



# April 2021 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)  
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### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **Palm Sunday, March 28, 10:00 AM**

service will include our traditional palms and focus on the passion of the week through Peter's denial.

#### **Good Friday, April 2, 6:00 PM**

Led by Rev. Max Hayden, will take place in the sanctuary.

#### **Easter Sunday, April 4, 10:00 AM**

A traditional service of resurrection.



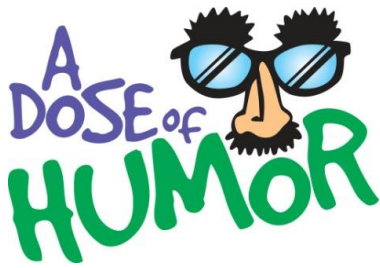
#### **EXTRA SEATING**

**In preparing for larger attendance on Palm Sunday and Easter**, the Spiritual Growth team is planning additional seating in the narthex. We will be prepared to accommodate all who want to attend these services during this important season.



At the recent March Session meeting, it was decided to allow for singing in church while masked for our worship services! It was also approved to allow for our chancel choir to sing with masks along with having any special vocal music and a song leader (all masked) when determined by Spiritual Growth. We hope you are encouraged and excited about this news and look forward to rejoicing the Lord through our beloved hymns and voices. Praise God through whom all blessings flow!





## **Holy Humor Sunday - April 11th**

Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history – Jesus’ resurrection – it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life. Please join us for the continued celebration of His resurrection through our Holy Humor Worship Service on Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 AM. This has become a beloved tradition and one that we missed out on in 2020. We have some fun Joy Breaks in store! Be a part of the fun and wear your colorful clothing in celebration.



### **The History:**

Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity – “Holy Humor Sunday” celebrations of Jesus’ resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including “Bright Sunday” (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. “*Risus paschalis* – the Easter laugh,” the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it “Holy Humor Sunday,” with the theme: “Jesus is the LIFE of the party.”





## Worship Options

As you are aware, we are again open for in person worship. All previous protocols will remain in place – wearing masks, socially distanced seating, and open windows for good ventilation still apply. Session continues to encourage you to choose the option of worship which makes you most comfortable.

- In Person worship - this is a fluid option which could change at any time
- Tune to our radio frequency (98.5) in our parking lot
- FaceBook Live on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM
- Watch our recorded service at a time of your choice.



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 5, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

**The Wired WORD**  
An Adult Curriculum

*The Wired Word* is a weekly study group that meets on-line via Zoom. We will be meeting at 7:00 PM every other Sunday from Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome and invited to attend. Our discussions are focused on current events as they relate to Scripture passages. Lessons are more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. Good conversations and staying connected are great reasons to join us! If you would like info on how to connect with us, please contact Karen Howe, [karen.howe@outlook.com](mailto:karen.howe@outlook.com), (810) 252-2679.



## Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for April:

April 4 (Easter) - Max Hayden  
April 11 (Holy Humor) - Julianne Princinsky  
April 18 - Julianne Princinsky  
April 25 - Julianne Princinsky



The Member Care Team is interested in restarting a telephone prayer chain for those who would prefer this to email. If you would like to be part of this prayer chain, please call the church office at 659-5831. You will then be contacted as soon as a list has been compiled.



## Spiritual Growth Streaming Services Update

Our team was granted an \$1,800 grant from the Presbytery of Lake Huron for the purposes of purchasing new and updated streaming equipment consisting of: a new camera and mounting bracket, new audio interface, new streaming software, streaming license and compatible laptop. We received another \$2,500 in private donations to help with the total expenses, which allows us to also install a new electrical outlet and purchase extra cables and additional items that may be needed. Even though we have been live streaming our services through FaceBook Live using an iPad, many have told us that it is hard to hear the audio. This new technology will allow us to continue to Live Stream our services well into the future, so that we can now reach our shut-ins, our snow birds and anyone out there looking to connect with a church service! And to do so in a well-connected fashion. Thank you Presbytery and to those private donors for making this possible!



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 Monday, May 24th. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 6th.

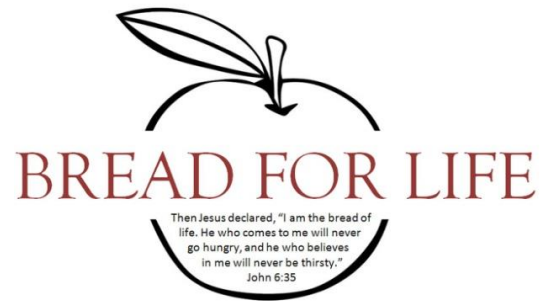


Back in November, Marsha Judd and Nellie Warda were accepted into membership via letter of transfer. Typically we would have acknowledged this during a worship service and given them the proper warm reception we have in the past. On behalf of the Session of Flushing Presbyterian Church and our members and friends, we want to extend a late, but warm welcome to membership to both Marsha and Nellie. Be sure to greet them when you see them in worship.





March 18, 2021



Dear Church Pastors

As you well know, food and nutrition are closely linked with the ability to learn. Many families are able to receive support with food for their children through the free and/or reduced breakfasts and lunch program. However, weekends may present an extra challenge for families that are facing financial struggles. We want to help ensure that students have nutritious meals over the weekend, so they are ready to learn when they arrive at school on Monday.

In 2010, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, along with several other community churches in the Flushing area, started a program called *Bread for Life*. This program provides participating, eligible students with an opportunity to receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks in a bag for the weekend. This year the program is serving an all-time high of 115 children.

In past years, our costs were mostly covered by the annual *Wake the Bear* run and generous donations from area churches and their congregation members. Each September we have an amount that gets us through to the following run. Due to the extenuating circumstance of the Covid-19 virus, our 2020 *Wake the Bear* run had to be cancelled. We had money left from previous years to get us by until now. With the overwhelming need and the higher cost of food, our program is running out of funds; and with the funds that we have left, we may be unable to continue the program through the end of this year, and we will not have the funds needed to start the 2021-2022 school year. Our plan is to have the *Wake the Bear* run in September of this year.

I want to thank you and your congregation for your continued support. Your volunteers have truly helped this wonderful program. Unfortunately, I am asking for more. We are asking that you and your congregations pray for us, and if at all possible, to give a monetary donation to this important outreach of our community.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss this with me more, please contact me at the below telephone number. Thank you for your time and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Kelly Jacobs, Bread for Life Coordinator at Holy Cross  
Office 810-659-5926  
kelly.jacobs@holycrosslutheran.com

*(Note – You may donate to Bread for Life through our church by making your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating “Bread for Life” on the memo line)*

# This Month's Schedule



## April 4 (Easter)

**Communion Preparer:** Shirley Sanborn

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert

**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Sandy & Scott Tucker

**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill

## April 11

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Mark Jacobson

**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert

## April 18

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha

**Ushers:** Pat Bemis, Mike Keeler, Bill Weiss

**Lay Leader:** Marsha Judd

## April 25

**Flowers:**

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

**Ushers:** Brett & Chris Albert, Sandy Tucker

**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha



## April

- 3 John Miller, Mavis Stephenson
- 5 Kelli Peter
- 6 Vern Shepherd
- 7 Ching Yu Hou, Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Kelly & Tim Stein
- 18 Gary Albert
- 25 Jacob S, Marie S, Jeff & Sue Gauger
- 27 Paige Albert, Dick Barnett



## Financial Highlights

Average 2021 Collections	\$2,998
Average February Collections	\$3,154
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173



**The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for April are canned fruit and toothpaste.** If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, please deliver them to the FCOC at 5409 West Pierson Road. The need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed.



**STAY CONNECTED  
WITH WEEKLY  
UPDATES**

## EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.

## Lectionary Readings

**April 4 (Easter):** Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9 and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:2-18 or Mark 16:1-8

**April 11:** Acts 4:32-35 and Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1 - 2:2; John 20:19-31

**April 18:** Acts 3:12-19 and Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 25:** Acts 4:5-12 and Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2021 Session

### Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Shirley Sanborn

### Property Team

Scott Tucker  
Bill Weiss

### Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin