



October 2014 Newsletter

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church

To the members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church,

Each of the Session's teams has begun the task of setting their goals and objectives for 2015. Each team will review their responsibilities, along with the programs and activities they presented in 2014. The teams will use the look-back to determine what, if any, changes are necessary to enhance our ministry and meet the wants and needs of their programs' participants. The Budget and Finance team is not exempt from the review/planning process.

As we enter into the 2015 stewardship campaign, our team has already made some minor, yet meaningful, changes. As we work with the teams of Session, we will change our perception of how the gifts that God presents to us are used. Each of the line items of our traditional (accountant's) budget will be apportioned to one of four activity headings, to more accurately reflect how your gifts to the church are put to work. The activity headings will include Worship, Education, Member Care and Outreach.

We will not have a set monetary goal for the 2015 stewardship campaign. It is more important to focus on the many blessings that God has bestowed upon our church family...including a beautiful house of worship, a pastor that is a dynamic spiritual leader, teacher, and counselor, a tremendous music ministry, Christian education tailored for the entire family, opportunities on many levels for involvement in outreach and mission activities, as well as Christian fellowship. Through these blessings, we have become a church family whose members actively seek opportunities to worship and glorify God, to bring others to know the love of Jesus Christ, and to serve the Lord through service to others.

Each Sunday in October, during worship, we will hear a brief report from a representative of an organization that has partnered with our church family in the past year, to serve others in need. We will hear how support from our church family has helped each organization to change the lives of those served.

On "Consecration Sunday", October 26th, we can respond to God's love and the many gifts that we have been given, individually and collectively. We will be given the opportunity to pledge our own gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. The gifts pledged that day will be used to expand our worship, Christian education, member care, and outreach ministry in 2015. All of our pledged gifts will be dedicated to God during the worship service.

Sometime prior to October 26th, you will receive a pledge card, along with a time and talent pledge sheet in the mail. You are encouraged to fill out the card and sheet and place both in the offering plate at the conclusion of the worship service on October 26th. The total pledge information gathered from all of the cards submitted is vitally important to the Session teams' ability to plan for the upcoming year. All financial pledge information will be kept in confidence.

Please prayerfully consider how you might best be able to help our ministry grow in 2015. Also, please plan on attending a special "Consecration Sunday Celebration" in Fellowship Hall following worship, on October 26th, where we will rejoice in God's love and grace.

Budget & Finance Team

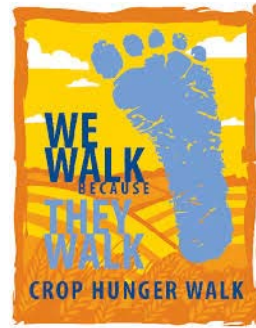


Community Outreach is sponsoring a booth/craft table at the Flushing Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 4, from 9 to 5. We will distribute mints enclosed in a folder with our church info on it. Our craft consists of applying washable tattoos to festival-goers. Our booth is covered in case of rain. It should be a fun day and we want YOU to come help us out! There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board or contact Kathy Miller for more information.



Sunday, October 5th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday (WCS) during our morning worship service. World Communion Sunday was begun to promote Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. In 1940 the World Council of Churches endorsed WCS and began to promote it to the Christian church worldwide.

In recognition of this special Communion Sunday, ethnic breads will be on the communion table and then served at Coffee Hour. We will also have a special table cloth made of Kente Cloth to remind us that we celebrate with Christians from around the world.



**CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCT 5
1:00 PM**

The CROP walk theme this year is “Ending Hunger One Step At A Time”. Help achieve this goal by joining us on Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 PM. This year, Flushing Presbyterian Church is joining Flushing United Methodist Church by conducting our CROP walk here in Flushing. We will begin at Flushing United Methodist Church, pass through downtown and continue on the river walk, through Flushing Park, back down McKinley Road and returning to the church. You can help by walking and collecting sponsors, or by sponsoring a walker. Our youth group will be looking for your support. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays locally. The local portion is shared between four charities: Love INC, North End Soup Kitchen, Crossover Ministries and Family Promise of Genesee County.



Adults and Youth: Beginning Sunday, September 28th at 6:00 PM, we will be having a discussion and study of the movie "God's Not Dead." Each group will explore: What we believe; Why we believe it; and How we are to live those beliefs out. There's a lot to consider, so we hope you will join the discussion. Didn't see the movie? Borrow it from the church or head on over to Redbox and rent it. Watch it on your own and join the discussion.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 6th, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM beginning October 7th. If you know a "little" about music (and know how to count), you are more than welcome to join us for a couple of rehearsals and see if this group would be of interest to you.

Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for more information.



Our next host week for Family Promise will be October 19-26. As before, many volunteers will be needed. We are really making a difference in the lives of people in need. Please sign up to help as you are able. You may also volunteer by calling Pat Bemis at 659-4649.



The Warmth Tree will be up October 24th for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 23rd 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.



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2015 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, we have a basket in the shelving unit outside the kitchen for the collection of calendars. 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.



Ladies' Fall Harvest Table Event
Saturday, November 1st 2 PM - 5 PM

Our Harvest Table Event works like this:

1. Sign up to host a table for 8 of your family and friends; you may work as co-hosts (limited to 12 tables). Sign up in the Narthex beginning October 5th.
2. Invite 7 others to join you at your table. If you cannot fill your table, please let the office know no later than October 26th.
3. As hostess of your table, you are responsible for decorating your table in a harvest theme. You will need a round table cloth, place settings (may use your finest china or decorated paper plates), centerpieces, etc. Anything to deck your table out! The church will provide white napkins, silverware, coffee cups and plastic cups for water. Part of the fun is to walk around and look at other's creativity!
4. Each hostess is asked to provide 2-3 prepared dishes of "finger" foods, appetizers or small individual main items such as meatballs, or desserts. You can ask some of your table "guests" for help with this. All the food will be served buffet style and shared. The church will provide coffee, tea, water and punch.
5. Following our light luncheon, we will be visited by an interesting group of ladies known as "The Church Ladies". You may see yourself in this group or someone you know! It's sure to be an entertaining experience.
6. The church will be open on Friday, October 31, from 9 am - 3 pm, to allow you to come in and set your table ahead of time, or on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 12:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Howe.

Flushing Presbyterian Church
2014 Session

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FPC Now on eBay and PayPal!

The on-line auction site, eBay, has a charitable arm called "Giving Works" and PayPal has "PayPal Giving Fund." These entities waive the usual fees for non-profit organizations. FPC is registered and has active accounts. The sales money from eBay is paid to PayPal and then 100% is directly deposited into the church's account.

If you would like to see our page on eBay, go to www.ebay.com/givingworks, then on the top, left-hand side, beside "eBay" click the down arrow next to "Browse Charities", select "Religious" and there we are, Flushing Presbyterian Church!

To learn how to share a percentage of your own eBay sales with the church, or how to donate money without a sale, click on the "learn more" button under our entry and you will find the directions for how to do so. You will also see what we have for sale at the time.

Sometimes you, our very generous congregation, donate items to the rummage sale that have more monetary value than can be realized at a rummage sale. Now we can offer them on eBay and receive a price more equal to their value. We have already sold some items that were captured from this year's sale, and have more waiting to be listed.

If you have items at home that you would like to donate to the church for sale on eBay, you don't have to wait until our spring rummage sale! Please contact Carol Dulin, 810-487-3007, or carol.dulin@att.net for more information on how to participate in our eBay program.



Saturday, November 1

2:00 PM – Ladies' Harvest Table Event

Sunday, November 2

11:30 AM – All Saints' Sunday

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans' Day

Sunday, November 23

11:30 AM – Youth Sunday & Christ the King Sunday

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Hanging of the Greens - Usually the Saturday after Thanksgiving
(Check next month's Newsletter)

SALUTING OUR VETERANS



Attention All Veterans:

The Member Care Team is compiling an up-to-date list of the veterans in our congregation. If you are a veteran of any branch of service and do NOT appear on the following list, please contact Louise Elleman (810)687-1253, Mary Graham (810)659-6208, Margaret Meehle (810)659-9270, or the church office so that you can be included on our list of veterans.

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William Arn
Robert Blair
Robert C. Churchill
William Churchill, Sr.
John Daig
Luella Daig
Norm Dickenson
Roy Diring
Johnny Dulin
Robert Ferguson
Walker Fesmire
David Graham*

*Mary Graham
Gordon Hall
Michael Keeler
Mac McClellan
Ted Meehle
William Nicholas
James Reeves
Richard C. Rumsey
Ed Shipley
Edwin Smith
Robert Tassell
Ernie Thrapp*





Dear Backpack and School Supplies Program Participants:

Another school year has begun and because of your kind generosity and support, our Kinship students are off to a great start.

For many of the children, those backpacks and school supplies from you were the only new things they got for their first day of school, and they were very happy and as humble as they could be. In all, forty children benefitted from your wonderful gifts. As most of the grandparents in our program are on fixed incomes and can barely provide the basic necessities for the children in their care, they are equally grateful.

Although we can never begin to thank each and every one of you adequately for the smiles you have put on so many faces, the children have enclosed a card to express some of their sentiments.*


Thank you for partnering with us to share the love of Christ through service and assistance to others.

Sincerely,

Heady Siat,
Prevention Supervisor
Kinship Care Coordinator

**The card from the children is posted on the bulletin board.*





This Month's Schedule

October 5

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Communion Preparer: Kathy Miller
Communion Servers: Gary & Shirley Albert
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Loretta Hudson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler,
 Kathy Lescelius
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Bella B

October 12

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Vivian Whitmire
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Ginnie Panek,
 Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Volunteer Needed

October 19

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Laura Widman
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Darla Arn
Acolytes: Elle B, Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Elyse S

October 26

Coffee Hour Hosts: Loretta Hudson & Laura Widman
Flowers: Jeanne & Mac McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Michael R, Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss,
 Laura Widman
Lay Leader: Shirley Baker
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
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



From Vivian Whitmire...

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and good wishes I received when I was ill. My church friends are GREAT and very much appreciated!!



Financial Highlights

Average 2014 Collections	\$3,154
Average July Collections	\$3,285
Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average needed for Budget	\$3,776

Lectioary Readings

October 5: Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19;
Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 12: Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23;
Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 19: Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99;
1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

October 26: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46



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:
pastorT90@gmail.com



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

Dear Member Churches,

During the month of August, FCOC served 153 households, equaling 418 individuals. We humbly accept contributions of personal goods, food, clothing, monetary gifts, and prayers for our neighbors in need. The requested donation for October is toothbrushes.

If you're interested in volunteering at The Outreach Center but can't make a weekly commitment, WE WOULD STILL LOVE TO HAVE YOU! There are tasks that require a minimal amount of commitment, such as picking up food from Meijer, working a couple of hours one Saturday per month, or stuffing envelopes, etc. If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact Terry Bigelow at 810-487-2223.

Thanks and God Bless!

Terri Szukhent

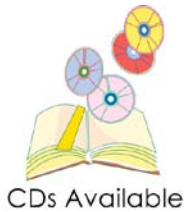
Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



ONGOING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



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



CD copies of our worship services are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office. You can also listen to the sermon on our website, flushingpres.org.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to 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

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 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

The **Noisy Offering** is collected by the children of

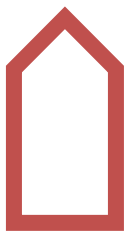
the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.



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.



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.



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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



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.




Youth Group (The "Believers") is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet at 6:00 PM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker.

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at 659-5831



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour			1 6:30 PM - NCCG	2 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	3 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	4
5 Communion 1:00 PM - Crop Walk 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group 6:00 PM - Study Series	6 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 1:30 PM - Member Care	7 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	8 6:30 PM - NCCG 6:30PM - Property	9 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	10	11
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26 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group 6:00 PM - Study Series	27 6:45 PM - Session	28 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	29 6:30 PM - NCCG	30 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	31 	November 1 2:00 PM - Ladies' Harvest Table Fellowship Event