

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)
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June 2020 Newsletter



Drive-In Church Sunday, June 21

Please join us for "Drive-In Church on Sunday, June 21 at 10:00 AM. You will be guided to park in a designated area by a parking lot attendant. You can then join in the worship service by tuning your radio to a specific channel (yet to be determined). Please bring your own communion elements of your choosing with you (any type of bread and drink - coffee and a bagel, for example), or all-in-one communion cups will be provided.



WIRED WORD SMALL GROUP ZOOM: We are a small but mighty group! We have anywhere from 6-12 participants, and we delve into the topic of the day. Good conversations and staying connected are great reasons to join us. Our group will continue to meet though June on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. If you would like info on how to connect with us, please contact Karen Howe, karen.howe@outlook.com, (810) 252-2679.



Interim Search Team Update

During this difficult time in the life of our church, the interim pastor search committee has kept plugging along. An interim candidate was recently interviewed but, unfortunately for us, this candidate was further along with another church and went in a different direction than with us. Presbytery is working to get us new resumes as they become available. The committee would like to thank you all for your participation on the Congregational Survey. Forty-seven surveys were completed and turned in. If you would still like to turn one in, please contact the church office. We are working to use a company we have used in the past called *Precept*. They will assist us in compiling data to complete our Mission Study. Presbytery has approved our request that Presbytery pay for this service and we are now in the process of getting started with them. We are extremely grateful for all your prayers and ask you to continue to pray that we find the right person for our church.



May 27, 2020

Members and Friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church,

From the pastoral letter from the Presbytery of Lake Huron: "We give thanks, for the promise of our faith - that the Lord will bless and keep us, the risen Christ is with us, and the Holy Spirit connects us with believers near and far. We take comfort and inspiration from the example of the earliest believers, who 'spent much time together in the temple' and 'broke bread at home...with glad and generous hearts' (Acts 2:46). As we anxiously track the news in these times - with numbers of new cases, numbers of persons who have died, and numbers of those who are recovering - we remember the good news of the gospel: 'And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved' (Acts 2:47)."

As this congregation begins to resume public activities, please know that we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. There will be times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. But there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises (drive-in church), great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

At the May Stated Meeting of Session on Monday, May 26, 2020 (as a virtual conference using Zoom over the internet), the decision was made to keep our facility closed through June 30, 2020. We will continue to follow the previous actions taken for our building use. However, DRIVE-IN CHURCH will take place on Sunday, June 21st at 10:00 am. You will park in our lot as directed by an attendant, Rev. Max Hayden will preach from the pavilion area, you will tune your radio to a designated channel to listen, and you are asked to bring your own communion elements with you (any type of bread and drink you choose).

In addition to DRIVE-IN CHURCH, these are some actions that your session has put into place:

- Established a team to plan and execute DRIVE-IN CHURCH. Team consists of Denise Churchill, Kip Hogan, Karen Howe, Julie Socha, Scott Tucker and Carrie Younkin.
- Established a team to look into streaming worship services. Team is led by Bill Churchill and Steve Howe; others are being asked to participate.
- Session will revisit in-person worship at the June 22, 2020 session meeting.

Our church has a Zoom account we have been using to virtually host our team meetings, session meetings and small group Bible study. Session would like to offer this account to be used by our members who have an interest in using it to connect with their loved ones. If you are interested, contact Steve Howe at steveh365@hotmail.com or Karen Howe at karen.howe@outlook.com to schedule your own Zoom meeting.

Please continue to check your emails, our website or our Facebook page for updates. We will post links on our website and Facebook page of churches within our Presbytery that are live-streaming their Sunday morning worship services. If you have any concerns or special needs, feel free to reach out to any session member.

In Christ's Fellowship,

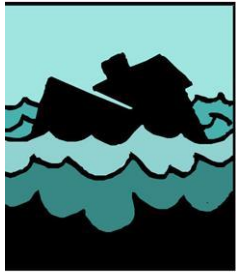
Karen Howe, Clerk of Session, (810)252-2679

Session Members: Brett Albert, (810)659-2976; Steve Howe, (810)659-3192; Carol Dulin, (810)487-3007; Sylvia Keeler, (810)639-2315; Denise Churchill, (810)659-1838; Kip Hogan, (810)659-2545; Bill Churchill, (810)659-1838; Scott Tucker, (810)516-4029; Julie Socha, (810)605-0306; Carrie Younkin, (810)701-7308



**NEED
HELP?**

Dear members: In response to possible financial stress related to the COVID-19 safety precautions, your session wants you to be aware that there are some funds available to members in need. Any request for aid will be handled with the strictest protection of privacy. In the absence of a pastor, Sylvia Keeler or Carol Dulin have been designated by session to disburse these emergency funds. If you need help, please don't hesitate to reach out - Sylvia (810)639-2315 or Carol (810)487-3007.



**FLOOD
RELIEF**

You Can Help!

Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed as a result of the dam break and unprecedented flooding in our state in May. If you would like to help people affected by this disaster, you can do so by making your check payable Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating "Flood Relief" on the memo line.



BLOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to all that came to give blood on June 1st; 35 donors gave the gift of life on that day. A special thank you to Shirley Sanborn and Pat Bemis for helping with the drive. The next drive will be held on Monday, August 3rd.



The Community Outreach Team met on May 13th via Zoom conference call. In April, session granted \$3,250 to Community Outreach to be used for mission causes. The Team is pleased that through various donations our congregation has given \$2,300 to the Flushing Outreach Center this year. At our Community

Outreach meeting, the team decided to disburse a total of \$2,500 to the following: FCOC, Shelter of Flint, Carriage Town Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Old Newsboys of Flint, My Brother's Keeper, and our mission co-workers in Niger and the Philippines - the Ludwig family and Cathy Chang. Our thanks to session and members for generous giving to mission causes, both locally and internationally.



Mitchell Albert



Mitchell Albert is the son of Brett and Chris Albert. Mitch received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hillsdale College in December 2019; Commencement is planned for July 18, 2020. During his time at Hillsdale, Mitch was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, serving as their Sargent of Arms and representing them as a member of Hillsdale College Student Federation. He worked on campus for 2 years in the Office of Institutional Advancement and spent 2 years volunteering weekly in a local Hillsdale 4th grade elementary class, tutoring and mentoring young students. He was a 5-year member of the Hillsdale College Charger Football team and the starting left guard on Hillsdale's 2018 Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championship Team. Mitch started 24 straight games for the Chargers, earning honorable mention all-conference his junior year and second team all-conference his senior year. He currently holds the position of Michigan Deputy Data Director for the Republican National Committee and plans to begin Law School in the fall of 2021. We are very proud of all of Mitch's accomplishments and excited for his future.



Gillian Besko

Gillian Besko is the daughter of Jennifer and George Besko. Gillian is sweet and kind-hearted, a hard worker and very determined. She has attended Flushing since she started school. She has been involved in our church since joining Logos in preschool. She has been involved in many of our church activities from early on - Logos, Bible school, Christmas plays and youth services. She has helped with spring clean-ups, Family Promise, and has been an active member of *The Believers* Youth Group. Throughout her high school years, she has been a high achieving student and athlete. She has a 3.61 GPA and will graduate from FHS with high honors. She was a 4 year Varsity swimmer and diver. She is an honor student and a 4 year scholar-athlete. She played Freshman and JV basketball and has played tennis since her freshman year. She was also a member of the Flushing Orchestra, playing the cello since 4th grade. Gillian will be attending Mott Community College in the fall where she plans to study American Sign Language and Psychology. We are so proud of Gillian and all of her accomplishments.



Michael Bemis

Michael graduated with honors from Flushing High School. He played football all four years and will miss that the most about school. Michael studied Diesel Mechanics at the Genesee Career Institute and plans to continue automotive technology classes at Mott Community College in the fall and then transfer at some point to the University of Northwestern Ohio. Michael is the son of Linda and Matt Bemis.



Joshua Kent

Joshua Kent has been raised in Flushing his entire life. During his elementary years, he enjoyed playing soccer with AYSO. As he got older, his interests expanded to karate and just being outside enjoying nature. He spent several years at Flushing Karate School, achieving his goal of receiving his black belt. Throughout his high school years he has worked at Gill-Roy's Hardware, both in Flushing and Flint. He also belonged to the A Capella choir, the Madrigals, and the Nu Alpha Delta Sigma and has also been a member of the Flushing High School Skeet Team. Joshua loves cars and will be attending Mott Community College in the fall to study Automotive Technology.



Elle Blanton

As you all know, I am graduating this year from Flushing High School. I have had an amazing school year despite all that has happened. Especially, receiving this much support from the community, my friends, and my family have all helped to make this year even better.

While attending FHS, I have participated in many school activities including theatre, drama club, environmental action group, a member of the National Art Honors Society, and tennis all four years. Although I was only in one play, theatre was by far my favorite activity that I participated in. All of the cast and crew were fun to be around and work with. The NAHS was also a fun group to be in. Throughout the three years I was a member, we did multiple paintings for the schools and other businesses around Flushing. Over the years, I participated in many sports such as AYSO soccer and MGM gymnastics. But tennis was by far my favorite sport that I played. It was perfect for me when I wanted to play a new sport but didn't know how to do anything except soccer (10/10 recommended for a freshman who wants to start up a sport).

The future is a difficult thing to plan for. There are so many things that could come into your life and change what you think you know. But what I do know is that I have always wanted to work for Disney/Pixar as an animator or concept artist working on feature films. Art has always, and will continue to be, my compass when navigating through life. Wherever I go, I know that it will have to do with art. I have been accepted into the College for Creative Studies as an Animation Major. But due to the uncertainty of corona virus, I feel that it would be in my best interest to wait a year and see what will happen. Even though I am taking a year off, it doesn't mean I won't try to pursue education elsewhere through online schooling websites and working some jobs.

Overall, my advice to anyone reading this is to not wait for opportunities. If something seems interesting to you then do it! Even if your future seems planned out and you think you might have an opportunity again it could all change in an instant. I want to end this by quoting a line that sums up what I want people to learn from the class of 2020.....

“When you see your moment you mustn't let it pass you by, you must seize it.”

- Disney Pixar's Coco

Thank you to my church family!

-Elle Blanton





Marie Smith

I've been a member of Flushing Presbyterian Church for the past 18 years. I will be attending Grand Rapids Community College for my first two years before transferring to a university. In high school I was a part of the varsity lacrosse team as well as participating in the school musical. Going forward, my goal is to work for the ACLU and minor in a foreign language. Thank you to everyone that has helped and watched me grow up over the years.

Maxwell Socha



Maxwell Thomas Socha is the son of Randy and Julie Socha. Max has lived in Flushing his entire life, attending the ECC, Central Elementary, FMS, and FHS. Throughout his academic years, Max has always been a reliable student, consistently pulling in A's and B's. He finished high school with a 3.85 GPA, earning himself high honors. He was involved with the National Honor Society, as well as the Science National Honor Society. Max has some experience in team sports, playing basketball through 8th grade, and baseball through 10th, where he was on Flushing's Freshman and JV baseball team. Max also has musical experience, playing the viola since 4th grade. He was a member of Flushing's advanced string orchestra, and played as a pit member for the yearly school musical. Outside of school, he has been involved with the Flushing Presbyterian Church for the majority of his life. It became no surprise to see him involved in plays, cleanups, Family Promise, youth group, and other general activities hosted by the church. Max's current plans are to attend Michigan Tech, where he will study chemical engineering. We are all proud of what Max has accomplished and look eagerly to see what he is capable of in the future.

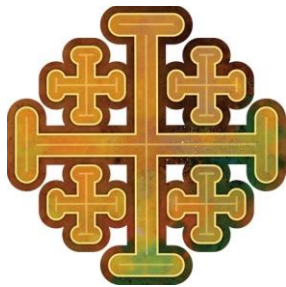


From Margaret Meehle . . .

My family and I are so grateful for the many warmhearted cards, Facebook messages and phone calls about Ted's death. I pray for better times when we all will be together again and hugging.

From Kay Hall . . .

Thank you for all the cards, kind words, wonderful memories and thoughtful gestures. My family and I have been so touched during this time of isolation by the wonderful congregation of FPC. I am looking forward to the day when I can be together with both my families - church & Halls. I pray God is with you all. Be safe.



Jerusalem Cross

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel. The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet and side).



June

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



Financial Highlights

Average 2020 Collections	\$3,155
Average April Collections	\$3,388
Average 2019 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2020 Budget	\$3,821



The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for June are **juice and toilet paper**. If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, please deliver them to the FCOC at 5409 West Pierson Road. The need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed. **No clothing is being accepted at the current time.**

Lectionary Readings

June 7: Gen. 1:1 - 2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

June 14: Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35 - 10:8 (9-23)

June 21: Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

June 28: Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42



**STAY CONNECTED
WITH WEEKLY
UPDATES**

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.



Flushing Presbyterian Church 2020 Session

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert
Steve Howe

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Denise Churchill
Kip Hogan

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin