



October 2021 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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Hello, saints of Flushing! It is remarkable how quickly time passes. First, a heartfelt “thank you” from Darrah, Rowan, and myself for making our transition as easy and smooth as possible. And what a time of transition this is. We are moving from a time of lengthened days to lengthened shadows, green foliage to fallen leaves crunching beneath our shoes. And as we turn the calendar from September to October, we have time to reflect on what God has promised us and how abundant our blessings are.

I take immense comfort in the blessing that is World Communion Sunday (October 3), a day marked by churches all over the globe joining in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Denominations are all too often a reflection of the secular world at large – disagreeing with one another over details both major and minor. I thank God that we can place all of that aside on this occasion and proudly celebrate what makes us one and united, rather than divided.

Other causes for celebration in the upcoming month include our three-week stewardship campaign, during which we will reflect on the gifts God has offered us and our calling to give back but a small piece of what the Divine has given. I also get to humbly share my ordination and installation service with you all, the culmination of a years-long dream and vocation. God has certainly blessed us beyond counting, beyond measure!

As we enter into this month, reflect on what God has given you. Reflect also on how best to use your gifts to bless other people, paying those gifts forward to others rather than paying them back. Show grace to everyone you meet because God showed you grace first. And always, always, *always* know that God’s love goes with you anywhere and everywhere. Happiest of autumns to one and all!

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Pastor Paul

The **Wired** WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The *Wired Word* study group will resume again via Zoom on Sunday, October 3rd at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. There will be no in-person Sunday School until further notice. The *Wired Word* focuses on current events as they relate to Scripture passages, pertinent to modern Christian living. Join as you are available, this does not require a weekly commitment. A Zoom invitation is sent weekly through our email update system.

From the Budget & Finance Team

Along with cooler weather, October is Stewardship month. Each member will receive a letter, annual Time & Talent sheet and a 2022 pledge card. We ask you take some personal time to reflect on all the blessings you have received from God and this congregation, and through prayer, ask for God's help in discerning how you may return a portion of those blessings to grow the ministry of God's church.

Stewardship packets will be delivered to you either via email or US Mail (for those not on the church email distribution list). Stewardship kicks off on October 10th and we have designated Sunday, October 24th as Consecration Sunday and we will conclude our Stewardship program on that day. Just as last year, we are offering several ways to return your pledge or pledge card and Time & Talent Sheet prior to October 24th. Details are included your packet.



YTD 2021 Giving Statements will be available starting Sunday, October 10th in the church Narthex.



Family Promise is reactivating its work of hosting families in churches beginning the week of October 17th at Calvary Methodist Church. Our first week to host again will be November 7-14.

Our congregation has been a host church for about seven years and we have undergone many changes in that time, but it is a commitment that we made as a whole congregation. Your Community Outreach Team is asking you to look into your hearts and minds and prayerfully recommit to this ministry as it again takes up its work.

Shortly, we will be asking for volunteers for setting up and taking down the bedrooms and Fellowship Hall, providing meals, and spending the night for 5 out of the 7 nights we will have guests. We are expecting our support church, First Presbyterian of Fenton, to continue with their practice of taking 2 nights. The week we host requires LOTS of workers!

Tiffani, the Executive Director, has set up training now that we are working into post-COVID hosting. The first training will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 9th at Goodrich United Methodist Church. The second training (right here in Flushing!) will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 14th at Flushing United Methodist Church. We highly encourage all our workers, new or experienced, to try to attend one of these training sessions.





We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, October 4th**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. Appointments are required at this time: to schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Good news!! Starting in October, the coffee will be brewing in Fellowship Hall! Regular coffee hours will return after worship services on Sunday. All who are comfortable with social interaction are invited to share in fellowship over a hot cup of Joe. Session teams will once again take responsibility for hosting this time together. It will be left up to the individual team if other refreshments will be served besides coffee. We welcome any help from the congregation in providing additional refreshments or tasty treats. If you would like to help out on any Sunday, please let the Session team responsible know. (October is Budget & Finance month.)



Ready for some fun?? Join in on a day of fellowship at Dow Gardens! Explore 110 acres of annuals, perennials, towering pines and delightful water features along with bridges and a fun canopy walk through the trees, all within a three-mile walking area. **Saturday, October 9th, depart from church parking lot at 12:30 PM** (carpool options available). \$10 adult admission, \$2 for students 6-18 y/o. Depart Gardens approximately 4:00 PM and stop in Birch Run for dinner at Uno's. All costs are on your own. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. Wheel chairs are available to reserve ahead of time at no charge. Concessions available onsite.



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 are needed to help pack the bags at 5:15 PM on Thursdays at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.** If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Sanborn.



The Warmth Tree will be up on Sunday, October 20th, for your donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. Prayerfully consider contributing what you can to help keep our friends and neighbors warm this winter.



This Month's Schedule

October 3

Communion Preparer: Kathy Miller
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary Albert, Mark Jacobson, Kaye Kaufherr
Lay Leader: Ed Davison

October 10

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett Albert, Karen & Steve Howe
Lay Leader: Joyce Hudson

October 17

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig

October 24

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Carole Noye, Randy Socha, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker

October 31

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Kaye Kaufherr, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler



October

- 2 Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Max S
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 5 Bob Tassell
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 9 Norbert Burwell
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse S, Cathy & Gary Stuber
- 23 Dona Ballard
- 25 Frank Hawes
- 31 Michael Keeler



Financial Highlights

Average 2021 Collections	\$3,139
Average August Collections	\$3,880
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173





FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for October are canned fruit 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.



STAY CONNECTED WITH WEEKLY UPDATES

EMAIL UPDATES

Pastor Paul is continuing the tradition of sending out weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events. If you are not receiving these updates and wish to be added to the list, please contact the church office. 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.

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 you would be willing to donate to the church office.

Lectionary Readings

October 3: Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Ps. 26; Gen. 2:18-24 and Ps. 8; Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 10: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Ps. 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Ps. 90:12-17; Heb. 4:12-16, 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

October 17: Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17 and Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isa. 53:4-12 and Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10, 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

October 24: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Jer. 31:7-9 and Ps. 126; Heb. 77:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 31: Ruth 1:1-18 and Ps. 146; Deut. 6:1-9 and Ps. 119:1-8; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2021 Session

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert
Steve Howe

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Denise Churchill
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Scott Tucker
Bill Weiss

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 Communion 7:00 PM – <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	4 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion)	5 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	6 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	7 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	8 Church Office Closed	9 3:00 PM –Pavilion Reserved; Hollenbeck
10 Noisy Offering 7:00 PM – <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	11 3:45 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion) 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	12 1:00 PM - Tuesday Book Club, Kathy’s Restaurant 6:00 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	13 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - B & F	14 7:00 PM – Family Promise Training; Flushing Methodist Church 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 3:00 PM – Pastor Paul’s Ordination Service 7:00 PM – <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	18 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion)	19 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	20 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	21 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	22 Church Office Closed	23 1:00 PM – Baby Shower
24 7:00 PM – <i>The Wired</i> Word via Zoom	25 6:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Pavilion) 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - GFWC - (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	27 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	28 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	29 Church Office Closed	30 11:00 AM – Betty Harley Memorial Service
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Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays