



March 2016 Newsletter

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20
10:30 AM Worship Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24 – 7:00 PM
Shadows of the Cross
(Followed by Prayer Vigil at 8:00 PM through 11:00 AM on Good Friday)

Good Friday

Friday, March 25 – 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross

Easter Morning

Sunday, March 27
8:30 AM – Early Celebration, Memorial Garden (weather permitting)
9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
(Followed by an Egg Hunt for the Kids)
10:30 AM – Easter Worship, Sanctuary
With Choir Cantata

Jesus Christ is Risen Today,
Alleluia!!





Family Promise[®]
of Genesee County

February 28 - March 6
You Can Help!!



**March Sermon
Series: "Why?"**

Based off of Adam Hamilton's book, we will look at these four topics: Why. . . 1. Do the Innocent Suffer?; 2. Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?; 3. Can't I See God's Will for My Life?; 4. God's Love Prevails! At the tables in Fellowship Hall will be follow-up questions for you to discuss with your friends. Many of us struggle with these questions. Join the discussion as we seek answers.



The chancel choir will be singing a cantata for Easter Sunday this year. We are inviting anyone, of any age, to join us in singing for this special service. Rehearsals will be held at 7:15 - 8:00 PM on Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17 and on Wednesday, March 23. We welcome everyone to join us! Contact Marilyn Schmoak if you have any questions.



There will be a brief study on prayer and the use of prayer beads on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:00 PM, March 2, 9, 16 & 23. All are welcome!



*Easter
Candy
Collection*

The Spiritual Growth Team is asking for donations of **individually wrapped** candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. If you can help, collection will take place from March 1 - 20th. There will be a collection bin in the shelving unit outside of the kitchen. Please help us with this much loved event for the children of our congregation!!



Maundy Thursday Service, March 24, 7:00 PM

Join us as we remember Jesus' last night with his disciples – telling the story and remembering “Why” Jesus allowed this path for his life. The service will conclude with communion and silence. Following the service, the prayer vigil will begin – just as Jesus asked his disciples to wait with him, so too, do we wait in prayer.



Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM

This year our Good Friday service will remember Jesus' last day by using traditional scenes from the Stations of the Cross.

The early Christians used to make the trip back to Jerusalem to walk the path Jesus took and remember. As time went on, fewer were able to make the journey, so visual depictions of the journey were made to help the faithful remember as they honored their Savior.

Visuals with scripture, reflection and prayer will be our guide through this service. Come experience Good Friday in a new, yet traditional way, as we remember and honor our Lord.



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 or call 810-659-5926 or email 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.

Please read the flyer on the church bulletin board or check out their website www.wakethebear.org - it's great!

Registration Cost:

Before March 16, 2016
10k - \$35 without shirt, \$45 with shirt
5k - \$25 without shirt, \$35 with shirt
Cub Run - \$15 without shirt, \$20 with shirt

After March 16, 2016
10k - \$40 without shirt, \$50 with shirt
5k - \$30 without shirt, \$40 with shirt
Cub Run - \$20 without shirt, \$30 with shirt





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. **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.**



From Shirley Wolfe...

I want to say thank you for all the cards and flowers sent to me. it is nice to be remembered. I enjoy and appreciate your thoughtfulness so much.

From Love INC...

We would like to extend our appreciation for your generous donation to Love INC. With the support of local churches, we are able to continue to provide assistance to families in need throughout Genesee County this year. We take pleasure in that, with your support, we are able to succeed in our mission of "People helping People in Christ's name" and spread a little *Love In* the Name of Christ.

From the Community Outreach Team...

We wish to thank the congregation for their great support of our soup and bread luncheon (*Souper Bowl Sunday*). Thanks to each of you, we were able to donate \$410.00 to the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. The Youth Group presented a fantastic skit during the worship service that was very inspiring. The 16 soup donations were provided by: Maxine Allen, Darla Arn, Deb Bayer, Jeanne Blanton, Carol Dulin, Mary Graham, Kay Hall, Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Flora Radspieler, Diane Rowley, Diane Tuttle-Smith, Carole Tucker, Sandy Tucker and Jean Wierauch. The bread was made by Ted Meehle.



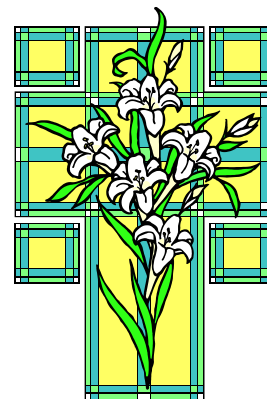
Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale

Thursday, April 21st – Saturday, April 23rd

Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 21, 22 & 23. Donations can be delivered to the church April 17 - 20. Watch for more info in the April Newsletter.



Light blue T-Shirts with our name and church logo are available to purchase for \$10 each. Please see Margaret Meehle or the church office if you are interested.



HE IS RISEN!



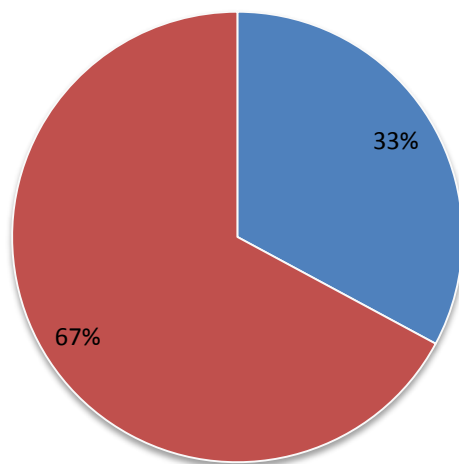
Prayer Vigil

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 11:00 AM on Good Friday, members and friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church are asked to participate in a prayer vigil. This vigil is based on Mark 14:32-43, which recounts the story of Jesus going to Gethsemane to pray.

The prayer vigil is a time of personal meditation, prayer and scripture reading. The vigil is divided into half-hour segments. People of the congregation are asked to fill these segments so that at least one person is present in the sanctuary praying, reading and/or meditating during the hours Christ asked his disciples to stay awake and watch.

The segments begin at 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 24th and end at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 25th. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. You may take more than one segment. Prayerfully consider participating in this meaningful time of watching, waiting, and praying.

2016 Per Capita (\$26 Per Member)



Where we stand today

- Per Capita received from members Jan/Feb 2016 - \$1,743.00
- Per Capita remaining to be paid in 2016 - \$3,561

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

Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost this year is \$13.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$13.00 per plant, make any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, March 13.**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____





*This
Month's
Schedule*

March 6

Communion Preparers: John & Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Randy Socha, Laura Widman
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dave Finley, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert

March 13

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Darla Arn, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman, Mary Ellen Zellers
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe

March 20

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Dona Ballard
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Darla Arn

March 27

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Mac & Jeanne McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Carol & John Dulin
Lay Leader: Laura Widman
Acolytes: Marie S
Welcome Desk: Steve Howe



March

- 1 Jim Wiley
- 5 Butch Albert
- 7 Mitchell A
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 14 Richard Aubrey
- 15 Joe Koshaba, Fred Prause
- 17 Shirley Baker, Leone Burwell
- 18 Doris Morrish
- 19 Clare Cole
- 21 Jeff Gauger, Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Sue Prevost
- 25 Steven Howe
- 28 Ginnie Panek
- 29 Jeannette Hagenbuch
- 31 Deborah Bayer



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2016 Collections	\$2,791
Average January Collections	\$2,791
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Our FCOC clients are incredibly grateful for February's canned fruit drive. One mother told us that fruit is so expensive her children rarely have it. It was a wonderful treat! March's donation item is cereal.

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10

May God bless you.
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.



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

Lectionary Readings

March 6: Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13: Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 20 (Palm Sunday): *Palms:* Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 22:5-11; Luke 22:14-23 or Luke 23:1-49

March 27 (Easter): Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 *Easter Evening:* Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

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!

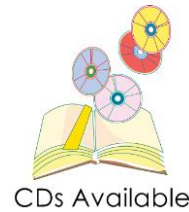


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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
		1 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	2 6:30 PM - Prayer Study & Christ Walk Check-In	3 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	4 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	5
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6 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	7	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	9 6:30 PM - Prayer Study & Christ Walk Check-In	10 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	11	12 5:00 PM - Paint Party
13 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	14 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	15 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	16 6:30 PM - Prayer Study & Christ Walk Check-In	17 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	18	19
20 6:00 PM - Youth Group	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	23 6:30 PM - Prayer Study & Christ Walk Check-In 7:15 PM - Cantata Rehearsal	24 Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service	25 Good Friday 6:00 PM - Good Friday Worship Service	26
27 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM - Early Celebration 9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast (& Egg Hunt) 10:30 AM - Easter Worship	28 6:45 PM - Session	29 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	30	31 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM - Worship Service & Sunday School 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour </div>	