



October 2017 Newsletter



From the Budget and Finance Team

Each Sunday in October, a portion of our worship service will be devoted to celebrating the many gifts and blessings received from God, and our ability to use our gifts to worship and glorify God, to bring others to know the love of Jesus Christ, and to serve the Lord through service to others.

October 29th has been designated as “Consecration Sunday”; a time to respond to God’s love and acknowledge the many gifts that we have been given, individually and collectively. We will be given the opportunity to pledge our own gifts, in the form 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 2018. All of our pledged gifts will be dedicated to God during worship that morning.

Consecration Sunday will conclude with a luncheon in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the worship service. Please plan on taking part in our celebration of God’s abundant gifts, love and grace, along with our renewed commitment to sharing those gifts.

As you are reminded of God’s extravagant generosity, prayerfully consider how you will be able to help our ministry flourish in 2018.

All that we have, O God, comes as a gift of grace from you, entrusted to us to use wisely and in line with your will, your purposes, and your love. We offer you thanks for your confidence and trust in us, and now we offer ourselves to you, that through our giving, your kingdom will be built in the hearts and lives of people around the block and around the world; to the glory of your name. Amen



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES CONTINUE

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE JOIN A CLASS!

Before Worship:

We are offering a Sunday School class before worship from 8:45 am to 9:45 AM titled *Trusting God: A Girlfriends in God Devotional*. This study is designed to deepen women's friendships as they share devotional experiences.

After Worship:

With *The Wired Word*, discussions will come to life as current events are related to Scripture passages. Lessons will be more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High through adult.

The second class will again be a Ray Vander Laan series titled, *In the Dust of the Rabbi*. In Jesus day, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet. Come, discover how you can get dusty and be closer to your Rabbi, Jesus, by doing what he does. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High through adult.

The third class is for our youth age preschool to 6th grade. They will be offered the study *Deep Blue*, where they will dive deeper into more of God's word.

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

Please pray for those affected by the catastrophic damage caused by the recent hurricanes and wildfires and by the earthquake in Mexico. Thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed by these unprecedented events. If you would like to contribute to help those affected by these disasters, you may do so through our church. Make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate *Disaster Relief* on the memo line. All donations will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to use where most needed.



World Communion Sunday October 1st

Join us on October 1st as we join with other Christians around the world in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Our guest pastor, Rev. Max Hayden, will be leading us in worship.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 2nd, 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 Warmth Tree will be up on Sunday, October 22nd, for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 19th when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



In order to honor our veterans, we will be preparing a video montage to be presented on Sunday, November 12th at our morning worship service and at the Flint Concert Band concert that evening. We invite all veterans in our congregation to submit a photo to be included. Email photos to Kay Hall, khall@gfn.org or deliver them to the office to be scanned. **DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**



Sunday, November 12, 7:30 PM. Come enjoy an evening of music performed by the Flint Concert Band. We will be honoring our veterans before the concert with a video montage of photos of veterans in our congregation. Join us for this special event!!



From Karen Howe...

A big thank you to everyone who sent me beautiful cards (and funny ones too!) and words of encouragement while I was undergoing surgery and recovery. To all who prayed for me and are continuing to keep me in your prayers, I am feeling your love and support and I ask you to continue to keep me in your prayers as I get ready for the next part of this journey.

500TH Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION

As Christians our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterians is in the Reformation. 500 hundred years ago, Martin Luther sparked the Reformation by posting his "95 Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The theology of the Reformers departed from the Roman Catholic Church primarily on the basis of three great principles:

- The Sole authority of Scripture - This doctrine maintains that Scripture, as contained in the Bible, is the only authority for Christians in matters of faith, life and conduct.
- Saved by grace alone - We are saved by grace alone, NOT by the good works that we do. *"You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift."* Ephesians 2:8
- The Priesthood of all believers - As believers, we ALL have direct access to God through Christ. There is no necessity for an earthly mediator. *"There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ, Jesus"* 1 Timothy 2:5

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will celebrate the Reformation with a special worship service (including communion), by dedicating our commitments of our time, talent and treasure and with a special luncheon following the worship service. We will also be continuing our "Conversations Around the Table" during our fellowship time. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us on this special day!





This Month's Schedule

October 1

Communion Preparer: Kathy Miller
Communion Servers: Loretta Hudson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas
Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Randy Socha, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe
Acolytes:

October 8

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson
Acolytes:

October 15

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers: Vivian Whitmire
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Brett Albert, Dona Ballard, Dick & Kaye Barnett
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes:

October 22

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Pat Bemis, Sharon Donaldson
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Welcome Desk: Sylvia Keeler
Acolytes:

October 29

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Carol Dulin, Karen Howe, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Welcome Desk: Vonnie Koehn
Acolytes:



October

- 1 Teresa Peterson
- 2 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
- 21 Jean Hagan
- 23 Dona Ballard, David Oleyar
- 27 Carol & Larry Brownell
- 31 Michael Keeler



Financial Highlights

Average 2017 Collections	\$3,175
Average August Collections	\$2,674
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

FCOC would like to thank you for all of the peanut butter and jelly donated during the month of September. Children learn better with full tummies! In October we are requesting donations of canned fruit.

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing canned fruit, 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.



**Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor**

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

Lectionary Readings

October 1: Ex. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

October 8: Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 15: Ex. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

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

October 29: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2017 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

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!

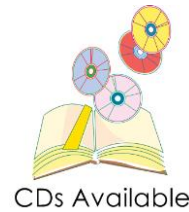


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Dennis or Shirley Sanborn.

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.



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.



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 throughout the year 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...The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The **Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Group** meets at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



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. 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.



Women's Evening Group

Women's Evening Fellowship Group will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September through May). Join us at Pastor Teresa's home for fellowship, conversation and study!



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
1 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	3 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	4 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
8 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	11	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16	17 6:00 PM - AHSGR 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	18	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM - Boy Scout Court of Honor 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	25	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 Reformation Sunday 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30	31 		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM - <i>Trusting God: A Girlfriends in God Devotional Study</i> 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages</p> </div>		

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