



Sunday, September 8th

- Christian Education Classes return - 9:30 AM
 - Classes for ALL ages
 - Parents – Bring the kids and check out one of the Adult Classes
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Blessing
of the Backpacks
September 8th
10:30 AM

Blessing of the backpacks (book bags, brief cases, etc.) will be conducted on Rally Sunday, September 8th, during our worship service. This has become a favorite tradition. Bring your "backpack" so you can be "blessed to be a blessing!"



MUSINGS FROM THE PASTOR

"National Back to Church Sunday" - Okay.....?

Sometimes I'm really slow to catch onto something that's been happening for years. Take, for example, National Back to Church Sunday. The concept addresses an issue that many churches face: families on vacation and engaged in a host of summer outdoor activities which have prevented regular worship/church attendance. And now with school starting up again, reminding folks to get back into the routine of attending worship/church. Okay, got it! I've seen that phrase more than once recently and decided it was time to do a little research.

So what did I find when I Googled "Back to Church Sunday?" There is a website with that name. It's been happening nationally for at least 5 years. There are video messages to use on social media. There are t-shirts to wear to promote it. There are postcards to canvas neighborhoods with. There are welcome packets for the guests who come on that Sunday. And there are booklets to answer a couple of common questions for the non-church attendee: *Why Church?* and *reDiscover Church*. WOW!!

Who knew?! Obviously, not me. It does raise a couple of questions for me: How devoted Christians get drawn away from Christ's church and serving that church and how a "Back to Church Sunday" would draw in non-church attenders?

It seems a "Back to Church Sunday" would be a great reminder for those Christians who have slowly been drawn into sleeping in on Sunday or taking advantage of community or family activities that happen once a year or traveling and not having an opportunity to attend worship and. . .and. . .and. . .you've been lulled/lured/drawn away from the church you love. I've been down that road in my lifetime. I get it. During that time I was away from the church I thought I was okay and perhaps was even okay not attending any church --- right up until God drew me back in. Then I realized what I was missing. A church family who would love me through the thick and thin of life and would always be there. Plus, this was the place I could ask questions about confusing Bible passages and say, "This just doesn't make any sense to me" only to have others have similar questions that we found answers together. I needed that diverse family with a variety of ideas and approaches.

I don't think the non-church attender would understand why they should bother. They might see the campaign as a reason NOT to attend - "Look! They have to have major campaigns to get their members to attend worship!" Yes, that's a tad cynical, but let's be honest. I don't think it would be far off the mark.

Even though we are not promoting a National Back to Church Sunday, let us all be reminded of why we come to church: to worship the God who loves us and provided us with a Savior, Jesus, the Christ; to learn more of those Bible stories; to grow in our faith; to learn to love our neighbor as Jesus taught (yes, even that person we do not get along with); and to serve with others who are on the same journey growing in faith.

Looking forward to seeing you all together again!!

Pastor Teresa



Coffee Hour will be returning in September. You can help by signing up to serve Coffee Hour in September, October or throughout the rest of the year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. A member of the Member Care Team will be happy to assist you or answer any questions that you may have.

A prayer for guidance



Lord, take me where you want me to go;
Let me meet who you want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say,
and keep me out of your way.

—Rev. Mychal Judge,
FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11

From the September 2013 Newsletternewsletter



The Chancel Choir will begin their rehearsals on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM. We welcome anyone who is interested in giving us a "try"!!

The Handbell Choir is in need of people interested in ringing. If you know a "little" about music, you are more than welcome to join us for a rehearsal or "two" and see if this would be of interest to you. As of this date, we are unable to begin our rehearsals until November 5, 2013 because of outside activities of our current members. But, if there is an interest for individuals wanting to learn to ring, rehearsals will begin sooner. Our choirs are full of friendly members, so, if you are looking for a fun-filled evening out, here is the place to come!!!

Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for more information.





Sundays, 9:30 AM - Beginning September 8

Children: "Wee Believe"

5th - 10th Grade: "Re:form"

Adults: "Walking With God in the Desert"

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - Beginning September 11

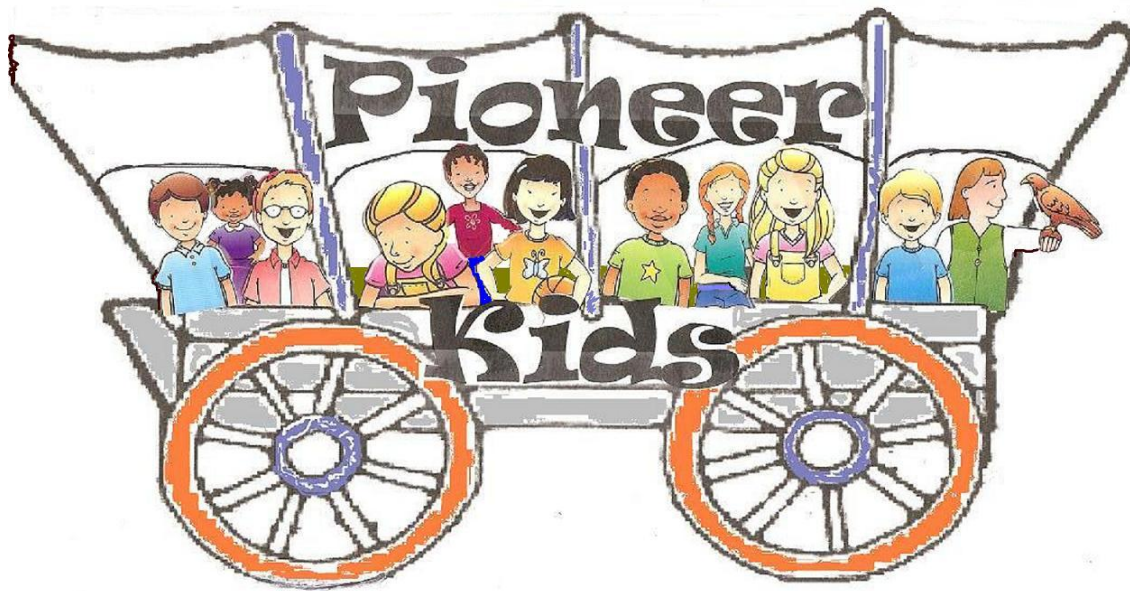
The Thoughtful Christian Series:

"When & Why the Bible was Written" (2 Sessions)

"Great Themes of the Bible" (4 Sessions)

Wednesdays, 3:45 PM - Beginning September 11

K - 7th Grades - Pioneer "Kids" Club



Pioneer Kids - Our new Children's After-School Program for K-7th graders starts **Wednesday, September 11th!** Pioneer Kids offers a proven midweek 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 will be given as the children learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Sign-up sheets for providing snacks are posted on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen and a display of supplies needed is located in the narthex. Your help is needed and much appreciated!!



BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 22nd is *Bring a Friend Sunday*. Following the worship service we will have a softball game and picnic. Come to church dressed casually to play softball afterward. For the picnic, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass, but it is not required for you to stay and join in the fun!

So:

1. Invite friend(s)
2. Dress for a picnic and to play softball
3. Bring a glove (we will have extras)
4. Bring a dish to share (if you can)

Attention Believers

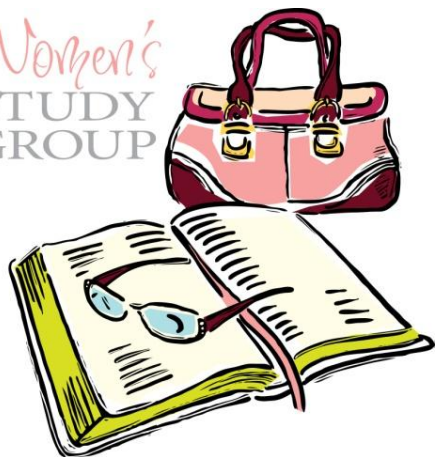
This is a notice to all Senior High
and Middle School Youth

We plan on starting Youth Group on **Sunday, September 22nd**. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Sunday evenings. There will be lots of worship, with the help of a DVD series that includes Christian bands that we know, as well as some new ones. Youth Group includes all 7th thru 12th grades. You don't have to be a member of Flushing Presbyterian Church to join.

If you have any questions, you can contact Scott or Sandy Tucker at 659-7020.

We hope to see all your smiling faces on September 22!!

Women's
STUDY
GROUP



Priscilla Circle News

The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. Our first meeting for the year will be a potluck on **September 26th**. All women are invited to come and join us.



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

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 26th**

We will be hosting a Special Fall Seminar, entitled "How to Live by Faith? How to Live by Faith!" The seminar, scheduled from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM, will be led by Julianne Princinski. \$10 registration fee includes lunch.



Membership?

Saturday, September 28th, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, those interested in learning more about Flushing Presbyterian Church (FPC) are invited to gather. Pastor Teresa and an elder will tell you about the ministries of FPC, who are Presbyterians and what it would mean to be a member.

Curious? Come check it out! Please let us know you are coming - sign up on the bulletin board or contact Marty or Pastor Teresa.



Congratulations to:

Bob & Bev Blair

On the birth of their great-granddaughter,

Brooke Jaelyn Guertin

Born: July 16, 2013

(Daughter of Ben Guertin & Satonka Mills)

Bill & Jan Ballagh

On the birth of their great-grandson,

Camden Charles Jenkins

Born: August 19, 2013

(Son of Kelli and Kenneth Jenkins)



Family Promise of Genesee County is getting very close to becoming a reality. The needed 13 host churches have been recruited and 10 – 12 support churches are available to help. Three viable possible locations for the Day Center have been found. Concrete prospects and financial support have been found for a 15 passenger van. Additional financial support is being actively sought in many ways. When a predetermined dollar amount has been received, the program will begin.

It is time to refresh our memories and to begin getting ready for hosting our guests. A quick review will remind us that Family Promise is an organization that helps keep children together with their parents as a family unit during their time of crisis. Our church has made the commitment to host up to 5 families, a maximum of 14 guests, four times a year. We provide a safe place to help families in need get back on their feet. Family Promise offers compassion and support and helps them learn how to become self-sufficient.

Many members of our faith family have already indicated how they are interested in helping during host week. As we plan and prepare to provide overnight accommodations, meals and compassionate assistance to our guests, your help will be needed. If you have volunteered, you will be hearing from us individually soon. If you have not indicated how you might be able to help, forms are available on the table in the narthex or contact one of us. Please consider assisting in some way.

Now, as we prepare to start up in the next few months, your help is again needed. We are planning a Family (Promise) Shower for **Sunday, September 29th at 4:00 pm**. All ages are invited to attend this family event. As with all showers, there will be fellowship with friends, food (a potluck), games (oh yes, at least one) and importantly, the gifts. A “gift registry” of needed items will be made available. This will be in the form of pick an item(s) off the board so that only the appropriate numbers of items will be donated. There will be items that children might want to bring (activity books, toys, hand held games, sip cups); guest room items (twin sheets, washable blankets, regular towels, hand towels, wash cloths, small soaps, small bedside tables, alarm clocks, table lamps, small runner rugs for rooms without carpeting, hand lotion, night lights); infant and toddler needs (portable cribs [gently used or a group gift], sheets for portable cribs, blankets, baby bottles and liners, infant bath tub, bath wash, shampoo; and staples for the kitchen (peanut butter, jelly/jam, cereal, lunch bags, plastic or rubber gloves). When appropriate, gently used items will be appreciated.

Some have indicated that they have already set aside needed items. If you have done so, please let us know so that we can post only the correct number of each item that is still needed.

Thank you in advance for all of your help. Contact Co-coordinators or the church office with your information or questions.

Pat Bemis 659-4649 and Carole Tucker 733-6089 or carolegoblue@gmail.com



Thank You Notes

From Alan Watterworth ...

I want to thank everyone for all the cards you have sent me. A special thanks to Pastor Teresa for visiting. You are all very much appreciated.

From Dona Ballard ...

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards following my surgery. It was very much appreciated.

From Jeanne McClellan & Family ...

Many, many "thank yous" to all who have helped my family and I go through this scary and painful ordeal. The many cards, notes, visits, phone calls, flowers, encouraging words to my family in church, stores, etc., and even a dish of very tasty rice pudding were all greatly appreciated. Thanks also for the prayers, and to Pastor Teresa for being with me. We are so grateful for you all.

From Margaret Meehle ...

Thank you for all of the school supplies given to Kinship Caregivers. We collected 37 backpacks, 1 carton crayons, 1 carton glue, 1 carton pencils and pens, 3 cartons paper and notebooks, 2 grocery bags of miscellaneous school supplies, plus cash donations of \$65.00 used to purchase additional backpacks.

From John & Kathy Miller ...

Thank you for all the cards and special thoughts and cards after the passing of John's Mom. All are very much appreciated.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with John & Kathy Miller and family on the death of John's mother, Thelma Walsh.



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.



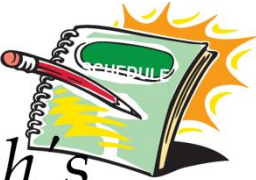
PRAYER CHAIN PROCEDURE

Step 1: Contact the church office or Pastor Teresa with your prayer request

Step 2: That's it!! the church secretary or the pastor will activate the prayer chain.

Why this way? So the pastor is aware of member needs/concerns. When you contact the chain directly, all involved may or may not get the needed info.

This Month's Schedule



September 1

Communion Preparers: John & Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Darla Arn, Sandy & Scott Tucker, Laura Widman
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathie & Roy Rhoads
Flowers: Victoria Coleman
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Butch, Gary, Mitchell & Shirley Albert
Lay Leader: John Dulin

September 8

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Paige A, Darla Arn, Bob & Bev Blair
Lay Leader: Isabella B
Acolytes: Elle B, Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Michael R

September 15

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Bill Nicholas
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Dave & Jeanne Blanton
Lay Leader: Darla Arn
Acolytes: Kaitlyn E, Sydney S
Acolyte Leader: Paige A

September 22

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Ashley, Pat & Sarah Bemis; Shirley Delbridge
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Acolytes: Madeline R, Josh Y
Acolyte Leader: Michael R

September 29

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Bob Chase, Bill & Virginia Churchill, Bev Gatenby
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Logan H



September

- 1 Michael R
- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 8 Rayna & Todd Roddie
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 11 Pamelyn Hegg
- 12 Brianna C, John Yats
- 13 Joan Russell, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair A, Fred & Laura Widman
- 15 Jane Forbes, Steven & Christine Cooper
- 17 Samantha A, Rosemary Nicholas, Shamiah Specht
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Beverly Gatenby, Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 20 Al & Ginny Basner
- 24 Barb Hogan, Mary Ellen Zellers
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger, Jerry Hudson, Shaina W
- 26 Leslie Wells, Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Jagger C, Katilyn R, Nancy Young



Financial Highlights

Average 2013 Collections	\$3,323
Average July Collections	\$2,672
Average 2012 Collections	\$3,734
Average needed for Budget	\$4,202

Lectioary Readings

September 1: Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8: Jer. 18:1-11; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 15: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 22: Jer. 8:18 - 9:1; Ps. 79:1-9; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 29: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



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) ...

During the month of July, 480 people were served at the FCOC. This is up 95 people from the month of June. There were 12 new to the Center. Thank you so much for making it possible to serve this many people.

Some of our needs this month include: toothpaste, peanut butter, laundry detergent, wet wipes and feminine hygiene products. We are also in need of men's jeans, especially the small sizes and the very large sizes.

We also need your many prayers to make sure we're following God's plan for the Flushing Christian Outreach Center.

Again, thanks for all you do.

Terri Szukhent

Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



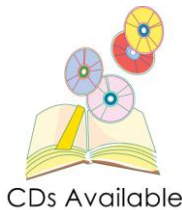
You Eat, We Earn!!

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 & 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.

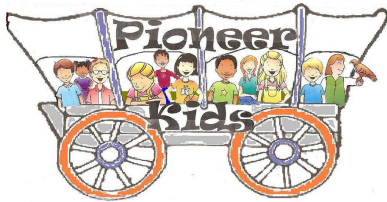


Music Opportunities...The **Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.



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.



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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.

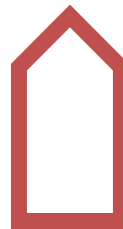


The Perpetual Book Sale...Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.



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.



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.



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



SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Church Office Closed 	3	4	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
8 Noisy Offering Rally Day 9:30 AM - Christian Education Classes Begin	9 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30PM - Property 7:00 PM - Budget & Finance	11 9:30 AM - Bible Study 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	13	14
15 1:00 PM - Younkin Baby Shower	16 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth Special Meeting	17	18 9:30 AM - Bible Study 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	20	21
22 Bring-a-Friend Sunday 11:30 AM - Picnic & Softball Game 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:45 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	25 9:30 AM - Bible Study 10:00 AM - Memorial 3:45 PM - Pioneer Kids	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir	27	28 9:30 AM - New Members
29 10:00 AM - Pre-Worship Coffee Hour 4:00 PM - Family Promise Shower 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30				Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) Beginning September 8th 10:30 AM - Worship Service	