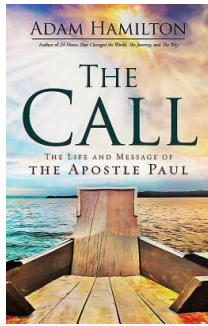




Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

November 2015 Newsletter



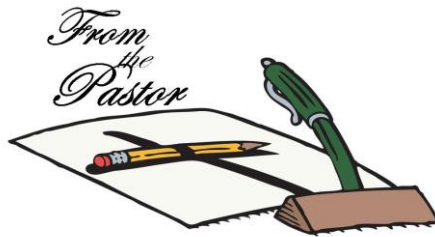
FALL STUDY: Through November 15th & 18th

Sunday Evenings: 5:30-7:00 with a potluck

Wednesday Mornings: 10:00-11:15 with light refreshments

Join a group and be a part of hearing about and discussing the Apostle Paul's life story - going from persecutor of Christians to one of our greatest teachers and missionaries of the faith. As Paul's story is considered, we will also explore our faith journey - places it's similar; places it differs.

This six-week DVD series by Adam Hamilton, will take us to many of the historical locations Paul traveled. Sign up for a participant's book or get your own ebook and join the conversation.



A Reflection

Recently, a member asked that I share session devotions - at least a portion. This past meeting we focused on one segment of our fall study, "The Call". We read four pages (55-58) in which the author talks about God's call to us in worship. Paul and Barnabas, along with the disciples, were seeking God's direction. Through prayer, fasting and worshipping together they found God's leading.

The author, Adam Hamilton, reflects how he regularly meets God in corporate worship, in all kinds of settings. How does he do that? On his way to worship, he prays a prayer something like this, "Lord, please speak to me in worship today." The author begins to prepare himself to encounter God. We are encouraged to do the same. It's really more than just the preaching or the music through which God speaks. It's about us getting ourselves ready and focused.

There are too many good thoughts in these few pages. I encourage you to pick up copies from the Welcome Desk. We will have them available. We also still have two books available. It's worth your time to read the material. It is thought provoking and inspiring. May each of us continue to hear God's call in our lives.

Pastor Teresa



The Warmth Tree is now up in the narthex for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is **November 22nd** when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



**Canned-Food
Drive**

The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) member churches plan to provide 300 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area again this year. We are nearly at our goal of 600 cans of vegetables for our part of these dinners! As of the time of publication, we only need 35 more cans. We ask that you please purchase "traditional" vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. In addition to the vegetables, the FCOC is asking member congregations for donations to purchase the turkeys. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line.

Workers are needed on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 PM at Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene to help with the packing of Thanksgiving boxes for local families in need. The packing generally only takes about 1 1/2 hours to complete. Come join us in helping others during this season of "thankfulness".



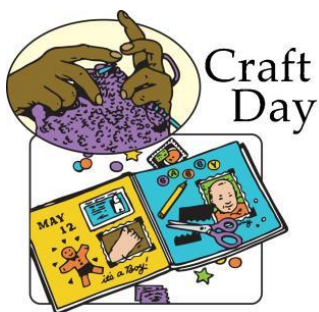
WREATH AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE

It is time to plan ahead for your purchase of a Christmas wreath or grave blanket. All profits will go to support the Flushing Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Prices are: Wreaths, \$30; Grave Pillows, \$40; and Grave Blankets, \$50. Please contact Carole, Sandy or Scott Tucker with any questions or to place an order.



You can help as we honor our veterans at a luncheon at **noon on Thursday, November 12th**. Help is needed for Set-Up, Serving and Clean-Up following the lunch. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please help us show our appreciation to the veterans in our congregation. Contact Kathie Rhoads with any questions you may have.





Saturday, November 21, 10-3:00

Got a project you've been meaning to finish (or start)? Bring it in and spend the day with other procrastinators. The Member Care Team will provide lunch (\$5.00), table space, ideas, and companionship. If you don't have a project, please come for fellowship with other members of your church family.

Be sure to sign up so that we know how many to expect for lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Rhoads.



It's time to celebrate the start of the Advent season and adorn our church for the birth of God's son. The Hanging of the Greens will take place **Saturday, November 28th starting at 2:00 p.m.** There are many areas of the church to decorate, and children are welcome to make an ornament for and decorate the tree in the Fellowship Hall. When we are finished decorating, all are welcome to go out for pizza to a location to be decided upon at that time. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon to start the Advent season!



Harvest Sunday: November 22nd

Be sure you join us for Harvest Sunday worship. We will be remembering those who provide us with food and material for clothing, housing - the things we need to survive. And give honor to God, the source of it all.



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on **November 29th** in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, please select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. **All gifts must be at the church no later than December 13th.** If you would like to participate, but are unable to shop, you may make a donation for a gift. Please indicate "Angel Tree" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius.





November 29 - December 6
Watch for volunteer opportunities!!



A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6th, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing elders and new members for the Nominating and Memorial Committees. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, December 7, 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).



Advent: A Time to Prepare

Advent is all about time. There's time to get ready for Christmas, time for special worship, time to read devotional booklets, time to buy gifts, time to decorate...and time to take the time to say, "Time out!"

Just like any coach who calls "Time out!" to settle down the players and help them refocus, Advent is about keeping our eyes focused on the Christ Child.

It's easy to be distracted and overwhelmed during this season of preparation. This year rather than adding one more thing to your list of "To Do's" we will have ONE special advent service in which we invite you to hit the pause button in your busy schedules and join us for a service of songs, prayers, and scripture readings.

Done in the style of Taize, this service will offer you space to sit in the presence of the Lord. So mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 9th, 7 PM**. If you don't drive after dark, call the office. We are setting up a car pool option.



The Flint Concert Band will be performing a Christmas concert in our sanctuary on **Friday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM**. This concert has long been a special part of our Advent season. Invite your friends and bring your family. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. It is a great way to get in the holiday spirit. **If you would be willing to bake cookies for the reception following the concert, please sign up on**

the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Calendar Donations



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2016 calendars for a project to help prisoners "mark the time" while they are incarcerated. Stony Point is participating in the *Alternatives to Violence Project's* annual calendar drive. AVP coordinates a number of conflict resolution programs in prisons.

If you would like to help, we have a basket in the shelving unit outside the kitchen for the collection of calendars. Any calendars will do - either an extra one you were given or one that comes for free through the mail as a promotion for an organization or company. **Please avoid calendars with metal spiral binding**, but staples are okay.



Congratulations to the following Flushing Middle School students that were recently inducted to the National Junior Honor Society (several of our confirmands, as well as grandchildren and friends of our church).

Joseph Bemis
Michael Bemis
Gillian Besko
Griffin Hemingway

Connor Skutt
Marie Smith
Max Socha



The beginning of Advent - November 29

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.



From Ed and Ruth Spomer...

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers. For old members like us that are no longer physically active, your thoughtfulness is appreciated.



Christmas Floral Decorations

Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.

Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.

Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

IN HONOR OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like ____ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.

(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)

_____ Red _____ Pink _____ White

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th



*This
Month's
Schedule*

November 1

Communion Preparers: Sandy Walther
Communion Servers: Kathy Miller, Sandy & Scott Tucker, Laura Widman
Coffee Hour Hosts: Bob & Bev Blair
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Pat Bemis, Bob Chase, Bill & Denise Churchill
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson

November 8

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Carol & John Dulin, David Finley, Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**

November 15

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Lisa Judson, Kathy Lescelius
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Welcome Desk: Julie Socha

November 22

Coffee Hour Hosts: Margaret & Ted Meehle
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Ted Meehle, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Acolytes: Elle B & Marie S
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe

November 29

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Dennis Sanborn, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Welcome Desk: **Volunteer Needed**



November

- 2 Janet Ballagh, Ted Meehle
- 3 Gillian B
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Ginger Aubrey, Sarah B, Ben W
- 7 Jeanne Blanton, Gordon Hall
- 9 Betty Tallau
- 10 Johnny & Taisiya Dulin
- 11 Linda & Matt Bemis
- 12 Marvin Stephenson, Beverly Thompson, Margaret Tippet
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 18 Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M, Ruth Spomer
- 26 Beverly Howe, Larry Younkin
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



Financial Highlights

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,233
Average September Collections	\$3,507
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for Budget	\$3,744



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The difference between being poor and destitute is food. FCOC is requesting spaghetti and spaghetti sauce for the month of December. 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." Praise God for your selfless generosity.

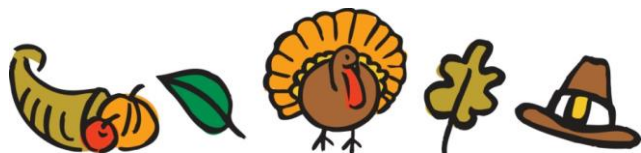
God bless!
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing spaghetti and/or spaghetti sauce 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



SO MANY BLESSINGS

Lectionary Readings

November 1: Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 24; Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 8: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps. 127; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 15: 1 Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 22: 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18); Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 29: Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2015 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
John Dulin

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Natalie Lucas

Member Care

Kathie Rhoads, Chair
Loretta Hudson

Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair
Don Rowley

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith

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!

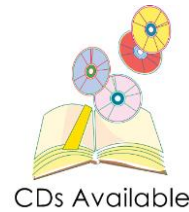


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant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



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.



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 Schedule
 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education
 10:30 AM - Worship Service
 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 5:30 PM - "The Call" Bible Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	3 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	4 10:00 AM - "The Call" Bible Study	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 5:00 PM - AHGSR 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - AHGSR	7 10:00 AM - AHGSR
8 Noisy Offering 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 5:30 PM - "The Call" Bible Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 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 10:00 AM - "The Call" Bible Study	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM - Veterans' Luncheon 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	-----Girl Scouts-----	
15 5:30 PM - "The Call" Bible Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	17 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	18 10:00 AM - "The Call" Bible Study	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20	21 10:00 AM - Craft Day
22 Harvest Sunday Worship 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23 6:45 PM - Session	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving -----Church Office Closed-----	27	28 2:00 PM - Hanging of the Greens
29	30	-----Family Promise-----				