



# April 2016 Newsletter

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> –  
Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Collection Dates

- Sunday, April 17, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- Monday - Tuesday, April 18-19, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 20, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. (NO donations after 12:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders.)

### Sale Dates

- Thursday, April 21, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 22, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 23, 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 Carole Tucker 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 (April 21, 22 or 23). Please address questions regarding the bake sale to Carole Tucker.



Flushing 5k/10k Run Walk 2016  
8:00 AM, Saturday, April 16  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
1209 Coutant Street, Flushing

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is holding a race 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.

How can you help? Well, by walking or running for one! To register go to [www.wakethebear.org](http://www.wakethebear.org) or call 810-659-5926 or email [info@wakethebear.org](mailto:info@wakethebear.org). We're hoping for a group of runners wearing our church's t-shirts.

Volunteer to work the race! Call 810-659-5926 or email [info@wakethebear.org](mailto:info@wakethebear.org).

Please read the flyer on the church bulletin board or check out their website [www.wakethebear.org](http://www.wakethebear.org) - it's great!

Registration Cost:

10k - \$40 without shirt, \$50 with shirt  
5k - \$30 without shirt, \$40 with shirt  
Cub Run - \$20 without shirt, \$30 with shirt





We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, April 4th**, 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).



Our annual rummage sale is a huge undertaking to raise money for mission projects, and MUCH help is needed to make the sale a success. There will be a short meeting in Heaven's Highway immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, April 10th**, to discuss ways that you can help with this important mission fund raising event



**Please Note ...** Communion Sunday for April will be April 10th instead of April 3.



The Flint Male Chorus will again be performing a concert in our sanctuary at 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 10th. 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. (*Child Care will be provided.*) **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.**



We are still collecting Fish Boxes and special offerings for OGHS **through April 10**. You may put your offering in the collection plate on Sunday or deliver it to the church office.



### God's Love Prevails

On Easter Sunday, "God's Love Prevails" cards with John 3:16 coins were distributed. You were encouraged to carry the coin as a reminder that God loves you always - even when life is not going as we hope.

More coins and cards are being obtained and will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning Sunday, April 10th. Please take one for yourself or for a friend who might need the encouragement.



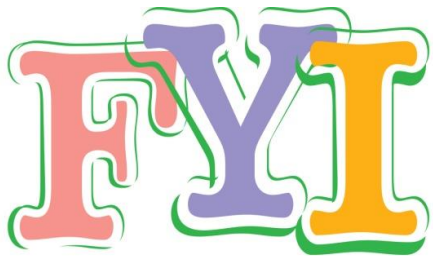
## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 17th**, a brief congregational meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall following the worship service for the purpose of electing one more member from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee.



### 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 April 30th.** No late entries will be accepted.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

### Information about the Flushing Bond Proposal

**Sunday, April 17th**, following the brief congregational meeting, Julie Socha will provide information about the Flushing bond proposal which will be on the May ballot. Be informed, and then ask her any questions you may have.



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

*Walker Fesmire  
Craig Stephenson  
John Dulin*

*Departed from us, they rest in God*





# LIFT

## Ladies In Fellowship Together

### Upcoming LIFT Events

Saturday, May 14, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

"Vintage in the Village" at Crossroads Village

Featuring 50+ vintage vendors, many food vendors, participatory demonstrations and MORE.

Admission \$5.00 - Sign-Up sheet is posted on bulletin board

Contact Darla Arn with any questions.

June (Date to be determined)

Underground Railroad Living Museum "Flight to Freedom Tour"

Historic First Congregational Church of Detroit

More info coming soon



Saturday, May 21st

11 AM to 11 PM

Flushing High School Track



This year's Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, May 21st, from 11 AM to 11 PM (12 hours instead of the usual 24 hours). The Relay will be held at the Flushing High School Track (enter off Deland Road). Watch for more info in the June Newsletter.





## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

### **Charter Sponsor - New Boy Scout Troop**

At its March meeting, the Session unanimously approved being a charter sponsor for a new Boy Scout Troop. Brent Hortze presented the details to session regarding what it would mean to be a charter sponsor and why a new troop is needed.

#### Why a new troop?

In 2013, there were approximately 350 Boy Scouts in the Flushing area. Each school had an active organization. Currently there are a total of about 50 Boy Scouts at Central Elementary, Elms Elementary and St. Roberts.

The District Scouting Organization is working in the Flushing area to help grow scouting. They are working with the local troops as well as re-starting troops. That's where we come in. A new troop, with Springview Elementary as the feeder school, is looking to be established. A charter sponsor is needed. We were asked to be that sponsor.

#### Responsibilities of a Charter Sponsor

The biggest commitment of being the charter sponsor **is having a member of the congregation be our charter representative. Session would like you to consider being that person.**

What's involved as a charter rep? 1) reviewing leader applications for approval; 2) keeping session informed of actions taken or which need to be taken. As a new position, session would be in conversation with the rep as the development of the position emerges.

Please contact the pastor if you are interested in learning more or would consider serving in this way. It's a great opportunity as we serve in the community.





## Summer Camps



Interested in attending a week of fun and adventure? There are summer camp options. Westminster Camp on Higgins Lake or Camp Greenwood in Gowen are two camps supported by Presbyterians.

Want more info? Go to:

<http://campwestminster.com/> or

<http://www.campgreenwood.org/> for more information. Looking for scholarships? Contact the pastor.

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## *Need a Ride?*



**The Member Care Team would like to offer an opportunity for people that don't drive** (or don't drive at night) to attend dinners, concerts, and other evening activities that are offered at the church. There are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board for those that would be interested in getting transportation to events and for all that would be willing to provide transportation. If you can't make it into church to sign up, please contact the office.



### **From Pat Bemis...**

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Family Promise week successful. Several people stayed more than one night and came in more than one day, and we are especially grateful for them. One of our families "graduated" from the program during the week, and now have permanent housing!!

### **From Carol Dulin...**

John's family and I send a heartfelt note of gratitude to our church family for the outpouring of prayers, cards, food and love sent to us in our time of grief. This was so fast, but the power of your collective prayers has kept us strong and supported. Thank you Shirley Sanborn, your dedicated kitchen crew and the many generous cooks in our congregation. Our family was touched by the wonderful lunch. It was especially impressive since you all had done it TWICE just two days before. Thank you Pastor Teresa, for all you did to make John's memorial and committal services so fitting for such an amazing person as John. Blessings all around.


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### **Flint Water Crisis...**

**HOW** you can  
**HELP**

Many have asked what they can do to help in the ongoing Flint water crisis.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) contacted the Presbytery of Lake Huron in October 2015 to determine how they could be of assistance. PDA has since received a request for help and One Great Hour of Sharing funds are being provided to fill that request. If you would like to give directly to support the people of Flint, you may do so through our church. Make checks payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Flint Water Crisis" on the memo line. As we all know, the need is very great. Continue to keep all the Flint residents affected by the tainted water in your prayers.



*This  
Month's  
Schedule*

### April 3

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Pat Bemis

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert

**Ushers:** Bob & Gail Barnhart, Gordon Hall, Loretta Hudson

**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison

**Acolytes:** Elyse & Marie S

**Welcome Desk:** Natalie Lucas

### April 10

**Communion Preparer:** Sandy Walther

**Communion Servers:** Gary & Shirley Albert, Darla Arn, Dona Ballard

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**

**Flowers:** Ernie Thrapp

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Lisa Judson, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller

**Lay Leader:**

**Acolytes:** Lilly & Max S

**Welcome Desk:** Loretta Hudson

### April 17

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Blanton Family

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha

**Ushers:** Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads

**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler

**Acolytes:** Marie S

**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller

### April 24

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss

**Lay Leader:**

**Acolytes:** Katilyn & Megan R

**Welcome Desk:** Shirley Sanborn



## 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 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



## Financial Highlights

Average 2016 Collections	\$2,963
Average February Collections	\$3,100
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814







### 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 items we are collecting for April are peanut butter and/or jelly. We are desperately low. Your generous support is the reflection of God's love in your heart.

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5*

May God bless you.  
Terry Bigelow  
FCOC Program Manager

*If you can help by purchasing peanut butter and/or 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.*



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)

## Lectionary Readings

**April 3:** Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 *or* Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

**April 10:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

**April 17:** Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**April 24:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

### Flushing Presbyterian Church 2016 Session

Budget & Finance  
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis  
Natalie Lucas

Member Care  
Loretta Hudson  
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!

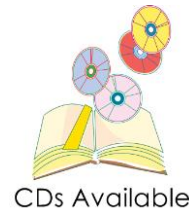


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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 7:00 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. 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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



**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> 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM - Worship Service & Sunday School 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour					<b>1</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	<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> LIFT - <i>Annie @ Whiting</i>
<b>10</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 11:30 AM - Rummage Sale Volunteers Meeting 6:00 PM - Youth Group 7:00 PM - Flint Male Chorus	<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 - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM - Memorial	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM - Wake the Bear Run/Walk - Holy Cross Lutheran Church 1:00 PM - Baby Shower
<b>17</b> 11:30 AM - Congregational Meeting followed by Bond Proposal Info 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>19</b> 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>
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<b>24</b> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>25</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>