



# May 2015 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



### New Look and a New Image

The fundraising is almost complete! The excitement is stirring! It has been so encouraging to see our congregation come together in support of the "New Look and Image for the Future" design project. As of the writing of this newsletter, the paint project has officially begun and is scheduled to be completed by May 1. The total cost of the paint project is \$4,943, just under our \$5,000 target budget.

Session has put together a team, consisting of members from the design team, property and budget & finance, to oversee the six individual projects. The teams are: Fundraising - Bill Churchill, Jr. & Steve Howe, Paint - Karen Howe & Fred Prause, Carpet/Pews - Randy & Julie Socha, Furniture - to be determined at the upcoming session meeting on April 29. Welcome Desk - to be determined, and Media - to be determined. These teams will continue to update you when projects are expected to begin and end. Should you have any questions regarding any of the projects you may contact the team directly.



The Spiritual Growth Team would like to inform you of an exciting change that was recently decided upon. In an effort to boost attendance and enhance the youth Sunday School experience, youth Sunday School will now be offered during Sunday morning worship. Children and youth will still experience worship through the Children's Message. After this

time, any child or youth up to 8th grade (or older who wish to), would then leave the worship service and attend the Sunday School class. There will be a rotation of teachers including Karen Howe, Julie Socha, Scott Smith, Sandy Tucker, Scott Tucker and Carrie Younkin.

This schedule started April 19th and will continue until the end of the Sunday School year on June 14th. However, there will be no Sunday School on May 17th because of confirmation. All of the youth are encouraged to stay during the service to witness the events of confirmation. There **will** be Sunday School on Memorial weekend.

The Spiritual Growth Team gave much discussion and consideration to this change and hopes that God's grace will show us that it was the right decision for the church and for our families.



**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.

**Spring Cleanup  
May 16  
9:00 AM**

Our spring clean-up will be May 16th at 9:00 AM. We will be working on the exterior grounds pulling weeds, trimming bushes, adding mulch, etc... Please bring your yard work tools (rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.) and spend some time with us sprucing up the church grounds. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all those willing to help. (In case of rain, our back-up date will be May 30th.)



### **Confirming Their Faith**

**Sunday, May 17th**, Flushing Presbyterian Church will welcome five new members as they publicly profess their faith and reaffirm their baptism. Michael, Gillian, Elle, Marie and Max, with the support of Session, their mentors and parents, will confirm their faith during worship on that day.

Be sure to attend on the 17th as we welcome them into active membership and celebrate their commitment to Christ and his Church.

*"In Jesus Christ, God calls people to faith and to membership in the Church, the body of Christ.."*

*Meaning of Membership, 2013/2015 Book of Order, G-1.0301*



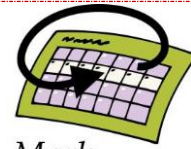
Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

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.



Our church will be hosting Family Promise guests from late afternoon Sunday, May 24th until early morning on Sunday, May 31st (this will include all day on Memorial Day, May 25th). **MANY Volunteers are needed.** If you can help, please contact Pat Bemis or Carole Tucker. Also, we are in need of some perishable items for the week we host (a display board will be posted in the narthex). A HUGE thank you to all who have volunteered to help.

**Save the Date...Family Promise Give Me Shelter 5K Run** will be held August 8th at Davison Abernathy Regional Park. Watch for more details in future Newsletters.



*Mark  
Your Calendar*

## Graduation Sunday

Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, May 31st** as we celebrate the graduates in our congregation during our worship service. Following the service there will be a special coffee hour provided by high school juniors and their families in honor of the accomplishments of our graduates.



We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, June 1**, 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).

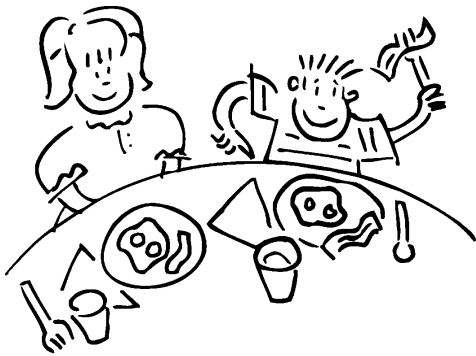
Please Note

Please note that there will be a **combined Newsletter for June & July**. All info to be included in this Newsletter will need to be submitted by Monday, May 18th.

# Pentecost

**Gifts to the Pentecost Offering** allow Presbyterians to invest in the church's greatest resource - our youth. This investment includes assistance for children at risk and faith-building opportunities for youth and young adults. 60% of the offering collected is sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support youth ministries, young adult volunteers and child advocacy programs. The remaining 40% will be kept here at FPC for us to donate to a youth ministry of our choosing.

Please consider giving to the Pentecost Offering this year. Be sure to indicate "*Pentecost Offering*" on your check or use the special envelopes found in the pews or with your regular giving envelopes.



Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. Finally, the children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."

*From the Newsletternewsletter*



**From Ken Hagenbuch...**

Thank you for the lovely flowers & card and especially to Kay & Gordon Hall for delivering them to me. Also, thank you for continuing to send me the monthly newsletter.



***We give thanks to God for the lives  
of those dear to us:***


***Jane Fredrickson  
April 11, 2015***

***Norrine Taylor  
April 18, 2015***

***Departed from us, they rest in God***



# This Month's Schedule



## May 3

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Communion Preparers:** Nancy Young  
**Communion Servers:** Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Bill Churchill, Jr., Laura Widman  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Carol & John Dulin  
**Lay Leader:** Rosie Nicholas  
**Acolytes:** Marie S, Lilly S  
**Acolyte Leader:** Elyse S

## May 10

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gordon & Kay Hall, Lisa Judson, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Acolytes:** Lilly & Max S  
**Acolyte Leader:** Michael R

## May 17

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Flora Radspieler & Kathy Rhoads  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Ted Meehle  
**Lay Leader:** Carole Tucker  
**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn & Megan R  
**Acolyte Leader:** Logan H

## May 24

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Loretta Hudson, Kathy Miller, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Lay Leader:** Darla Arn  
**Acolytes:** Elle B, Marie S  
**Acolyte Leader:** Volunteer Needed

## May 31

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Steve Howe  
**Ushers:** Roy Rhoads, Michael R, Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Laura Widman



## May

- 2 Jackson B, Karen & Steve Howe
- 5 Marianna Pendleton
- 6 Roy Rhoads, Ernie Thrapp
- 7 Bob Barnhart
- 9 Gary & Shirley Albert, David & Susan Graham, Carrie & Larry Younkin
- 10 Kathleen Rhoads
- 11 Jim Crawford
- 14 Mac McClellan, Kaye & Dick Barnett
- 15 Alexis A, Tim Stein
- 16 Joan Finley, Lillian S, John & Luella Daig
- 18 Brett & Chris Albert
- 19 Matt Bemis, Debbie Carlson
- 20 Donald Rowley
- 21 Darla Arn
- 23 Annette Nickel
- 24 Cathy Blight & Ed Davison
- 26 Scott Amy, Madeline R
- 28 Carrie Younkin, Ted & Margaret Meehle
- 31 Kaitlyn E, Cal Y, Dona & Robert Ballard

## Lectio nary Readings

**May 3:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21;  
John 15:1-8

**May 10:** Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-6;  
John 15:9-17

**May 17:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5:9-13;  
John 17:6-19

**May 24:** Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 104:24-34,  
35b; Rom. 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b -15

**May 31:** Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rom. 8:12-17;  
John 3:1-17



## Financial Highlights

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,220
Average March Collections	\$3,136
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for Budget	\$3,744



The email address for the church office is  
[Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net)

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



### Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you for your generous donations to the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. Your continued support makes an immediate difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors. In the month of March we served 412 individuals. **For the months of May and June we are requesting peanut butter and/or jelly.**

God bless!  
Terry Bigelow  
Program Manager

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

### 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!

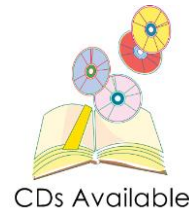


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. The program is in need of volunteers to help pack the bags at 5 PM on Wednesdays, at 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](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 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***





# MAY 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Communion</b> 3:00 PM - Flint Male Chorus Concert 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17 Confirmation Sunday</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>18 Newsletter Deadline</b> 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 1:00 PM - MARSP 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 AM - Back-Up Date for Church Clean-Up
-----Family Promise-----						
<b>31 Graduation Sunday</b>	<b>June 1</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Sunday Schedule</b>            9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education            10:30 AM - Worship Service            11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour         </div>	