. Come join us in helping others during this season of "thankfulness".



### **ADVENT CANDLE WORKSHOP**

**On Sunday, November 12 following the worship service,** we will be having an Advent Candle Workshop with a soup and sandwich lunch included. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex so we have enough supplies! Also, we are looking for people that would be willing to make soup for the lunch. If you are willing to provide soup, please contact Shirley Sanborn or the church office.



**We will again be offering children's Sunday school!** Children will be excused from the service following either the Children's Sermon or after prayer requests if there is no Children's Sermon. At this time, Sunday school will be offered on a monthly basis with this month's class on November 26<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in leading this class periodically, please contact Julie Socha. A curriculum that is easy to follow is provided.



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 26th after the worship service.** Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and then join us for the fun! There are many areas of the church to decorate, and all are welcome to partake. It's a wonderful way to start the Advent season!



The Angel Tree will be up on November 26<sup>th</sup> in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, you will need to select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. Please wrap all gifts and put all gifts for each child in one bag (with handles).



### **From the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) . . .**

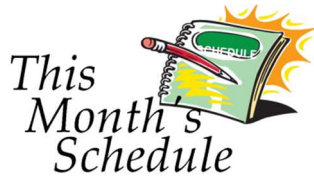
On behalf of FCOC, thank you for your generous gift to help a family in their moment of crisis. Your donation towards the purchase and installation of a new hot water heater will alleviate much stress for this large family.

### **From The Flushing High School Year Book Staff . . .**

Thank you for sponsoring our Flushing yearbook! Your sponsorship will also purchase a yearbook for a student who can't afford one. For that we thank you and appreciate your sponsorship.

### **From Voices for Children Advocacy Center . . .**

Did you know that through your \$1,071.51\* gift to Voices for Children Advocacy Center you are saving a child's life? That's because 1 in 4 children in Genesee County are facing child abuse, neglect or human trafficking before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. That is a staggering statistic. With your gift, you are directly supporting these strong little survivors, so they know that they are not alone. Your donation represents our care for these children and the hard work we do so that they can regain their childhood and grown and thrive with joy! Thank you for taking an active role in protecting children. Your gift supports critical high-quality programming and ensures that our passionate and dedicated staff can bring their best skills and attitude to serving the thousands of children we see every year. It is only with your help that we are able to provide victim and family advocacy so that children and their non-offending caregivers don't have to be alone when maltreatment has occurred. You are the one ensuring that children in foster care in Genesee County have a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) to speak up for their wellbeing and help as they navigate complex systems. Because of your generosity, children who need counseling support or help preparing to testify in court have access to those services, free of charge, at Voices for Children. (*\*This contribution was from our rummage sale proceeds.*)



### November 5

**Communion Preparer:** Carole Noye  
**Communion Servers:** Mike Keeler, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Scott Tucker  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Shirley Delbridge  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### November 12

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Frank Hawes  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Kaye Kaufherr, Kathy Miller, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### November 19

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Margaret Meehle  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter

### November 26

**Communion Preparer:** Kathy Miller  
**Communion Servers:** Julie & Randy Socha, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Mike Keeler  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for November are canned chicken or tuna 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.



## November

- 2 Janet Ballagh
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Sarah Bemis
- 7 Jeanne Blanton
- 9 Sue Lannon
- 11 Matt & Linda Bemis
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 18 Natalie & Dave Lucas, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Mark Jacobson
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



## Lectionary Readings

**November 5:** Josh. 3:7-17 and Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37; Micah 3:5-12 and Ps. 43; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12

**November 12:** Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Ps. 78:1-7; Amos 5:18-24 and Ps. 70; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

**November 19:** Judg. 4:1-7 and Ps. 123; Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 and Ps. 90:1-8 (9-11), 12; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

**November 26:** Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 and Ps. 100; Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 and Ps. 95:1-7a; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46



## Financial Highlights

Average 2023 Collections	\$2,855
Average September Collections	\$2,307
Average 2022 Collections	\$3,212
Average needed for 2023 Budget	\$3,676



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .  
November 5 & 26

## Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, December 3, 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).

## 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. Contact Julie Socha if you need help logging in with us.

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2023 Session

### Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer  
Bill Churchill

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Pat Bemis  
Shirley Sanborn

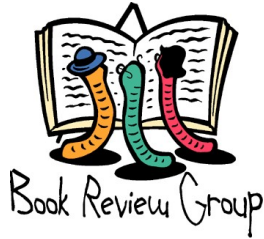
### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Gary Stuber

### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler

# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Book Club** meets at 12:00 PM on the third 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 6:30 PM 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

**The Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the 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**



# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM - Member Care	<b>3</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Communion</b> 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Noisy Offering</b> 11:15 AM - Advent Candle Project 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM - Property	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 12:00 PM - Book Club - Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study	<b>17</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 6:00 PM - Packing Thanksgiving Boxes - Flushing Community Church 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	<b>23</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Communion</b> 11:15 AM - Hanging of the Greens 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women's Club) 6:45 PM - Session	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>30</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Canasta Club		

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



