



# June/July 2021 Newsletter



## 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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### RE-OPENING UPDATE

At the most recent Session meeting, much of the discussion surrounded the re-opening of our church. It gives us great pleasure to be able to share with you the following decisions that were made to take effect on June 1:

- Masks will be optional for in-person worship
- Social Distancing will be up to the individual
- Pews will remain spaced as they are now until further notice
- Singing without masks by all who wish to do so
- Attendance will be taken by an usher; names will not be taken for contact tracing purposes, but for attendance purposes.
- Friendship pads and prayer request slips will still be removed from pews until further notice.
- Communion and Offering will continue to be picked up and dropped off by individuals in the Narthex area.
- Our building will re-open to the members, public and all those who visit during office hours. Office is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The office is closed on Friday. Our security system in place means that our doors are still locked during these times.
- Windows will continue to be opened for ventilation purposes.
- Seating will be available in the Narthex, coat hangers will be placed for use.
- Bathroom usage will open to more than only one individual at a time.

We hope that this information brings great joy and excitement to all members and friends! Spiritual Growth has planned for July and August worship to take place outdoors to enjoy the beauty of the season; for inclement weather we will move inside. It is the hope and goal of your Session that all normal operations will be in place come September 2021. Thank you for your prayers, your patience and your support over this past year-long time of uncertainty.





## Update from the Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee (PNC) has been encouraged with the latest round of Pastoral candidates! We are currently speaking with four candidates that we are excited to pursue. One candidate is scheduled to visit and explore our area in hopes that they feel a sense of belonging. It will be a short weekend, but will conclude with a neutral pulpit. Please keep your PNC and this candidate in your prayers that this may lead to a mutually beneficial relationship and one that God has brought together! After two very encouraging interviews, another candidate has been asked to explore further with us and as of this writing we are still waiting to hear back from them. The other two candidates we are in the process of having second interviews and discerning our next move with each of them. We know we are all anxiously waiting for a pastor. It is easy to perhaps get discouraged, but know that we are working hard and even looking for new possibilities that may exist. Your PNC is NOT discouraged, but rather motivated to make sure that Flushing Presbyterian Church is the right fit for the right pastor in God's time.



### FACEBOOK PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are watching live on FaceBook on Sunday morning and have a prayer request, please feel free to include it in the comments section. There is always someone monitoring these comments and will make sure that your request gets announced during the prayer time in the service. Please try to remember any privacy concerns when posting names online.



In addition to our regular in-person worship service on Sunday morning, you can also view our service on FaceBook Live on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM or watch a recording of the service at a time of your choice.



## Graduation Sunday - June 6

**Join us on Sunday, June 6**, as we celebrate the graduates in our congregation during our worship service. Let's all congratulate them on their achievements.



**The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, June 7, 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).



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.



### **Outdoor Worship Services in July and August**

We will be having our worship services outdoors in our pavilion in July and August. 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!



### **Guest Pastors' Schedule**

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for June and July:

June 6 - Max Hayden  
 June 13 - Max Hayden  
 June 20 - Julianne Princinsky  
 June 27 - Julianne Princinsky  
 July 4 - Max Hayden  
 July 11 - Max Hayden  
 July 18 - Julianne Princinsky  
 July 25 - Julianne Princinsky



**Beginning in July**, we will be collecting school supplies for local children in need. 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 August 15.**

**Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,**



Thank you for your gift in support of the work of Shelter of Flint. Together, we will help change the trajectory of the lives of families in our community who, through this most difficult time, are experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for stepping up at a time when so many can't. Because of you, our clients have food, shelter, warmth and support, as well as the tools they need to live successfully on their own in safe housing. Because of you, lives will be changed for the better.

With your support, we continue our successful work of moving families from hopelessness to a home of their own. Because of you, a little girl's parents are able to tuck her into a bed for the very first time. Because of you, a mother has found the support she needs to free herself and her children from a violent home. Because of you, a widowed father of three was able to move out of his aging RV and give his children a stable and permanent home.

Your gift will help those in our community who are experiencing homelessness – our friends, our neighbors, our family – make a fresh start and change the trajectory of their lives and the lives of generations to come.

On behalf of all we serve, thank you for your loyal support.

With gratitude,  
Linda Bielskis, MA, MBA  
President & CEO

**From Barb Browne . . .**

Just a note to thank you all for your cards, prayers, calls and well wishes. I appreciate all of you for your concern and encouragement as I continue to recover.

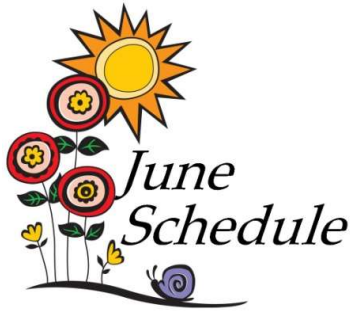
**From Lucille Mars . . .**

I would like to thank everyone for all the notes and cards that were sent to me by the congregation. I appreciated receiving each and every one of them.

**From Pam Miller (Flushing Community Schools Social Worker) . . .**

I would like to personally thank you for the generous donation to the High School's PPSC (Promoting Positive School Climate) fund. It will be used to help with promoting a positive school climate here in our building. I am very grateful for your support.

**Big  
Thank  
You!**



## June 6

**Communion Preparer:** Carole Noye  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Carol Dulin

## June 13

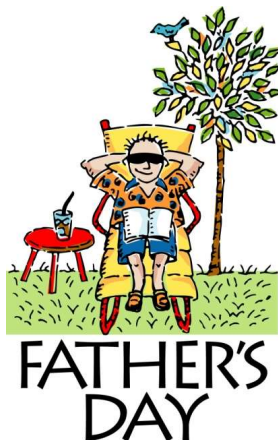
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Brett & Chris Albert, Kaye Kaufherr  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler

## June 20

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Mike Keeler, Kathy Miller  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert

## June 27

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Natalie Lucas, Randy Socha, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Marsha Judd



## July 4

**Communion Preparer:** Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Karen & Steve Howe, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha

## July 11

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Kaye Kaufherr, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Sylvia Keeler

## July 18

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Scott & Sandy Tucker, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill

## July 25

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison







## June

- 3 Fred & Millie MacMain-Prause
- 5 Dave Finley
- 6 Diane Rowley, Marilyn Schmoak, Olivia W
- 7 Michael B, Beverly Blair
- 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 Norma Zuehlke
- 23 Dave Maguire
- 26 Isabella B, John & Kathy Miller
- 30 Scott Smith & Diane Tuttle-Smith

## July

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



**June 6:** 1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) and Ps. 138; Gen. 3:8-15 and Ps. 130; 2 Cor. 4:13- 5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**June 13:** 1 Sam. 15:34-16:13 and Ps. 20; Ezek. 17:22-24 and Ps. 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**June 20:** 1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Ps. 9:9-20 or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Ps. 133; Job 38:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-3,23-32; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**June 27:** 2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27 and Ps. 130; Lam. 3:22-33 and Ps. 30; 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

**July 4:** 2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10 and Ps. 48; Ezek. 2:1-5 and Ps. 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**July 11:** 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Ps. 24; Amos 7:7-15 and Ps. 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**July 18:** 2 Sam. 7:1-14a and Ps. 89:20-37; Jer. 23:1-6 and Ps. 23; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 25:** 2 Sam. 11:1-15 and Ps. 14; 2 Kgs. 4:42-44 and Ps. 145:10-18; Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



## Financial Highlights

Average 2021 Collections	\$3,250
Average April Collections	\$3,082
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173



**The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for June are juice and Kleenex and for July are cereal and 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 need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed.



**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.

## Summer



## The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

*From the November 2018 Newsletternewsletter*

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2021 Session

### Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Shirley Sanborn

### Property Team

Scott Tucker  
Bill Weiss

### Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin

