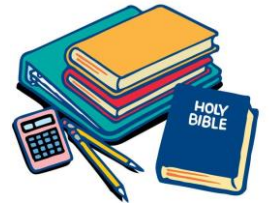


August 2016 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

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CHRISTIAN ED: WHY BE A PART OF A SMALL GROUP?

It has been shown that we learn and grow more when we engage in face-to-face conversations. There are also times when an idea or new thought is inspired spurring another thought, another question. As followers of Christ, we are challenged to continually grow and learn how to be more Christ-like in the way we think, live, and be.

This fall, Session is asking you to give it a try. Look at the learning opportunities being offered, then choose one to attend for a month. Our hope is that as we learn and fellowship together, we will grow as a community and discover new ministry opportunities.

The Classes

- 1) **"That the World May Know: Promised Land"** A DVD series by Rev. Ray Vander Laan. This series is rich in Biblical History and takes you to the sights of where the stories take place. The focus this fall is on the Promised Land - Canaan (modern day Israel). Mike Keeler will teach this class. This series is appropriate for youth and adults.
- 2) **"The Legacy Journey"** by Dave Ramsey is a biblically based class that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small-group activities, you'll learn a biblical framework for living intentionally now so that later you'll be able to leave a legacy that will secure your family's future and make a lasting impact on the world around you. Steve & Karen Howe will teach this course. This class is designed for adults.
- 3) **"Nooma"** by Rob Bell is a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Scott Tucker will teach this series. This class is appropriate for youth and adults.
- 4) **PreK - 6th Grade: "Deep Blue"** features a DVD with engaging, animated characters who tell the story from a kid's perspective. Each lesson also provides activities, music and game-show-type quizzes to connect the story to life today. Carrie Younkin will teach this class.



Come out and support Family Promise at the "Give Me Shelter 5K Run/Walk" which takes place on Saturday, August 13th, at Davison Abernathy Regional Park. Event consists of a Free Kids "Super Hero" Run at 8:00 am (costumes encouraged!); 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 am; free pancake breakfast for all participants; and free child care. Online registration: www.givemeshelter5k.com.



A Golf Outing benefiting the Flushing Christian Outreach Center will be held at Flushing Valley Golf Course on Saturday, August 20th. Registration will be at 10:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 11:00 AM. Event will be 18 holes, 4 person scramble. Opportunities are available for teams or individual golfers. Come on out for a fun event and help raise funds for FCOC!! Registration sheets are posted on the bulletin board.



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 14th.**



Summer Worship - In the Pavilion

As we enter the "dog days of summer", we want to experience worship one more time out in our pavilion before cooler temperatures settle in. Join us **August 21st at 10:00 AM in the Pavilion** for worship. If you are able, set up will begin at 9:00 AM. Come, be blessed, refreshed and encouraged.





FALL PREVIEW SUNDAY, AUGUST

Recently, Session met to continue discussing the future of Flushing Presbyterian Church. They have been reading the book, "Lasting Impact." Session has been reading, pondering, listening and considering ways to be a faithful church in this particular time and place.

Ideas have come forward from these times together, but it is now time to expand the conversation. You are invited to brunch following worship on Sunday, August 28th. We will then hear more behind the decision to have Christian Education after worship on Sunday mornings and discuss how we see ourselves being Church in the future. We hope you will plan to attend.



The Heidelberg Catechism says that our faith in Christ comes from the Holy Spirit, who produces it in our hearts "by the preaching of the holy gospel" (Q&A 65). And believers must use their gifts so that "others may be gained to Christ" (Q&A 86). This year, Spiritual Growth and Session want to encourage the sharing of the gospel message and bringing friends, family and others from the community to worship together.

Each week in September we will have a new focus:

Week 1, September 4th: Member Sunday: "Renewed Commitment"

Week 2, September 11th: Friend Sunday: "Best Friends"

Invite a friend to join you for worship and explore a class together afterward.

Also, bring your backpack! Blessing of the backpacks during worship.

Week 3, September 18th: Family Sunday: "David & Abigail"

Pack a pew with family members. Let's see who can fill the most pews. Single? Family is out of town?

"Adopt" family members and introduce your "adopted" family!

Week 4, September 25th: Sundaes Sunday: "Celebrate!"

Help us invite the community in as we "Celebrate!" community and the work we do together.

We hope you will do your part in making this a successful adventure and a great start to our fall kickoff.

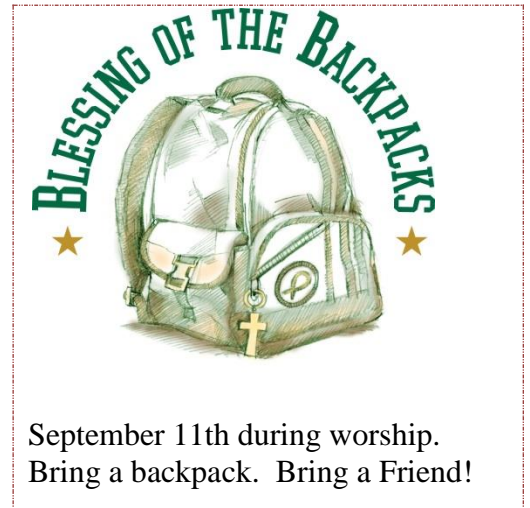


FAMILY PROMISE - HERE - SEPTEMBER 11 THRU 18

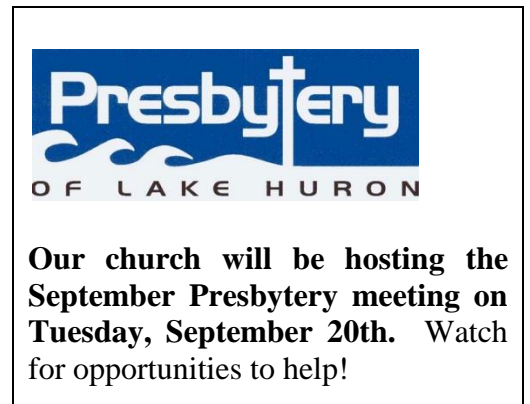
Plans are in motion as we prepare to host another week of Family Promise guests. It has been an exciting journey to see so many families "graduate" from being homeless to being housed with jobs or in school to complete a degree. Since 2014, 22 families have "graduated" from the program. Our congregation has been a part of that success from the start.

Flushing Presbyterian is now in the process of redesigning the position of Family Promise Coordinator. Pat Bemis and Carole Tucker have done an amazing job of getting us up and running with the new project of being a host congregation. They now need to take a step back. It is the perfect time to reevaluate and make adjustments as needed to the position of Family Promise Coordinator. Interested in being a part of the conversation? Let Pastor Teresa or Natalie Lucas, chair of Community Outreach, know of your interest.

Watch for the signup sheets and food supply needs to be posted in the coming weeks. We have another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of families in need.



September 11th during worship.
Bring a backpack. Bring a Friend!



Our church will be hosting the September Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, September 20th. Watch for opportunities to help!



It is through your dedicated giving to the church that we are able to support organizations that provide help to people in our community and around the globe. In the past few weeks we have received letters of thanks from the following: Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, North End Soup Kitchen, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Carriage Town Ministries, Love INC and The Shelter of Flint. Together we are making a difference in the lives of many!!

Please Note

The North End Soup Kitchen no longer has a need for empty water bottles. Our thanks to those that have donated bottles in the past. Please recycle your used water bottles in the future.



Thank You Notes

From Pat Bemis...

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our Family Promise week in June successful. One very excited family moved to their home on Saturday. That's what it is all about!! Mark your calendars for our next week to host: September 11 - 18.

From the Family of Dorina Sain...

I trust you have a sense of just how much Dorina loved your church family. Thank you for being a part of her world for so many years! The fresh floral arrangement you sent to her memorial service was absolutely beautiful and we thank you.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

Jim Reeves
Mac McClellan
Dorina Sain

Departed from us, they rest in God.



Per Capita

It is not too late to submit your 2016 Per Capita payment of \$26.00 for every confirmed member of your family.

We have received approximately 48% of the total due so far this year.

'Just keep swimming ...'



In Athens, the apostle Paul responded to the people's worship of "an unknown god" by declaring, "[God] is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being'" (Acts 17:23, 27-28, NIV).

Author Diana Butler Bass echoes that sentiment: "If the water is invisible to the fish, is God, as the One in whom we swim, also invisible?" (*Grounded: Finding God in the World*, HarperOne).

I, in turn, am reminded of Dory, the blue tang fish in *Finding Nemo*. Feeling overwhelmed and alone, she chants to herself, "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." When we feel alone and can't see God, it's not that he doesn't exist or can't be known; rather, he surrounds us so closely that sometimes we miss the fact. God is the Living Water in which we swim. Sometimes we need to just keep swimming until we become aware of that again.

—Heidi Mann

from the Newsletternewsletter

*This
Month's
Schedule*



August 7

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Dean & Pat Bemis, Bill Churchill, Carole Tucker
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Gary Albert, Louise Elleman, Natalie Lucas, Marian McTaggart
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe

August 14

Flowers: Jeanne McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Shirley Albert, Lisa & Tim Judson, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: Steve Howe

August 21

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Lay Leader: Lilly Socha
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson

August 28

Flowers: Carol Dulin
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Laura Widman
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas



August

- 1 Jeanne Sanders, Steve Walther
- 4 Norman Dickenson
- 5 Brenda Hollenbeck, Kathleen & Roy Rhoads
- 6 Pamela Meranda
- 9 Brett Albert, Elle B
- 10 Dan Radspieler
- 12 Brian & Janet (Daig) Tweddle
- 13 Dan & Flora Radspieler
- 14 Sandy Snyder, Alex W, Helen & Norman Dickenson
- 16 Bill Churchill, 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



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2016 Collections	\$3,304
Average June Collections	\$3,147
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Many clients commented on how much of a treat it was to have jelly (July's request) with their peanut butter. Thank you for your unwavering generosity. For August, FCOC is asking for your help to provide "comfort food" to our families. We are collecting canned chili or stew.

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. Psalms 119:50

God bless you,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing canned chili or stew, or any other non-perishable food 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 7: Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8; 22-23; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 32-40

August 14: Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28: Jer. 2:4-13; Ps. 81:1, 10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2016 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
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!

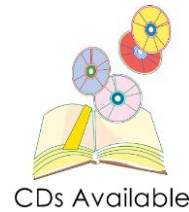


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 PM - Blood Drive	2	3	4	5 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant Church Office Closed	6 9:0 AM - Session Meeting @ Howes
7 Communion 10:00 AM - Worship Service	8 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property	10	11 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 2:00 PM - Community Outreach	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 Noisy Offering 10:00 AM - Worship Service	15	16 5:00 PM - SALT Picnic	17	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 10:00 AM - Outdoor Worship Service	22 Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM - Session	23	24	25	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:00 AM - Fall Preview	29	30	31			