



Thanksgiving

# November 2019 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)  
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The Warmth Tree is now up in the narthex for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 17th.



**Sunday, November 10, 3:00 PM.** Come enjoy an afternoon of music performed by the Flint Concert Band in honor of veterans. Bring your friends and family and join us for this special event!! We will need help in providing cookies for the reception following the concert. Volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please plan to help where you are able.



### Small Group Schedule

Due to Family Promise set-up, there will be no small groups after church on November 17th. Also, there will be no small groups after church on November 24th due to Hanging of the Greens. Please plan to stay and lend a hand with either or both of these activities. Many hands make for light work!!



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Ladies in Fellowship Together

### Ladies Night Out at Crossroads Village

A one-night-only event takes place on Monday, November 18th from 4:00 - 9:00 PM. Our group will meet at Crossroads Village at 4:00 PM, or sign up to carpool from church. We will enjoy shopping, crafts, live entertainment and viewing the holiday lights. Some vendors include Chocolates by Jamie, Fireside Coffee, Angelic Soaps and Gifts, Mel's Toffee, Merging Story Pottery, Purl You Crazy, Tasty Layers Custom Cakes and many more. Tickets are \$7.00 per person, to be paid at the door. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board and join us for a fun evening of ladies' fellowship time!



## Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for November:

November 3 - Max Hayden

November 10 - TBA

November 17 - Julianne Princinsky

November 24 - Julianne Princinsky

We have been blessed by Max Hayden's and Julianne Princinsky's willingness to be our guest ministers over the past several months. Max has graciously offered to be our minister for all the Sundays during the Advent season and for Christmas Eve. He continues to preach meaningful and pertinent sermons, and we feel very fortunate that he is taking on this role for us during this important season in the life of the church.



**Canned-Food  
Drive**

**The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)** member churches plan to provide 300 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area again this year. Our church has again been asked to provide 50 cases (600 cans) of vegetables for these dinners. We ask that you please purchase "traditional" vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. **Deadline is November 24.** In addition to the vegetables, the FCOC is asking member congregations for donations to purchase the 300 turkeys that are needed. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line.



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on **November 24th** in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, please select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. If you would like to participate, but are unable to shop, you may make a donation for a gift. Please indicate "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check. **All gifts must be at the church no later than Sunday, December 15th.** If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius or the church office.



It will soon be time to celebrate the start of the Advent season by decorating our church for the birth of God's son. The Hanging of the Greens will take place **Sunday, November 24th**. We will take down the harvest decorations and hang the greens after you've had a chance to grab a cup of coffee and a donut. There are many areas of the church to decorate, and all are welcome to partake in this fun event. When decorating is finished, the group will decide if there is enough interest to go out for pizza. Please join us for a wonderful start to the Advent season!

**ADD YOUR VOICE!**

This year the Chancel Choir would like to do some special music during the worship service on December 15th. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us in singing for this service. **Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, December 5th and 12th, at 7:15 PM.** Please let any choir member know if you are interested or contact the church office.



**Flushing Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Fellowship Event**

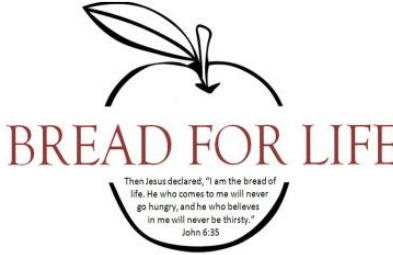
Holiday Magic Christmas Dinner Buffet at the Millstreet Warehouse in Crossroads Village on Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM. Meal is catered by Frankenmuth's Black Forest Restaurant. This event requires advance reservations and payment. Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board no later than Sunday, November 10th, and make payment to the office or to Karen Howe. Carpooling will be made available to those that desire. Adults \$14, Seniors (60+) \$12, Children (up to 11 years) \$11. \*If we do not have at least 10 people signed up, this event may be cancelled and your payment will be refunded. In the chance of inclement weather, and you choose not to attend, your payment will NOT be refunded.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, December 2,** 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). **December 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 bulletin board. Please contact Kathy Miller if you have any questions.




**SAVE this date, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM.** The Flushing High School Christmas Program, known as the *Collage*, will be presented at 6:00 and 8:00 PM on both December 18th and 19th. We will plan to go as a group to the 6:00 PM show on the 18th. Every year all four performances have been sold out at the Flushing High School Auditorium. The full Orchestra, Concert Band and all the choir groups take part. We are attempting to get price information and reserve tickets. More information to follow as soon as it is available.



**Bread for Life is a program that provides weekend food** for 90+ students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance.

Volunteers are needed to pack the bags at 5:00 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. The packing normally takes under an hour to complete. For more info, please contact Shirley Sanborn.



## Take Note!

Our Christmas Eve worship service will take place at 8:00 PM this year - one hour earlier than it has been in recent years. Please make a note on your calendar so that you do not miss this special service.



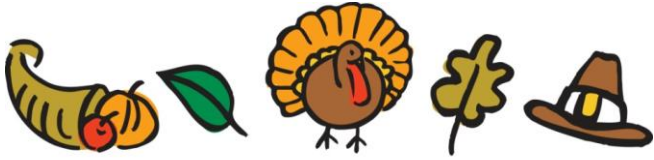
**Present tense**

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

*From the November 2019 Newsletternewsletter*



SO MANY BLESSINGS



## Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

We are so grateful when we receive a gift from a friend that allows us to help one more individual or family on their journey to stability. More people than ever rely on Shelter of Flint's important services, and your gift allows us to assist deserving people experiencing hardship. Thank you for your generous support.

Shelter of Flint works to change the path of one person or family at a time. Homelessness can be caused by many different factors, such as job loss, mounting utility bills, or a medical crisis. This is where Shelter of Flint helps change one life at a time. Bringing a family into emergency shelter is the first step for many on their way out of homelessness. Offering a mailbox allows clients to have a safe, stable place to receive important mail. Assisting a client with a job application or resume may help them increase their income and bring stability to their household. Welcoming a past client back to have a meal or use the laundry facilities shows them that someone cares, and can spark hope for many who had lost it. We want to empower our clients to achieve independence and create a new beginning for themselves with stable housing.

The services we provide are made possible through the support of friends like you who believe in our mission - empowering people to achieve independence and stability through permanent housing. On behalf of all the past and present clients of Shelter of Flint, you have our deepest gratitude and thanks.

-- The Shelter of Flint

On behalf of the Old Newsboys of Flint, we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, the Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and the generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we "*Let No Child Be Forgotten.*"

-- Old Newsboys of Flint



Thank you for opening your doors for the Girl Scouts! We appreciate your welcome and space for our meetings as we work to serve girls.

--Flushing Area Girl Scouts



### Christmas Floral Decorations

*Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.*

*Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.*

*Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.*

*IN HONOR OF* \_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship (if any)* \_\_\_\_\_

*IN MEMORY OF* \_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship (if any)* \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.*

*(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Red      \_\_\_\_\_ Pink      \_\_\_\_\_ White

*YOUR NAME* \_\_\_\_\_ *PHONE NO.* \_\_\_\_\_

***DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th***

*This  
Month's  
Schedule*



**November 3**

**Communion Preparers:** Nancy Young  
**Communion Servers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Fellowship Host:** Kathy Miller  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Randy Socha, Cathy & Gary Stuber, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Welcome Desk:** Sharon Donaldson  
**Acolyte:** Kelli Peter

**November 10**

**Fellowship Host:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary & Shirley Albert, Dennis Sanborn + One Volunteer Needed  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Welcome Desk:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Acolytes:** Sandy & Scott Tucker

**November 17**

**Fellowship Host:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Bob & Gail Barnhart, Elle & Jeanne Blanton  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn & Megan Ruppel

**November 24**

**Fellowship Host:**  
**Flowers:** Scott & Sandy Tucker  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Bob Chase, Shirley Delbridge, Sharon Donaldson, Loretta Hudson  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Lescelius  
**Acolyte:** Marilyn Schmoak



**November**

- 2 Janet Ballagh, Ted Meehle
- 3 Gillian B
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Sarah B
- 7 Jeanne Blanton, Gordon Hall
- 9 Sue Lannon
- 11 Linda & Matt Bemis
- 12 Beverly Thompson
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 17 Alta Amy
- 18 Natalie & Dave Lucas, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M
- 26 Beverly Howe
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



**Financial  
Highlights**

Average 2019 Collections	\$2,981
Average September Collections	\$2,613
Average 2018 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2019 Budget	\$3,824



### Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for November are cereal and kleenex. 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.



### STAY CONNECTED WITH WEEKLY UPDATES

### EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.



## Lectionary Readings

*November 3:* Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

*November 10:* Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

*November 17:* Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

*November 24:* Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

### Budget & Finance

Steve Howe  
Kelli Peter

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Kip Hogan  
Sandy Snyder

### Property Team

Bill Churchill  
Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin



# "BE THE CHURCH" OPPORTUNITIES



**Book & Breakfast Club** meets at 10:00 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. All are welcome!

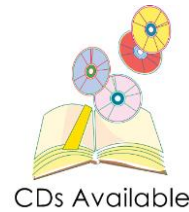


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## Card Ministry



**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.



## 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

**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 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.



### 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

TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE help support families who stay here 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.



**Choose biblical history or current events -** each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



**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**



# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages					<b>1</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 10:00 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM - Baby Shower
<b>3 Communion</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Noisy Offering</b> 3:00 PM - Flint Concert Band 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>11</b> 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - Property	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 4:00 PM - Ladies Night Out - Crossroads Village	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 7:00 PM - AHSGR	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 11:00 PM - Senior Center Luncheon 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>22</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>23</b>
-----Family Promise-----						
<b>24</b> 11:15 AM - Hanging of the Greens 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>25</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b>

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