



April 2025 Newsletter



The Holy Week Slate

The time is drawing nigh. As we get closer and closer to the events of the cross and the empty tomb, be in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving. Also please keep in mind that Holy Week will offer many varieties of ways in which to worship; we will also be gathering with the other Presbyterian churches in the greater Flint area on **Maundy Thursday**, and with our Methodist neighbors in downtown Flushing on **Good Friday**.

Further, if you would like to look at other ways in which to grow closer to the Lord, I am offering two more Lenten sessions of Bible study on Friday, April 4 and Friday, April 11 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the narthex. We will be examining the spiritual practices of almsgiving, and silence. Hope to see you there!

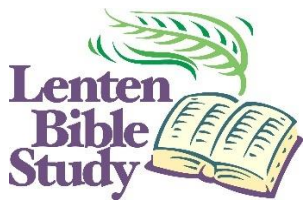
April 13	Palm/Passion Sunday	FPC Sanctuary	10:00 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Dinner	Flint-First Presbyterian	5:30 pm
	Maundy Thursday Service	Flint-First Presbyterian	7:00 pm
April 18	Good Friday Vigil	FPC Sanctuary	Noon – 3:00 pm
	Good Friday Service	Flushing United Methodist	6:00 pm
April 20	First Service of Easter	FPC Memorial Garden	8:30 am
	Easter Breakfast	FPC Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
	Service of the Resurrection	FPC Sanctuary	10:00 am

FPC Sells Portion of Land to Flushing Schools

On behalf of the session, let me thank the FPC congregation for the patience, interest, and determination you all showed during the process of selling a piece of the old ballfield to Flushing School District. I am very excited for, and looking forward to, the many ways by which the local community will benefit from the district’s plans for its students. According to superintendent Matt Shanafelt, ground will most likely be broken on their expansion either next school year or the one after that. Please keep Flushing High School, its students and parents in your prayers during this time of transition, and please look forward with joy to the impact God’s blessings have on them. Thank you!

Pastor Paul





Please join us in the narthex for Bible study on Fridays, April 4 & 11, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Our topics to be explored are the practices of fasting and prayer – appropriate for the Lenten season! All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Rummage Sale Coming in May

Our Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 30 - 31. Be sure to start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. **You may bring your sale items into the church beginning on May 4.**



We will be having a Good Friday prayer vigil on Friday, April 18th from noon to 3:00 PM. This time frame is traditionally known as the time Jesus was dying on the cross. There is no signup sheet or time limit. The church will be open for quiet prayers and meditation for anyone interested.



Sunday School will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates will be April 27th and May 25th. Kids will be dismissed from the service after collecting prayer requests. If interested in teaching the children, please contact Julie Socha. A curriculum that is easy to follow is provided.



Flower Calendar

This is just a reminder that we have a Flower Signup Sheet for all Sundays throughout the year. It is located on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Paul's office. Anyone is welcome to sign up to provide flowers for Sunday services. Two local florists, Flushing Florist and Village Florist, will deliver to the church. You are responsible for ordering the flowers. You may also purchase your flowers at a place of your choosing and bring them in yourself on Sunday morning. If the flowers are for a special occasion, or in honor/memory of someone special, you will need to let Marty know by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you are providing flowers in order to have it printed in the Sunday bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



From Chris Bitterman and Family . . . My mother, June Bitterman, was an active member of St. Robert's Church most of her life and understood the importance of church. She had lost connection to her original community, but not her faith in God and people. Providing her family counsel, visitation, a poignant service, and meal was a tremendous gift. Thank You for always supporting our family.

From the Old Newsboys of Flint . . . On behalf of the Old Newsboys of Flint, Inc., we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, the Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and the generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we "*Let No Child Be Forgotten.*" From our hearts to yours, thank you.

Sharing our Easter inheritance

After David Clarke's mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke's monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus' love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom's spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.

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April 6

Flowers: Kelli Peter
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Debbie Grant, Mike Keeler, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Streaming: Kelli Peter
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes

April 13

Communion Preparers: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Gary Albert, Bill & Denise Churchill
Flowers: Kathy & John Miller
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Gary Albert, Bill & Denise Churchill
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Streaming: Mike Keeler
Nursery: Sandy Tucker

April 20

Communion Preparers: Julie Socha
Communion Servers: **Volunteers Needed**
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Lisa & Tim Judson + **One More Needed**
Streaming:
Nursery: Deb Coxworth

April 27

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Shirley Delbridge, Kelli Peter, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Streaming: Scott Smith
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes



The special focus item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for April is regular size boxed cereal. If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .
 April 13 (Palm Sunday) & April 20 (Easter)



April

- 3 John Miller
- 5 Kelli Peter
- 7 Bruce & Deborah Coxworth
- 8 Bill & Denise Churchill
- 13 Kelly & Tim Stein
- 18 Gary Albert
- 22 Rowan B-P
- 25 Marie Smith
- 27 Paige Albert

Lectionary Readings

April 6: Isa. 43:16-21 and Ps. 126; Phil. 3:b-14; John 12:1-8

April 13: *Palms:* Luke 19:28-40 and Ps. 118:1-2, 9-29; *Passion:* Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 20: Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25 and 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 and Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 14:13-49

April 27: Acts 5:27-32 and Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150 or 2 Kings 7:1-16 and Ps. 2; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



Financial Highlights

Average 2025 Collections	\$3,459
Average February Collections	\$3,355
Average 2024 Collections	\$3,302
Average needed for 2025 Budget	\$4,229



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 7, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2025 Session

Budget & Finance

Ed Davison
Scott Smith

Community Outreach

Mary Beth Hawes
Kathy Miller

Member Care

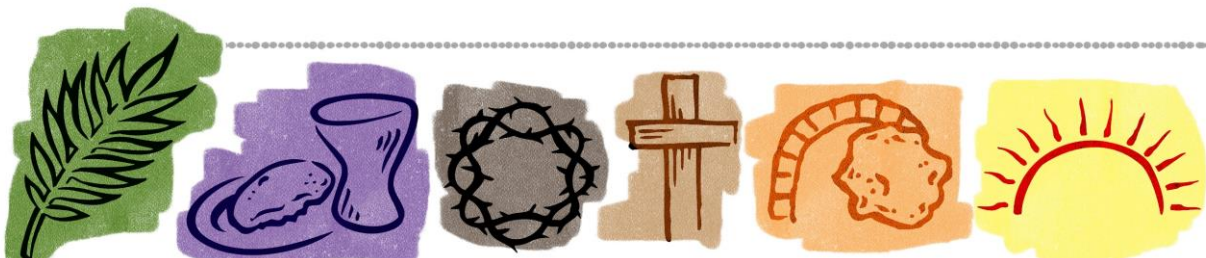
Lisa Judson
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Mark Jacobson
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Kelli Peter
Sandy Tucker



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 12:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome! Contact Margaret Meehle for information.



Bread for Life is a 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 for this program at 10:00 AM on Thursdays, at Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to Margaret Meehle or the church office.



Digital Church . . . Our Sunday morning worship service is on video and can be viewed via a link on our website (flushingpres.org) or watched live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings or at another time of your choosing.



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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 in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study...This group meets for breakfast and study at 9:00 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.



Music Opportunities

Music Opportunities . . .The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the chancel choir and Marilyn Schmoak for info on the Handbell Choir.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs locally and around the world.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage and other 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.



The Noisy Offering

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at (810)659-5831

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	3 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	4 Church Office Closed 5:30 PM – Bible Study	5 10:00 AM – Member Care
6	7 12:00 PM – Blood Drive 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	9 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	10 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	11 Church Office Closed 5:30 PM – Bible Study	12
13 Palm Sunday Communion Noisy Offering	14 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts	15 12:00 PM – Book Club 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	16 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	17 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Worship at First Pres - Flint	18 Church Office Closed 6:00 PM – Good Friday Worship Service at Flushing United Methodist Church	19
20 Easter Sunday Communion 8:30 AM – Early Service 9:00 AM – Breakfast 10:00 AM – Worship	21	22 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	23 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	24 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Canasta Club 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28 6:00 PM - Session	29 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	30 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir			
Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays						