



# October 2023 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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“Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

-Romans 12:2

When Rowan was about 3 years old, he came home from daycare regaling us with stories about the Transformers. Now, the Transformers have been around since *I* was a child; they feature in a story of heroic robots – the Autobots -- fighting evil robots – the Decepticons -- bent on the conquering of the universe. Oh, and by the way: each Transformer could change their shape into another form. Most of them change into cars, but you get the occasional dinosaur in there as well. Rowan would sit us down and assemble his collection of Transformer action figures and quiz us on remembering each Transformer’s name and whether they were a good guy or a bad guy. I often failed the test.

And why am I waxing poetic about a 40+ year old toy franchise? Well, the *transformation* is the important part. The apostle Paul talks to the church in Rome about being transformed by the renewing of the mind. We go through physical transformation in our lives, growing from infancy through childhood and then into adulthood and finally elderly stages. But not all transformation is physical. We go through emotional and mental development. And we go through spiritual development as well!

And it is with that aim that we are offering the following opportunities to the congregation:

- A 4-week class coming this month entitled “Presbyterian 101.” This class will meet at 11:15 am each Sunday on October 1, 8, 22 and finally 29. Our aim is to look at what it means to live as people of the faith within the PCUSA and within our branch of the Christian family tree.
- A 12-week cycle of *Wired Word* classes that will meet each Sunday at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Join us as we study current events through the window of a scriptural lens and ask what the Bible is saying to us in today’s world.

All are welcome to come along on this journey of reflection and introspection and to partake in the renewing of our minds. So come one, come all, and be in a spirit of continual growth and transformation.

(And I promise I won’t quiz you on each of the Transformers.)

*Pastor Paul*



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**The Men's Breakfast returns to Flushing!** Join us on Wednesday mornings at Liberty Family Dining, at 8:30 AM for fellowship, food, and scintillating discussion. We will use the Wired Word to help us discover what guidance the Bible gives us as we discuss current issues. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Warmth Tree



**The Warmth Tree will be up in the narthex on Sunday, October 1st**, 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. **Deadline for donating will be November 19.**



### Presbyterian 101

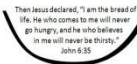
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**The Wired Word Bible Study** will kick off again on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. There will be 12 weeks of classes prior to Christmas and then 12 weeks of classes after the New Year from February to April. **BUT** you can join at any time!! Want to join but don't know how to get on a Zoom call? Feel free to call Julie Socha at (810)444-3911; she will be happy to help you figure it out. Class discussions will be led by Pastor Paul, Karen Howe, Julie Socha and Mike Keeler on a rotating basis. The more perspectives, the heartier the discussion!! Please consider joining us.



### BREAD FOR LIFE



**Bread for Life . . .** Weekend food bag packing will resume on Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 PM. The packing will now be done at the Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road. All are encouraged to join with others in the community in providing weekend food for children in need in the Flushing School district.



### Pastor's Schedule

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Paul will be participating in a Presbytery-wide Pulpit Swap. He and Joseph Novak of First Presbyterian Church of Flint will be swapping for the day so we look forward to hearing from Rev. Novak. Also, Pastor Paul will be on vacation on October 22<sup>nd</sup> so we will be having a visiting pastor on that day as well. Be sure to join us in welcoming these visiting pastors to our church.



**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 on the dates of October 29<sup>th</sup>, and 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.



**A Called Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22** immediately following the worship service for the purpose of approving the Pastor's Terms of Call and to change the effective date of the Pastor's Terms going forward to October 1 through September 30 yearly. Please plan on attending this short meeting.



**Mark your Calendar for an Advent Wreath Workshop**, Sunday, November 12, following the worship service. Watch for more info in the weekly bulletins and November Newsletter.



## **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 all donations.** We will also be joining with the other Flushing churches on Sunday, November 19 (time to be announced) to help in the packing of the boxes for the families. This community wide event generally only takes about 1 ½ hours to complete. Come join us in helping others during this season of "thankfulness".



Are you in need of more fellowship? Do you like to have fun? Do you like to sing? Well, Wednesday night choir is the place for you! Can't read music? Not to worry! We will help you! Please prayerfully consider joining Chancel Choir. We meet Wednesday nights at 6:30 and sing approximately two Sundays a month. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Albert, 810-252-5622.

# Come paint with us!



Snowman \$30

Friday, October 20  
6:00 – 9:00 PM  
INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS!



Pumpkin \$30

We will be hosting a painting party on **Friday, October 20th at 6:00 PM**. There will be a choice of a snowman or pumpkin wooden door hanger. The cost for the workshop is \$30. All materials will be supplied by the instructor, Victoria Freeman, from *Art in the Mitten*. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Deadline for sign-up and payment is October 13.** Please make checks payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate “Painting Class” on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Sanborn or Pat Bemis.



## Equals at communion

After saving England from Napoleon’s threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London’s streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. “Don’t you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?” he asked.

When the duke overheard, he responded, “Leave him alone. We’re all the same here. The ground is level at the cross.”

That’s the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. Paul says believers share the Lord’s Supper by partaking of the “one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God’s sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.

*From the October 2014 Newsletternewsletter*





### October 1

**Communion Preparers:** Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Communion Servers:** Kathy Miller, Annette Nickel, Randy Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Mary Beth Hawes  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Kathy Miller, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### October 8

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Delbridge  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### October 15

**Flowers:** Sochas  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Margaret Meehle, Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### October 22

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Kaye Kaufherr, Mike Keeler, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Annette Nickel  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter

### October 29

**Flowers:**  
**Welcome Desk:** Sandy Tucker  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Mark Jacobson, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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



### From Pam Miller, Social Worker, Flushing Community Schools . . .

What a wonderful surprise when I opened the envelope from you. I am so grateful for the generous donation. It will be used to help our students as needs arise. Thank you for all you do for our students and their families.



## October

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

## Lectionary Readings

**October 1:** Ex. 17:1-7 and Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 and Ps. 25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

**October 8:** Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Ps. 19; Isa. 5:1-7 and Ps. 80:7-15; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

**October 15:** Ex. 32:1-14 and Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Isa. 25:1-9 and Ps. 23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

**October 22:** Ex. 33:12-23 and Ps. 99; Isa. 45:1-7 and Ps. 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

**October 29:** Deut. 34:1-12 and Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18 and Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46



## Financial Highlights

Average 2023 Collections	\$2,897
Average August Collections	\$1,851
Average 2022 Collections	\$3,212
Average needed for 2023 Budget	\$3,676



## Communion Schedule

**Upcoming Communion Dates . . .**  
October 1, November 5 & 26

## Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, October 2, 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).



## 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**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1 Communion</b> 11:15 AM – Presbyterian 101 Class 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM – Men’s Fellowship- Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM – Member Care 12:00 PM – Bible Study	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM – McIntosh Visitation & Memorial Service <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8 Noisy Offering</b> 11:15 AM – Presbyterian 101 Class 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM – North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club) 6:30 PM – Property	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM – Men’s Fellowship- Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM – Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM – Community Outreach	<b>18</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>19</b> 12:00 PM – Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:00 PM – Painting Class	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 11:15 AM – Congregational Meeting 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>23</b> 6:45 PM – Session	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	<b>25</b> 8:30 AM – Men’s Fellowship- Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM – Bible Study 6:00 PM – Canasta Club	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM – Girl Scout Sing-a-Long	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> 11:15 AM – Presbyterian 101 Class 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Happy Halloween</b> 	<b>***Please note that the church office is closed on            Fridays***</b>				