



Lenten Journey

The season of lent calls us to step into a time of reflection and intentional spiritual growth - opening ourselves to God. Come journey with others at each of these special gatherings and worship services.

WE BEGIN

- * Ash Wednesday Worship, February 10, 7:00 PM - includes imposition of ashes and communion.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

- * Lenten Devotion Booklets available for Personal Reflection
- * Christ Walk Challenge Continues
Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Check-In and Devotional; In March, the Devotions will focus on "Prayer"
- * 40 Days of Generous Living - A weekly guide to encourage living life generously (i.e. Create a "Blessing Bag" and give it away; Hug; Clean out your closet and donate clothes)

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

- * March 20 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
- * Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM
Tenenbrae Service with Communion
Prayer Vigil to follow this service through the night
- * Friday, March 25 - Good Friday, 6:00 PM
Worship remembering Christ's suffering through Stations of the Cross


EASTER

- * Sunday, March 27
8:30 AM - Early Easter Celebration
9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast, followed by an egg hunt for the kids
10:30 AM - Easter Worship Service






We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, February 1**, 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). **February is our month to host - volunteers are needed to help with registration and the canteen (2 shifts: 12:00 - 3:00 PM & 3:00 - 6:00 PM)**. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Mission bulletin board (in the hall outside of the kitchen). Please contact Kathy Miller if you have any questions.



Member
DIRECTORY

We will be printing an updated church directory in February. If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please notify the office by **February 12th**.




Souper
Bowl

Sunday, February 7th, is the date for the annual collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring AND the Sunday we have soup and bread for lunch. ALL money donated goes to support the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) and their efforts to stamp out hunger. We remember how blessed each of us are by having a simple meal - though the range of soups brought is fantastic and we do not leave hungry! Mark your calendar and plan to stay for lunch. **If you would be willing to provide soup, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board.**



The chancel choir will be singing a cantata for Easter Sunday this year. We are inviting anyone, of any age, to join us in singing for this special service. Rehearsals will be held at 7:15 - 8:00 PM on Thursdays, February 25, March 3, 10, 17 and on Wednesday, March 23. We welcome everyone to join us! Contact Marilyn Schmoak if you have any questions.



**Family Promise[®]
of Genesee County**

February 28 - March 6
Watch for volunteer opportunities!!

Big Thank You!

Bread For Life is a food program for children in Flushing Schools who have been identified as being "food deprived" on weekends. The children, and the volunteers who pack the backpacks of food for the children, wish to thank you for your generous donations totaling \$725. This money allows the "Food Fairy" to continue for these children in need in our community. 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.



Light blue T-Shirts with our name and church logo are available to purchase for \$10 each. Please see Margaret Meehle or the church office if you are interested.



Coffee Hour Hosts, please note that we no longer have a "Standing Order" at Bueches for donut holes for Sunday mornings. If you wish to serve donut holes for coffee hour, you will need to place an order for them by Thursday of the week you will be hosting.



From Bill & Rosie Nicholas...

We would like to thank the Congregation for the tremendous send off you gave us on our last day at Flushing Presbyterian Church, for all the cards and expressions of love, and to Steve for that fantastic video. We miss you all already! (See Gordon Hall for a picture from Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, row 6 seat 1.)



Prayer Vigil

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 11:00 AM on Good Friday, members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church are asked to participate in a prayer vigil. This vigil is based on Mark 14:32-43, which recounts the story of Jesus going to Gethsemane to pray.

The prayer vigil is a time of personal meditation, prayer and scripture reading. The vigil is divided into half-hour segments. People of the congregation are asked to fill these segments so that at least one person is present in the sanctuary praying, reading and/or meditating during the hours Christ asked his disciples to stay awake and watch.

The segments begin at 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 24th and end at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 25th. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. You may take more than one segment. Prayerfully consider participating in this meaningful time of watching, waiting, and praying.



New Look & New Image Building Update Financial Results

This time last year we were in the beginning process of our plan to update our facility. With all the renovations and changes complete for several months now, we wanted to report the financial status of our pledge campaign and how all the wonderful changes were paid for.

- ✓ We received pledges of \$58,000 or nearly 97%, towards our goal of \$60,000. Of the \$58,000 pledged, 99% (\$57,431) was received
- ✓ Total project costs were \$65,021.82, leaving a gap of \$7,590.82 between pledges collected and total project costs
- ✓ The gap of \$7,590.82 was covered with the use of existing funds from the following sources:

Pew Upholstery from Memorial	\$2,205.00
Easy Worship Program Donation	600.00
Dell Media Computer from Memorial	2,075.76
Digital Hymn Software Program from Memorial	505.87
Existing Building Funds	2,204.19
Total	\$7,590.82

Special thanks to the Design Team and countless others who played a role in making these wonderful updates and new enhancements happen throughout the entire process. This truly was a total congregational effort. Now, let's spread the word with our community and friends about our new persona and invite them to experience the NEW Flushing Presbyterian Church!!

On behalf of,

New Look & New Image Campaign Team and Budget & Finance Team
Steve Howe



WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

Fair question. Let's attempt to answer it.

PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

2016 Per Capita

General Assembly	\$ 7.12
Synod	3.25
Presbytery	15.63
Total per member	\$26.00

HOW IS PER CAPITA COMPUTED?

The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery.

Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, gas, water
- pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip

In order to keep presbytery's per capita rate from escalating, the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including:

- the mortgage payment on the presbytery office
- the office of the Stated Clerk, including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk
- salaries of the Business Manager/Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant
- insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit
- costs associated with operating the presbytery office
- meeting costs for our standing units

Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$26.00
for each person in your family who is a member of the church.

Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost of the flowers has not been determined by the florist yet, but will probably be between \$13 - \$15 per plant. Please contact the office for the price and then complete this form (making any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire), enclose your check, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, March 13.**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____





*This
Month's
Schedule*

February 7

Communion Preparers: Sandy & Scott Tucker
Communion Servers: Kathy Lesceluis, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller, Dennis Sanborn
Coffee Hour Hosts: Souper Bowl
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Bill & Denise Churchill
Lay Leader: Volunteer Needed
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn

February 14

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Carol & John Dulin, Gordon Hall, Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller

February 21

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Lisa Judson, Natalie Lucas, Margaret & Ted Meehle
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Julie Socha

February 28

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader: Steve Howe
Acolytes: Marie S
Welcome Desk: Laura Widman



February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Bob Blair
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 7 Bob Chase, Tim Judson
- 8 Pauline Lazar, Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 14 Bill Weiss
- 16 Reva Jo Gordon, May Hresko
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson



Financial Highlights

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average December Collections	\$3,945
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

A special thank you to those who donated cereal to FCOC in January. Our families can use it for several meals. As we know, breakfast helps children concentrate more in school. The clients are absolutely delighted when they have a variety. For February, we are requesting canned fruits.

If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you.

Leviticus 25:25

May God bless you.

Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing canned fruit or any other non-perishable food items, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



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

Lectio Readings

February 7: Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 14: Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 21: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:3-35

February 28: Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2016 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr.
John Dulin

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis
Natalie Lucas

Member Care

Loretta Hudson
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

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!

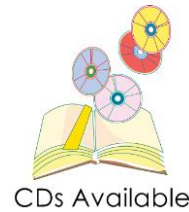


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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.



LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned throughout the year 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.



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.



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. 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. 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



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	2 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	3 6:30 PM - Christ Walk Check- In	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 12:00 PM - Birthday Party
7 Communion 11:30 AM - Souper Bowl 6:00 PM - Youth Group	8 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	10 6:30 PM - Christ Walk Check- In 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service	11 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	12	13
14 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM - B & F	16 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	17 6:30 PM - Christ Walk Check- In	18 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	19	20
21 6:00 PM - Youth Group	22 6:45 PM - Session	23 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	24 6:30 PM - Christ Walk Check- In	25 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	26	27
28 6:00 PM - Youth Group	29					
-----Family Promise-----						---Craft Event---
					Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM - Worship Service & Sunday School 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour	