



# November 2024 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round  
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### Pastor Proud to Announce Multi-Church Youth Group

Look at that awesome picture. And look at that awesome headline! Yes, I am very proud because this congregation has given me much to be proud of. You see, FPC has gathered and assembled 16 cleanup buckets to benefit the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. You should all be proud of yourselves as well...but remember, there is much work to be done.

And who is doing that work? Well, in addition to you members in the pews, we also have our youth group to thank. FPC has entered into a ministry partnership with Flushing United Methodist, Bethany-Clio Methodist, and Swartz Creek Community to offer our youths the experience of gathering together on Sunday evening as a group. In just the first month, we visited Montrose High

School's award-winning broadcast studio, played board games and ping-pong in Clio, carved pumpkins and roasted s'mores in our pavilion...and we capped it all off with our mission project – the hurricane bucket scavenger hunt through the aisles of the Flushing Home Depot.

We assembled on the front patio of the store and I taught them a brief Bible lesson –

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

And from there, it was off to work: dividing into groups and loading four shopping carts full of the cleaning supplies that we needed in order to fill the buckets to the brim. This is cause for hope, for all those who think that our younger generation isn't paying attention or simply doesn't care. Yes, some of them can be rowdy, but at the end of the day the prevailing kindness and joy is what I saw on the faces of the youths. Their contribution and giving of their time and energy put forth **half of the buckets that you see in this picture.**

As we move forward with this partnership, please pray for our middle school and high school students from these four congregations. The challenges they face as youths are many, but pray that they know how much God loves them. Give thanks to God for the hope they instill.

*Pastor Paul*



### Good News in Times of Upheaval


Wondering what the Bible has to say in our current times? Curious about how we can use God’s Word to respond to some of the troubling headlines you see in the newspapers? Er, let’s be real for a moment; the printed word is mostly dead. You know what *isn’t* dead, though? *The Wired Word!* Our *TWW* Bible study proudly resumes via Zoom on November 4 at 7:00 pm and from there, will take place every first and third Monday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you as we strive to make sense of various topics and stories in our world! Contact Julie Socha if you need help logging on with us.



**Canned-Food Drive**

**The Flushing Christian Outreach Center** member churches plan to provide 260 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our area this year. Our church has been asked to provide 520 cans (just over 21 cases) of vegetables for these dinners. We ask that you please purchase “traditional” vegetables, such as corn, peas and green beans for this project. **Deadline is November 24.** In addition to the vegetables, the FCOC is asking member congregations for donations to purchase the 260 turkeys that are needed. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Turkeys" on the memo line.


We will also be joining with the other Flushing churches at the Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road on Sunday, November 24, at 6:00 PM to help in the packing of the boxes for the families. This community wide event generally only takes about 1 - 1 ½ hours to complete. Come join us in helping others during this season of "thankfulness".



**The Giving Tree (previously the Warmth Tree),** is up in the Narthex. We will be accepting donations of underwear and toiletries for children and adults, along with the usual hats, gloves, scarves, socks etc. Deadline will be November 17. This collection is separate from our Angel Tree where we purchase gifts for specific recipients. The Angel Tree will be going up on (or about) November 24.



The Angel Tree will be up on (or about) November 24 in order to provide Christmas gifts to children in need in the Flushing area. If you wish to participate, you will need to select an angel and sign your name after the appropriate number on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. Please wrap all gifts and put all gifts for each child in one bag (with handles).



**Children’s Sunday School will be offered on the last Sunday of each month.** In November, the date will be November 24<sup>th</sup>, with no Sunday School in December. If you would be willing to help teach some of our young members in the new year, please contact Julie Socha. A curriculum that is easy to follow is provided.





## Hanging of the Greens

It will soon be time to celebrate the start of the Advent season by decorating our church for the birth of God's son. **The Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, November 24th after the worship service.** Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and then join us for the fun! There are many areas of the church to decorate, and all are invited to join us. It's a wonderful way to start the Advent season!



**Please keep those affected by the recent hurricanes in your prayers.** Thousands of people have lost homes and livelihoods due to the unprecedented damage caused by the hurricanes. If you would like to donate to those affected you may make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Hurricane" on the memo line.



## Christmas Music

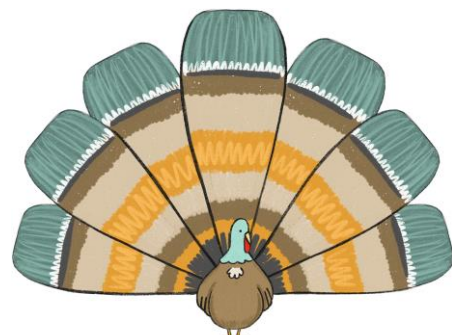


**Sunday, December 1st, 3:00 PM.** Come enjoy an afternoon of holiday music performed by the Flint Concert Band. There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be accepted for the band. Refreshments will be served following the concert. If you can provide cookies, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Help with set-up and clean-up for the reception will also be appreciated.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Men's Fellowship/Bible Study group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 at Liberty Diner on Pierson Road. Our focus is on how the Bible relates to current events by using lessons from *The Wired Word*. Besides that, the food is good and the discussions are always stimulating. Come and join us.



GIVE THANKS



### **From Margaret Meehle . . .**

Thank you, church family, for your kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my sister. I especially give thanks to the wonderful Community Outreach Team.

### **From Ronald McDonald House Charities Ann Arbor . . .**

Thank you! We are grateful for your recent in-kind donation of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House Charities Ann Arbor (RMHCAA). Your donation allows us to carry out our mission of providing a community of inclusive, compassionate, supportive programs and services that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families.

Quetzaly's family spent 8 months at RMHCAA while she was a patient at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Her family, including her parents, grandmother and sisters were able to stay at RMHCAA and be near her during this time.

“Sleeping in a hospital chair next to your baby is, of course, what you want to do every night your child is in the hospital. But it is just not sustainable past a few nights or weeks. Having the option to be just across the street from her gave us the physical, mental, and financial support we needed along with peace of mind knowing that we were just steps away from her bedside. RMHCAA removed so much of the worry that we had over how we were going to pay for food and a place to stay. We are forever grateful.” – Jennifer, Quetzaly's mother.

Thanks to you, families like Quetzaly's find hope, comfort and support when they need it most.

RMHCAA takes the pop tabs collected to a local recycling company and we receive money for each pound of tabs collected. Funds raised through this recycling program help support the programs and services we provide to the families we serve. Thank you so much for your donation and your support.

*Note – there is a collection box for pop tabs in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.*

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## **Learning to give thanks**

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year's in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning - with God's help - to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

—Sandy Hyland *From the November 2019 Newsletternewsletter*



*This  
Month's  
Schedule*

**November 3**

**Communion Preparers:** Carole Noye  
**Communion Servers:** Denise & Bill Churchill, Kip Hogan  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Kip Hogan  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Hawes

**November 10**

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Kaye Kaufherr  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:** Jeanne Blanton

**November 17**

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Shirley Delbridge, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter  
**Nursery:** Sandy Tucker

**November 24**

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Mike Keeler, Margaret Meehle, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:** Deb Coxworth



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN  
OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for November are cereal and (small size) laundry detergent. 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 . . .**  
November 3 and December 1 & 24



**November**

- 2 Janet Ballagh
- 5 Natalie Lucas
- 6 Sarah Bemis
- 7 Jeanne Blanton
- 9 Sue Lannon
- 11 Matt & Linda Bemis
- 13 Marian McTaggart
- 15 Sylvia Keeler
- 18 Natalie & Dave Lucas, Dennis & Shirley Sanborn
- 20 Dean Bemis
- 22 Mark Jacobson
- 23 Benjamin S
- 24 Luella Daig
- 25 Olivia M
- 27 Scott Smith
- 30 Kathy Miller

# Lectionary Readings

**November 3:** *Semicontinuous:* Ruth 1:1-18 and Ps. 146; *Complementary:* Deut. 6:1-9 and Ps. 119:1-8; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**November 10:** *Semicontinuous:* Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 and Ps. 127; *Complementary:* 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Ps. 146; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**November 17:** *Semicontinuous:* 1 Sam. 1:4-20 and 1 Sam. 2:1-10; *Complementary:* Dan. 12:1-3 and Ps. 16; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

**November 24:** 2 Sam. 23:1-7 and Ps. 132:1-12 (13-18) or Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 and Ps. 93; Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



## Financial Highlights

Average 2024 Collections	\$3,106
Average September Collections	\$2,365
Average 2023 Collections	\$3,008
Average needed for 2024 Budget	\$3,861

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2024 Session

### Budget & Finance

Ed Davison  
Bill Churchill

### Community Outreach

Kathy Miller  
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care  
Shirley Sanborn  
Sandy Snyder

Property Team  
Randy Socha  
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth  
Mike Keeler  
Kelli Peter



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, December 2, from 10:00 - 3:00 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 659-5831**



# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Communion</b> 11:15 AM – Harvest Pot-Luck	<b>4</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study 7:00 PM - The Wired Word via Zoom	<b>5</b>  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM – Member Care 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b>	<b>11</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> 11:15 AM – Hanging of the Greens	<b>25</b> 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:45 PM - Session	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>

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