

# March 2025 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round  
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### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

As Presbyterians, we have a somewhat tenuous relationship with the Lenten season. I called Mama Pfeuff and asked what she was doing for Ash Wednesday and she wrote off going to church for it as “too Catholic.” And sure, we’ve seen plenty of exhortations to give something up and fast, just as Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. Sometimes we even partake of in this practice. I remember one year in seminary I fasted from any food product that had come from an animal, just as ancient Christians had done millennia ago. (I don’t think I’d be able to do this now; when I was a younger man I could survive on caffeine and the reading of books. Now, I absolutely need my protein to start my day.)

Piety, or personal holiness, can be a tricky or touchy subject for us. And heaven forbid we dwell too much on the idea of sin. “Sin” might as well be a four-letter word to us! But go with me for a few moments and really see this through. We need to dwell on the brokenness of this world – both within ourselves, as well as our institutions. Sin – inequality, injustice, “man’s inhumanity to man” is prevalent in our human society. It touches everything we are and everything we do. And to that end, we reflect that we *need* God’s grace. So sit with that, in these forty days.

Sit with it and turn it over in your mind. Rather than jettisoning a practice, adopt something new. Why not pray the Sinner’s Prayer? Set a reminder on your phone and pray it every waking hour, a reminder to pray:

*Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

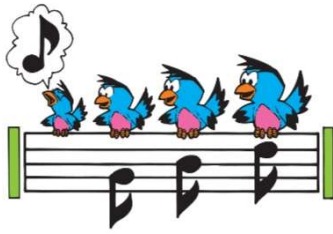
Take it on. Embrace it. Live into the idea that we not only *want* Jesus to draw near to us, but that we *need* the Lord God’s mercy to rain upon us – grace upon grace, hour upon hour. While there is much darkness and calamity in this world of ours, while it is bent and distorted and bruised and broken...

...it has the Lord to shine the light.  
The light has shined in the darkness.

*It still shines in the darkness.  
And the light shall never be overcome.*

Shall we pray? Lord God, shine your light into our hearts of darkness and dispel the gloom of doubt away.

*Pastor Paul*



**Calling all singers (and wannabe singers) . . .**

The Chancel Choir would like to invite anyone interested in singing for the Lent and Easter season to join us! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Please contact Chris Albert or any choir member if you would like to join us.



**Sunday School** will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates will be March 23rd, April 27th, and May 25th. Kids will be dismissed from the service after collecting prayer requests. If interested in teaching the children, please contact Julie Socha. A curriculum that is easy to follow is provided.



**Rummage Sale Coming in May**

The Member Care Team is currently planning to have a Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, May 30 - 31. Be sure to start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. You can start dropping off your items for the sale on May 1.



Thousands of homes have been destroyed by the wildfires in California. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has already released emergency grants to meet urgent needs of the affected communities and to provide immediate care. PDA urges your support in response to these devastating fires. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your help will enable PDA to extend the hand of Christ to the victims of these catastrophic wildfires. If you would like to donate to PDA through our church, make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Wildfires" on the memo line.



**You can help our volunteers that count and deposit the weekly offering** by writing separate checks for different types of contributions. For example, if you are donating money to a special offering like the Souper Bowl AND your regular offering, these contributions are actually deposited in two separate bank accounts and it would be very helpful if the amounts were included on two separate checks. We have multiple accounts that the counters have to keep track of and your assistance in this would help them immensely.





We are truly thankful for the success of Super Bowl Sunday and the generosity of the FPC congregation. The Outreach Team was able to surpass their goal of \$501 and raised \$1,397!! All proceeds will go to FCOC for their hunger programs. For requests of soup recipes you may contact the following donors: Carol Dulin - chili; Deb Coxworth - potato; Debbie Grant - tomato bisque; Kathy Lescelius - clam chowder; Kathy Miller - bean; Pastor Paul - squash; Darrah Bird - pasta fagioli; Shirley Sanborn - chicken noodle; Diane Tuttle-Smith - broccoli cheese. Desserts were donated by Chris Albert, Kay Hall, Kaye Kaufherr, Margaret Meehle and Flora Radspieler.



#### From Diane Tuttle-Smith & Family . . .

Thank you for your support, kindness and prayers for my mother, both during her illness and after she passed away. Also, thank you for the flowers and cards sent to her for so many years as a homebound member. It truly meant a lot to her.



### One Great Hour of Sharing: Why We Give

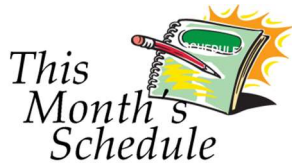
In Mark 12, Jesus explains that the two most important commandments are to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) responds to these commandments by helping our neighbors in their time of greatest 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.

### Church Cancellation Reminder

Please keep in mind that we are still in the colder winter months (and that we live in the Mitten State, complete with longer winters!) There is a distinct possibility that worship services can be cancelled due to inclement weather. This is not a process I have unilateral decision-making over. The decision to cancel service comes from the pastor, the clerk of session, the chair of property, and the chair of spiritual growth. Once a decision to cancel has been reached, I will email the congregation and we will post on Facebook and alert the local news as well.

Regardless of whether service is canceled → **please remember to use your best judgment when it comes to going out on the roads when winter weather occurs. Your safety is paramount.**

*Pastor Paul*



### March 2

**Communion Preparers:** Kelli Peter  
**Communion Servers:** Gary Albert, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Kelli Peter, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:** Mark Jacobson

### March 9

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Debbie Grant  
**Lay Leader:** Annette Nickel  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Hawes

### March 16

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Frank & Mary Beth Hawes  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter  
**Nursery:** Lisa Judson

### March 23

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Shirley Delbridge, Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:** Darrah Bird

### March 30

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Kaye Kaufherr, Kathy Lescelius, Sandy Snyder  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:** Sandy Tucker



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March are peanut butter and tissues. 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.



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .  
 March 2 & 5 (Ash Wednesday)



## March

- 7 Mitchell Albert
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 15 Mary Beth Hawes, Fred Prause, Michael Whitman
- 17 Joyce Hudson-Freeman & Frank Freeman
- 19 Paul J. Pfeuffer
- 20 Nelly Warda
- 21 Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Barb & Kip Hogan, Katie Whitman
- 23 Jarold Stuber
- 31 Deborah Bayer



## Lectionary Readings

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

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

**March 16:** Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 and Ps. 27; Phil.  
3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

**March 23:** Isa. 55:1-9 and Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13;  
Luke 13:1-9

**March 30:** Josh. 5:9-12 and Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21;  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



## Financial Highlights

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Average 2025 Collections       | \$3,414 |
| Average January Collections    | \$3,414 |
| Average 2024 Collections       | \$3,302 |
| Average needed for 2025 Budget | \$4,229 |

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2025 Session

### Budget & Finance

Ed Davison  
Scott Smith

### Community Outreach

Mary Beth Hawes  
Kathy Miller

### Member Care

Lisa Judson  
Sandy Snyder

### Property Team

Mark Jacobson  
Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Kelli Peter  
Sandy Tucker

# Blood DRIVE

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



# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Book Club** meets at 12:00 PM on the third Tuesday 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 10:00 AM on Thursdays, at Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road.

## Card Ministry



**Card Ministry**...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to Margaret Meehle or 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.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Men's Fellowship/Bible Study**...This group meets for breakfast and study at 9:00 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.



## Music Opportunities

**Music Opportunities . . .The Chancel Choir** (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the chancel choir and Marilyn Schmoak for info on the Handbell 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.



**Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at (810)659-5831**



| Sunday                             | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                            | Saturday  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|                                    |  |   |   |  |                                   | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>2</b><br>Communion              | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>9:30 – Member Care<br>6:30 PM – Handbell<br>Choir   | <b>5</b><br>6:00 PM – Ash<br>Wednesday Service  | <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM - Men’s<br>Fellowship-Liberty<br>Restaurant<br>6:00 PM - Wood Carvers                            | <b>7</b><br>Church Office Closed  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b><br>Noisy Offering         | <b>10</b><br>6:00 PM - B & F<br>6:30 PM - Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM - Spiritual<br>Growth | <b>11</b><br>9:00 AM - North End<br>Soup Kitchen<br>6:00 PM - GFWC<br>6:30 PM – Property<br>6:30 PM – Handbell<br>Choir | <b>12</b><br>6:00 PM - Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM - Chancel Choir                                     | <b>13</b><br>9:00 AM - Men’s<br>Fellowship-Liberty<br>Restaurant<br>6:00 PM - Wood Carvers                           | <b>14</b><br>Church Office Closed | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b>                          | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>12:00 PM - Book Club<br>6:30 PM – Handbell<br>Choir  | <b>19</b><br>10:00 AM - Community<br>Outreach<br>6:00 PM - Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM - Chancel Choir | <b>20</b><br>9:00 AM - Men’s<br>Fellowship-Liberty<br>Restaurant<br>6:00 PM - Wood Carvers                           | <b>21</b><br>Church Office Closed | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b><br>1:00 PM – Girl Scouts | <b>24</b><br>6:00 PM - Session   | <b>25</b><br>6:00 PM - GFWC<br>6:30 PM – Handbell<br>Choir  | <b>26</b><br>6:00 PM - Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM - Chancel Choir                                     | <b>27</b><br>9:00 AM - Men’s<br>Fellowship-Liberty<br>Restaurant<br>6:00 PM - Canasta Club<br>6:00 PM - Wood Carvers | <b>28</b><br>Church Office Closed | <b>29</b> |
| <b>30</b>                          | <b>31</b>  |   |   |  |                                   |           |

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