



# February 2025 Newsletter



*Love, love, love, love  
The gospel in one word is "love"  
Love your neighbor as your brother  
Love, love, love*

The above words are meant to be sung as a chant and they've left such an impression on me (from such an impressionable young age) that they've stuck with me for decades. The concept of "love" is not an alien one to us; some of our favorite verses as Christians include the word love in them – including the famous "gospel in a nutshell" of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world..." and you know the rest because odds are you've heard me preach on it once, twice, or three times over!

February includes the feast of Saint Valentine, or what is colloquially known as Valentine's Day. This occasion celebrates the bond of romantic love between people, but the concept of love within the church is not strictly this one. Oftentimes I think that the English language falls woefully short at capturing nuance; for instance, the "love" you feel for family members is not the same "love" you express to a significant other. There are approximately three different kinds of love featured in our Bible! And those are expressed in three different words, in fact!

Love is a very small word that carries a very big meaning, and the love that you bear for one person is not the love you bear for another. This is a word and a concept that is truly bigger on the inside. Yet, still...we are called to love any and every one who comes across our path. Admittedly, this is easier said than done! I think back to the chant listed above. "Love your neighbor as your brother" stems from one of those words meaning "love" – *phileo*. And you also get the name of the second-best city in Pennsylvania from this word as well, because "Philadelphia" literally translates to "City of Brotherly Love."

This season and time, think about what it means to love, and to be loved. It's a very humbling thing that our God looks at us in all our flaws and thinks, "You know what? I'm going to love them anyway." Be at peace, and know that you are loved.

*Pastor Paul*

## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round  
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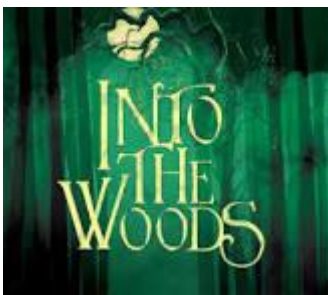


### Usher and Communion Servers Training

Training for Ushers and Communion Servers will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a refresher so that we can all be on the same page for these important duties. We hope to see all of you that have volunteered for these duties attend this training.



**Our Annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.** Plan to stay after church to enjoy a variety of homemade soups and desserts. The Community Outreach Team will host the event and donate the proceeds to Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for hunger programs. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.



We are planning to attend the play, *Into the Woods*, at **2:00 PM on Sunday, March, 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the Lebosky Center in Owosso. We will plan to have dinner after the play. Come join us!! There is a sign-up sheet on a table in the narthex.



Thousands of homes have been destroyed by the wildfires in California. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has already released emergency grants to meet urgent needs of the affected communities and to provide immediate care. PDA urges your support in response to these devastating fires. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your help will enable PDA to extend the hand of Christ to the victims of these catastrophic wildfires. If you would like to donate to PDA through our church, make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Wildfires" on the memo line.

### The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

**The Wired Word . . .** Due to a lack of interest and participation, the Wired Word Bible study has been discontinued. The Spiritual Growth Team looks forward to offering other Bible studies in the future and are always open to suggestions for day, time and theme.





**Sunday School** will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, so upcoming dates will be February 23rd, March 23rd, 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.



### **Family Promise Monthly Volunteer Days**

We have an opportunity to continue to help Family Promise in a new way, since we are no longer hosting families in our church building. The Day Center needs volunteers for the following: office help filing, computer help creating templates & folders, and help organizing their closets. We are initiating setting up the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM to go to the Day Center and work. It does not need to be the same individuals every month. If you are interested, have questions, or would like to ride share to the center, please contact Shirley Sanborn, 810-659-6192, [sasanborn@chartermi.net](mailto:sasanborn@chartermi.net), or Carol Dulin, 810-487-3007, [carol.dulin@att.net](mailto:carol.dulin@att.net).



### ***Per Capita***

- Per capita is a **per member** apportionment for the operating budget of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.
- 2025 per capita is \$30.69 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 \$30.69 **for each person in your family who is a member of the church** (or simply indicate "Per Capita" on the memo line of your check).



## February 2

**Communion Preparers:** Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Communion Servers:** Kathy Lescelius, Annette Nickel, Carole Noye, Sandy Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Kelli Peter, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:** Mark Jacobson

## February 9

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Sandy Snyder  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Hawes

## February 16

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Debbie Grant, Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter  
**Nursery:** Deb Coxworth

## February 23

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lescelius, Mike Keeler, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:** Sandy Tucker



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

**The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for February are paper towel and toilet paper.** 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 . . .**  
 February 2, March 2 & 5 (Ash Wednesday)



## February

- 1 Angela Shaw
- 2 Ashley Smith
- 3 Marty Williams
- 4 Dennis Sanborn
- 7 Tim Judson
- 8 Randy Socha
- 10 Linda Bemis, Liz Maguire
- 15 Juniper Bird-Pfeuffer
- 19 Milly MacMain-Prause, Jean Weirauch
- 20 Kimberly Schmoak
- 24 Loretta Hudson, Barb Kanaar

## Lectionary Readings

**February 2:** Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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

**February 16:** Jer. 17:5-10 and Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

**February 23:** Gen. 45:3-11, 15 and Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38



## Financial Highlights

Average 2024 Collections	\$3,302
Average December Collections	\$4,034
Average 2023 Collections	\$3,008
Average needed for 2024 Budget	\$3,861

## 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



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, February 3, 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).



# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Communion</b> 11:15 AM – Lay Leader Training	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 12:30 PM - Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>7</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 11:15 AM – Souper Bowl	<b>10</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 2:00 PM - Family Promise Volunteer Day 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>14</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 11:15 AM – Usher & Communion Server Training	<b>17</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>21</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Session	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM - Book Club – <i>The Pig &amp; the Hen</i> , Elms Road 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Canasta Club 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>28</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	

**\*\*\*Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays\*\*\***