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September 2019 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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Bible Studies resume once again starting September 8th.

There will be two classes offered after worship, starting at 11:15 am. Enjoy 15 minutes of fellowship and then come to class and continue the fellowship as you learn more about each other and about the Bible. We are offering one class for youth who are preschool age through 6th grade and two options for Jr. High age up to adults of all ages!! Come delve a little deeper with one of the following classes:

In *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. The second class will again be a Ray Vander Laan series titled *Fire on the Mountain*. In this series, you will discover how God taught the Israelites what it meant to be part of a community that loved him and what that means for us today. Both groups are appropriate for ages Jr. High and up.

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.



Sunday, September 8th
During the Worship Service

Bring a backpack, satchel, tool kit, sewing bag, work bag or representation as we ask God to bless our efforts in daily life. BRING A FRIEND!!



Office Hours

We will return to our regular office hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday), on Tuesday, September 3rd. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays.



Please Note ... Communion Sunday for September will be September 8th instead of September 1st.



Our regular Coffee Hour returns in September!! Volunteers will be needed to host. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have never hosted before, and would like to work with a "seasoned veteran", please contact the office.



Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for September & October:

September 1 - Dan Saperstein
September 8 - Julianne Princinsky
September 15 - Max Hayden
September 22 - Max Hayden
September 29 - Max Hayden
October 6 - Julianne Princinsky
October 13 - Julianne Princinsky
October 20 - Max Hayden
October 27 - Max Hayden



The Believers" Youth Group is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They resume their meetings at 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 8th. Invite your friends and join us for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker if you have any questions.





This fall our choirs will be facing many openings for voices and hands! Please give it some thought as to what we could do to fill some of our vacancies. Our congregation has some pretty big shoes to fill, but with God's help, we will be able to complete the tasks before us.

Chancel choir rehearsal will begin on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir schedule will be announced at a later date. Will be looking forward to seeing everyone!



Double Coffee Hour!! Please note that there will be two opportunities for coffee and fellowship on Sunday, September 29th. We will be having a pre-worship coffee hour at 9:45 AM as well as the traditional coffee hour at 11:15. Please join us at one, or both, of these times.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 7th, 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).



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Priscilla Circle meetings will resume on Thursday, September 26, at 1:00 PM at the church. At the first meeting we will study chapter one of *One Simple Act* by Debbie Macomber. Copies of the book are available for \$15.20; Kindle books are available from Amazon. All women of the church are welcome to join us for fellowship, study and refreshments. If you have questions, please contact Pat Bemis or the church office.





In 2010, Session entrusted the Community Outreach Team with the responsibility of administering an anonymous bequest to be used specifically for hunger programs. At the request of the benefactor, the fund is to be kept open for future donations. Since that time, the committee has investigated, prayed and then dispensed funds to the following charities on behalf of our church: Flushing Christian Outreach Center, North End Soup Kitchen, Eastern Michigan Food Bank, Bread for Life, Somalia Refugees, UNICEF, Flint Freeman School Week-End Food Program, Syria/Lebanon Refugees, Young Adult Volunteer Food Program, Refugee Food Baskets.

If you would like to contribute to the Hunger Relief Fund, simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Hunger Relief" on the memo line.



AUCTION
TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:00 PM – Doors Open & Appetizers
6:30 PM – Auction

How high will the bidding for Mary Graham's pies go? How many corny (but still funny jokes) will our esteemed auctioneer Steve Howe make to our groans? Come find out at our third annual auction to raise funds for Family Promise, Saturday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m. It has proven to be a great deal of fun while raising much needed funds for our important mission of serving families experiencing homelessness. We encourage you to make, buy, donate, or solicit donations for our auction. Last year we raised over \$1,800! We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to join the fun. In the interest of time, it is possible there will also be a silent auction. In addition to needing items to auction, we need people willing to provide desserts or finger foods for the event and individuals willing to help with set up and clean up. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Collection of items will be Sunday, October 13 through Friday, October 18. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Dulin or the church office.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Our congregation keeps 25% of this Offering for local programs. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Use the special offering envelopes available in the pews or just indicate "Peace Offering" on the memo line of your check. The offering will be collected until October 7th (World Communion Sunday).



Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.

-From the June 2019 Newsletternewsletter

Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

From Sylvia & Mike Keeler . . .

Food, calls, cards and more cards, and so many prayers! The Keelers have been so blessed by this congregation throughout this whole ordeal. We would like to thank you all for your support.

From Love INC . . .

We give thanks for your generous donation to Love INC. We take pleasure in knowing that, with your support, we are able to succeed in our mission of "People helping People in Christ's Name."



From Carriage Town Ministries . . .

There really is a way that leads to rest even in the most difficult circumstances. In Flint, Carriage Town Ministries is the ultimate "rest stop" for many physically, emotionally and spiritually drained people.

Many of our guests have spent years trying to find hope and peace. They come to us for help, but it has been difficult for them to address their present fears with hope for the future. When our guest hear the Good News and turn to God for redemption and strength, they are able to live confidently in the present with the strong hope grounded in Christ.

Your generous and faithful support of Carriage Town Ministries has made a difference in the lives of those at-risk in the Flint community. We are so thankful for your kind gift and for your commitment to help us *rescue, recover and restore* desperate and at-risk people in our community.

From PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission . . .

Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission in support of mission co-workers Michael & Rachel Ludwig and Cathy Chang & Juan-Carlos Lopez. Supporters like you enable us to work transformative ministries alongside global partners in more than 50 countries around the world.

Our ministries focus on three critical global initiatives: alleviating poverty, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and working for reconciliation. We would not be able to pursue these priorities without the one you gave to us.

We are stewards of a Presbyterian mission legacy that began nearly 180 years ago, and though the ways we do mission have changed, our commitment to sharing the gospel in word and deed remains the same.

God continues to us to be faithful witnesses in our world, and your support helps make this possible. Thank you again for your gift, and please keep Presbyterian World Mission in your prayers.





This Month's Schedule

September 1

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Mike Keeler
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Welcome Desk:
Acolytes:

September 8

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Loretta Hudson, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller
Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius
Acolytes:

September 15

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Acolytes:

September 22

Fellowship Host:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Randy Socha, Cathy & Gary Stuber, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Marilyn Schmoak
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Acolytes:

September 29

Fellowship Host:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Shirley Delbridge
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolytes:



September

- 1 Michael R
- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 13 Joan Russell, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair Albert
- 15 Steven & Christine Cooper
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 24 Barb Hogan
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young



Financial Highlights

Average 2019 Collections	\$3,047
Average July Collections	\$2,758
Average 2018 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2019 Budget	\$3,824



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for September are peanut butter and/or jelly and paper towels. 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

We have decided to continue with the Weekly Email Updates about prayer requests and upcoming events that Pastor Teresa did in the past. Kay Hall will now be sending out these updates to all that would like to receive them. If you were not receiving the weekly updates and would now like to receive them, please contact Kay Hall or the church office and we will put you on the mailing list. 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.

Lectionary 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. 16:19-31

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" 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!

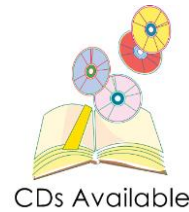


Bread for Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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.



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 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 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.



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.



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

To the **RONALD MCDONALD** help support families who stay here 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.



Choose biblical history or current events - each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



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	2 Labor Day - Church Office Closed	3	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 Communion 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 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property	11 10:00 AM - Community Outreach	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 9:30 AM - Presbytery Meeting, Mt. Pleasant	18 11:00 AM - Memorial	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 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	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 6:00 PM - Youth Group	30				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sunday Schedule 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