

January 2016 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



New Year New You

How many times have we seen or heard this promoted and thought, “This year I’m going to stick to.....” and then failed to do so? It’s very common. You are not alone.

This year, we want to promote continued health. Most of us need to move more. So, YOU are challenged to participate in a 40-day spiritual and physical fitness program. You can participate in this challenge because it is designed for you at your level of physical activity. No crazy planking or burpees are required!! A devotion book will also be provided to encourage our spiritual health.

In keeping with Jesus’ model of encouraging one another, an organizing meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 6th, 7:00 pm**. You are invited to gather to sign up, hear more about the details, and find a group or partner to be fit with. We will also provide a Walking DVD to exercise with that evening.

Each Wednesday at 7:00, the group will meet to log in time spent exercising, or number of steps taken, or miles run plus a have a short devotional. We will share our successes and encourage one another for the coming week. We will end with an optional walking tape.

2016 is a new year. We hope to see on the 6th!!





There will be no Adult or Youth Sunday School on January 3rd

All classes will resume on January 10th.



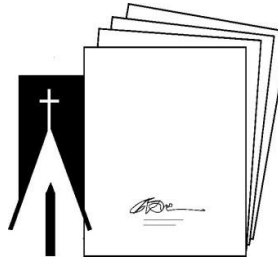
The Believers Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, January 3rd.

Next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 10th.

Removal of the Greens



The Removal of the Greens will take place on Sunday, January 3rd after the worship service. All who are willing and able are asked to provide help taking down the decorations and putting them away. Thanks so much in advance!



Installation of Elders

Sunday, January 10th, during our morning worship service, the Class of 2017 Ruling Elders will be installed. They are: Pat Bemis, Bill Churchill Jr., Sandy Snyder, Scott Tucker and Julie Socha. Please pray for our new class of elders as they begin/continue their time of leadership service to the church.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 24, immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to hear reports from the teams of our church and to act upon the terms of call of the pastor. We will meet in Fellowship Hall where we will hear updates and reports of what our Session Teams have accomplished in the past year.



In Loving Memory
of
Virginia Hagenbuch

From Ken Hagenbuch



Progressive Dinner

...Without Leaving
the Church

Saturday, January 30, 2016 6:00 PM

Want to get to know people at church in a new way? Then join us for a fun opportunity to mingle and chat while enjoying a catered meal. After each course you will be asked to move to a new table with different people. Come join the fun - and meet some great new people. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board. (The cost has yet to be determined, but we expect it will be under \$10.00 per person.)



Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 7th, is the date for the annual collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring AND the Sunday we have soup and bread for lunch. ALL money donated goes to support a local organization and their efforts to stamp out hunger. We remember how blessed each of us are by having a simple meal - though the range of soups brought is fantastic and we do not leave hungry! Mark your calendar and plan to stay for lunch. **If you would be willing to provide soup, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board.**



Flower Calendar

The 2016 Flower Chart may be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are many open dates for which you may sign up. If you sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday morning worship, you are responsible for ordering what you want. Both Flushing Florist and Village Florist have keys to the church and will deliver flowers if you so choose. You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the service. If you are remembering or honoring a loved one, be sure to mark that on the calendar or call the church office by Thursday noon prior to the Sunday you are providing flowers.

2016 - What lies ahead for Flushing Presbyterian?

For a while now, many of you have been wondering, pondering, "What's next for our church?" It's a reasonable question. One we all should be asking. We have seen for five, yes five years, a deficit budget presented to us. And somehow, this congregation continues to exist. We have slightly less in reserves, but are able to pay the bills AND, more importantly, engage in the mission activities God is leading us to -- our calling as faithful followers of Christ.

This past year we have completed a major upgrade and incorporated technology that younger generations expect (one of our college students was impressed with the full utilization of the system). We even took on a major project of inviting the community to come for an afternoon of fun - just to be that presence of welcome in the community. It was "successful" in accomplishing that goal. Those who came left "happy." It was a great afternoon and tapped into many of our member's gifts (from livestock farmer to fly fish tying, handbell ringing to grill cook, craft provider, to all of the rest). We found our welcoming spirit and excelled!

This past fall, our Bible Study focused on the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. We noted as the community of followers of "The Way" prepared to send out "missionaries," they did specific things to get themselves ready to listen to Christ's leading.

The incoming Session is already preparing itself to listen and to lead this body of followers in 2016. What are the next steps we are being called to take? Are there changes which need to be made? If so, what? Are there things we do well and need to expand? What is it Christ desires for us in this time and place?

As disciples of Christ, each of us are called to daily examine our faithfulness back to him and the ways we can continue to grow in our love and service to him. For the coming year, I pray we tap into and trust God's faithfulness. We have experienced great blessings and encouragement this past year. May we continue to walk and live in that assurance and may 2016 be another year of great blessings!

Pastor Teresa



Thank You!

THANK YOU!

From Eleanor Bejcek...

Thank you for the cards with your prayers and best wishes and for the Newsletter every month. I also enjoyed the carnation bouquet which Bob & Joyce Tassell brought when they visited me. I had it in my window for many days. Happy Holidays to all!

From Pat Bemis...

Our recent week of hosting Family Promise was very successful thanks to all who cooked, brought dessert, set up, came in to stay with our guests, etc. We hosted 13 guests that felt comfortable and well cared for. One family of four moved into their own apartment during the week - They were so excited! Thank you to all the volunteers that came in early Sunday morning to help remove the beds and change the rooms back to classrooms. A special thanks to Sandy Tucker for filling in for Carole all week.

From Gordon Hall...

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, concerns and well-wishes for my recovery. You are all very much appreciated.

From Bill Weiss...

I would like to thank everybody for keeping my family and I in your prayers when our mother passed away in December. The amount of visitors and cards were over-whelming. I am so blessed to be part of this loving community. A special thank you to Pastor Teresa for the lovely service.

From Sylvia Keeler...

I would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, meals, and cards that came my way during my recent illness. You are the greatest group of folks!

From 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."*

From Church World Service...

Thank you for your generous contribution to the work of Church World Service - which we appreciate more than ever in these challenging times.

Your compassionate support is helping impoverished communities:

- Develop clean, reliable water sources
- Teach poor farmers sustainable ways to create food security
- Provide food, water, shelter and other necessities to families struggling to rebuild their lives and livelihoods after natural disasters and civil conflict

I have seen both the resilience and the resolve of the women, men and children we assist. And I have been deeply moved by the generosity of people like you, who give hope and opportunity to people in need, here in the U.S. and around the world.

May God bless you for your kindness.



Per Capita

- Per capita is a **per member** apportionment for the operating budget of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.
- 2016 per capita is \$26.00 per member
- Members are asked to pay this amount over and above their pledge amount
- Congregations pay per capita for each member.
- Flushing Presbyterian Church pays per capita for each member whether the member helps offset the cost or not
- If members help offset per capita cost, more dollars are available for church projects, mission, etc.

Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$26.00
for each person in your family who is a member of the church.

Always doing a new thing

In 2015, scientists discovered more than 18,000 new species — some ancient and extinct, others contemporary. They include a cartwheeling spider; fossils of a “feathered dinosaur”; a beautiful sea slug that photographs in brilliant blues, reds and golds; a Christmas-colored plant that grows in near isolation in Mexico; and a pufferfish whose males make intricate seafloor “crop circles” as spawning nests.

Such discoveries — regardless of how old or new the species are — demonstrate the ongoing creativity of God, who both does new things and gives people new abilities to discover them.

Recently, we began a new church year with Advent. At Christmas, God did a new thing by becoming human. Now we launch into a new calendar year, in which scientists will surely discover *more* new creatures. The newness all around us reminds us that God is always doing a new thing in *our* lives, too!

From the Newsletternewsletter





*This
Month's
Schedule*

January 3

Communion Preparers:
Communion Servers: Bill Churchill, Loretta Hudson,
 Carole Noye, Kathie Rhoads
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Lisa Judson, Kathy Lescelius, Ted Meehle,
 Kathy Miller
Lay Leader:
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Darla Arn

January 10

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sandy Tucker
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall
Lay Leader: John Dulin
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe

January 17

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mike Keeler
Flowers: Bev & Bob Blair
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader:
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas

January 24

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Bill
 Weiss
Lay Leader:
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Maxine Allen



January 31

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Sandy & Scott Tucker, Laura Widman, Mary
 Ellen Zellers
Lay Leader:
Acolytes: Marie S
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson



January

- 1 Pat Bemis, Laura Ruppel, John & Carol Dulin
- 4 Jon Bitterman, Sherry & Tim Bradish
- 12 Ed Davison
- 13 Susan Graham
- 16 Sandy Walther
- 22 Abbie Shaw
- 23 Rodney Martz, Ed Shipley
- 25 Karlee Schmoak
- 29 Rosie & Bill Nicholas
- 31 Bob & Joyce Tassell



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,297
Average November Collections	\$3,286
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for Budget	\$3,744



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The "Special Request Item" for the month of January is cereal.

God bless!
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

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

Lectionary Readings

January 3: Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 10: Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17: Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 24: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 31: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



The email address for the church office is
Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

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



Flushing Presbyterian Church 2016 Session

Budget & Finance
Bill Churchill, Jr.
John Dulin

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!

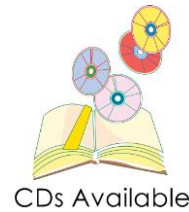


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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.



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



JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year!! Church Office Closed	2
3 Communion	4	5 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	6 7:00 PM - Spiritual/Fitness Challenge "Christ Walk"	7 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	8 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	9
10 Noisy Offering Sunday School Resumes 10:30 AM - Installation of Elders 6:00 PM - Youth Group	11 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	12 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	13	14 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach	15	16 1 2:00 PM - Eagle Scout Court of Honor
17 6:00 PM - Youth Group	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	20	21 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	22	23
					-----Girl Scouts-----	
24 11:30 AM - Annual Meeting of the Congregation 6:00 PM - Youth Group	25 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	27	28 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	29	30 6:00 PM - Progressive Dinner
31 6:00 PM - Youth Group					Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM - Worship Service 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour	