



Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor

Flushing Presbyterian Church



Advent Opportunities

Advent. The time we "get ready", "prepare", "anticipate" the coming of the Christ Child. We have a variety of opportunities available for you to participate in the Advent season at Flushing Presbyterian Church and encourage you to join us during this time for waiting.

Saturday, November 29

2:00 PM

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30

10:30 AM

First Sunday in Advent

Thursday, December 11

7:00 PM

Flint Concert Band Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 14

10:30 AM

Advent Celebration Play, "A Time For Waiting"

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service
(Time to be announced)

4 Week Advent Study - "Under Wraps"

Dates and times to be announced

Look for details about each of these opportunities inside the Newsletter or in the weekly bulletins.



The Warmth Tree is now up in the narthex for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is **November 23rd** when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes. This program is in cooperation with the Flushing Christian Outreach Center.



**Canned-Food
Drive**

The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) member churches plan to provide 300 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area again this year. We have been asked to collect **600 cans of vegetables by November 23rd** for these dinners. We ask that you please purchase "traditional" vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. In addition to the vegetables, the FCOC is asking member congregations for donations to purchase the turkeys. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line. **Donations for the turkeys are due by November 10th.**

Workers are needed on Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 PM at Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene to help with the packing of Thanksgiving boxes for local families in need. The packing generally only takes about 1 1/2 hours to complete. Come join us in helping others during this season of "thankfulness".



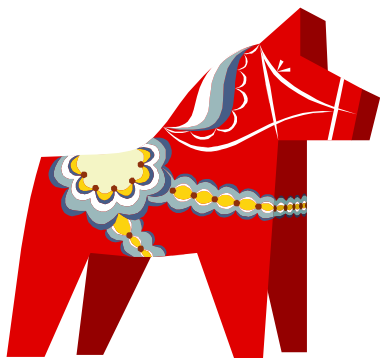
WREATH AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE

It is time to plan ahead for your purchase of a Christmas wreath or grave blanket. All profits will go to support the Flushing Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. **Orders will be taken beginning Sunday, November 3rd.** Prices are: Wreaths, \$25; Grave Pillows, \$35; and Grave Blankets, \$45. You will be asked to indicate your choice of red, blue, silver or gold ribbons. Please contact Carole, Sandy or Scott Tucker with any questions or to place an order.



On November 16th, immediately following the worship service, there will be a "Conversation with the Pastor" in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for the pastor to relate information the session would like the congregation to know and/or discuss, plus an opportunity for "the person in the pew" to ask questions.

The session has scheduled regular "Conversation" dates every two months. We look forward to this time and the dialogue which will take place.



LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together):

We will be attending a Swedish Christmas Fair on **Saturday, November 22nd, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM** at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills. Santa Lucia Pageant will be held at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Admission cost is \$2.00; lunch will be available. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Darla Arn if you have any questions or if you need transportation to the church.



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on **November 23rd** in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, please select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. If you would like to participate, but are unable to shop, you may make a donation for a gift. Please indicate "*Angel Tree*" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Lescelius.



A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23rd, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing elders and new members for the Nominating and Memorial Committees. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



It's time to celebrate the start of the Advent season and adorn our church for the birth of God's son. The Hanging of the Greens will take place **Saturday, November 29th starting at 2:00 p.m.** There are many areas of the church to decorate, and children are welcome to make an ornament for and decorate the tree in the Fellowship Hall. When we are finished decorating, all are welcome to go out for pizza to a location to be decided upon at that time. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon to start the Advent season!



We will be holding a **Blood Drive on Monday, December 1st**, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



The Flint Concert Band will be performing a Christmas concert in our sanctuary on **Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 PM**. This concert has long been a special part of our Advent season. Invite your friends and bring your family. A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. It is a great way to get in the holiday spirit. **If you would be willing to bake cookies for the reception following the concert, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.**

A Time For Waiting

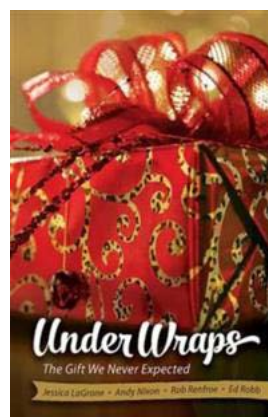


Advent Celebration Play

Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting, which is exactly what this year's advent celebration play is called, and is the focus of the story. In *A Time for Waiting*, children and youth of all ages are

invited to be readers, narrators and/or performers that act out the spoken words. None of the parts require memorization. The performance will take place during the regular church service on **Sunday, December 14th**. Practices will start the week of **November 3rd, with exact dates and times to be announced**. Practices will be once a week, along with a dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 13th**. Contact Julie Socha for further information.

Please come join us for some fun as we celebrate this exciting and important time of year!



4 week Advent Study - *Under Wraps*

Join this small group discussion as we focus on four key words that describes a characteristic of God evidenced in the Old Testament and then seen more clearly through Jesus: faithful, dangerous, expectant and jealous. Joy will be the focus word for the week of Christmas.

Dates and times will be posted in the coming weeks.

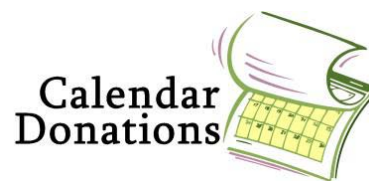


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. The program is in need of volunteers to help pack the bags at 5 PM on Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Margaret Meehle at 659-9670.



Keeping you informed...

New Creation Church of God has given 30 days notice to end their contractual agreement of renting space from us. The contract will end November 11, 2014. Kind words were given regarding their time "renting" from us. This was a New Church Development and they were just not getting the people to come as they had hoped. We thought you would appreciate knowing a little more about the situation.



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2015 calendars for a project to help prisoners "mark the time" while they are incarcerated. Stony Point is participating in the *Alternatives to Violence Project's* annual calendar drive. AVP coordinates a number of conflict resolution programs in prisons.

If you would like to help, we have a basket in the shelving unit outside the kitchen for the collection of calendars. Any calendars will do - either an extra one you were given or one that comes for free through the mail as a promotion for an organization or company. Please avoid calendars with metal spiral binding, but staples are okay.

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2014 Session

Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair
Dave Blanton

Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair
Maxine Allen

Member Care

Louise Elleman, Chair
Kathie Rhoads

Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair
Don Rowley

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair
Scott Smith



Christmas Floral Decorations

Our sanctuary is traditionally and beautifully decorated for Christmas. You can help with this by purchasing poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of persons dear to you.

Complete the form below, enclose your check for \$15.00 per plant, and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office.

Acknowledgments of contributions will be printed, as you have designated, in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

IN HONOR OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

Relationship (if any) _____

I would like ____ poinsettias at a cost of \$15.00 each.

(Please indicate color preferred. The florist has been having difficulty getting pink and white poinsettias the last couple years. If they are not available, red will be substituted.)

_____ Red _____ Pink _____ White

YOUR NAME _____ *PHONE NO.* _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING POINSETTIAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

November 2

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Communion Preparer: Steve & Sandy Walther
Communion Servers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Bob & Gail Barnhart
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Pat Bemis, Bob Chase, Dave Finley, Mary Ellen Zellers
Lay Leader: Elle B
Acolytes: Katilyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Paige A

November 9

Coffee Hour Hosts: Margaret & Ted Meehle
Flowers: Marian McTaggart
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett, Gary, & Shirley Albert, Paige A
Lay Leader: Bill Churchill, Jr.
Acolytes: Elle B, Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Elyse S

November 16

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Miller & Erna Coxworth
Flowers: Marilyn Schmoak
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Bob & Gail Barnhart
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Acolytes: Lilly & Max S
Acolyte Leader: Logan H

November 23

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Claudia Marshall
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Helen & Norm Dickenson, Carol & John Dulin
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Acolytes: Katilyn & Megan R
Acolyte Leader: Volunteer Needed

November 30

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Gordon & Kay Hall, Brenda Hollenbeck, Loretta Hudson
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S
Acolyte Leader: Isabella B



November

- 2 Janet Ballagh, Ted Meehle
- 3 Gillian B
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Ginger Aubrey, Sarah B, Ben W
- 7 Jeanne Blanton, Gordon Hall, Jerney Specht
- 9 Betty Tallau
- 10 Johnny & Taisiya Dulin
- 11 Linda & Matt Bemis
- 12 Marvin Stephenson, Beverly Thompson, Margaret Tippet
- 13 Lucille Faber, Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler, Earl & Jeanne Sanders
- 16 Lucille Mars
- 17 Alta Amy
- 18 Marge Adair, Tyler R, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S, Ronald Weirauch
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M, Ruth Spomer
- 26 Beverly Howe, Larry Younkin
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller



Financial Highlights

Average 2014 Collections	\$3,227
Average September Collections	\$3,091
Average 2013 Collections	\$3,396
Average needed for Budget	\$3,776

Lectioary Readings

November 2: Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12

November 9: Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7;
1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

November 16: Judg. 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt.
25:14-30

November 23: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100;
Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

November 30: Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



The email address for the church office is
flushingpc@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor
Teresa Peterson, her email address is:
pastorT90@gmail.com



From The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) ...

During the month of September, The Flushing Christian Outreach Center served 181 households which equals 469 individuals. We had 20 new clients walk through our doors during September. We depend on your willingness to contribute to our organization to help those who are in need. We are always in need of contributions of personal goods, food, clothing, monetary and prayers. The monthly donation we are asking for in November is toilet paper. We are also in need of boys clothing and brown grocery bags.

The other donation we are in need of are special volunteers. We are in need of volunteers who could volunteer one or two times a month for special things like picking orders up from Meijer, and/or the food bank, working for a couple of hours one Saturday a month, etc. If you're interested in volunteering at The Outreach Center but can't make a weekly commitment, WE WOULD STILL LOVE TO HAVE YOU! If interested, please call us at 810-487-2223 and ask to speak to Terry Bigelow.

Thanks and God Bless!

Terri Szukhent

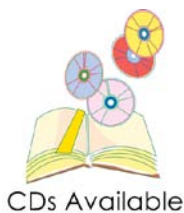
Chairperson of Faith Network, FCOC



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!



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.

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.



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 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 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.



The Noisy Offering

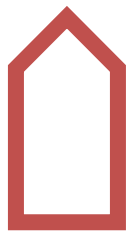
The **Noisy Offering** is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.



The 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.



The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 9:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.



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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



VG's "Cash for Class" A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



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
						1 2:00 PM - Ladies' Table Event
2 Communion All Saints' Sunday 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	3 1:30 PM - Member Care	4 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	5 6:30 PM - NCCG	6 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	7 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	8
9 Noisy Offering 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 5:00 PM - NCCG 6:00 PM - Youth Group	10 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	11 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	12 12:00 PM - Veterans' Luncheon 6:30 PM - Property	13 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	14	15
16 11:30 AM - Conversation with the Pastor 6:00 PM - Youth Group	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	19	20 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	21	22
23 11:30 AM - Congregational Meeting 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	24	25 6:45 PM - Session 7:00 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving <div>-----Church Office Closed-----</div>	28	29 2:00 PM - Hanging of the Greens
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Sunday Schedule
 9:30 AM - Christian Education (All Ages)
 10:30 AM - Worship Service
 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour