



# June/July 2023 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

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Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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**Upcoming Communion Dates:** June 4,  
July 2, August 6



**Community Outreach** has been notified that **Flushing Community Schools** have an abundance of supplies to start the new school year. That being so, we will not be conducting our annual collection. That does not mean there will not be a need in the future. Thank you for your many years of generous giving.



**Mark your calendar for Camp Fellowship on Wednesday, Aug 2, 5:30 – 8:00 PM.** Watch for more info in the August Newsletter and upcoming bulletins.



**Outdoor Worship Services**  
**July 2 and 16**  
**August 13**

We will be having worship services outdoors in our pavilion on July 2 & 16 and August 13. Bring a folding chair for comfort, if you would like, and dress casually for a non A/C environment (in the event of cold or wet weather, we will move indoors). Come and enjoy worshipping the Lord in God's great outdoors!

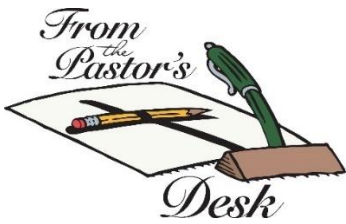


**Please note** that our office hours in July and August will be from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.

**The WiredWORD**

An Adult Curriculum

*The Wired Word* on-line study will not be meeting during the summer months. We hope you will join us when we resume in the fall.



## Summer Reading

I'm not sure how many of you know this about me, but growing up my mom worked the desk at the local library. Because of this, she switched my bus stop to the corner outside her workplace and I would stay with her until the end of her shift. Mom taught me how to read and read *voraciously*. One of my first true passions was smoking everyone in the reading contest the local branch held every single summer. It's been said that the summer season is tailor-made for nostalgia; you always remember how you passed the time growing up, when you had the luxury of a seeming unending leisure time. You could feel the blades of grass between your toes, catch fireflies in your hands after the sun's fading light had passed in the growing-shorter days, feel the sticky-sweet ice cream dripping into the cracks of fingers holding onto a waffle cone. But for me, summers were about *reading*.

I'm sure many of you can relate! Who among us hasn't grabbed a book to read over the course of a long vacation trip by car or plane? Who hasn't stuffed a paperback into the bottom of their beach bag, to be defaced and weathered with saltwater drippings and coarse grains of sand? Reading is ingrained into the fabric of our being, a skill we learn when we're small and retain for life. It's also one that's especially pertinent to us as Christians! After all, one of the colloquial terms for people who practice our faith is "people of the book." Did you know that our word "Bible" – one that we take for granted and toss around all the time in our study groups and worship services – comes to us from the Greek word *biblion*, meaning...you guessed it! "Book"!

So, because I'm excited about what I'm reading at the moment, I wanted to share with you my summer reading projects. I've got three books going at the same time, and they're each listed with a short description below:

- ***Hope: a user's manual***

MaryAnn McKibben Dana explores the spiritual nature of hope. With short chapters, this one can be read in bite-sized pieces and serves as a thoughtful, beautiful reflection of the enduring and persevering aspect of human resilience. She reflects on what hope is *not*, outlining the many cheap substitutes culture peddles to us. If you're looking for a good devotional book, this is the one for you.

- ***I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis***

Jeremy K Everett is the founder and executive director of the Texas Hunger Institute, an organization that seeks to consolidate the various faith and community-based organizations in TX to "develop and implement strategies to alleviate hunger." This book details his story in founding THI and takes a non-partisan approach to the subject of pervasive hunger and systemic poverty. If you are interested in our church's participation in Matthew 25, this is the one for you.

- ***Post-Traumatic Jesus: a Healing Gospel for the Wounded***

David W. Peters, a veteran of the war in Iraq and a former army chaplain, explores the gospel story of Jesus through the lens of trauma – emotional, physical, and mental – and delves into what it means for God to heal us of our wounds. This looks into the still-relevant power the good news has in the wake of global turmoil such as 9/11, the wars in the middle east, the Ukraine conflict, and covid-19. If you're interested in looking at such events and you wonder "where is God in the midst of trouble?" then this is the book for you.

Have a blessed and happy summer, and happy reading!



There will be no HOSTED coffee hour 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.



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Building** will take place here at our church from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 9. Come and join with other members of our community to build beds for children that don't have one of their own. All skill levels welcome and no tools are needed. Ages 10-100; all children 10-18 must be accompanied by an adult.



**Remember  
Your Pledge  
This Summer**



## GOLFING FOR CHARITY

Heads up! This September there are two opportunities to swing your golf clubs and raise money for charity! Family Promise's golf outing is scheduled for Friday, September 22, and Bread for Life's outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 (please note that the date for the Family Promise Outing is changed from the original date). Cost of entry is \$100 for individual golfers. If you are interested in playing and want more information, please contact either Shirley Sanborn (810-659-6192) or Carol Dulin (810-487-3007).



A special shout-out to all those who worked in very big ways to make our rummage sale a success. This is not an exhaustive list, and our hope is that none were left out.

Dean Bemis  
Jaime Bemis  
Linda Bemis  
Matt Bemis  
Michael Bemis  
Pat Bemis  
Bob Blair  
Jeanne Blanton  
Denise Churchill  
Luella Daig  
Carol Dulin  
Mark Jacobson  
Kaye Kaufherr

Kathy Lescelius  
Kathy Miller  
Don Rowley  
Dennis Sanborn  
Shirley Sanborn  
Marilyn Schmoak  
Sandy Snyder  
Julie Socha  
Randy Socha  
Gary Stuber  
Sandy Tucker  
Scott Tucker  
Diane Tuttle-Smith

## Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

### To all who helped make this year's rummage sale a success . . .

Thank you to everyone who helped with the rummage sale! If you set up tables, if you donated items, if you publicized the sale, if you sorted items, if you priced items, if you put up signs, if you worked the sale, if you bought "goodies", if you packed leftovers or if you helped put everything back, then you helped make the sale a success! You are so appreciated! \$1,800+ will be going to help children of Genesee County through *Voices for Children* and *Motherly Intercession*. Pat yourselves and each other on the back for a job well done! What an awesome group of people!

### From Carriage Town Ministries . . .

Thank you for your generous gift to Carriage Town Ministries! Your gift provides shelter, a hot meal and Christ-centered care for those who come through our doors each day. The needs in our community are great and we appreciate your partnership in ministering to the hurting men, women and children in our community who face homelessness. Please keep us in your prayers as we share God's love with those who are desperate and hurting.



### From Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen . . .

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee County, we would like to thank you for your generous donation and for supporting our mission to perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for our community. Your donation to Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen helps us to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, care for children in foster care, provide mental health services to the vulnerable, provide substance abuse prevention services to youth, and give shelter to the homeless. Your generous contribution enables us to provide help and create hope for those in need. We are deeply grateful for your support and we are thankful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

### From Shelter of Flint, Inc. . . .

Thank you for your generous gift. Your gift will allow us to make sure people who are struggling, who are living outside, who are survivors of domestic violence, who are veterans, who are children, and who have nowhere else to turn get the help they need. Because of you, Shelter of Flint will be here to provide not only shelter, but care and support until clients have safe housing, independence and stability. There are many causes and many faces to homelessness. We know that most families are one financial mishap or one or two missed paychecks away from homelessness; that untreated mental illness can leave someone floundering and without a home; that the sudden death of the family's breadwinner can completely change the landscape for a happy middle-class family; and that even when paying rent regularly, a tenant can find themselves suddenly asked to leave and not have the funds they need to move into a new home. Like one of our clients said, Shelter of Flint is "like a warm hug" for individuals and families who have lived through the jarring experience of suddenly and unexpectedly being without a home. Your support helps us provide that hug. On behalf of our clients, especially the 36 children who will sleep in our shelter tonight, thank you for helping to create a community where everyone has the opportunity to live in safe, sustainable housing.



## JUNE SCHEDULE

### June 4

**Communion Preparer:** Kelli Peter  
**Communion Servers:** Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Annette Nickel  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Welcome Desk:** Kathy Miller  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### June 11

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lescelius, Dan & Flora Radspieler  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Welcome Desk:** Mary Beth Hawes  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### June 18

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Kaye Kaufherr, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Welcome Desk:** Kelli Peter  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### June 25

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Bill & Denise Churchill  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Welcome Desk:** Karen Howe  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter



## JULY SCHEDULE

### July 2

**Communion Preparer:** Julie Socha  
**Communion Servers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Julie & Randy Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler

### July 9

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter

### July 16

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith

### July 23

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha

### July 30

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Lay Leader:** Sylvia Keeler  
**Welcome Desk:**  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler





## June

- 3 Fred & Millie MacMain-Prause
- 5 Dave Finley
- 6 Diane Rowley, Marilyn Schmoak, Olivia W
- 7 Michael Bemis
- 9 Chris Albert
- 10 Frank & Mary Hawes, Bill Churchill, Jr.
- 12 Carol Dulin, Dave & Joan Finley
- 13 Shirley Wolfe
- 15 Lynette Daig, Sandy Tucker, Jean & Ron Weirauch
- 18 Bob & Gail Barnhart
- 21 Norma Zuehlke
- 26 Isabella B, John & Kathy Miller
- 30 Scott Smith & Diane Tuttle-Smith

## July

- 1 Kathy Dubovsky
- 4 Flora Radspieler
- 6 Megan Ruppel
- 7 Kathy Lescelius
- 8 Ella Baney, Joyce Tassell
- 11 Bill Ballagh, Marsha & Herb Judd
- 12 Karen Howe, Julie Socha
- 14 Tim Bradish, Virginia Churchill, Christine Cooper
- 17 Kip Hogan, Jeff Rumsey
- 18 Katie & Michael Whitman
- 19 John Daig
- 26 Cathy Stuber



**June 4:** Gen. 1:1 - 2:4a and Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

**June 11:** Gen. 12:1-9 and Ps. 33:1-12; Hos. 5:15 – 6:6 and Ps. 50:7-15; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 18:** Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; Ex. 19:2-8a and Ps. 100; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35 – 10:8 (9-23)

**June 25:** Gen. 21:8-21 and Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17; Jer. 20:7-13 and Ps. 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-38; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

**July 2:** Gen. 22:1-14 and Ps. 13; Jer. 28:5-9 and Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

**July 9:** Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Ps. 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13; Zech. 9:9-12 and Ps. 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16:** Gen. 25:19-34 and Ps. 119:105-112; Isa. 55:10-13 and Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23:** Gen. 28:10-19a and Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24; Isa. 44:6-8 and Ps. 86:11-17; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30:** Gen. 29:15-28 and Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128; 1 Kgs. 3:5-12 and Ps. 119:129-136; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52



Average 2023 Collections	\$2,667
Average April Collections	\$2,122
Average 2022 Collections	\$3,212
Average needed for Budget	\$3,676



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for June are juice & Kleenex and for July are cereal & shampoo. 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.



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

## Summer



### Flushing Presbyterian Church 2023 Session

#### Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer  
Bill Churchill

#### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

#### Member Care

Pat Bemis  
Shirley Sanborn

#### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Gary Stuber

#### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler  
Carrie Younkin

## BEING GOOD SPORTS

When gestures of sportsmanship go viral, they often feature young athletes. In 2022, a Little League baseball player who took a pitch to the head later hugged the distraught opposing pitcher. Evangelist Ken Weliever says pro athletes, politicians, media personalities and everyday Americans should follow that example rather than focusing on revenge.

“Sadder still is when entire churches are disrupted by petty squabbles, partisan politics and overzealous opinions,” he writes. “Relationships have been ruptured, marriages dissolved and families torn apart due to a harsh response to hurts instead of a spirit of forgiveness and an attitude of reconciliation.”

Christians may sometimes feel tempted to seek payback, but Jesus calls us to live differently. “We need to be reminded that we are to be a transformed people, not conformed to the attitudes and actions of this world (Romans 12:1-2),” says Weliever. “To be light in a world of darkness. And to be the pure, preserving salt in a society that’s become corrupted and impure (Matthew 5:13-16).”

*From the June 2023 Newsletternewsletter*

# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Book Club** meets at 1:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at Liberty Restaurant. All are welcome!



**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 5:15 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.



**Card Ministry**...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to 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](http://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.



**The Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the 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.



**Youth Group (The “Believers”)** is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker for information.

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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:30 AM or 4:30 PM – Member Care 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed	<b>3</b>
-----Family Promise-----						
<b>4</b> Communion	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	<b>6</b> 1:00 PM – MARSP	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed	<b>10</b>
-----Family Promise-----						
<b>11</b> Noisy Offering	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM – North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM – Property	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>16</b> Church Office Closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM - Community Outreach	<b>21</b> 12:30 PM – Book Club – Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:45 PM – Session	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed	

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Communion Outdoor Worship Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Independence Day Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>7</b> Church Office Closed	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Noisy Offering	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM – North End Soup Kitchen	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00 AM – Bible Study	<b>14</b> Church Office Closed	<b>15</b>
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