

# August 2017 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

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### STICKY MISSION

In June, Mike Keeler, Steve Howe and I attended a workshop on Stewardship. Wait!!! Don't stop reading! Stewardship is not primarily about money, but rather our relationship with the Lord and our thankfulness. So stewardship is really a great opportunity to check in and assess that relationship.

We learned many things and attended several workshops - some which piqued our interest and others which were less engaging.

Flushing Presbyterian Church is a congregation with a heart for mission. So I attended a workshop on "Sticky Mission" - what on earth was that?? The short answer is anything that is done which has an impact not only on the recipient but also on the one engaging in the mission. Think about collecting the canned goods for the Thanksgiving Boxes. That's great, but you really do not get a sense of the significance. Now add helping to assemble the box. You are made more aware of the enormity of those in need. Take it a step further and be a part of distributing the boxes. Now you have engaged even more and have faces and interactions which impact your spiritual growth even more.

Sticky mission is the way in which we engage the world around us. We are called to go out. As we go out, we participate in community activities because we are to be a positive influence in the world. We are always ambassadors for Christ.

So be thinking how we might bump out our mission opportunities to be even more impactful. We may have to get a little creative. At the June session meeting we began brainstorming ideas and came up with a "Back to School Free Popsicle". Why? Just to be a great community member and say welcome back and best wishes. Will this happen? Only if we, the church, see it as an outreach opportunity to promote goodness in the world and volunteers step up and say, "Count me in!"

Sticky Mission - new terminology for mission which leaves a lasting impact and assists in faith development. Let's see where this might take us.

*Pastor Teresa*





## Sunday, August 6th:

Worship with communion in the Original Sanctuary PLUS a picnic! Sermon: Feeding the 5,000.

How appropriate to have our lectionary scripture lesson based off of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000. Chances are pretty good we will not have the same challenge the disciples did in that story. But how appropriate to have a picnic that day.

Plan to stay and join in good conversation and delicious food as we have lunch together. Broasted chicken will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert. There's always plenty, so come and enjoy!

The logo for a blood drive, featuring the word "Blood" in a large, black, serif font with a red cross inside the letter 'o', and the word "DRIVE" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.

We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, August 7th from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Please note that our office hours in August will be from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



We are currently collecting school supplies for *Kinship Caregivers* (grandparents raising grandchildren). This program is administered by Catholic Charities and has a support group that meets in Flushing. You can help by placing backpacks, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, erasers, etc. in the large box in the Narthex. Cash contributions for purchasing school supplies will also be accepted - be sure to indicate "School Supplies" on the memo line of your check. **The deadline for donating supplies is Sunday, August 13th.**



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



September 17 - 23  
Volunteers are needed

Watch for the signup sheets and food supply needs to be posted in the coming weeks.



**The first meeting of the Priscilla Circle will be Thursday, September 28th, at 12:00 PM.** This is an early starting time because we will begin with a potluck lunch. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us.

Our study book this year will be *The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew - Three women Searching for Understanding*. The book is available from amazon.com in Kindle format (which allows you to enlarge the type and brightness, etc.) as well as the print version, large print and audio. If you would like us to order a book for you, please contact Kathie Rhoads or the church office no later than Monday, September 11.

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Why are we asked to pay per capita beyond our regular giving? So we have more dollars to put toward the congregation's mission ministry.

Presbyterians are a connectional church. We share governing responsibilities across the Church. Per capita dollars help to bring people together to govern the church, train new leaders, be a presence in world matters.

It's not too late to submit your 2017 Per Capita payment of \$26.17 for every confirmed member of your family. We have received approximately 48% of the total due so far this year. To those who have already submitted: **THANK YOU!**

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### **From Presbyterian Mission Agency...**

Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission (in support of mission co-workers, Michael & Rachel Ludwig in Niger and Juan Lopez & Cathy Chang in the Philippines). Supporters like you enable us to work in 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 God's love in Jesus Christ, and working for reconciliation. We would not be able to pursue these priorities without generous gifts like the one you gave to us.

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

God continues to call 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.

### **From Carriage Town Ministries...**

Your generous gift is a blessing for men, women and children who turn to Carriage Town Ministries for support in their time of need. Whether they need extra help with food and a safe place to rest or assistance in their education or career, God is using your compassion to help guests turn their lives around.

As we move into the summer months when children are out of school, daily life can become even more chaotic and difficult for homeless children and families. Thank you for your kindness. Your generosity will help provide safety, structure and hope for those who are desperate.



### August 6

**Communion Preparer:** Shirley Sanborn  
**Communion Servers:** Bob & Gail Barnhart, Dean & Pat Bemis  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lescelius, Marian McTaggart, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Steve Howe  
**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas

### August 13

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Carol Dulin  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller

### August 20

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Brett & Chris Albert, Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison  
**Welcome Desk:** Carole Noye

### August 27

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary, Shirley & Paige Albert, Maxine Allen  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Sanborn



## August

- 1 Jeanne Sanders, Steve Walther
- 4 Norm Dickenson
- 5 Brenda Hollenbeck, Kathleen & Roy Rhoads
- 6 Pamela Meranda
- 9 Brett Albert, Elle B
- 10 Dan Radspieler
- 13 Dan & Flora Radspieler
- 14 Sandy Snyder, Alex W, Helen & Norm Dickenson
- 16 Beverly & Bob Blair
- 17 Carol Brownell, Carole Noye
- 18 Kiriel D, Ken Hagenbuch, Kelly Stein
- 21 Beverly Tuttle
- 25 Dean & Pat Bemis
- 26 Michael & Sylvia Keeler
- 29 Kay Hall, Janet & Bill Ballagh
- 30 Marty & Bob Williams



Average 2017 Collections	\$3,290
Average June Collections	\$3,157
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Health Kits drive in May and June. We collected 42 kits, plus 2 bags of extra items!!



## Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Many Flushing families depend on food from FCOC. With school dismissed for the summer, children no longer have free or reduced school meals. Your continued support helps to feed these hungry children. We are requesting canned fruit for the month of August. Thank you for all you do!

*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

**August 6:** Gen. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21

**August 13:** Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

**August 20:** Gen. 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

**August 27:** Ex. 1:8 - 2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20



## 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!

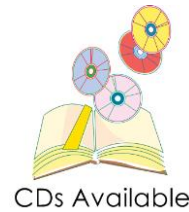


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



## Women's Evening Group

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



**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**







# august

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Summer Office Hours 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Monday - Thursday		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Communion</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Picnic in the Pavilion	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM - Community Outreach	<b>11</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Noisy Offering</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service	<b>14</b> 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>15</b> 5:00 PM - SALT Picnic	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service 12:00 PM - FHS Class Reunion	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00 PM - B & F	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM - Raider Rally - Central Elementary 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service	<b>28</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

\*\*\*July - August Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM\*\*\*