



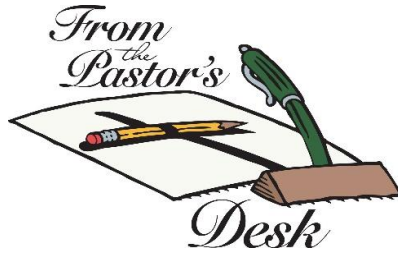
May 2023 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round
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I finally, *finally* got around to cleaning my office. My desk was scattered with papers; the countertop on the wall behind my desk stacked high with documents that needed to be sorted according to importance and filed away as neatly as possible. (Which is quite the challenge, for someone as scatterbrained as I am!) I like to joke that I adhere to the old Einstein quotation: “If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, then what are we to think of an empty desk?” And yet, there’s such a thing as *too much* clutter. And there’s such a thing as excuse-making, as well – putting off a task we think is overwhelming or not worth our time because we perceive little reward in it. But this week I ran out of excuses!

We’ve gotten through the busyness of Holy Week and now that spring has sprung, this was an opportune time to engage in that time-honored tradition and rite, spring cleaning. Maybe your experience is similar to mine; maybe your desk or your workspace is in need of a neatening up every now and then. I used to think I could get by on organized chaos, but I’m finding that system serving me less and less as I gain more experience in life and in ministry. I am finding more of a need for the neatening and renewing of my mind, rather than the adherence to old systems and ways of being.

While it may sound mundane (especially to those of you who don’t take joy in the purchase of office supplies) I finally broke down and bought myself a whiteboard for my office. Now, it’s not hung up on my wall yet (baby steps) but I have positioned it in such a way that I can easily write on it for the time being. I like to think this is a way I can further and more fully “buy in” to the transformative work of Jesus on my heart and mind. If I can come to the realization of a genuine need for growth, if I can admit to myself that I am a work in progress, continually molded and shaped by God, then those overwhelming tasks will seem just a little bit tinier and more manageable.

Prayer: Lord, allow me to see myself as a work in progress, shaped and renewed lovingly by the works of your hands. Allow me to accept the grace you offer, knowing that I don’t have to be “all things for all people” because only you can do that. Amen.





SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Building will take place from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 6, at the Flushing Masonic Lodge, 349 S. Seymour Road. Come and join with other members of our community to build beds for children that don't have one of their own. All skill levels welcome and no tools are needed. Ages 10-100; all children 10-18 must be accompanied by an adult.



May 28 – June 11

Family Promise Guests will be here
Prayerfully consider how you can help



Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

A display board of graduating seniors, composed of photos and biographical information, is typically displayed. Please bring in or mail a senior photo (no larger than 5 X 7) and a few lines regarding post-graduation plans by May 10. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates at a Sunday worship service on May 21.



GOLFING FOR CHARITY

Heads up! This September there are two opportunities to swing your golf clubs and raise money for charity! Family Promise's golf outing is scheduled for Friday, September 22, and Bread for Life's outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 (please note that the date for the Family Promise Outing is changed from the original date). Cost of entry is \$100 for individual golfers. If you are interested in playing and want more information, please contact either Shirley Sanborn (810-659-6192) or Carol Dulin (810-487-3007).





Friday, May 19, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM – Noon

**Proceeds to
Voices for Children and Motherly Intercession**

Collection Dates

You may start bringing your sale items into the church beginning May 1st. Items can be delivered during the times that the church is normally open - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, or immediately following the worship service on Sunday. If you have a key and a passcode, you can deliver your items at any time that is convenient for you. If you do not have a key and are unable to get your donations to the church during regular office hours, please contact Shirley Sanborn to make alternate arrangements.

Sale Dates

- Friday, May 19, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM - Noon

MANY volunteers are needed before the sale to sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in front of the Bulletin Board for all those willing to help during the sale. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Help is also needed following the worship service on Sunday, May 14, to set up tables for the sale, and Monday, May 15 – Thursday, May 18, to sort sale items. Please come when you can to help out.

Contact Shirley Sanborn with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.





From Sue & Ed Lannon . . .

We would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers, thoughts and lovely cards. They have meant a lot to us.

From Emilie Wiley . . .

First of all I'd like to say thank you to our congregation for their prayers, cards and phone calls during Jim's illness and subsequent passing. My family and I truly appreciate it. Second, our grandson, Nathan Sorenson is now out of the Marines and back home safe and sound. Once again thank you for your prayers for his safety.

From: (Thomas Hutchison, Executive Director) Genesee County Habitat for Humanity:

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity (Genesee Habitat) wishes to thank you for your donation. Your generosity is very much appreciated, as it helps provide stable homes for Genesee County families. Genesee Habitat's Homeownership Program provides decent, affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals and families. Our Homeowner Partner families typically do not qualify for a traditional mortgage and are coming from substandard housing conditions, which may include unsafe or overcrowded housing and/or unaffordable rental or utility payments.

Because of your generosity, we are able to address these substandard housing conditions by yearly building or rehabbing 6-8 affordable homes in Genesee County and by providing approximately 150 Genesee County homeowners with critical home repair services. Your gift also helps us invest in numerous neighborhood improvement projects throughout the City of Flint and helps provide free financial housing counseling services and homebuyer education to area residents through our HUD approved program. Your support has made us an anchor in the community and will ensure that we can continue to serve by bringing people together to build homes, community and hope. You truly make a difference.



EASTER ISN'T OVER

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now.

Easter isn't over ... ever!

From the May 2010 Newsletternewsletter

This Month's Schedule

May 7

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Margaret Meehle

Lay Leader: Annette Nickel

Streaming: Randy Socha

May 14

Communion Preparer:

Communion Servers: Gary Albert, Denise & Bill Churchill, Kip Hogan

Flowers: John & Luella Daig

Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Gary Albert, Randy Socha, Sandy Tucker

Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler

Streaming: Mike Keeler

May 21

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Sylvia Keeler

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Karen Howe, Gary & Jerry Stuber

Lay Leader: Mike Keeler

Streaming: Kelli Peter

May 28

Communion Preparer: Kathy Miller

Communion Servers: Pat Bemis, Karen Howe, Mike Keeler, Randy Socha

Flowers:

Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Carol Dulin, Kathy Miller, Dennis Sanborn

Lay Leader: Kelli Peter

Streaming: Scott Smith



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for May are **peanut butter and/or jelly and dish soap**. 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.



May

- 2 Karen & Steve Howe
- 3 Riley R
- 6 Ernie Thrapp
- 7 Bob Barnhart, Addison Peter
- 9 Gary & Shirley Albert, Carrie & Larry Younkin
- 10 Kathleen Rhoads
- 11 Jim Crawford
- 14 Kaye & Dick Barnett
- 15 Tim Stein
- 16 Joan Finley, Lillian Socha, John & Luella Daig
- 18 Brett & Chris Albert
- 19 Matt Bemis
- 20 Donald Rowley
- 23 Annette Nickel
- 24 Cathy Blight & Ed Davison
- 26 Madeline Rowley
- 28 Carrie Younkin

Lectionary Readings

May 7: Acts 7:55-60 and Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16 or Prov. 4:10-18 and Ps. 119:9-32; 1 Pet. 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 14: Acts 17:22-31 and Ps. 66:8-20 or Ezek. 34:1-7a and Ps. 115; 1 Pet. 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21: Acts 1:6-14 and Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35 or Isa. 45:1-7 and Ps. 21:1-7; 1 Pet. 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 28: Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30 and Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



Financial Highlights

Average 2023 Collections	\$2,793
Average March Collections	\$2,352
Average 2022 Collections	\$3,212
Average needed for 2023 Budget	\$3,676



Communion Schedule

Upcoming Communion Dates . . .
May 14 & 28



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, June 5, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



The Wired Word on-line study group meets via Zoom on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM to discuss current events and how we can relate and deal with them using our faith and the Bible. We would love to see some new faces join us for the Wired Word in 2023!!! Contact Karen Howe if you need information about logging in with us.

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2023 Session

Budget & Finance

Debbie Bayer
Bill Churchill

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Pat Bemis
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Randy Socha
Gary Stuber

Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler
Carrie Younkin

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 12:30 PM on the third Wednesday 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 5:15 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street.



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



The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the 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.




Youth Group (The “Believers”) is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker for information.

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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	4 9:30 AM – Member Care	5 Church Office Closed	6 9:00 AM - Bed Build @ Masonic Lodge
-----Rummage Sale Collection-----						
7 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	8 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM – Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM – North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM – Property	10 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	11 11:00 AM – Bible Study	12 Church Office Closed	13
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14 Communion Noisy Offering 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	15	16 9:30 AM - Community Outreach	17 12:30 PM – Book Club – Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM – Chancel Choir	18 11:00 AM – Bible Study	19 Church Office Closed	20
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21 Graduation Sunday 7:00 PM – The Wired Word via Zoom	22	23 6:00 PM – GFWC (Flushing Women’s Club)	24 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:45 PM – Session	25 11:00 AM – Bible Study 6:00 PM – Canasta Club	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 Communion	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	30	31 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts			
-----Family Promise-----						

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