



April 2015 Newsletter



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 – 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
(Followed by Prayer Vigil at 8:00 PM through 11:00 AM on Good Friday)

Good Friday

Friday, April 3 – 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
"Behold the Darkness" – A Dramatic Tenebrae Service

Easter Morning

Sunday, April 5
8:30 AM – Early Celebration, Memorial Garden (weather permitting)
9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
(Followed by an Egg Hunt for the Kids)
10:30 AM – Easter Worship, Sanctuary

Jesus Christ is Risen Today,
Alleluia!!





On Sunday, March 8th, the congregation reviewed, discussed and enthusiastically supported moving ahead with the proposed updates and maintenance projects to the building. With just a few weeks into the campaign, we are seeing strong support with your pledged dollars. The Session and I are thankful for your generosity.

Once all commitment cards have been received, Session will determine the priority of the projects. A preliminary discussion was held at the March Session meeting. With a completion goal date of Labor Day, being organized will be key. Steps are being taken to ensure such a process can happen.

Look for more updates in the coming months. We will do our best to keep you informed. Thank you again for your generous support.

On behalf of Session,
Pastor Teresa



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, April 2nd, and end at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 3rd. 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.



**GIVE
Blood**

We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, April 6th**, 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).



The Hidden Rules of Poverty Sunday, April 26, 11:45 AM

On Sunday, April 26th, during coffee hour, Terry Bigelow (Director of Flushing Christian Outreach Center) will be repeating her presentation that helped some of us better “Understand Families in Financial Crisis.” She helped us identify and understand the “Hidden Rules of Economic Class.” Values of the Poverty Class, the Middle Class and the Wealthy Class will be described. Understanding poverty is a presentation, in part, from the book, “What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty.”

All members and friends of the church are invited to come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and goodies to enjoy while listening to a great speaker. The presentation will last about 30 minutes with questions to follow. All who are involved with our Family Promise guests are especially invited to attend.

This is a very enlightening program and we hope everyone will plan to attend.



May 3, 3:00 PM

After a two year absence, the Flint Male Chorus will again be performing a concert in our sanctuary at 3:00 PM on May 3rd. The chorus has between 25 and 30 members that perform concerts at churches, nursing homes and service clubs each year. All are invited to attend this wonderful afternoon of music. We need help providing cookies for the reception following the concert. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)

Our next LIFT event will be to see Clio Cast & Crew's stage play, "Twelve Angry Jurors" at 7:30 PM on **Saturday, May 16th**. Cost will be \$12.00 plus gas money for the carpool drivers. Contact Darla Arn to purchase your ticket (we have 20 tickets available). All women are invited to attend.





Thursday, April 23rd –
Saturday, April 25th

Collection Dates

- Sunday, April 19, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- Monday - Tuesday, April 20-21, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 22, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. (NO donations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders.)

Sale Dates

- Thursday, April 23, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 24, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM - Noon

MANY volunteers are needed, before the sale to receive and sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board by the kitchen for all those willing to help. Contact Carole Tucker with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.



RUMMAGE SALE



Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

A display board of graduating seniors, composed of photos and biographical information, is typically displayed. Please bring in or mail a senior photo (no larger than 5 X 7) and a line or two regarding post-graduation plans by **Sunday, May 17**. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on May 31.



We want to thank everyone who helped make our recent Family Promise guests feel accepted, well fed and comfortable. It is a blessing to be able to help people get their lives back on track.

Our next host week will begin May 24th - so we will have guests with us over Memorial Day weekend. Please sign up to help in any way you are able. Contact Pat Bemis with any questions.



The Noisy Offering

The children of the church have been collecting a "Noisy Offering" on the second Sunday of each month for over nine (9) years. During the first three months of 2015, the 10th year, we collected \$460.31 for hunger programs. Each quarter, money is sent out as follows: feeding programs for poor children in Costa Rica receive 55%, Presbyterian Hunger Programs receive 20% and the Flushing Christian Outreach Center receives 25%.

Please take a minute to guess how many coins were collected during January, February and March of 2015. All ages are invited to guess. You will find an envelope in my mailbox labeled "How Many Coins." There are also small papers and pencils. Please include your name so a winner can be determined. It is just like the guessing jar at Vacation Bible School!


Carole Tucker



"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

—Maya Angelou

This Month's Schedule



April 5

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Communion Preparers: Steve & Sandy Walther

Communion Servers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Bob Chase, Sylvia Keeler

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye

Lay Leader: Carol Dulin

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed

Acolyte Leader: Bella B

April 12

Coffee Hour Hosts: Margaret & Ted Meehle

Flowers: Ernie Thrapp & Family

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads, Dennis Sanborn

Lay Leader: Louise Elleman

Acolytes: Lilly & Max S

Acolyte Leader: Paige A

April 19

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Sandy & Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman

Lay Leader: Mike Keeler

Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R

Acolyte Leader: Volunteer Needed

April 26

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Flowers: Chris & Brett Albert, Karen & Steve Howe

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Michael Rowley, Mary Ellen Zellers,

Lay Leader: John Dulin

Acolytes: Elle B, Elyse S

Acolyte Leader: Bella B



April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson, Katelyn W
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Grace J, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Logan W, Kelly & Tim Stein
- 16 Valerie Elder
- 17 David Graham, Kelsey H
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Rose Jackson, Jacob S, Marie S, Darla & Bill Arn, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige A, Dick Barnett, Linda Gross
- 28 Arlene Ewing
- 29 Frances Hollenbeck

Lectioary Readings

April 5 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8 *Evening:* Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 12: Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1 - 2:2; John 20:19-31

April 19: Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 26: Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

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



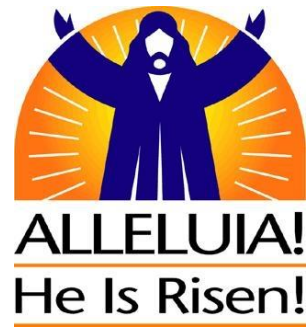
The email address for the church office is Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor Teresa Peterson, her email address is: PastorT90@gmail.com



From Pauline Lazar...

Thank you to all those who called, sent cards, came to visit and said a prayer for me. I appreciate the loving, caring church family that we have.



W.E. Sangster (1900-1960), a pastor in England, contracted a progressive, incurable muscle disease. He lost the ability to move his legs, and eventually his voice faded away. Though he could no longer preach, Sangster became a prolific writer and organized prayer cells throughout England. On Easter morning, shortly before his death, Sangster wrote a note to his daughter in an unsteady hand. "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice to shout, 'He is risen!'" he wrote. "But it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

From the Newsletternewsletter

**Flushing Presbyterian Church
2015 Session**

Budget & Finance
Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
John Dulin

Community Outreach
Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Natalie Lucas

Member Care
Kathie Rhoads, Chair
Loretta Hudson

Property Team
Brett Albert, Chair
Don Rowley

Spiritual Growth
Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith

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!

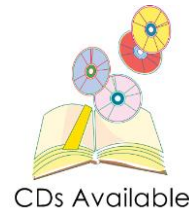


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. The program is in need of volunteers to help pack the bags at 5 PM on Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Meehle at 659-9670.

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 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.



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages) 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour			1 10:00 AM - Lenten Study	2 Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:00 PM - Worship Service	3 Good Friday 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Worship Service Church Office Closed	4
5 Easter Sunday Communion 8:30 AM - Early Celebration 9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast (& Egg Hunt) 10:30 AM - Easter Worship	6 12:00 AM - Blood Drive 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	7 12:00 PM - AHSGR 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	8 10:00 AM - Memorial 6:30 PM - Property	9 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	10	11
12 Noisy Offering 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	13 11:00 AM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	14 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	15	16 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	17	18 12:00 PM - Boy Scouts
19 6:00 PM - Youth Group	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	22	23 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	24	25
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26 11:30 AM - Hidden Rules of Poverty Presentation 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	27	28 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	29 6:45 PM - Session	30 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir		