



Stewardship Time Again

~ *Sports Theme for 2014* ~

It's that exciting time of the year when our church family gets to join together as a team! Are we going to be spectators on the sidelines or are we going to "Step Up" and get in the game?

The Stewardship Campaign will kick off on Sunday, October 13th and end on Sunday, November 3rd. Stewardship packets will initially be in the Narthex for pickup; those not picked up will be mailed. The packets will contain pledge cards, time and talent sheets and a letter containing our goals and vision for 2014. Pledges are very helpful; they will allow each of the sub-teams to better establish responsible budgets for 2014. A pledge, made after prayer and with full consideration of one's resources, helps prevent financial stress and makes the church perform more effectively. Ultimately, our pledge and the fulfillment of it serves God and gives joy to everyone, including ourselves.

There will be a five minute presentation each Sunday of this year's schedule. Hopefully they will provide the inspiration and motivation for each of us to "Step Up". Flushing Presbyterian Church has had a lot of winning seasons. With Jesus Christ as our coach, we can all look forward to another winning season this year.

Blessings to All,

Budget and Finance Team





MUSINGS FROM THE PASTOR

There are times "Musing" topics are just right there and other times not. This would be one of those "not" times. There has been much going on here at church and for me personally.

So I went to my Bible App to read the verse of the day for possible inspiration. And I read, "All who believe in me should drink!" I laughed out loud, because I know scripture is not encouraging me to "drink." But someone who was looking for validation to do so could certainly take that verse out of context for support.

There are more times than we might like to admit that a passage is unclear or that we are uncertain of God's leading. At times it's a challenge, but as we pray for guidance and openness to the Spirit's leading, often times we begin to see the passage or situation with new understanding.

So what was that full passage? [backing up 1/2 a verse] "And Jesus said, 'All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, *Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.*'" John 7:37b-38 (Common English Bible)

May you drink deeply from the cup Christ has offered each of us, as you deepen your faith and dwell in the blessings of the Lord!

Pastor Teresa



I'm an avid player of Yahtzee, in which you roll five dice to collect different number combinations. It's a game of both chance and strategy. Because it seems less problematic to accept a roll that's short by one point rather than a roll that's short by, say, six, every so often I'm disappointed to discover I've missed winning by only one point.

We do something similar in church and other parts of life: dismiss a child's idea as less important than an adult's; worry more about pleasing the "big givers" at church than the ones who contribute less; check in on the longtime member who misses worship once but forget about the newcomer who attended twice, then didn't return.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leaves 99 sheep in order to go after just one who is lost. May we learn from his example that everyone — every *one* — counts.

—Heidi Mann

From the Newsletternewsletter



WE are looking for YOU!!!! The choir loft is rather "chilly" and it is in need of a few more voices to warm it up. If you are looking for some fun on a Thursday evening, Flushing Presbyterian Church is the place to come. Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM and usually ends by 8:30. Please give us some thought! Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Hands, hands, hands!!! Yes, that is what the Handbell Choir is looking for. We can teach you to read the music as long as you can count to 4!! This is another night full of challenges and fun. The requirements to join are simply a pair of hands! If you would like to give it a try, Marilyn is willing to start now and teach you so that when we begin in November, you will know how to play. The Handbell Choir meets on **Tuesday nights at 7:00 beginning November 4th.**

Hoping that you will give some thought to joining our choirs by singing or ringing our praises to God with our music!



Attention Kids & Youth (4th Grade and older)...Our kids/youth are planning a special Sunday on October 20, 2013. For that Sunday, we will need a minimum of eight kids/youth to participate in a handbell choir. We will be meeting for rehearsals on **October 2, 9, and 16 at 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM.** A lot of fun was had in the past, so hoping all of you will come out for a "second" time!



Celebrate **World Communion Sunday (October 6th)** with bread from around the world. If you can bring a loaf of bread, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. We will be sharing the bread during fellowship hour following the worship service.



Sunday, October 13th, at 7:00 PM we will conduct our second Service of Healing and Wholeness. Those who attended the first service found it to be a time to reflect and focus on God; to take a step back and allow the Spirit to touch each one in quiet, yet powerful ways.

Our focus will be on Finding God's Peace.

Come and check out this simple, reflective service.



We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, October 7th**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. Please consider giving blood if you are able.



Children & Youth Led Worship

We are celebrating the gifts of our children and youth! Special music, worship liturgy written by our children and youth, plus scripture presented in drama will be part of worship **Sunday, October 20th, at 10:30 AM**. Make sure to mark your calendar and bring your friends and relatives as we worship the Lord and celebrate the gifts of our under 18 group.



How to Live by Faith? How to Live by Faith!

God's Answer in the WORD
Guest speaker
Julianne Princinsky



Saturday

October

26th

9:00am -

2:00pm

Please call
Flushing Presbyterian
Church to register
(810) 659-5831

Cost \$10.00
Lunch will be provided



PIONEER KIDS CLUB

Pioneer - *n.* inventor, developer, explorer;
v. innovative, instigate, initiate, spearhead,
establish, proactive, think outside the box

That's US!! Join us (those of you who are in K-7th)
on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-6:00 PM as
we create, study, build new relationships, plus
explore and develop new skills.

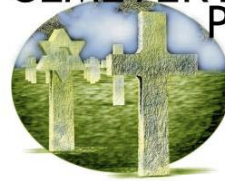
Supplies and periodic volunteers are needed.
Check the Pioneer Kids bulletin board for
opportunities to support this ministry. Thank you for
your generosity and prayers!



What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is not just raising funds;
It's raising Christians.
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;
It's a matter of faith.

CEMETERY PLOTS



Burial Plots For Sale

Our congregation was gifted with two burial plots at
Flushing City Cemetery. We are offering them for
sale for \$700 per plot on a first come basis. Plot
numbers: C 241, Grave 1 & 2. If you are
interested in purchasing one or both of them,
please contact the church office.



Warmth Tree

The Warmth Tree will be up October 20th for the
donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats
and socks for both children and adults. The
deadline for adding items is November 17th, when
they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be
distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes. This
program is in cooperation with the Flushing
Christian Outreach Center.



Stay connected with Weekly Updates from the Pastor

If you would like to receive weekly email updates
from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and
upcoming events, please contact the office with
your current email address.



Thank You Notes

From Dan Hayes...

I want you to know how thankful I am that you allowed me the privilege and honor of singing for our Lord today at Flushing Presbyterian Church. Once again, I very much enjoyed doing so.

I enjoyed being a part of the entire service, ranging from congregational singing and prayer to your Children's Message and Sermon. You made Debbie and I feel welcome. Due to someone's kind invitation, we even had coffee and fellowship after the service.

Keep up all your great work with/for Jesus at Flushing Presbyterian. By the way, I learned today about your congregation's efforts to help The New Homeless in Genesee County. Thank you...that is such a wonderful ministry.



HABITAT for Humanity

The Board of Directors and staff of Genesee County Habitat for Humanity wish to thank you for your donation from your golf outing. Your donation will buy the exterior doors for our 100th home built in Genesee County!

Thanks to the generosity and support of individuals like you, we are able to provide decent, safe and affordable housing to Genesee County families in need.

In the past twenty-two years Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has made homeownership a reality for 92 area families, providing decent shelter for over 300 people. In order to achieve this goal, we need not only a large number of volunteers, but the generosity, commitment and support of the community.

We have relocated to a new location at 101 Burton Street, Flint 48503. Our ReStore recycles used and new household items for sale to the general public. If you, or anyone you know, have household items that could benefit our project, please give us a call at (810)766-9089. We will be happy to pick them up.


Thank you again for your support of our mission to eliminate poverty housing in Genesee County.

Looking Forward,

Margaret Kato
Executive Director,
Genesee County Habitat for Humanity



This Month's Schedule



October 6

Communion Preparers: Kathy Miller & Erna Coxworth
Communion Servers: Butch, Gary & Shirley Albert, Mike Keeler
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: John & Luella Daig, Helen & Norm Dickenson
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Ashley B

October 13

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Vivian Whitmire
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Carol & John Dulin, Dave Finley, Brenda Hollenbeck
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Tyler R

October 20

Coffee Hour Hosts: Blanton Family
Flowers: Laura Widman
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Jerry & Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Logan H
Acolytes: Elle B, Kaitlyn E
Acolyte Leader: Isabella B

October 27

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bev & Bob Blair
Flowers: Jeanne & Mac McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Lisa & Tim Judson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Acolytes: Madeline R, Josh Y
Acolyte Leader: Michael R



October

- 1 Teresa Peterson
- 2 Johnny Dulin, Logan H, Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Bill Arn, Noreen Renwick, Max S
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 5 Bob Tassell
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 9 Norbert Burwell
- 13 Lisa Judson, Tim & Lisa Judson
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse S
- 20 Richard Rumsey, Laura Widman
- 21 Jean Hagan
- 23 Dona Ballard, David Oleyar
- 27 Eleanor Bejcek, Ed Spomer, Carol & Larry Brownell
- 31 Michael Keeler



*We give thanks to God for the lives
of those dear to us:*

*Shu Rong Hou
September 3, 2013*

*Dale Thompson
September 21, 2013*

Departed from us, they rest in God



Financial Highlights

Average 2013 Collections	\$3,356
Average August Collections	\$3,600
Average 2012 Collections	\$3,734
Average needed for Budget	\$4,202

Lectioary Readings

October 6: Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 *or* Ps. 137;
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13: Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20: Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27: Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14



The email address for the church office is
flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor Teresa Peterson, her email address is:
flushingpcpastor@sbcglobal.net



From The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) ...

To our wonderful Church Members:

As always, we would like to thank you for all your help. Through your donations of food, clothing, prayers and money, we are able to help those who are in need of help in our community. During the month of August we assisted 149 households, which equals 404 individuals!

We have some special needs this month. We could use queen size, full size and twin sheets and bedspreads. We could also use men's jeans, especially the larger sizes. In the food department, we could use peanut butter, cereal, and tuna fish. Also, as always, we can use personal items which include: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc.

Again, we know we couldn't do what we do without your help. May God bless all of you!

Terri Szukhent

Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



You Eat, We Earn!!

Olio's Cafe & Grill (1072 Elms Road) offers a program that pays our church 10% of the cost of your dinner. Just let your server know that you want your check credited to Flushing Presbyterian Church and they will take care of it. A win-win situation - you enjoy a meal out AND earn money for our church!

ONGOING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Book & Breakfast Club meets at 9:30 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant. All are welcome!

Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our ongoing card ministry. Please deliver cards to the church office.

CD copies of our worship services are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office.

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 by the kitchen door.

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned for all ages to enjoy.

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 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.

The Noisy Offering is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "*Two Coins a Meal*" that funds hunger programs.

The Perpetual Book Sale...Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.

Pioneer Kids ... Our new after-school Program for K-7th graders offers a proven kid's ministry program that is Bible-based, Christ-centered, relationship-focused and fun for kids and volunteers. There is no charge for this program. Vest and patch rewards are given as they learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Pioneer Kids meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 during the school year.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.

The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.

Ronald McDonald House... Aluminum tabs from beverage 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.

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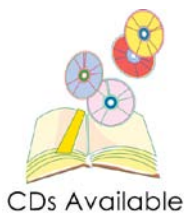
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VG's "Cash for Class" A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



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OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 World Communion Sunday 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	7 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30PM - Property 7:00 PM - B & F	9 9:30 AM - Bible Study 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	10 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	11 12:00 PM - Frazier Memorial Service	12
13 Noisy Offering 7:00 PM - Service of Healing & Wholeness 6:00 PM - Youth Group	14 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	15	16 9:30 AM - Bible Study 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	17 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	18	19
20 10:30 AM - Children & Youth Led Worship 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 6:45 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	23 9:30 AM - Bible Study 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	24 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	25	26 9:00 AM - Fall Retreat
27 6:00 PM - Youth Group	28 6:45 PM - Session	29	30 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	31 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service	

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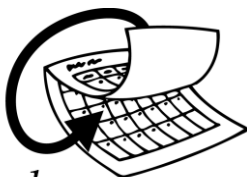
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*Mark
Your Calendar*

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Sunday, October 20

10:30 AM – Children & Youth Led Service

Saturday, October 26

9:00 AM – Retreat

