

July 2014 Newsletter



Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Someone 'with skin on'

My 3-year-old nephew was having a hard time falling asleep at Grandma's house, so my mom lay down beside him for a while. As she started to ease out of the room, his eyes flew open. "You're safe," she reminded him. "Jesus is always with you."

"I know, Grandma," he protested, "but I want someone with skin on!"

That reminded me of a quote by theologian Frederick Buechner: "Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin." God came to us as Jesus — someone "with skin on" — so we would know he understands what it's like to live inside our skin. Now as Jesus' body in the world, we're often called on to be someone "with skin on" to others. Indeed, we're to show them such compassion that we could just as well be wearing *their* skin.

—Heidi Mann, from the Newsletternewsletter



Believe it or not, the beginning of the school year is just around the corner!! Flushing Presbyterian Church is currently collecting school supplies for children and teens that are being raised by grandparents. The caseworker for *Kinship Caregivers* serves about 50 area families who are very grateful for the school supplies we provide. You can help by placing back packs, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, glue stix, spiral notebooks, erasers, etc. in the large box in the Narthex. Cash contributions for purchasing school supplies will also be accepted - be sure to indicate "School Supplies" on the memo line of your check. **The deadline for donating supplies is Sunday, August 10th.**



Please note that HOSTED coffee hour will be suspended during July and August. You are welcome to prepare coffee for an informal fellowship hour on any Sunday. All we ask is that you clean up after yourself! Our regular Coffee Hour will return in September. Volunteers will be needed to host. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Ten Commandments



A Connecticut newspaper ran an article listing Ten Commandments to help the hard-of-hearing. The originator is John Leddo, Director of Audiology at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Eastern Fairfield County, CT.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, August 4th, 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).

1. Thou shalt not speak from another room.
2. Thou shalt not speak with your back toward the person with a hearing problem (or their back toward you).
3. Thou shalt not start speaking and walk away.
4. Thou shalt not start speaking and turn away from the person with a hearing problem.
5. Thou shalt not speak in competition with something else (turn off the water, or turn down the radio, etc.)
6. Thou shalt get the attention of the person with the hearing problem (do not start speaking while they are watching TV or reading)
7. Thou shalt try to speak face-to-face at all times.
8. Thou shalt try to remove obstructions while speaking (your hand from your face, the cigarette from your mouth, etc.)
9. Thou shalt try to speak distinctly.
10. Thou shalt try to be patient.

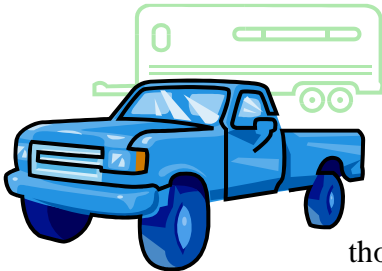




Family Promise of Genesee County is now fully operational. The Day Center, Coordinator, Part-time Social Worker, van and trailer are all working parts of the organization. Many active volunteers donate needed items, food and much of their time. There are 30+ Host and Support Congregations actively involved. One family that was in the program has already transitioned back to a home and independent family life.

All of the love and support, however, won't keep the Family Promise doors open. Yearly expenses are \$110,000-\$112,000. Churches and their members donate about 40% of the budget and 30% is expected from grants. Two major fund raisers are planned to earn the remaining 30% (a "Gala Event" held during the winter and a 5K Run/Walk in the summer).

The "Give Me Shelter 5K Run/Walk" will take place at Davison Abernathy Park at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 9th. Details and registration forms are available in the narthex or on-line at www.givemeshelter5k.com. Registration is \$25 (including a T-shirt if registered by July 30th or on-line by August 8th). Cost for ages 18 and under is \$18. The Kids' Fun Run is free. Please consider supporting this event as a participant, as a sponsor or by making a donation towards our church sponsorship.



A trailer has been donated to Family Promise to transfer our guests' beds from one Host Congregation to the next! The Host Congregation will be responsible for packing up the beds and moving the trailer to the next church. Now that the churches are grouped by location, this is not a long trip. Transfers need to occur on Sunday morning. The trailer will be left at each Host Congregation for their entire hosting week. All beds will not need to be removed from the trailer, only those needed for the week.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER WITH A BASIC SIZE TRUCK TO TRANSPORT THE TRAILER. The trailer requires a two inch ball and needs to be moved before church, at about 8:00 am. The trailer weighs 1,300 pounds empty and is 7 feet wide by 14 feet long. **The first transport date is Sunday, July 27th.**

Our Next week to host Family Promise guests will be July 20 - 27.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available. New volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate. If you missed the last orientation meeting, we will be glad to provide you with the necessary information.

Please volunteer and help us make a difference in the lives of families in need.

**If you are willing to help or need more info,
please contact Pat Bemis (659-4649) or Carole Tucker (733-6089; carolegoblue@gmail.com)**



The duty of the Memorial Committee is to properly use and distribute monies donated to the Memorial Fund. Money given for memorials may be designated for special uses by the family of the deceased with guidance from the Memorial Committee. Designated items currently include pew repair, youth group, memorial garden, music, and spiritual growth. Funds that are not designated are to be used in a manner that is respectful of the people for whom the monies have been given. This is traditionally for items not covered by the operational budget. The Memorial Committee welcomes the input of church committees, pastor, church members, etc. to help discern the needs of the church. As of May 27, 2014 the balance in the designated fund is \$7,839 and the undesignated fund \$5,933.

The committee is also responsible for the upkeep of the memorial garden and updating the memorial book. The committee has authorized the expenditures of the following items: new attendance books found in the pews; magnetic usher badges; memorial donation box; cost of supply pastors for the summer; and ropes to reserve pews.

The members of the Memorial Committee are Margaret Meehle, Milly MacMain Prause, Barb Hogan and Dennis Sanborn.



2014 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
Dave Blanton

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Maxine Allen

Member Care

Louise Elleman, Chair
Kathie Rhoads


Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith

This Month's Schedule



July 6

Communion Preparers: Julie Socha

Communion Servers: Carole Noye, Ginnie Panek, Kathie Rhoads, Carole Tucker

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Dean & Pat Bemis

Lay Leader: Lynette Daig

July 13

Flowers: Betty Harley

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Paige Albert, Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Laura Widman

Lay Leader: Ed Davison

July 20

Flowers: Nicholas Family

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Helen & Norm Dickenson, Carol & John Dulin

Lay Leader: Bella B

July 27

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Dave & Joan Finley, Gordon & Kay Hall

Lay Leader: Carol Dulin



July

- 1 Jake B, Kathy Dubovsky
- 4 Flora Radspieler
- 6 Megan R
- 7 Kathy Lescelius, Jean & Ray Hagan
- 8 Ella Baney, Joyce Tassell
- 9 Bridget Kastar
- 11 Bill Ballagh
- 12 Walker Fesmire, Karen Howe, Julie Socha
- 13 Joshua Y
- 14 Tim Bradish, Virginia Churchill, Christine Cooper, Betty Harley
- 17 Kip Hogan, Jeff Rumsey
- 19 John Daig
- 23 Gordon & Kay Hall
- 25 Bill Nicholas
- 26 Earl Sanders

Five Gifts from God

Love makes our friends a little dearer.
 Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
 Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
 Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
 Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown





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| Average 2014 Collections | \$3,333 |
| Average May Collections | \$3,529 |
| Average 2013 Collections | \$3,396 |
| Average needed for Budget | \$3,776 |

Lectioary Readings

July 6: Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45:10-17 *or* Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13: Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20: Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-34; Rom. 8:12-23-24; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27: Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b *or* Ps. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52



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 The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) ...

During the month of May, there were 147 households served, which equaled 403 individuals. Eleven new clients came to FCOC during the month of May.

As you can see from the numbers above, we do have a real need for Outreach in Flushing. We, at The Flushing Christian Outreach Center, appreciate the food, personal items, clothing, prayers and monetary donations we receive from our member churches. We wouldn't be able to serve those in need without all the help you give us.

Our personal needs focus item for July is deodorant.

Again, thanks for everything you do to help us help others!

God Bless!

Terri Szukhent

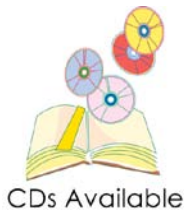
Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



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!



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.

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.



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.



Pioneer Kids ... Our new after-school Program for K-7th graders offers a proven kid's ministry program that is Bible-based, Christ-centered, relationship-focused and fun for kids and volunteers. There is no charge for this program. Vest and patch rewards are given as they learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Pioneer Kids meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 during the school year.



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.



The 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



JULY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 6:00 PM - NCCG | 3 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant | 4  Church Office Closed | 5 |
| 6 Communion 5:00 PM - NCCG | 7 | 8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen | 9 6:00 PM - NCCG | 10 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl | 11 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant | 12 |
| 13 Noisy Offering 5:00 PM - NCCG | 14 Newsletter Deadline | 15 | 16 6:00 PM - NCCG | 17 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant | 18 | 19 11:00 AM - Smith Reunion |
| 20 5:00 PM - NCCG | 21 | 22 | 23 6:30 PM - NCCG | 24 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant | 25 | 26 |
| -----Family Promise----- | | | | | | |
| 27 5:00 PM - NCCG | 28 | 29 | 30 6:30 PM - NCCG | 31 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle | Sunday Schedule 10:30 AM - Worship Service | |