



Happening September 7th!!



Sunday School - Classes for ALL Ages resume Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 AM

- Adults: *Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah*, by Ray Vander Laan.

Teachers: Mike Keeler, Rosie Nicholas

- High School (grades 9-12): LINC: *Life in Christ* series. Discussing current events.
- Tween/Teen (grades 5-8): *Re:Form* DVD series by Sparkhouse
- Pre-K - grades 4/5: *We Believe Curriculum*

Teachers for children & youth:

Carrie Younkin, Julie Socha, Karen Howe, Pat Bemis, Pastor Teresa



Blessing of the Backpacks

Once again it is time to ask God to bless our efforts. It's a new season and the perfect opportunity to get everyone thinking about and working to be their best and asking God to help us. Bring your backpack, briefcase, tool kit, satchel, or other related items that speak to you, asking for God's blessing and committing to be a partner with God.

This year, we will have extra tags for you to share with others - "Blessed to be a Blessing". It's always good to share God's love and blessings with others.

See you on the 7th!!



Attention all 7th-12th graders: Join us on September 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM for our first evening of Youth Group! This year we will be studying the DVD series "God's Not Dead", along with other planned activities. Some past events have included: Acquire the Fire, mission trips, caroling to shut-ins and a trip to Spring Hill. Plan to join us (ask a friend to come along) and bring your own ideas of things you may want the group to do this year! See you there!

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church



Our regular coffee hour returns in September!!

All are invited for coffee and conversation on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service. In order to provide this time of fellowship for everyone to enjoy, volunteers are needed to host. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. There are instructions provided in an envelope near the sign-up sheet. If you have never hosted before and would like to be paired with a "seasoned veteran", please contact the office.



The Chancel Choir would like to extend an invitation to any and all who think they would like to sing in our choir but are not sure if they are ready for a long-term commitment. Feel free to just "drop in" to one or two of our Thursday evening rehearsal sessions, sing with us for one or two Sundays and then decide for yourself! Who knows? You may just decide to stay with us!! Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, September 4th at 7:15 PM;**(Please make note of the time change).

The Handbell Choir is also welcoming people interested in ringing. 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. Practices will be held on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM beginning October 7th.**

Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for more information on either of these music opportunities.



On September 14th, following the worship service, there will be a long overdue 2nd "Conversation with the Pastor" in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for the pastor to relate information the session would like the congregation to know and/or discuss, plus an opportunity for "the person in the pew" to ask questions.

The session has scheduled regular "Conversation" dates every two months. It's a new program year, so we are planning to meet the goal of regular conversations with you. We look forward to this time and the dialogue which will take place.



As a way to thank volunteers, donors, sponsors and their families, *Family Promise of Genesee County* is hosting a free family picnic at Noon on **Saturday, September 20th,** at Elms Road Park in Swartz Creek.

- Food & drinks provided
- Face painting
- Balloon Animals
- Cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones
- Playground activities

Please RSVP to help us plan for food and beverages - (810)234-9444.





Movie Night!! - All Church

You are invited to a viewing of the recently released movie, "God's Not Dead" on Sunday, September 21st, 5:30-7:30, in Fellowship Hall.

When atheist philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) plans to forego "dusty arguments" in his class, he insists the new students declare that "God Is Dead."

Unable to do this, Josh (Shane Harper) is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God is NOT Dead. With everything on the line, Josh's faith is unwavering...and life-changing to those around him.

We will bring out the popcorn popper, have some soft drinks, tea or lemonade, plus any other snacks you might like to share available for the movie. It will be an event!!

Then, beginning September 28th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, 4 and 6 week studies will be offered for the Youth and Adults, respectively. Movie clips followed by discussion questions will be the format of the weekly studies.

We hope you will join us for this fall study. We are excited to hear the discussions that will follow.



BAKERS NEEDED

We are compiling a list of people that would be willing to bake cookies for coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month (on a rotating basis) and/or for special events (such as the Flint Concert Band Christmas concert). If you would be willing to bake cookies for these events, please contact the office.




Exciting news! This year, the Genesee County CROP walk committee has added Family Promise of Genesee County to its list of charities benefiting from CROP Walk donations. Each year, 25% of the donations received by CROP (a branch of Church World Service) are shared between local charities. If donations to CROP continue at last year's rate, Family Promise will receive nearly \$1,000 to assist in helping families back into sustainable housing. Please help raise money this year to assist Church World Service in bringing clean water to third world villages, supporting hunger programs in the US and elsewhere, and the local charities in Genesee County: North End Soup Kitchen, Love INC, Crossover Ministries and Family Promise. **If you would like to walk with Mike Keeler on October 5th, or sponsor a walker with a pledge, contact Mike. There will be a sign-up table in the Narthex on Sunday, September 21st & 28th and October 5th.**



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

Attention Ladies of the Church: Mark your calendars now for an afternoon of fellowship. On Saturday, November 1, we will host our first *Harvest Table Ladies Fellowship Event* from 2 PM-5 PM. We will share food, fun and laughter as we gather together to enjoy the beauty of autumn. You will be entertained by "The Church Ladies" skit and may very well see someone you know or perhaps even yourself in this funny performance. More details will be posted in the October Newsletter and the Narthex. There will be a sign-up sheet and seating will be limited to 88.



This Month's Schedule

September 7

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Communion Preparers: John & Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Paige A, Darla Arn
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Acolyte Leader:

September 14

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Bob & Gail Barnhart, Bob Chase
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Paige A

September 21

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Helen & Norm Dickenson, Carol & John Dulin
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Michael R

September 28

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dave Finley, Gordon & Kay Hall, Brenda Hollenbeck
Lay Leader: Laura Widman
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Logan H



September

- 1 Michael R
- 2 Carol Pratt
- 6 Del Sawatzki, Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 8 Rayna & Todd Roddie
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 13 Joan Russell, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair A
- 15 Steven & Christine Cooper
- 17 Samantha Allred, Rosemary Nicholas, Shamiah Specht
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Beverly Gatenby, Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 24 Barb Hogan, Mary Ellen Zellers
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger, Shaina W
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

From Pat Bemis and Carole Tucker...

Our thanks to everyone who helped make our Family Promise host week so successful. If you prepared meals, baked cookies, did laundry, spent time with our guests, stayed overnight, moved furniture, gave donations or prayed for us, we really appreciate your involvement. **Our next host week will be in October.**



Financial Highlights

Average 2014 Collections	\$3,242
Average July Collections	\$2,915
Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average needed for Budget	\$3,776

Lectioary Readings

September 7: Exod. 12:1-14; Ps 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

September 14: Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 *or* Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

September 21: Exod. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

September 28: Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32



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) ...

For the month of July, Flushing Christian Outreach Center served 434 clients! This equates to 169 families in the Flushing Community who needed the little extra help that FCOC gives. In addition to our regular food and personal items, we gave out an extra bag of food to families with school-age children. As you can see, the need is still very real in our Flushing area, and we couldn't do it without your help. We appreciate all the donations - whether food, personal items, or monetary - that you send our way.

Our September personal item donation that we're asking for is shampoo. Some special needs this month also include: fresh vegetables and fruit from overflowing gardens, and boys' clothing of all sizes!

Thanks so much for all you do.
May God Bless you!

Terri Szukhent

Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



From Ed & Ruth Spomer...

Thank you to everyone for their cards and visits while Ed was in the hospital. Your care and concern was very much appreciated!!

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2014 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
Dave Blanton

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Maxine Allen

Member Care

Louise Elleman, Chair
Kathie Rhoads

Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith

A 90-10 split

When the weather prediction is for a 10 percent chance of rain, do we sigh and grumble and stay indoors? Or do we go ahead and picnic, golf or hike because the chance of bad weather is so low?

When doctors say our child has a 90 percent chance of full recovery from a deadly illness, don't we rejoice at the great prognosis? We quickly decide we can live with the slight chance of some impairment.

When a really tough exam comes back with a 90 percent grade, aren't we glad to have done well?

When a politician runs for office, 90 percent of the vote would be considered an overwhelming mandate.

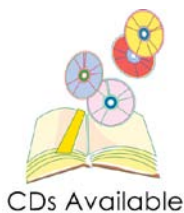
Why then, when God gives us 100 percent of our material blessings, are we so horrified at the thought of giving him 10 percent back?



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 ongoing 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

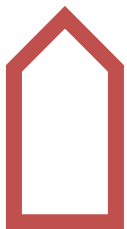
The Noisy Offering is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.



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



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed	2	3 6:30 PM - NCCG	4 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	5 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	6
7 Communion 9:30 AM - Christian Education Classes Resume 10:30 AM - Blessing of the Backpacks 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	8 5:30 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen	10 6:30 PM - NCCG 6:30PM - Property	11 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	12	13
14 Noisy Offering 11:30 AM - Conversation with the Pastor 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 10:00 AM - Memorial 6:30 PM - NCCG	18 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	19	20
21 5:00 PM - NCCG 5:30 PM -Movie Night - "God's Not Dead" 6:00 PM - Youth Group	22 6:45 PM - Session	23 7:00 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	24 6:30 PM - NCCG	25 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	26	27
28 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	29	30			Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour	