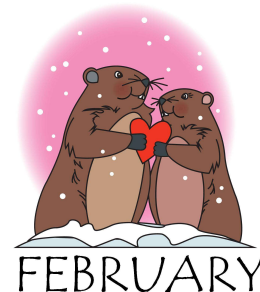


Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)
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February 2019 Newsletter



Sunday, February 3rd, is the date for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring AND the day the Outreach Team hosts the soup and bread lunch after worship. All money donated will go to the Flushing Christian Outreach Center for their hunger program. Plan on joining us as we enjoy a wonderful variety of soups, and please give generously to support those in hunger in our own community.



Sunday, February 17, 3:00 PM

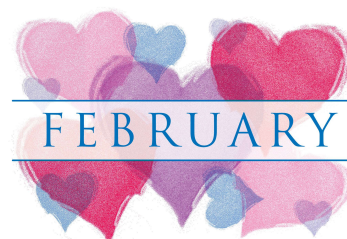
The Flint Concert Band will be performing a concert in our sanctuary at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 17th. Come join us for a wonderful afternoon of music in celebration of Presidents Day. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for those willing to provide cookies for a reception following the concert and for clean-up afterwards.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on **Monday, February 4**, 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). **February is our month to host - volunteers are needed to help with registration and the canteen (2 shifts: 12:00 - 3:00 PM & 3:00 - 6:00 PM) as well as to unload the Red Cross truck in the morning and re-load the truck in the evening.** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Kathy Miller if you have any questions.



March 3 - 10
Family Promise Guests are here
Prayerfully consider how you can help





Creating for God's Creation - February 24 following the worship service

Consumers Energy House of Worship Rewards Program provides incentives to faith organizations for helping their members save energy and money. Following our worship service on February 24th, we will be hosting an energy efficiency workshop that will help us to learn how you can get a personal free home energy assessment and help to lower your family's energy costs up to \$150 a year. This assessment may include the following energy-saving upgrades: LED bulbs, high-efficiency shower heads, carbon monoxide testing, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators, water pipe wrap, and more. This service and the products you may need are all free to you from Consumers Energy and they are not trying to sell you anything! This program helps us to be better stewards of the environment that God created for us. Our church will be monetarily rewarded, up to \$2000, by Consumers Energy based upon the number of people that attend the workshop AND the number of home assessments that are scheduled. It is our hope that all of you will take advantage of this program! We excitedly open this invitation to attend the workshop to your extended family, friends and neighbors and our community. You do not have to attend the workshop to participate in an assessment. There will soon be promotional materials available so that you can pass along this offer to others.



Our *40 days of Prayer* study series continues through February 17th. There are still a couple Prayer Journals available. Come join us immediately following worship for this life-changing series!

Beginning March 3 join us for one of the following:

- *The Wired Word*. Discussions centered around current events and how they are related to Scripture passages. Ages Jr. High through adult.
- *Walk as Jesus Walked*, a Ray Vander Laan series. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus - even when the path became treacherous. Ages Jr. High through adult.
- *Deep Blue* - For preschool to 6th grade



Ash Wednesday, March 6th From Dust to Life

At 7:00 PM, worshipers will gather for an Ash Wednesday service in recognition of the beginning of Lent.

Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture ashes symbolize frailty or death, sadness or mourning, judgment, and repentance. Ashes may also be considered as a purifying or cleansing agent.

This Ash Wednesday service will provide a service of healing - of dying with Christ and being raised to new life. Sounds like baptism? There are great parallels to tie the two together. Never been to such a service? Consider coming. Not ready for ashes? That's okay too. We pray this Lenten season will be meaningful in new ways for all.



We are planning to hold our third annual auction to raise funds for Family Promise on **Saturday, April 6th**. We are asking that you consider donating to this cause. Anything from a special handmade item to providing a service (like mowing a lawn or whatever "service" you are able and willing to provide). Plus, if you would be willing to ask for contributions from a business, that would be great also. Start planning ahead and thinking about what you could donate. The more items we have, the more fun it will be. Last year we raised over \$1,800 for Family Promise, and had a great evening of fun!! We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More details to come.



Per Capita

- Per capita is a **per member** apportionment for the operating budget of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.
- 2019 per capita is \$28.77 per member
- Members are asked to pay this amount over and above their pledge amount
- Congregations pay per capita for each member.
- Flushing Presbyterian Church pays per capita for each member whether the member helps offset the cost or not
- If members help offset per capita cost, more dollars are available for church projects, mission, etc.

Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$28.77

for each person in your family who is a member of the church.

Session Highlights

Session met on Monday, January 28 (they braved the snow and cold). With three brand new members, time was spent getting them up to speed on current matters being addressed. Already there is lively discussion, sharing of ideas and thoughtful cooperation as we look to the new year.

Below are a few highlights of the meeting:

- **Consumers Energy Program:** Karen Howe is following up on information received at the December Presbytery Meeting to help churches partner with members, friends and the community in being more energy efficient. Session granted permission to move forward with the program.
- **Security:** Bill Churchill & Steve Howe will coordinate getting more members to set up system training and establish security system policies.
- **Nominating Committee:** Two elders were elected - Bill Churchill and Kelli Peter. They join Denise Churchill, Carole Tucker and Kathy Miller.
- **Personnel Committee** is made up of the chairs of Spiritual Growth and Budget & Finance plus two at-large members and a third individual which may be a serving elder or at-large member. Julie Socha, Kelli Peter and Carrie Younkin will represent session on the committee. At-large members will be sought.
- **Change in Practice:** Session voted to allow married couples to serve on session concurrently, with the limit of no more than half of session being married couples.



Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on May 3 & 4. Start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. Watch for more info in upcoming Newsletters.



Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

From Natalie Lucas...

A huge thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls and encouragement during my cancer journey. I appreciate you all so much!

From Michael & Katie Whitman...

Thank you to all who have prayed and sent cards to Michael and our family. We so appreciate all of the love and encouraging words.

From Nancy McWhirter...

Thank you very much for remembering me as I became 90 years of age. I have many fond memories of living in Flushing for 30+ years. My dear husband's ashes are in the church garden, where I will be some day. Thanks to all that sent cards and well wishes!



From the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor...

Thank you for your recent pop-tab donation. These tabs will be recycled for money that will directly impact the children and families we serve every day. We appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

**Note - We collect aluminum tabs from beverage containers for Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor to help support families who stay there while their children are hospitalized at the Children's Hospital. The collection box is located in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.*

Any complaints?

While serving as a chaplain at a children's hospital, Lisa Anderson once found a young mother kneeling in the chapel. When Anderson apologized for disrupting, the woman said, "That's okay. I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites!"

After laughing, the women began discussing how God listens to his people regardless of our approach. Indeed, Moses tells Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining'" (Exodus 16:9, NRSV). And as David hid in a cave from Saul, he wrote, "I pour out my complaint before [the Lord]." (Psalm 142:2).

No matter what we say — or pray — our all-powerful God certainly can handle it. And no matter what's troubling us, we can "take heart!" because Jesus has "overcome the world" (John 16:33, ESV).

****From the January 2019 Newsletternewsletter



February 3

Communion Preparer: Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Dona Ballard, Kathy Miller, Annette Nickel, Carole Noye
Fellowship Hosts: Souper Bowl of Caring
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Loretta Hudson, Vonnie Koehn
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes: Tuckers

February 10

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Welcome Desk: Sharon Donaldson
Acolyte: Elle Blanton

February 17

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader: Marilyn Schmoak
Welcome Desk: Sylvia Keeler
Acolytes: Handbell Choir

February 24

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha, Cathy & Gary Stuber
Lay Leader: Kelli Peter
Welcome Desk: Vonnie Koehn
Acolytes: Chancel Choir



February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Bemis, Bob Blair
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 7 Bob Chase, Tim Judson
- 8 Pauline Lazar, Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 14 Bill Weiss
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson
- 28 Sharon Donaldson



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| Average 2018 Collections | \$3,298 |
| Average December Collections | \$3,434 |
| Average 2017 Collections | \$3,299 |
| Average needed for 2019 Budget | \$3,824 |





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for February is peanut butter and/or jelly. If you can help by providing peanut butter and/or jelly, 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.



Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor

EMAIL UPDATES

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. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.



Lectionary Readings

February 3: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10: Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13); Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 17: Jer. 17:5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 24: Gen. 45:3-11, 15; Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe

Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sandy Snyder

Nancy Young

Property Team

Bill Churchill

Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha

Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" 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!

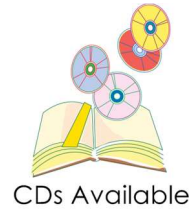


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Group** meets at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



Ronald McDonald House

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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.



Choose biblical history or current events, each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



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 |
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| | | | | | 1 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant | 2 |
| 3 Communion 11:15 AM - Souper Bowl 6:00 PM - Youth Group | 4 12:00 PM - Blood Drive | 5 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir | 6 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group | 7 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir | 8 Church Office Closed | 9 |
| 10 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group | 11 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth | 12 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir | 13 | 14 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir | 15 Church Office Closed | 16 |
| 17 3:00 PM - Flint Concert Band 6:00 PM - Youth Group | 18 Newsletter Deadline | 19 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir 7:00 PM - AHSGR | 20 9:30 AM - Community Outreach | 21 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir | 22 Church Office Closed | 23 9:30 AM - Session Planning Meeting |
| 24 11:15 AM - Energy Efficiency Presentation 6:00 PM - Youth Group | 25 4:00 PM - FCOC Meeting 6:45 PM - Session | 26 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir | 27 | 28 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir | Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages | |

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays

