

April 2013 Newsletter

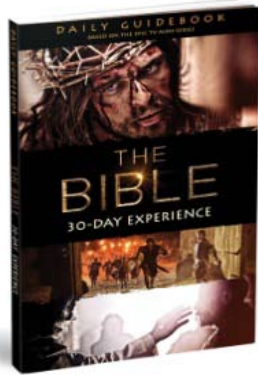
Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Guided 30-DAY EXPERIENCE of The History Channel's: *THE BIBLE* mini-series

Beginning April 14th, you are invited to revisit the stories of the Bible through a 30-day guided experience. Two different times will be offered for you to view a short 5 - 10 minute clip, and then delve into discussion about the story.

This powerful study is specifically designed to help us:



- See these stories from the Bible like never before
- Discover the thread of redemption through Jesus Christ woven throughout the Bible
- Experience a greater insight into God's amazing love for us
- Understand how your unique story fits within God's story for all of us.
- Be inspired to read these great stories from God's Word ourselves.

Reserve your Study Guide today. Cost: \$8.00. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Firm times are yet to be determined. Sunday evening is one time, but the other time will be during the week. Let Pastor Teresa know the day and time you would hope to see the second study time held.



DID YOU MISS *THE BIBLE* mini-series on the History Channel?

You are welcome to borrow the church copy and have a viewing party with some friends. See Pastor Teresa for more details.



Join us April 7th at 3:00 PM for a concert by the group, "Just Trombones." This is an all-trombone group that performs concerts throughout the year and has agreed to put on a concert at our church this year. Come and enjoy an afternoon of great 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.



**Thursday, April 18th –
Saturday, April 20th**

Just as spring will indeed arrive, so will our church rummage sale. We need you to donate items, help during the week and, of course, shop! Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 18, 19 & 20. Many have reported that they are gathering items for the sale. We need many more to participate in some way. We will be able to accept donations beginning Sunday, April 14th after the worship service until 1 PM, or later if prior arrangements are made. All donations must be delivered to the church by Wednesday, April 17th, at 6:00 PM in order for us to get them marked and sorted. We did very well last year and hope to do as well this year. All proceeds will go to the Mission Committee for allocation.

Many volunteers are needed and no experience is necessary. There will be sign-up sheets on the Mission Bulletin Board by the kitchen for all who wish to contribute time during this event. We need volunteers to help from set-up to clean-up. Before the sale, much help is needed to receive, sort and put items on tables for the sale so prices can be put on these items. During the sale, we need people to help with the sale itself. Set-up is scheduled for 9 AM to 7 PM on April 15, 16 & 17. The Sale will run from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 18th; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday, April 19th; and from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 20th. Clean-up will begin at noon on Saturday and will be completed by 2:00 PM. **Your help will be greatly appreciated.** When signing up, please indicate what times you will be able to help.

If you have questions, or if you need to have items picked up for the sale, please contact Carole Tucker by phone or email. It would be helpful to have pick-up times scheduled before the week of the sale.



A concert in memory of Chieko "Peggy" Fesmire will be presented by the music department of the University of Michigan-Flint at 1:30 PM at Club 501 on Sunday, April 14th. (Club 501 is a new restaurant located about 2 blocks north of First Presbyterian Church) A scholarship fund is being established for music students at UM-Flint in Peggy's memory. The concert at Club 501 will be followed by the UM-Flint Music Department's annual spring concert at 4:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Flint. If you have any questions, please contact Walker Fesmire.



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 and a line or two regarding post-graduation plans by **Sunday, May 19**. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on June 2.



Normally LIFT is an outing for adult women, but this May we are celebrating our young females, too. All women of the church are invited to bring a "daughter" (biological or adopted for the day) and join us for a Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House in Saginaw. We will be going to the Tea Ceremony on **Saturday, May 11th at 1:00 PM**. The cost will be \$8.00, plus \$2.00 for gas. The sign-up deadline is April 27th - sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Please indicate if you would be willing to drive.

Donations Matched



Dollar for Dollar

Meijer will match donations given to the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) dollar for dollar until mid-May. You can donate at any Meijer checkout in increments of \$10 or send a donation of any amount to the FCOC with "*Simply Give*" on the memo line. You may also make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church, with "*FCOC*" on the memo line. We will forward all contributions to the FCOC in time to qualify for the matching amount from Meijer. What a great way to s-t-r-e-t-c-h your donation dollars!!

Annual Per Capita

~ Obligation of Flushing Presbyterian Church and its Members ~

As mentioned during the Annual Congregational Meeting in January, this year's budget will require closer attention than has been required in years past. We will continue to look for ways to cut costs with minimal impact to church ministry and mission operations - eliminating the postal cost for reminder cards is a recent example. More membership fulfillment of annual Per Capita obligation would have a positive impact on our budget.

- Per Capita provides the primary funding for Presbyterian ministry and mission at the national and regional levels
- Each church across the country is obligated to pay a **per member** apportionment for each member of the church
- The amount per member this year is \$23.81
- In 2012, 44% of the Per Capita obligation was contributed by Flushing Presbyterian Church members; leaving 56% (Approx. \$3,377) to be paid from the church operating fund
- Through March 17th of this year, only 32% of the annual Per Capita obligation has been received, leaving us \$4,129 short
- Per Capita could be off the radar for those members who do not receive tithing envelopes. For those who attend services, please use the pew envelopes with a Per Capita notation. For those who are unable to attend service, a check with *Per Capita* notation would be appreciated.
- We encourage all members to please consider fulfilling your Per Capita responsibility by submitting \$23.81 per church member in your family

We want to thank all those members who have paid their Per Capita and we are hopeful that more are able to do so by May 1st, as our full payment is due in June. Membership contribution of Per Capita has a direct and positive impact on our annual church budget.

Blessings to All,
Budget & Finance Team



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.




Where's the Staple????

Since so many of you have asked....

No, we did not forget to staple the Newsletter. Our new format would not work with a staple in the spine of the fold, and postal regulations do not allow a corner staple. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

This Month's Schedule



April 7

Communion Preparers: Scott & Sandy Tucker
Communion Servers: Carol & John Dulin, Gordon & Kay Hall
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Ernie Thrapp
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Addison P, Josh Y
Acolyte Leader: Tyler R

April 14

Coffee Hour Hosts: John & Carol Dulin
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye, Pat Pratt
Lay Leader: Kelli Peter
Acolytes: Marie S, Sydney S
Acolyte Leader: Blair A

April 21

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Kelli Peter, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Ben W

April 28

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Miller & Erna Coxworth
Flowers: Sue Prevost
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Michael R, Dennis Sanborn, Bev & Dale Thompson
Lay Leader: John Dulin
Acolytes: Elle B, Kaitlyn R
Acolyte Leader: Paige A



Please Note!!



We will no longer be mailing out reminder cards for ushers, lay leaders, acolytes and acolyte leaders. Be sure to consult the schedules previously mailed to you for the dates that you are scheduled to serve.



Financial Highlights

Average 2013 Collections	\$3,111
Average February Collections	\$2,868
Average 2012 Collections	\$3,734
Average needed for Budget	\$4,202

Lectioary Readings



April 7: Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 *or* Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 14: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 21: Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 28: Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson, Katelyn W.
- 5 Kelli Peter
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Grace J, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 12 Helene Hundshamer
- 13 Steven Gauger, Logan W, Kelly & Tim Stein
- 16 Valerie Allred, Beverly & Dale Thompson
- 17 David Graham, Kelsey H
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Rose Jackson, Jacob S, Marie S, Darla & Bill Arn, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige A, Dick Barnett, Linda Gross
- 28 Arlene Ewing
- 29 Frances Hollenbeck



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: flushingpcpastor@sbcglobal.net



From The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)...

Dear Member Churches,

During the month of February, FCOC served 160 households, which equals 422 individuals. All of the recipients of the services at the Outreach Center are either Flushing residents, have students in Flushing Schools or are referred by one of the member churches. There is such a need in Flushing, and we are able to help fill this need with the help of all of you and your members. We truly appreciate everything that you do for Flushing Christian Outreach Center.

As always, we are in need of personal care items as well as laundry detergent and peanut butter. Monetary donations are also welcomed. We are getting ready to turn our clothes closet over to spring and summer clothing. We would appreciate any warmer weather clothing that you may have around your house that you no longer need! We especially need all sizes of jeans and anything in plus sizes for both men and women.

Again, thanks for everything that you all do to make it so we can help those in need.

God Bless!

Terri Szukhent

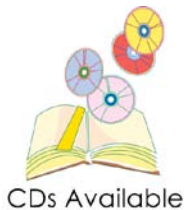
Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



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!



CD copies of our worship services are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office.

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.



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 for all ages to enjoy. Please refer questions to Kelli Peter.



LOGOS

LOGOS is an after school program for children in grades K – 6 that meets on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 6:30 PM during the school year. Contact Bill or Rosie Nicholas for information.



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.



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is designed to promote fellowship, provide study of topics that would interest young mothers and encourage spiritual growth. MOPS meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (during the school year), from 9:15 – 11:00 AM.



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.



The 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.



The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



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.

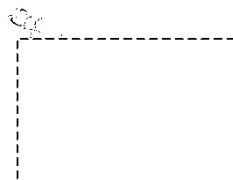


Opportunities To Serve

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 Community Sharing Fund...VG's receipts are collected and we receive a percentage of these receipts to use to help fund mission projects.



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