

Are you ready to Step Up Your Game? **We need You!** Do you want to **make a difference**? Are you someone with **good ideas**? Please consider joining one of our Teams. We are looking for people that want to **help in even the smallest of ways**. By getting involved you meet others and establish great friendships, at the same time as doing God's work within our church!

- **Budget & Finance Team** is responsible for overseeing Team Budgets, Stewardship and other finances relating to our church. Our next meeting is November 12 at 7 pm.
- Community Outreach Team oversees our Mission programs, community based events, promotional material, and our Tech Team, which takes care of our technology arena of overhead projector items, sound-board, our web site and Facebook page, and our digital sign. Our next meeting is November 11 at 6:30 pm.
- Member Care Team oversees Congregational Life, which includes potlucks, picnics, special events, outings and more. They are also responsible for our Friendship Ministry, which includes shut-in care, card ministry, prayer chain, etc. Our next meeting is November 11 at 6:30 pm.
- **Property Team** oversees the caretaking of our building and grounds (clean-up, repairs, upgrades and more), as well as Sunday lock-ups. Our next meeting is November 12 at 6:30 pm.
- **Spiritual Growth** is responsible for developing meaningful Worship services, adding special services, music ministry and developing spiritual educational programs for all ages. Our next meeting is November 11 at 6:30 pm.

Snow birds are welcome and encouraged to participate!

**Come and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** 



For Children K - 7th Grade Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 - 6:00 PM All children are welcome!!

Awards Nights - October 30 & December 4
Community Service: December 11 Christmas Caroling



#### WREATH AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE

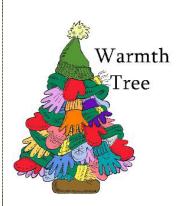
It is time to plan ahead for your purchase of a Christmas wreath or grave blanket. All profits will go to support the Flushing Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Orders will be taken beginning Sunday, November 3rd. Prices are: Wreaths, \$18; Grave Pillows, \$25; and Grave Blankets, \$30. You will be asked to indicate your choice of red, blue or gold ribbons. Please contact Carole, Sandy or Scott Tucker with any questions or to place an order.



# **LIFT**Ladies In Fellowship Together

**LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)...** Our first event of the fall is "Ladies Night Out" at Crossroads Village on November 18th. We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM and car pool to the event. Cost is \$5.00, plus \$2.00 for gas. Come join us for a special night together!! Please sign up if you plan to attend. For info, contact Carol Dulin at 487-3007 (carol.dulin@att.net) or Darla Arn at 659-3734.

Our next LIFT event will be in January. We would like to have a LIFT event every second month. If you have ideas for an event or would be interested in organizing a LIFT outing, please contact Darla Arn or Carol Dulin. Your help would be appreciated.



The Warmth Tree is up in the narthex for donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 17th. This program is in cooperation with the Flushing Christian Outreach Center.



The Angel Tree will be in the narthex on **November 18th** 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.



#### **Harvest Worship Communion Celebration**

Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 AM, members and friends are invited to join together as we celebrate all the good gifts we have received. It's the Sunday before Thanksgiving and a time to stop, reflect and be thankful for all that we have. Make a note to be at this special emphasis service.



Many thanks to the youth and adults who played the handbells for the Youth Service. You did a fantastic job! We are going to do this again on Sunday, December 15th. But, this time we are going to learn to play the notes to Christmas music. All children/youth (and adults!!) 4th grade and older are invited to join us. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, November 20, December 4 and December 11 from 6:00 until 6:45 PM. Parents of the youth, feel free to join us!!! It will be a lot of fun!



The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) churches plan provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area again this year. We have been asked to collect 600 cans of vegetables by November 24th 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 12th.

Workers are needed on Sunday, November 24th 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".



The Grand Blanc Arts Council's 26th Annual "Community MESSIAH Performance" will be presented at Grand Blanc's Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00 PM. The church address is 12534 Holly Road, Grand Blanc (next to Grand Blanc High School). The performance is open to all. There is no charge for this performance, but a free-will donation will be accepted. MESSIAH, was composed by George F. Handel, and tells the story of Messiah in song.

This year's chorus is comprised of volunteer singers from the area - from high school students to senior citizens and all age groups in between. Come and enjoy this spectacular event as you prepare for the upcoming holiday season. For more information go to

www.grandblancartscouncil.org



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 30th 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 Fellowship Hall. Around 4:30, we will relax with a soup and bread dinner. Our evening will end with the singing of Christmas carols and hot chocolate around the fireplace in the pavilion. This is becoming a wonderful tradition for our church, with much celebration and kinship. Please join us for any, or all, of a wonderful afternoon and evening!



The Flint Concert Band will be performing a Christmas concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday**, **December 8**<sup>th</sup>, **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.



**Sunday, December 15th**, **10:30 AM** will be the traditional telling of the Christmas story. This year the play is entitled "Christmas Letters". Children, youth and a few adults are needed. Please contact Rosie Nicholas if you are willing to participate.



### **December Presbytery Meeting - HERE!**

On **Tuesday, December 3,** Teaching and Ruling Elders will be coming from across the region to meet and celebrate the activities of Lake Huron Presbytery. It has been a long time since the Presbytery has held a meeting here, but the Session is grateful to have the opportunity to host this meeting.

While Session is hosting the meeting, they cannot do it alone - they need your help! We need greeters, ushers, people to prepare and serve light breakfast refreshments, and (the big one) lunch, plus a cleanup crew and a few who will be "floaters" - pitching in wherever needed. Watch for signs to volunteer OR talk to Louise Elleman regarding breakfast or Karen Howe regarding lunch. They are coordinating these two meals. Mike Keeler is coordinating the greeters. Feel free to multi-task!

The meeting begins at 9:30 and goes until approximately 2:00. Guests will be arriving by 8:30, with most arriving between 9:00 and 9:30. At 10:00, you are invited to worship with the Presbytery. During that worship service our own pastor will be installed as Moderator of the Presbytery. This is a first for Flushing Presbyterian Church and a joyous occasion. We will also be introduced to our new Interim General Presbyter, Jim Browne. Please note that you are welcome to attend all or part of the Presbytery meeting but that only our assigned elder may vote.

Teaching and Ruling Elders remember their experiences at Presbytery and of the host congregation. We are great hosts. Let's let others see that good work shine!

*Note from Pastor T*: This congregation does well following the command to "show hospitality." It is such a privilege and honor for me to be your pastor and to be asked to be the moderator of the Presbytery - two exciting and sometimes challenging jobs. Thank you for agreeing to host this special meeting in my life and in the life of Flushing Presbyterian Church.



#### A Special Word of "Thanks"

The congregation rarely knows how much time, effort and last minute "pushing" that takes place as events are coordinated and special worship services are put together. So THANK YOU to all of the children, youth and adults for making the Children/Youth Led worship so special. God smiled down on your efforts.

Also, to all those who continue to be gracious as different worship styles are put together and you help to implement them - Reformation Sunday and All Saints' Day especially come to mind - Thank you for all of your efforts and participation in helping us to celebrate our heritage and worship God.

- Pastor Teresa



In October, a new addition was made to the Memorial Garden - a 10-foot circle made out of pavers with a solid walkway from each door to this new addition. The iron bench which had been located in the flower bed has been relocated to the paver circle. This is a beautiful addition to the garden. Our thanks to Leecraft Landscapers of Flushing for their work.

The pavers and relocation of the bench were done to encourage loved ones and other friends and members to sit in this beautiful garden to reflect and meditate. We are grateful for the continued efforts of the Memorial Committee and those who support this ministry.



Member Care Team

Member Care is in need of more hands, heads, & hearts....attached to more At Large Members.

You may attend meetings - second Monday of the month - where all ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Or, if you prefer, you may be on a 'working list', available to help when called upon as your own schedule permits for coffee hours, potlucks, picnics, concert goodie help, funeral dinners and the like. Sounds like work, huh? But it doesn't seem so when surrounded by friends and laughter and the appreciation of the congregation. Come give it a try!

Call Bev Blair (810) 659- 8459 for more info or sign up on the Bulletin Board in the hall.



A special thank you to our youth Sunday school teachers!! If you have any questions regarding Sunday school, please feel free to contact the teacher. The older youth class (6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade) is led by Karen Howe and Pat Bemis (Rosie Nicholas is a substitute). The younger youth (3 yr old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) is led by Julie Socha and Carrie Younkin.

A special thank you also to our Kinderchurch Volunteers, Carrie Younkin, Mavis Stephenson and Sandy Tucker. Kinderchurch is for 3 year old - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children and is during the 10:30 church service. We could use one more volunteer for Kinderchurch (once a month).



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2014 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 box 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.





Our thoughts and prayers are with the Keeler Family on the death of Sylvia's mother, Ruth Randall.



## Stay connected with Weekly Updates from the Pastor

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office with your current email address.



\*\*\*Please note that Pastor Teresa has a new email address: PastorT90@gmail.com





Family Promise of Genesee County is getting ever closer to becoming a reality. The needed 13 host churches are all in place, assist churches are being organized and church coordinators have met to receive and share information. A Day Center has been selected and a contract agreed upon. A team to select a 15 passenger van continues to actively work and would appreciate any leads on such a van. A search team to select the right candidate to serve as our Day Center Director is being established. Additional financial support is being actively sought in many ways. When a predetermined dollar amount has been received, the program will begin.

We have begun preparations for hosting our guests. Thanks to so many for the extremely generous donations made at, or in support of, the September 29<sup>th</sup> Shower for Family Promise. Over 500 items have been received, ranging from a washcloth to a "pack and play crib". All of the needed sheets and towels have been received. All of the hygiene items needed at this time have also been donated. Thank you for being such a giving church. A blessing of the items received is being planned. Please attend our November 24<sup>th</sup> worship service for this and to learn more about Family Promise as we give thanks.

We are one step closer to being ready to host up to 5 families, with a maximum of 14 guests, four times a year. Many members of our faith family have already indicated how they are interested in helping during host week. As we prepare to provide overnight accommodations, meals and compassionate assistance to our guests, your help will continue to be needed.

- If you have not indicated how you might be able to volunteer when we host, forms are available on the table in the narthex or you may contact us.
- If you have indicated that you would like to help by supplying items still needed, please contact Carole Tucker.
- If you have questions, comments or concerns please contact us. We will answer you individually and/or in the Newsletter for all to read.
- Pray that financial means, a van and a director can all be obtained soon so that families in need can be assisted as soon as possible.

Please consider helping in any of these ways. You may leave questions or information in the Family Promise mailbox located across from the pastor's office. Thank you in advance for all of your help. Contact Co-coordinators or the church office with your information or questions. Pat Bemis 659-4649 and Carole Tucker 733-6089 or carolegoblue@gmail.com





## **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 <u>HONOR</u> OF			
Relationship (if any)			
IN <u>MEMORY</u> OF			
Relationship (if any)			
I would like poinsettias at a cost of (Please indicate color preferred. The last couple years. If they are not availed	florist has been having difficul	ty getting pink and white poinsetti	as the
Red	Pink	<u>White</u>	
YOUR NAME	PHONE NO	)	



#### November 3

**Communion Preparers:** John & Carol Dulin **Communion Servers:** Bob & Gail Barnhart, Helen

Dickenson, Dave Finley
Coffee Hour Hosts: Darla Arn
Flowers: Dean & Pat Bemis

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Ginnie Panek

**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha **Acolytes:** Marie S

Acolyte Leader: Paige A

#### November 10

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ted & Margaret Meehle

Flowers:

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

Ushers: Pat Pratt, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads

**Lay Leader:** Carol Dulin **Acolytes:** Lilly & Max S **Acolyte Leader:** Logan H

#### November 17

Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Pratt & Brenda Hollenbeck

Flowers: Debbie & Bruce Coxworth Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Michael R, Dennis Sanborn, Sandy & Scott

Tucker

**Lay Leader:** Louise Elleman **Acolytes:** Katilyn E, Kaitlyn R

**Acolyte Leader:** 



#### November 24

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ginnie Panek, Kathy Miller, Erna

Coxworth

Flowers: Scott & Sandy Tucker Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Paige A, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman, Mary

Ellen Zellers

**Lay Leader:** Rosie Nicholas **Acolytes:** Elyse & Marie S **Acolyte Leader:** Sarah 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, Jermey Specht
- 8 Mallory P
- 9 Betty Tallau
- 10 Johnny & Taisiya Dulin
- 11 Linda & Matt Bemis
- 12 Marvin Stephenson, Beverly Thompson, Margaret Tippett
- 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
- 21 Peg Clarence
- 22 Leone & Norbert Burwell
- 23 Benjamin S, Ronald Weirauch
- 24 Sydney B, Luella Daig, Al Ingalls
- 25 Muriel Laidler, Olivia M, Ruth Spomer
- 26 Beverly Howe, Larry Younkin
- 27 Scott Smith
- 28 Amy Williams
- 30 Kathy Miller



Average 2013 Collections	\$3,303
Average September Collections	\$3,145
Average 2012 Collections	\$3,734
Average needed for Budget	\$4,202



November 3: Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10: Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17: Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24: Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20;

Luke 23:33-43



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



The Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) is requesting support from member churches to help them provide personal needs items to their clients. In order to do so, they have decided to request one personal needs item each month. Currently, they have a desperate need for toothpaste, so for November and December this will be the "focus item" that they are asking us to collect. If you can help, please bring in un-opened toothpaste and place it in the bin provided outside the kitchen. Non-perishable food items are still needed and always appreciated!!



Olio's Cafe & Grill (1072 Elms Road) offers a program that pays our church 10% of the cost of your dinner. Just let your server know that you want your check credited to Flushing Presbyterian Church and they will take care of it. A win-win situation - you enjoy a meal out AND earn money for our church!

## 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...**Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our ongoing 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 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.



**Pioneer Kids ...** Our new after-school Program for K-7<sup>th</sup> graders offers a proven kid's ministry program that is Bible-based, Christ-centered, relationship-focused and fun for kids and volunteers. There is no charge for this program. Vest and patch rewards are given as they learn about Jesus, being Christian and working with others. Pioneer Kids meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 during the school year.



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.



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.



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.



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.



## 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
Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM - Christian E 10:30 AM - Worship S 11:30 AM - Fellowshi	Service				1 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	2
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24 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>25</b> 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:45 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	27	28 ThanksgivingChurch Of	29 ffice Closed	30 2:00 PM - Hanging of the Greens