

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

February 2015 Newsletter



Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 1st, is the date for the annual collection for the Souper Bowl of Caring AND the Sunday we have soup and bread for lunch. ALL money donated goes to support a local organization and their efforts to stamp out hunger. We remember how blessed each of us are by having a simple meal - though the range of soups brought is fantastic and we do not leave hungry! Mark your calendar and plan to stay for lunch. If you would be willing to provide soup, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board.



We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, February 2, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM.** February is our month to host the blood drive and we are in need of volunteers that can help with registration and the canteen. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board.

Confirmation Class

CALLING ALL INTERESTED IN
"CONFIRMING THEIR FAITH"!

Sunday, February 8th following worship, parents and 7th grade (or older) youth are invited to an informational meeting about confirmation in Heaven's Highway. An outline of the course will be distributed plus determining times and dates to meet. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in confirmation, please contact the church office.

*The First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw
On Behalf of the Presbytery of Lake Huron
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Invites you to the installation of*

*Rev. Ted McCulloch
as Pastor of
First Presbyterian Church
Saginaw, Michigan 48602
on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.*

A Reception will follow the service



Lenten Journey

The season of lent calls us to step into a time of reflection and intentional spiritual growth - opening ourselves to God. Come journey with others at each of these special gatherings and worship services.

WE BEGIN

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 18, 7:00 PM - includes imposition of ashes and communion.
Child care will be provided during the service.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

6 week Lenten Study - *"Renegade Gospel"*

Discussion focusing on Jesus who came, not to start a religion, but a revolution to heal our relationship with God and others.

Starting Sunday, February 22, 6:00-7:00 PM, with dessert or light refreshments, or on Wednesday mornings at 11:00, beginning February 25. (Child care will be provided at the Sunday evening study)

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM

Tenenbrae Service with Communion

Prayer Vigil to follow this service through the night

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday, Time TBD

Worship remembering Christ's suffering

EASTER

Sunday, April 1

8:30 AM - Early Easter Celebration

9:00 AM - Easter Breakfast, followed by an egg hunt for the kids

10:30 AM - Easter Worship Service

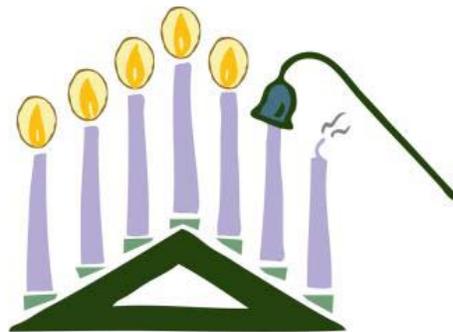




LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The first Sunday in Lent, February 22, will begin a sermon series: "Seeing Ourselves in Those Confronted by Jesus." Mark 10:17-21, is the story of the "Rich Young Ruler" who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. This is a question many Christians today ask as they seek to live the Christian life.

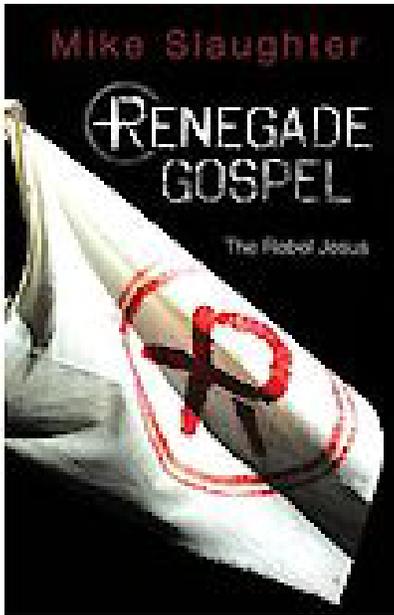
Over the six Sundays of Lent, we will examine six groups of people who interacted with Jesus and look at how Jesus affirmed or challenged their understandings of what it meant to be good and to be a follower of God. The six groups include: the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, Disciples, and Women. We will also explore where it is we see these groups today and ask the same question of what it means to be good and a follower of Christ.



Lenten Candles

During Advent, we lit a new candle each Sunday as we prepared for "the light of the world" to arrive. This year, as we prepare for Good Friday, we will extinguish a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death. On Good Friday, it appears that "the light" has gone out of the world. Yet we know that it was just hidden for a time and that healing and wholeness came from that very dark time.

As we worship together this Lenten Season, may this new aspect of worship bring us closer to Christ.



Lenten Study

During Lent, a six week study, *Renegade Gospel*, will be offered. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Two times are offered: Sunday evenings, 6:00 PM beginning February 22 or Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM beginning February 25. This DVD study by Rev. Mike Slaughter re-examines Jesus' life and ministry, his purpose and call to us.

From the cover: "Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In *Renegade Gospel*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again."

Topics include:

- Week 1: Discovering the Rebel Jesus
- Week 2: Revolutionary Lifestyle
- Week 3: The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer
- Week 4: Seeing Jesus Today
- Week 5: The Way of the Cross
- Week 6: Resurrection

Let us know which time you will be attending and also whether you would like to purchase the book (you can also download the book for your e-reader, if you prefer). We hope you will join us.

(Child Care will be provided at the Sunday evening study.)



Winter Gala & Silent Auction

February 21, 2015 - 6:00pm
Riverfront Banquet Center
Flint, MI

Prepare your hearts for an evening of fun and excitement with friends as **Family Promise of Genesee County** presents its annual charity Winter Gala & Silent Auction with a Roaring 20's theme including:

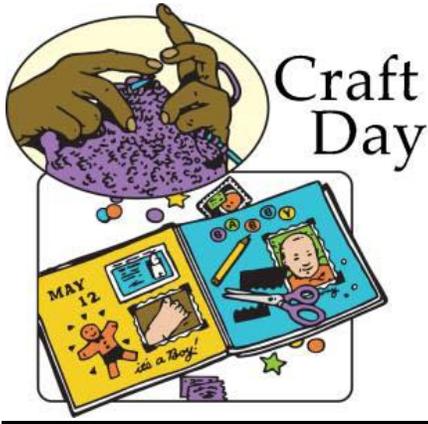
- Beer, Wine & Cheese Reception
 - Elegant Dinner
 - Silent Auction
- Dancing & Photo Booth

All proceeds benefit area homeless families served through Family Promise.



www.familypromiseofgc.org

info@familypromiseofgc.org



Saturday, February 28, 10-4:00

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.

Or are you looking for an easy new craft? Maybe you want to paint a T shirt, make a melted-bead bowl, or whip up a gossamer scarf. Examples are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Be sure to sign up and if you want to make one of the displayed projects, let us know so we will have supplies on hand.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Rhoads at 659-5253.



Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

--From the Newsletternewsletter



Teams of Session

Below is a list of the current Teams (committees) of Flushing Presbyterian Church. These Teams help to carry out the vision and ministry of the church. Our session is small. There are only two session members per Team. Thus it is important that members of the congregation consider being a member of one of these Teams. And if committing to regular meetings is not for you, at least let chairs know of your interest to help with specific ministries. There are many opportunities to support the work of the church. We pray Christ will lead you as you consider new opportunities.

1. **Budget & Finance** - This Team develops and maintains the financial procedures of the Session, especially seeing to the management of all funds in consultation with the Church Treasurer and Church Financial Secretary. This Team sees to the annual stewardship education of the church.
Elders: Bill Churchill, Jr (2015); John Dulin (2016)
2. **Community Outreach** - This Team oversees the expending of funds for various mission concerns of the church. It also coordinates any publicity which needs to go out to the public (i.e. MLive, Chamber of Commerce, and so on). They also oversee the sub Tech Team, which takes care of our digital signage.

Elders: Sylvia Keeler (2015); Natalie Lucas (2016)

3. **Member Care** - This Team oversees much of what the Deacons did in terms of Care-giving and Congregational Life. The Team responds to the specific needs of the congregation, including visitation to the sick, hospitalized or homebound as well as providing for special short term needs (meals during recovery).

Member Care also works with other Teams to develop opportunities for members to deepen their involvement and fellowship within the church - ministry of encouragement and fellowship which draws the people of the church together.

Elders: Kathie Rhoads (2015); Loretta Hudson (2016)

4. **Property** - This Team maintains the building and property of our church. The Team deals with all questions or concerns or renovation and updates of our physical facilities. This includes: Interior & Exterior, Grounds and Mechanical Systems.

Elders: Brett Albert (2015); Don Rowley (2016)

5. **Spiritual Growth** - This Team works closely with the pastor to help enhance and maintain the divine worship of the congregation. The choir director and the accompanist work with this Team as well.

Spiritual Growth also oversees all education/spiritual growth within the church, especially the weekly Church School, Youth Program and Bible Studies.

Elders: Karen Howe (2016); Scott Smith (2015)

Join Us -- Get Involved!!

This Month's Schedule



February 1

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Communion Preparers: Scott & Sandy Tucker
Communion Servers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Carole Noye, Kathie Rhoads
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Karen & Steve Howe, Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Gary Albert
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Logan H

February 8

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Norma Zuehlke
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Carole Noye, Roy Rhoads
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Acolytes: Elle B, Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Bella B

February 15

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Michael R, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Carole Tucker
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Michael R

February 22

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Ted Meehle, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman, Mary Ellen Zellers
Lay Leader: Rosie Nicholas
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Paige A



February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Bob Blair
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 6 Mackenzie Winchester
- 7 Bob Chase, Tim Judson
- 8 Pauline Lazar, Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 14 Bill Weiss
- 16 Reva Jo Gordon, May Hresko
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson



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

On behalf of the FCOC Board, volunteers, and myself, we would like to wish you a blessed 2015. With your charitable donations, FCOC was able to provide food and clothing for 500 Flushing individuals during the month of December. For our February requested item, we would gratefully accept cereal. Thank you for your gracious support for feeding our hungry neighbors. God bless!

Terry Bigelow
Program Manager



Financial Highlights

Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average December Collections	\$3,831
Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average needed for Budget	\$3,776



I PRAY
 THAT YOU
 MAY... KNOW
 THE LOVE
 OF CHRIST
 THAT
 SURPASSES
 KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

Lectioary Readings

February 1: Deut.18:15-20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

February 8: Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 15: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 22: Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15



Member DIRECTORY

We will be printing an updated church directory in February. If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please notify the office by **February 10th**.



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

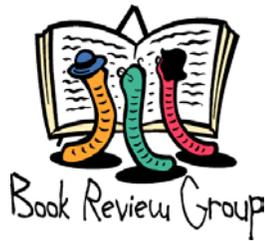


From Bev Tuttle...

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers you have continued to send to me. It is nice to be remembered even when I cannot attend church. Also, a big thank you to the youth group for caroling at Woodhaven. It was nice to see and hear everyone, and I especially appreciated the youth taking the time to speak to us individually following their performance. The decorated cookies were a delicious treat!

"Do something wonderful; people may imitate it."
 -Albert Schweitzer

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!

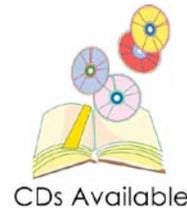


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. The program is in need of volunteers to help pack the bags at 5 PM on Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Meehle at 659-9670.

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 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.



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.



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.



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



FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 11:30 AM - Souper Bowl 6:00 PM - Youth Group	2 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	3 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	4	5 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	7
8 Noisy Offering 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	9 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B&F 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	11 6:30PM - Property	12 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	13	14
15 6:00 PM - Youth Group	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM - Worship Service	19 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	20	21
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22 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Lenten Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	23	24 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	25 11:00 AM - Lenten Study 6:45 PM - Session	26 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	27	28 10:00 AM - Craft Day

Sunday Schedule
 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages)
 10:30 AM - Worship Service
 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour