

May 2016 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Thursday, May 5th, you are invited to join with others around the flag pole in Riverview Park, downtown Flushing, as we pray for our nation. Congregations from the community are joining together to pray for our nation and community. Smaller groups will be formed to pray specifically for: the government, military, media, business, education, church, and family.

Please consider joining Pastor Teresa and other faithful followers of Christ in the Park as we pray for our nation and community.

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 5th
Noon
Riverview Park
Flushing, Michigan



JOIN US!

On Sunday, May 15th, we will be celebrating Pentecost. The Chancel Choir would like to invite anyone from the congregation (especially those that sang with us on Palm Sunday!) to join us in singing on this holy day of celebration. **Rehearsals will be Thursdays, May 5th and 12th from 7:15 PM to 8:00 PM.** Looking forward to seeing everyone!! If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Schmoak.



Spring
Cleanup
Days

May 7 & 14
9:00 AM

Our spring clean-up days will be May 7th and May 14th at 9:00 AM. On May 7th we will be working on the exterior grounds pulling weeds, trimming bushes, etc... On the 14th we will be spreading mulch. 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. Please contact Scott Tucker for more information or if you have any questions.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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



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 16th.

Big
Thank
You!

Thank you to everyone that delivered flowers to shut-ins in April. Those that received the flowers and your visits were very appreciative!!



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 29**. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on June 5.



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).

We are looking for people to walk for 1/2 hour (or more, if you are able). Sign-up Sheets are in the narthex. If you are unable to walk, we would love to have you come and sit at our camp sight and represent our church. Come out and join us in supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life!!

**Alone we are only one voice, but together
We can make a difference...**



The last day for adult Sunday School, youth Sunday School, and Youth Group will be June 5th. There will be Kinderchurch offered during the worship service in the summer months for children through 3rd grade. We are in need of adults to teach Kinderchurch, so if you are willing, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Even just one weekend during the summer would be helpful!!



*Mark
Your Calendar*

Graduation Sunday

Please plan on joining us on Sunday, June 5th, 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.

Blood DRIVE

We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, June 6, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



RUMMAGE SALE Wrap Up!

The Community Outreach Team wants to thank everyone for their efforts in making our rummage sale a success. From start to finish many hours were given - hours in sale preparation, hours baking special goodies for our bake sale, and hours working during the actual sale days. Without each of you we would not have been able to accomplish this or be blessed with a profit of \$3,410.82+ for outreach and missions. Thank you for supporting the rummage sale.

We now have receipts for donated items to the church. If you would like a receipt, they are available from the church office. May God Bless each of you as you continue to serve.



From Kathy Lescelius...

A huge thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and well wishes after I fell and broke my arm. You are very much appreciated!!



EMAIL UPDATES

Stay connected with Weekly Updates from the Pastor

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.





What is the Pentecost Offering?

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual, but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is about helping young people begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders.

HISTORY

- Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more to support and care for young people to build a strong foundation of faith. They are the future of our church and world.

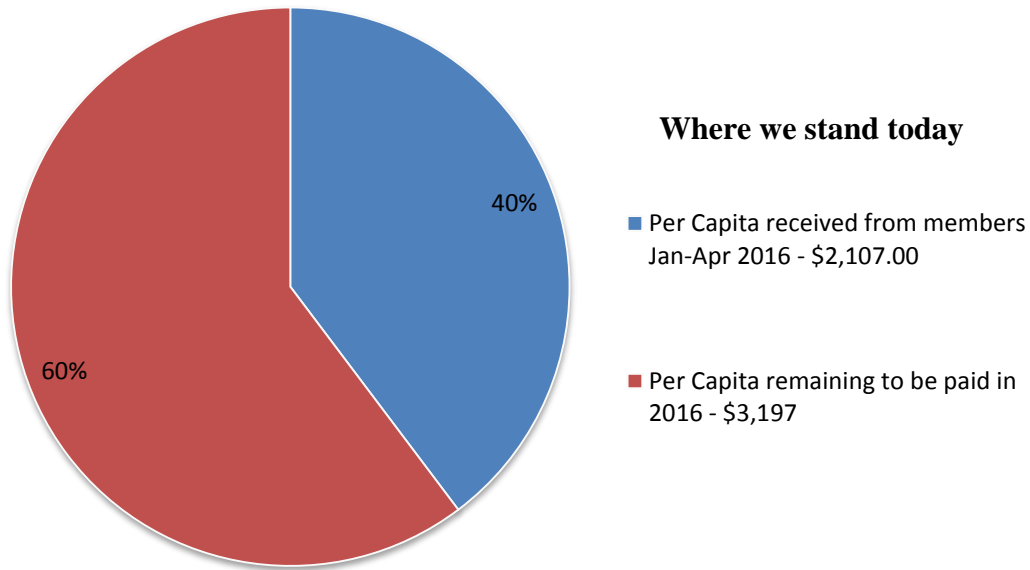
QUICK FACTS:

- Congregations keep 40% of funds to support the local youth-focused programs they are most passionate about.
- 60% of funds are remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the Young Adult Volunteers program, Ministries with Youth program, and education and advocacy for children at risk through the "Educate a Child: Transform the World" national initiative.

*Please consider using your Pentecost Offering envelope to make a donation,
or simply indicate "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check.*



2016 Per Capita (\$26 Per Member)



As of April 25th, we have only collected 40% of the amount needed to cover our per capita obligation. Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$26.00 *for each person in your family who is a member of the church.*



We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

— Madeleine L'Engle

From the Newsletternewsletter



*This
Month's
Schedule*

May 1

Communion Preparer: Sandy Walther
Communion Servers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathie & Roy Rhoads
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Laura Widman
Lay Leader: Louise Elleman
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Welcome Desk: Julie Socha

May 8

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Pat Bemis
Lay Leader:
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Laura Widman

May 15

Coffee Hour Hosts: Dan & Flora Radspieler
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Acolyte: Marie S
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert

May 22

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sandy Snyder
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gordon Hall, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson, Kathy Lescelius
Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: Darla Arn



May 29

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe



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 Madeline R
- 28 Carrie Younkin, Ted & Margaret Meehle
- 31 Cal Y, Dona & Robert Ballard



**Financial
Highlights**

Average 2016 Collections	\$3,047
Average March Collections	\$3,237
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Because of your compassion for those who are hungry in our community, we have been able to fill FCOC's shelves with peanut butter and jelly. The item we are collecting during the month of May is chunky soup.

The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 20:40

God bless you,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing chunky soup, 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

May 1: Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10, 21:22 - 25:5; John 14:23-29; *or* John 5:1-9

May 8: Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 15: Acts 2:1-21 *or* Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

May 29: 1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; Ps. 96; Gal. 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

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!

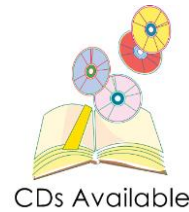


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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





MAY 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2	3 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	4 6:30 PM - Christ Walk	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 12:00 PM -National Day of Prayer, Riverview Park 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7 9:00 AM - Spring Cleanup
8 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group 	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	11 6:30 PM - Christ Walk	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13	14 9:00 AM - Spring Cleanup 12:00 PM - Bridal Shower
15 Pentecost Sunday 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM - B & F	17 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir 7:00 PM - AHSGR	18	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant	20	21 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM Relay for Life Flushing High School 3:00 PM - Funeral Luncheon
22 Trinity Sunday Youth Led Worship 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	25	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31 6:00 PM - Boy Scout Court of Honor		<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>		