



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 9  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
Choir Cantata/Drama: "In the Final Week"

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 13 – 7:00 PM  
*Prayer Vigil to follow this service, 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM - 10:00 AM*

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 14 – 6:30 PM  
Worship remembering Christ's suffering through Stations of the Cross

### **Easter Morning**

Sunday, April 16  
8:30 AM – Early Celebration, Memorial Garden (weather permitting)  
A Brief Celebration of Resurrection  
8:45 AM – Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM – Easter Worship, Sanctuary  
The Easter Story through Story, Song and Reenactment

Jesus Christ is Risen Today,  
Alleluia!!





**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Thursday, April 13**  
**7:00 PM**

The Maundy Thursday Service will focus on the events of Thursday evening with Jesus and the disciples. We will remember and participate in that first communion service. The service will conclude in the Garden with words of betrayal. It is a somber service as we consider the emotional tensions of this very special night.



**Good Friday Service**  
**Friday, April 14**  
**6:30 PM**

Last year, we held our first ever *Stations of the Cross* service. It was so meaningful, that numerous members have asked that we offer the service again this year.

The Stations are ones recommended by the Office of Theology & Worship, PC(USA). We begin with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane and weave our way to the final scene - The Tomb.

Join us for an evening of reflection and meditation as we remember Jesus' sacrifice and gift to us.



**Prayer Vigil**

This year, the prayer vigil will be held from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 1:00 AM on Good Friday and then from 5 AM until 10:00 AM. Members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church are encouraged to participate. 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.

A sign-up 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.



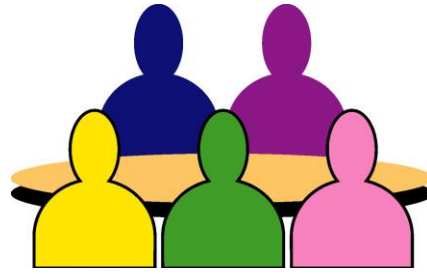
April 9 - 16  
Volunteers are still needed  
Please help where you can!!



## Calling All Men!!

### Message from Marilyn...

Men, let's do something special for Mother's Day this year!!! I would like to invite ALL the men to sing for Mother's Day this year. No musical or singing abilities required - just the desire to have fun singing for your favorite mom, wife or grandmother. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, April 27, May 4, and May 11 at 6:30 pm for 45 minutes. Please consider joining us for fun on this special day!



### "Conversations Around the Table"

Take note that Sunday, April 23rd, following the worship service, will be our next time to have "conversations around the table." We will focus on our Mission Statement and the ways in which we see ourselves fulfilling it. We will also discuss what we are passionate about. The church has ministry and mission we are called to. It shows in our passion. Session invites you to join them as we talk about these topics and set out some objectives.



### Women's Evening Group

New Evening Women's Fellowship Group will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month.. Join us at Pastor Teresa's home for fellowship, conversation and study!



### PHOTOS OF MOTHERS NEEDED

The Spiritual Growth Team is asking for pictures of mothers for a video montage to be presented on Mother's Day. If you have any pictures of moms that you would like to have included, send them via email to [steveh365@hotmail.com](mailto:steveh365@hotmail.com) or deliver them to the office to be scanned. **Deadline is Monday, May 1.** No late entries will be accepted.



We will be collecting items for Health Fair Kits in May and June. These Health Fair Kits will be used as part of the Mobile Health Van, which travels around the Synod of the Covenant during the summer, providing service to those in need. Watch for details in the May Newsletter!!



**Thursday, May 4th –  
Saturday, May 6th**

### **Collection Dates**

- Sunday, April 30, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- Monday - Tuesday, May 1 & 2, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 3, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. (NO donations after 12:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders. If you are unable to get your donations to the church during the designated drop-off times, please contact Pat Bemis to make alternate arrangements)

### **Sale Dates**

- Thursday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday, May 5, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, May 6, 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. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Contact Pat Bemis with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.



During the rummage sale, we will also be including a Bake Sale. If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, they can be delivered to the church on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday morning (May 4, 5 or 6). There is a sign-up sheet posted for the donation of baked goods.

*Please address questions regarding the bake sale to Margaret Meehle.*





Flushing 5k/10k Run Walk 2017  
8:00 AM, Saturday, May 6  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
1209 Coutant Street, Flushing

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is holding a 5k/10k Run Walk to raise funds for *Bread For Life*. As you may remember, our congregation is a sponsoring organization for *Bread For Life* by providing funds and workers to load up backpacks with healthy food. Grade school children in Flushing schools take the backpacks home and have food over the weekend.

There are brochures on the Welcome Desk with info about the Run/Walk or you may go to [www.wakethebear.org](http://www.wakethebear.org) for more info.



#### **From the Shirley Sanborn...**

To my very thoughtful and anonymous "church friend": A great big Thank You for the beautiful flowers! You certainly brightened my day!!

#### **From Pat & Dean Bemis...**

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls while we were in different hospitals at the same time and after we came home. It really is a blessing to be part of such a caring church family.

#### **From the family of Laura Widman...**

We wanted to express our appreciation to the whole church family for the love and kindness you showed our mom and us over the years. It was a beautiful service and luncheon for Mom. We might have been a bit overcome at the time, but we want to thank you all for everything. Mom (and Dad) found a community there and the love and care from the church family was clear and wonderful!

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## **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).



*This  
Month's  
Schedule*

**April 2**

**Communion Preparer:** Margaret Meehle  
**Communion Servers:** Carol Dulin, Loretta Hudson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler  
**Fellowship Host:** Kathy Miller  
**Flowers:** Bruce & Deb Coxworth  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Dona Ballard, Bob & Gail Barnhart, Pat Bemis  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill, Jr.  
**Welcome Desk:** Loretta Hudson  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn & Megan R

**April 9 (Palm Sunday)**

**Fellowship Hosts:** Carol Dulin & Kathy Lescelius  
**Flowers:** Ernie Thrapp  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dick & Kaye Barnett, Sharon Donaldson, Carol Dulin  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:** Lisa Judson  
**Acolytes:** Elyse & Marie S

**April 16 (Easter)**

**Communion Preparer:** Kathy Miller  
**Communion Servers:** Volunteers Needed  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Easter Breakfast  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson, Vonnie Koehn  
**Lay Leader:** Gary Albert  
**Welcome Desk:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Acolytes:** Lilly & Ben S

**April 23**

**Fellowship Hosts:** Margaret & Ted Meehle  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller  
**Lay Leader:** Dona Ballard  
**Welcome Desk:** Vonnie Koehn  
**Acolytes:** Volunteers Needed

**April 30**

**Fellowship Hosts:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Steve Howe  
**Ushers:** Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas  
**Acolytes:** Volunteers Needed



**April**

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson
- 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 Kelsey H
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Rose Jackson, Jacob S, Marie S, Darla & Bill Arn, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige A, Dick Barnett



**Financial Highlights**

Average 2017 Collections	\$3,081
Average February Collections	\$3,233
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



### Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you for the donations of cereal to FCOC during March. The children were especially delighted to see the variety! The item we are collecting for April is canned fruit. Your generous support is the reflection of God's love in your heart.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10*

God Bless,  
Terry Bigelow  
FCOC Program Manager

*If you can help by purchasing canned fruit, 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  
from the Pastor**

### EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

## Lectionary Readings

**April 2:** Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**April 9 (Palm Sunday):** *Palms:* Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14 - 27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54

**April 16 (Easter):** Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10

**April 23:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 30:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2017 Session

### Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett  
Bill Churchill, Jr.

### Community Outreach

Pat Bemis

### Member Care

Sharon Donaldson  
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!

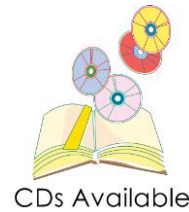


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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](http://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 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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 at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



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.



**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
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Communion</b> 11:15 AM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM - Women's Fellowship Group	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 5:30 PM - Lenten Study & Potluck 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>7 Church Office Closed</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>8</b> 11:00 AM - Flushing Women's Club Tea
<b>9 Palm Sunday Noisy Offering</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service	<b>14 Good Friday Church Office Closed</b> 6:30 PM - Good Friday Worship Service	<b>15</b>
-----Family Promise-----						
<b>16 Easter</b> 8:30 AM - Early Celebration 8:45 AM - Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM - Easter Worship	<b>17 Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>21 Church Office Closed</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 11:15 AM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>24</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM - Women's Fellowship Group 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>28 Church Office Closed</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             -----Girl Scouts-----           </div>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 11:15 AM - Confirmation Class 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
-----Rummage Sale Collection-----			-----Rummage Sale -----			

\*\*\*Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays\*\*\*