



Fall

September 2022 Newsletter



SEPTEMBER

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (New International Version)

Grace and peace to you, saints of Flushing!

It is my sincerest hope that you had a lovely summer, filled with play, excitement, and enjoyment. As we move from warmer days toward the fall, we see the changes happening all around us. The green of the leaves is replaced by reds, oranges and yellows. The sun is setting earlier and the shadows lengthen. The children are going back to school, and the teachers right along with them. Perhaps that's why autumn is capable of evoking nostalgia in the mind for a time when school was in session. (Well, that and the fact that college football season is upon us, I suppose.)

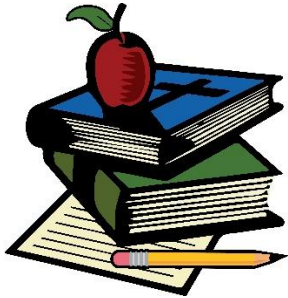
Starting September 11, we'll have a "back-to-school" of our own in the resumption of our various Bible study sessions! *The Wired Word* will be held in the evenings via Zoom, while in-person study will resume after worship on Sunday mornings, around 11:15 am. Also, I am excited to add another session to the calendar; beginning September 15, we'll have Bible study at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings as well. So if you're not able to make the Sunday session, feel free to drop in on the Thursday morning one!

As for the subject matter and content, it's the entirety of scripture! We're going to be taking a good look and a deep dive into how our Bible functions as a whole unit, in addition to looking at all 66 individual books along the way. Who wrote our scriptures? Why was our Bible put together in this manner? What do we do with all manner of texts that have been deemed "too violent" or "too racy?" Revelation and Song of Solomon, I will remind you, were the two final books to be admitted into our Bible. After all, Paul tells us in 2 Timothy up there, that all scripture is divinely inspired – literally, "God-breathed" – and useful for teaching. So, to that end, we'll be approaching the Bible in the grand overarching view, as well as zooming in on many lessons both familiar and unfamiliar along the way. I hope you'll join me in this adventure through "Bread for the Journey: A Biblical Odyssey."

Pastor Paul



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .
September 4 & 18.



Fall Christian Education Kick Off

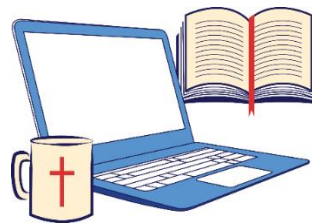
On Sunday, September 11th, we will kick off our CE year with a special coffee hour and other fun touches as we enter into the time of gathering and learning more about our lord and the Bible. Bible studies will be offered after the worship service, starting roughly around 11:15 AM. Get some yummy snacks and considering joining this group!!



The Wired Word Bible study will resume again on Sunday, September 11th at 7:00 PM. Classes will continue to be based on current events and how the Bible and our faith can be used to relate to these events. Class discussions will be led by Pastor Paul, Karen Howe, Mike Keeler and Julie Socha on a rotating basis. If you were to join a class, you would see that the variety of members and their experiences and input are what lead to lively discussions and make this class so interesting. Please consider joining us via Zoom!!



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.



Prayer Requests Via Facebook

In an effort to be more consistent at including prayer requests via Facebook on Sunday mornings, the Spiritual Growth Team has established a more formal process. Anyone watching at home should put their prayer request in the "Comments" section as soon as possible during the service. The streaming person will be responsible for monitoring Facebook and writing these requests down on the blue prayer request form, which would then be handed in at the point in the service where we ask for prayer requests. As always, prayer requests can also be submitted by a phone call to the church or given directly to Pastor Paul's email at paul.pfeuffer@outlook.com prior to the worship service.



We will return to our regular office hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday), on Thursday, September 1st. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays.



From John and Kathy Miller . . .

Thank you from John and I for the prayers and good wishes as John continues to recover from his recent hospitalization. He is now going to outpatient therapy and showing improvement daily. Our church family is a blessing to both of us.



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 your special offering envelopes or just indicate "Peace Offering" on the memo line of your check. The offering will be collected until October 2nd (World Communion Sunday).



Expanding our view of service

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other “least of these” members of society — serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, “For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it” — or “My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it.” Then the King will say, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father ... *whatever* you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV; emphasis added).

From the April 2017 *Newsletternewsletter*



From Bill & Denise Churchill . . .



Our son, Rob, is a member of the 4th Infantry Division, United States Army, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Rob's battalion was deployed to Poland in April of this year, in response to the war in Ukraine. Rob and approximately 750 fellow soldiers, will be returning to Colorado in early December. Our son will be welcomed back to his home in Fountain CO by his wife, Katy, and their four daughters. Roughly three hundred of the other soldiers returning home are single. They will arrive on base travel weary, far from their homes and families, with little, or no fanfare. They will return to an empty, musty barracks with whatever personal items that they could carry in a backpack. The time of arrival to the base is often in the late night/early morning hours. Soldiers can't always get to a store when they first arrive home. Our daughter-in-law, Katy, is helping a group of soldiers' wives to assemble "Welcome Home" packages for the single soldiers. They want the soldiers to know that folks care about them. They hope to make the first two or three days back on base a bit easier on them, as well. The group is asking for help with donations of the following:

Personal hygiene items – "TRAVEL SIZE" only

- Body wash
- Chapstick
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Mouth wash

Individually wrapped snacks, including:

- Beef jerky
- Breakfast/protein bars
- Chips / Crackers
- Granola bars
- Nuts
- Popcorn
- Pretzels
- Trail mix

Other items

- Tide pods and dryer sheets (they hope to be able to give each soldier two of each)
- "Little Tree" car fresheners - to hang in their rooms that have been locked-up for 9 months!

There is a collection box in the narthex. Monetary donations will be used to purchase (locally) bottled water, Gatorade, and perishable treats. Checks should be made out to the church with "Fort Carson" on the memo line.

We will be shipping the donated items by the end of October.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the troops!





This Month's Schedule

September 4

Communion Preparer: Sandy & Scott Tucker
Communion Servers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Karen Howe, Scott Tucker
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Shirley Delbridge
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Kaye Kaufherr, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Streaming: Randy Socha

September 11

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Mark Jacobson, Natalie Lucas, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler
Streaming: Steve Howe

September 18

Communion Preparer: Marilyn Schmoak
Communion Servers: Pat Bemis, Carol Dulin, Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye
Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Gary & Jerry Stuber
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker
Streaming: Mike Keeler

September 25

Flowers:
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary Albert, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy Tucker
Lay Leader: Dean Bemis
Streaming: Scott Smith



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for September are Peanut Butter and/or jelly and dish soap. 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.



September

- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 13 Ed & Sue Lannon, 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
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young

Lectionary Readings

September 4: Jer. 18:1-11 and Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; Deut. 30:15-20 and Ps. 1; Phlm. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps. 14; Ex. 32:7-14 and Ps. 51:1-10; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18: Jer. 8:18- 9:1 and Ps. 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Ps. 113; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Ps 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Ps. 146; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon,
Resident Aliens
(from the September 2020 Newsletternewsletter)



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, October 3, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Financial Highlights

Average 2022 Collections	\$2,792
Average June Collections	\$1,626
Average 2021 Collections	\$3,122
Average needed for 2022 Budget	\$3,811

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2022 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
Carrie Younkin

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 1:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at Kathy's 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 5:00 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.

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 Margaret Meehle or 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) 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.



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 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.



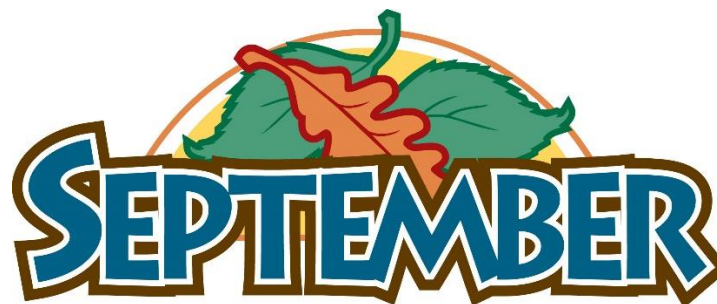
Soup Kitchen...Volunteers work at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.



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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 AM – Member Care	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 Communion	5  Church Office Closed	6	7	8	9 Church Office Closed	10 7:30 AM – GFWC (Flushing Women's Club)
11 Noisy Offering 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	12 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	13 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM – Property	14 10:00 AM - Community Outreach	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
18 Communion 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	19	20	21 1:00 PM – Book Club – Kathy's Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	22	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	26 6:45 PM - Session	27 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women's Club)	28 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	29	30 Church Office Closed	

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays