

March 2019 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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LENT: 40acts

Lent marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Tradition has it that we mark the 40 days of Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent were to become a preparation for a lifetime of big-heartedness?

40acts is a generosity challenge which encourages us to approach Lent differently. During the 40 days of Lent, 40acts participants are invited to take part in 40 simple acts of generosity which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously'. The acts or challenges are wide-ranging and various, but all are designed to explore what it means to be generous in a very practical way.

They can be done by individuals or done in groups, but the key is that small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK, USA, and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities, to our churches and, ultimately, to our world. It's about creating a movement of generosity.

Each day, the church email group will receive the devotional and daily challenge options. For those who are not a part of the email group, a 40acts Calendar is available. Keep track of some of the ways you are able to be generous. Then join the small group on Sunday to recap the week and spend some time praying for our community, church, and members. May we grow in our faith and experience stewardship of time and talent, and perhaps treasure, in new ways during this season of Lent.





March 3 - 10
Family Promise Guests are here
Prayerfully consider how you can help



Movie Night: Sunday, March 3rd, 6:00 PM

Bring your family and friends to view *The Shack*, at movie night which will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 PM.

This movie is based on the best-selling book, which tells a father's journey that reveals the ultimate truth about love, loss, and forgiveness. For all those who have wondered where God is in their pain, for those who have questioned if God is there at all, *The Shack* presents an encounter with divine love.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided. We invite you to bring a snack to share, if you would like, as we gather and enjoy time together.

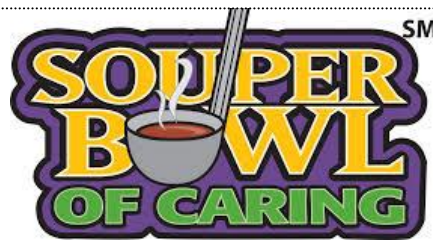


Ash Wednesday, March 6th
From Dust to Life

At 7:00 PM, worshipers will gather for an Ash Wednesday service in recognition of the beginning of Lent.

Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture, ashes symbolize frailty or death, sadness or mourning, judgment, and repentance. Ashes may also be considered as a purifying or cleansing agent.

This Ash Wednesday service will provide a service of healing - of dying with Christ and being raised to new life. Sounds like baptism? There are great parallels to tie the two together. Never been to such a service? Consider coming. Not ready for ashes? That's okay too. We pray this Lenten season will be meaningful in new ways for all.



From the Community Outreach Team...

We wish to thank the congregation for the support of our annual Souper Bowl fundraiser for the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$307 for their hunger program. A special thank you to our soup makers: Maxine Allen, Jeanne Blanton, Kay Hall, Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Kelli Peter, Milly Prause, Flora Radspieler, Diane Tuttle-Smith and Carole Tucker. Thank you also to Margaret and Ted Meehle for making the bread for the event.



Church Security System

As you may be aware, Flushing Presbyterian Church (FPC) has purchased and installed a security system for the building. The primary purpose of the system is to protect anyone who is inside the building 24/7. Here is what you need to know:

- Go-Live for the system (when we will start using it) is Monday, March 18, 2019
- Door locks (keys) will be changed on that same date. If you currently have a key and/or will need access to the building outside of normal church office hours, please contact Shirley Sanborn at sasanborn@chartermi.net or 810-659-6192 if she has not already contacted you
- Training on how to use the security system will be provided, and **required**, for anyone who is issued a new building key. Keys will be issued after key holders have successfully completed the training and demonstrated the ability to disarm and arm the security system. Training dates are as follows:
 - Sunday, March 10th following the worship service
 - Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 PM
 - Sunday, March 17th following the worship service
- During normal church office hours all building doors will be locked. There is a door bell with video and audio communication abilities located outside the main entrance for anyone wanting access to the building. The church secretary and the pastor will have the ability to see and communicate with the individual and "buzz" them in by unlocking the door from their office
- During scheduled events such as worship, weddings, funerals, etc., the church doors will be unlocked to allow members and guests to freely access the building
- The Security System Implementation Team consists of Shirley Sanborn, Bill Churchill, Steve Howe, Scott Tucker and Jim Theodoroff. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of us.

Thank you for your help, support and understanding to keep FPC a safe place for worship, work and fellowship.

What about the outdoor lights??

The Property Team has been doing its due diligence in getting clarification where the lights should be placed and bids for cost. At the February session meeting, the contract with Weinstein Lighting was approved. We are not sure of the timing, but follow-up calls to Weinstein will be made so this can be done in a timely manner.

What's really exciting about this project is that there will be nine new lights placed around the building. Two of the lights, in Memorial Garden, will be on a motion sensor. The ones on the north side of the building will be photo sensor lights and we will also upgrade our parking lot pole light to be photo sensor (no more setting the timer for it to come on and go off). All of the existing outside lights will be upgraded and energy efficient! New outside lights have been a need for a long time. We are grateful the "light" is just over the horizon.

Love Your Neighbor. . .



In March, we will be taking orders for this yard sign (see the actual sign outside the pastor's office). We are selling them **at cost** for \$15. This is not a fundraiser and cannot be a fundraiser, per the sign design owner.

This sign was created and is distributed by All Souls Episcopal Church, Washington D.C. Their desire is for this sign to be "everywhere." Check out the story behind the sign's creation at: <http://www.allsoulsdc.org/neighbor>.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at church. All signs are to be pre-paid. The order will be placed on or around April 1st. Delivery is uncertain, but our best guess would be 10-14 days after the order is placed.

Spread the word!! Get your family, friends and neighbors to order one....two....or more! This is the modern version of what Jesus taught when he said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." A great sign and reminder of what we are called to be and do.



Double Coffee Hour

Please note that there will be two opportunities for coffee and fellowship on Sunday, March 31st. We will be having a pre-worship coffee hour at 9:30 AM as well as the traditional coffee hour at 11:15. Please join us at one, or both, of these times.



AUCTION
TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
6:00 PM - Doors Open & Appetizers
6:30 PM - Auction

How high will the bidding for Mary Graham's pies go? How many corny (but still funny jokes) will our esteemed auctioneer Steve Howe make to our groans? We're having our third annual auction to benefit Family Promise on Saturday, April 6. It has proven to be a great deal of fun while raising much needed funds for our important mission of serving homeless families. We would encourage you to make, buy, or solicit donations for our auction. Please bring items to the church starting Thursday April 4. We also need people to bring appetizer/finger foods and assist with set up and clean up. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Come see how much fun we can have while benefiting the good work we are doing for our Family Promise guests!





One Great Hour of Sharing: Why We Give

In Mark 12, Jesus explains that the two most important commandments are to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) responds to these commandments by helping our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Whether we're offering relief in the wake of a devastating storm, providing food or access to clean water, or assisting in the empowerment of our oppressed and marginalized brothers and sisters, One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual opportunity for us to show our love globally to our neighbors in a very tangible way. You may use the special envelopes available in the pews, or simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "One Great Hour" on the memo line.



Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on May 3 & 4. Start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. Watch for more info in upcoming Newsletters.



From Pat Bemis...

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls after my recent surgery. I'm healing nicely and I really appreciate your concern.



Gluten-Free Bread is available for communion!!

Did you know that we have a gluten-free bread option available during communion? For both communion in the pews and come forward communion, the gluten free bread will be in a small bowl in the center of the bread tray. We're happy to include this option for all those in need of it.



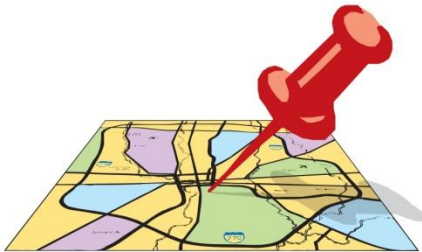
We have received a letter from our previous interim pastor, Rev. James Black, letting us know that he has published two books: *The Things I Wish I Had Learned in Seminary* and *Weddings and Funerals...The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. You can find them on Amazon and Barnes and Noble if you are interested.



Per Capita

- Per capita is a **per member** apportionment for the operating budget of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.
- 2019 per capita is \$28.77 per member
- Members are asked to pay this amount over and above their pledge amount
- Congregations pay per capita for each member.
- Flushing Presbyterian Church pays per capita for each member whether the member helps offset the cost or not
- If members help offset per capita cost, more dollars are available for church projects, mission, etc.

Please consider using your per capita envelope to submit \$28.77
for each person in your family who is a member of the church.



The ultimate road map

Tired of going in circles, I wanted to stop and ask for directions to the Kennedy Library in Boston. My husband, the driver, did not. Eventually I won out. A store clerk was happy to provide a map and point us on our way.

Many of us Christians act like my husband did that day, blithely going on our way, turning here, backtracking there, never really finding what we want in life, but sure that if we follow our nose we'll get there eventually.

The Bible is exactly what we need on our journey: a road map to guide us on our way, to help us around the inevitable wrong turns and errors — and, in the end, to show us the direct path to eternal life with God in heaven.

—Sandy Hyland; from the January 2019 Newsletternewsletter

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 \$18.00 per plant. Please complete this form, enclose your check for \$18.00 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, April 7**

In **HONOR** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like _____ lilies.

I would like _____ tulips.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____





March 3

Communion Preparer: Julie Socha
Communion Servers: Bob Chase, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Carole Tucker
Fellowship Host: Kathie Rhoads
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Sandy & Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Joyce Hudson
Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius
Acolytes: Keelers

March 10

Fellowship Host: Sandy Snyder
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Bob Chase
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan Ruppel

March 17

Fellowship Hosts: Dan & Flora Radspieler
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Elle & Jeanne Blanton
Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Acolytes: Handbell Choir

March 24

Fellowship Host: Sharon Donaldson
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Shirley Delbridge, Sharon Donaldson, Karen & Steve Howe
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolytes: Chancel Choir

March 31

Fellowship Hosts: Mary Graham and Kathie Rhoads
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Loretta Hudson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Vonnie Koehn
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill
Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker
Acolytes:



March

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



Financial Highlights

Average 2019 Collections	\$2,892
Average January Collections	\$2,892
Average 2018 Collections	\$3,298
Average needed for 2019 Budget	\$3,824



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The special focus item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March is **cereal**. If you can help by providing cereal, 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.



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.



Lectio Readings

March 3: Exod. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 10: Deut. 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 17: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

March 24: Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 31: Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2019 Session

Budget & Finance

Steve Howe
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sandy Snyder
Nancy Young

Property Team

Bill Churchill
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

"BE THE CHURCH" 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!

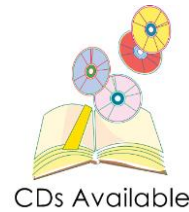


Bread for Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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.



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 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.



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.



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

to the Ronald McDonald help support families who stay here 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.



Choose biblical history or current events, each class begins following worship at approximately 11:15 AM. Grab your coffee and donuts and join a class. Bible history is located in Heaven's Highway, the Current Events class is located in the Noah's Ark classroom.



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 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages					1 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	2 9:30 AM - Presbytery Meeting @ Kirkridge Pres, Grand Blanc
3 Communion 6:00 PM - Movie Night - <i>The Shack</i> 6:00 PM - Youth Group	4	5 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	6 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service	7 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	8 Church Office Closed	9
-----Family Promise-----						
10 Noisy Offering 11:15 AM - Security Training 6:00 PM - Youth Group	11 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	12 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	13 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Security Training	14 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	15 Church Office Closed 5:30 PM - Girl Scouts	16
17 11:15 AM - Security Training 6:00 PM - Youth Group	18 Newsletter Deadline 5:30 PM - Girl Scouts	19 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	20 11:00 AM - Memorial	21 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 6:00 PM - Youth Group	25 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	27	28 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	28	28
31 6:00 PM - Youth Group						

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays