

Flushing Presbyterian Church

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March 2018 Newsletter



AUCTION & DESSERT TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE SATURDAY, MARCH 3 6:30 PM - Doors Open & Dessert 7:00 PM - Auction

Our second annual auction to raise funds for Family Promise will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at 6:30 PM. Last year we raised over \$1,200 for Family Promise!! We hope you will put this on your calendar and plan to join the fun. We are in need of people willing to provide desserts or finger foods for the event and individuals willing to help with set up and clean up. Sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Auction items can be brought to the church through Friday, March 2. If you need more info, please contact Sylvia Keeler.



MOVIE NIGHT for the WHOLE Family SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall Free Admission

Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we watch the movie "Wonder." Based on the New York Times bestseller, "Wonder" tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

Popcorn and light refreshments will be available.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25, 10:00 AM
Dramatized Cantata

The Chancel Choir and Drama Team will help us experience the joy of Palm Sunday as the crowds celebrated Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. However, this joy quickly turned to disappointment and sorrow as Jesus did not live up to their ideal of a military leader.

Whispers of the Passion will prepare our hearts for the coming week - Holy Week - in which Christ took on so much pain and suffering because of the grace and mercy of God. Join us for this very special time of worship.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30, 6:00 PM

We begin our Journey to the Cross. The time will begin with ceremonial hand washing and communion. As we enter the sanctuary we enter John's story of Jesus' journey to Golgotha. Through scripture and song we will arrive at the foot of the cross, remembering the intense experience of the crowd, loved ones, and of Jesus. Plan to attend this special service of remembrance.

Prayer Vigil

Friday, March 30, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

You may come to the church at any time and spend time in prayer and reflection. Visual elements will be in place to reflect upon. You are invited to come and be part of this very special time of meditation.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 1, 8:45 - 9:15 AM

Easter breakfast is one of the beloved aspects of this special Sunday. This year breakfast will be served from 8:45-9:15 (you do not have to be finished eating by then, but the food will not be available after that time).

Why? So our kitchen crew can enjoy Easter Worship and not spend the time cleaning up.

It would be of great help to the kitchen crew if there were a few more to assist in cleaning up (Scott and Don are amazing, but they would appreciate others assisting). An Easter Breakfast cleanup sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 1, 10:00 AM
Featuring Chancel and Handbell Choirs

We end our morning time together with a celebration. Christ has risen!! It's a message we need to engage with wonder and amazement. Perhaps a little confusion and uncertainty is okay too.

The women and disciples were confused and did not understand until they encountered the resurrected Christ. May we encounter that Christ this Easter morning. Join us!



Our next guests arrive, Sunday, March 25th at 5:00 PM. Yes, Palm Sunday. We will need volunteers to prepare meals, be evening and overnight hosts. Please help where you can.

Many hands make light work.

Set up for Family Promise will take place after worship on Palm Sunday. Resetting back to classrooms will be April 1 at 7 AM. This goes quickly with help.



Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 19, 20 & 21. Start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. Donations can be delivered to the church April 15 - 18. Watch for more info in the April Newsletter.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY TEAM

Are you skilled at calling friends? Are you good at following instructions? Then this is the group for you!

We need a small team to help contact and organize for our pictorial directory to be taken in May. Phil Keinath will guide the Team with instructions.

Please share your skills and sign up on the bulletin board to be a part of this valued Team. Specific times to be announced (it will be designed to fit the group's availability.) Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Spiritual Insomnia

Studies show that most Americans don't get adequate sleep. Whether an overcrowded schedule or insomnia is to blame, the short- and long-term effects are alarming. It's tough to maintain a healthy mind and body when you're sleep-deprived.

Likewise, we require sufficient, regular quiet time with God to stay spiritually healthy. Even Jesus needed time alone with God. Luke 5:16 says Jesus withdrew to deserted places to pray. Think how much more we need to listen for God's voice and learn from his Word!

From the Newsletternewsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church to Turn 60!!

Can you believe it?! In October, Flushing Presbyterian Church will celebrate 60 years as a congregation here on the corner of McKinley and Carpenter Roads. Session wants the congregation to celebrate this milestone.

We are pulling out notes from previous celebrations to help guide our planning. Session is looking for others to be a part of this special planning group.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Add your name to be involved with this very fun filled activity.



From Bob Blair...

I want to thank our church family for all the prayers and recent support I received after my diagnosis. There were too many cards, letters and personal contacts to acknowledge individually, so I will do it here. Thank you, one and all! I feel well, though a little weak and shaky, and am settled down to routine monthly immune therapy and a lot of pills. So far, so good!

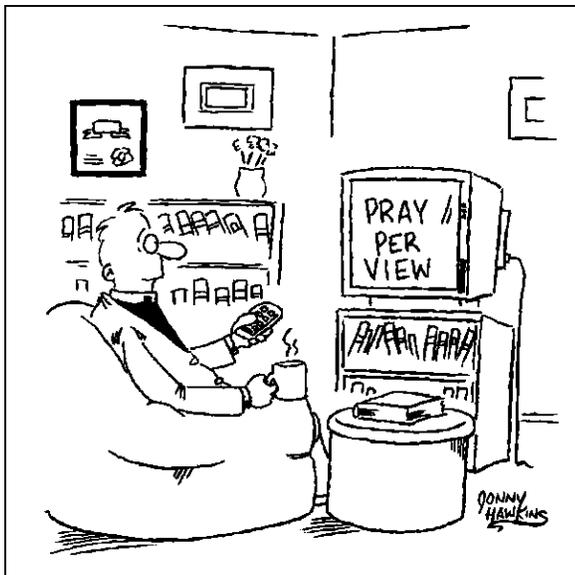
From the Community Outreach Team...

Although the roads were snowy and slippery, the turnout for our 9th annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" was great! With your donations, we were able to send \$441 to the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for their hunger program. A special thank you for the soup donations from Maxine Allen, Deb Coxworth, Kay Hall, Sylvia Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Kelli Peter, Milly Prause, Flora Radspieler, Diane Rowley and Carole Tucker, and also for the bread made by Ted and Margaret Meehle.

From Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor...

Thank you for your recent pop-tab donation. These tabs will be recycled for money that will directly impact the children and families we serve every day. We appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

(Note: We collect aluminum tabs from beverage containers to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. The collection box is located in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.)





Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presbyterian Mission

This past fall, three hurricanes battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria brought violent winds and severe flooding, and their rapid succession left many people and relief organizations overwhelmed. Your faithful and generous support, however, allowed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to respond with the light of hope in the midst of chaos, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). **Thank you for your support.**

Your gifts provided emergency funding in Texas, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the days after each storm, PDA was on the ground, assessing damage, providing expert support, partnership, consultation and coordination. Impacted congregations received urgent assistance to continue in ministry to their affected neighbors. PDA's response is widening, providing resources for long-term recovery, working with partners to set up volunteer rebuilding opportunities, supporting capacity building and providing support and training for leaders in Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency. Fatigue and hopelessness often cause a second crisis long after the winds subside and the waters recede.

Historic support from Presbyterians ensured a swift response. In Florida, decades of work in partnership and capacity building with the Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) meant that preparation and coordination began before Irma made landfall. Collaboration with presbyteries in Texas provides coordination of disaster response efforts. Ongoing support from Presbyterians means that long-term redevelopment is accomplished as the love of Christ is made visible in all of the affected areas.

Nowhere is the need so pronounced as in Puerto Rico. Throughout the island, the loss of homes, infrastructure and loved ones has touched almost every resident. Many months later, thousands of people still lack electricity and running water. Your support is delivering the light of hope into the darkness of the disaster. From the aid and cleanup on the island, to support for presbyteries in Florida and New England as they receive many Puerto Ricans displaced by the devastation, to long-term rebuilding and development, your gifts have made the church's response possible. Because of your support, PDA is able to support a coordinator for relief and development efforts in Puerto Rico from the Puerto Rican Presbyterian community. This important step ensures that the work done by the church will be delivered efficiently and effectively and will build capacity should future disasters strike the U.S. territory.

Thank you for sharing the Light with those in need by standing in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

You have been so generous to us and we thank you. You can continue to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work through participation in **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This Special Offering secures PDA's capacity to respond to these and other disasters.



Easter Flowers



Each Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flowers. You may participate in this endeavor by indicating your willingness to donate (a) plant(s)!! The cost this year is \$15.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, make any memorial or honoraria inscriptions you desire, and place either in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, March 18.**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____



*This
Month's
Schedule*



March 4

Communion Preparer: Sandy & Scott Tucker
Communion Servers: Karen & Steve Howe, Loretta Hudson
Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Donaldson, Sandy Snyder
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Bella, Elle & Jeanne Blanton, Shirley Delbridge
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Acolytes: Sochas

March 11

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Bill & Denise Churchill
Lay Leader: Bruce Coxworth
Welcome Desk: Nancy Young
Acolytes: Karen & Steve Howe

March 18

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Sharon Donaldson, Kelli Peter, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Debbie Bayer
Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker
Acolytes: Handbell Choir

March 25

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R



March

- 1 Jim Wiley
- 7 Mitchell A
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 14 Richard Aubrey
- 15 Fred Prause, Michael Whitman
- 17 Shirley Baker, Leone Burwell
- 19 Clare Cole
- 21 Jeff Gauger, Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Katie Whitman
- 23 Jarold Stuber
- 25 Steven Howe
- 31 Deborah Bayer



Average 2018 Collections	\$3,722
Average January Collections	\$3,722
Average 2017 Collections	\$3,299
Average needed for 2018 Budget	\$3,773



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you to all who helped to fill our shelves with peanut butter and jelly last month! We couldn't feed the hungry without your love for others. We are in need of cereal this month.

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by contributing cereal, or any non-perishable food or personal care items, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.

Lectionary Readings

March 4: Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 11: Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18: Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 25 (Palm Sunday): *Palms:* Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a, Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2018 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson
Sandy Snyder

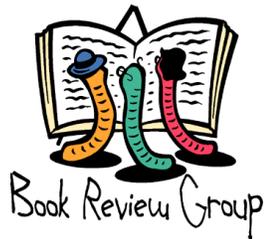
Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

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!

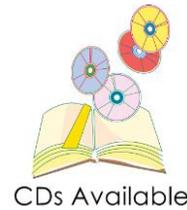


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Dennis or Shirley Sanborn.

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.



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.



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 throughout the year 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 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



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 at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



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. 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 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM - Lenten Study 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages				1 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir 7:30 PM - Lenten Study	2 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	3 6:30 PM - Dessert & Auction
4 Communion 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	5	6 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	7 10:00 AM - Memorial 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 12:00 PM - Lenten Study & Lunch	8 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir 7:30 PM - Lenten Study	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	12 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	13 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	14 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 12:00 PM - Lenten Study & Lunch	15 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir 7:30 PM - Lenten Study	16 Church Office Closed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> -----Girl Scouts----- </div>	17
18 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Movie Night	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	21 12:00 PM - Lenten Study & Lunch	22 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir 7:30 PM - Lenten Study	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 6:00 PM - Youth Group	26 6:45 PM - Session	27 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	28	29 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant	30 10:00 AM - Prayer Vigil 6:00 PM - Good Friday Service	31
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Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays