

October 2016 Newsletter

Extravagant GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

October is the time we take a look at the ministries God has called us to as well as our own commitment. Beginning October 9th, we will begin a 4-week series on how ministry flows from our heart - what that means and how it is experienced.

We encourage you to respond with the "Heart" cards (they are not in the shape of a heart, but the response should flow from your heart - thus, "Heart" cards). If you are a member or friend of the church, you will receive them in the mail. If you do not receive them, please contact the office or stop by to receive them.

October 9th: "EKG - Ministry Flows From the Heart"

Heart Card: What do you love about your church?

October 16th: "The Art of Love - Relationships Are Matters of the Heart"

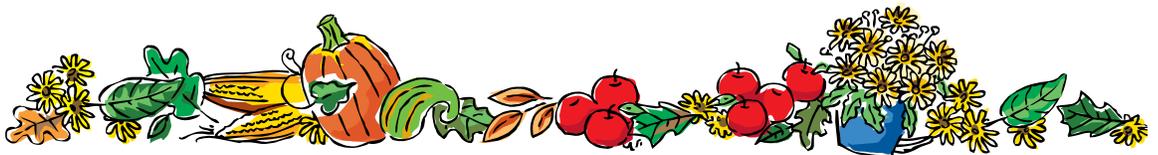
Heart Card: Who has made a difference in your spiritual life?

October 23rd: "Bucket Lists - Vision & Hope are Inspirations of the Heart"

Heart Card: What is your vision or hope for our church?

October 30th: "Declarations of Your Heart - Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart"

Heart Card: How is your giving an expression of your love of God?





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES CONTINUE

Small group time is THE BEST, because we grow and learn most during these times.

Youth & Adult Options

- 1) Promised Land: Filmed on location, hear and see Biblical stories come to life, then discuss their relevance today.
- 2) Nooma: Short films which explore our world from Jesus' perspective and invites us into the conversation.

For Adult Learners

- 3) The Legacy Journey: Learning how to leave a Biblical financial legacy - what that means and how to do it.

Preschool-6th Grade

- 4) Bible Superheroes: Our favorite heroes from the Bible.



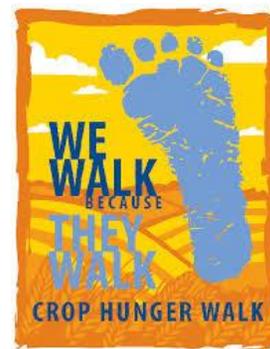
**MANY HAVE FOUND THE JOY OF LEARNING TOGETHER IN SMALL GROUP CLASSES.
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE JOIN A CLASS. STOP IN AND CHECK ONE OUT!!**

**World
Communion
Sunday**



*“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.”
(I Cor. 11:29)*

Join us on October 2nd as we join with other Christians around the world in celebrating the Lord's Supper.



This year's Crop Walk will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 2nd, at West Court Street Church of God (2920 W. Court Street, Flint). 25% of all funds raised will be shared by 4 local agencies: Love Inc, Crossover Ministries, Family Promise, and North End Soup Kitchen.

Come join us as we walk to end hunger!! Contact Mike Keeler if you have any questions.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 3rd, 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).



Thanksgiving POTLUCK

Would you be interested in joining with others for a Thanksgiving potluck? We would like to host a dinner here at the church if there is enough interest. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by **November 1st** if you would like to join us for thanksgiving and fellowship.



The Warmth Tree will be up on Sunday, October 23rd for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 20th when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



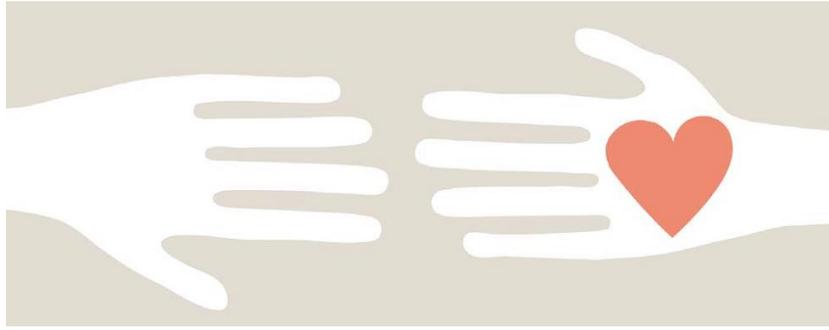
- **November 6** - All Saints Sunday
- **November 20** - Packing of Thanksgiving Boxes
- **November 26** - Hanging of the Greens
- **November 27** - 1st Sunday of Advent



From Ruth Spomer...

Thank you to everyone for the caring thoughts, prayers and cards during our time of loss after the passing of Ed.





Generosity VS Stewardship

October is typically the month we focus on stewardship. With it comes a whole host of emotions. Some avoid attending worship because of the fear of being guilted into giving more to the church and not wanting to have any more money pried out of pockets or to volunteer or lead in any other way than is already being done. Stewardship brings baggage. It signals duty, obligation, a responsibility.....which can be positive, but often is not.

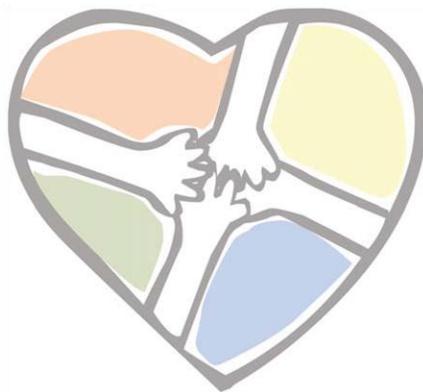
So what if we focused on key concepts that Reformed Christians promote? God's grace, mercy and love. It is out of God's love that we were created. It is out of God's love that Jesus was sent to earth, died and rose again. It is out of God's love that we care for others and the world around us. It is out of God's love that we are the Church.

From that love comes generosity - expressions of God's heart in us. We need to give. We need to have relationships. We need to be active in the world to fully express our faith. Scripture is full of stories and verses which confirm this idea.

Yes, we have a "duty" to give back, but when you give out of duty, it doesn't feel the same as when you give from the heart. Generosity flows from the heart.

This October, may each of us find our generosity quotient and freely, and whole-heartedly give back to God that which we are being called to give, do, and be part of.

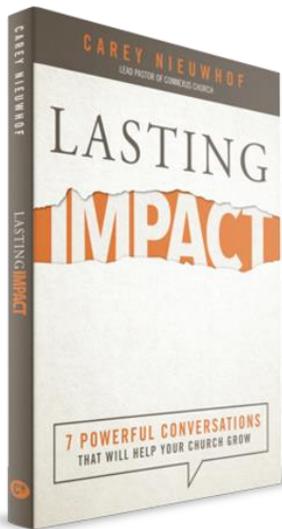
Pastor Teresa





I wish I could give each of you a HUGE bouquet of flowers to say how much I appreciate the kindness you have shown to me during these many weeks as I have dealt with my brother's surgery and ongoing recovery. So many of you have offered your care and concern in ways that have been touching and so very much appreciated. "Thank you" just doesn't do justice to how much I appreciate your support during this difficult time with my brother's illness. You've now been through this twice with my family. Thank you for the support, the prayers, and the care you have provided. It has meant more than you may know.

With heartfelt thanks,
Pastor Teresa



Lasting Impact Conversation

In August, we had a wonderful conversation around the first conversation from the book *Lasting Impact*. We wanted to continue that conversation and planned to continue in October. However, this was before starting our new education opportunities after worship.

How many of us would really stay for a conversation which would need to take place after classes? Session and I have determined it would not be many. However, we want the conversation to continue. How will this happen? Currently we are in the process of combining a sermon series with newsletter articles, plus ways for you to provide direct feedback. While this is not quite the same as what we experienced in August, we hope it will still provide the information and conversation/feedback we are looking for as we seek to follow where God is leading us.



I shall not *need*

Despite the traditional wording (“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”), Psalm 23 declares that God provides everything we *need* — not everything we desire.

“**He makes me lie down ...**” Sometimes our busyness is useful; other times it’s how we feel in control or superior to others. God knows we need to rest and sometimes must make us do so!

“**He leads me beside still waters ...**” Although we often prefer noisy distractions, God knows we need quiet to hear him and have our souls restored.

“**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**” Rather than a boast (“Ha! See how God spreads a banquet in my honor while others look on!”), this is a reminder that God wants us to dine with our enemies. We might not be able to stand those people, but God pursues reconciliation.

In the process, “**goodness and mercy ... follow me all ... my life.**” That’s what we need the most.



You'rx nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfxctly. It’s trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, “Wxll, I’m just onx pxrson. I don’t makx or brxak thx church.” But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcasux a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn’t nxxcsxry, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “I’m a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I’m nxxdxd vxry much.”



This Month's Schedule

October 2

Communion Preparers: Scott & Sandy Tucker
Communion Servers: Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Mike & Sylvia Keeler
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Natalie Lucas, Kip Hogan
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Karen Howe
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan Ruppel

October 9

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Luella & John Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Darla Arn, Carole Noye, Dan & Flora Radspieler
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie Smith

October 16

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Vivian Whitmire
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Roy Rhoads, Dennis Sanborn, Scott & Sandy Tucker
Lay Leader: Steve Howe
Welcome Desk: Darla Arn
Acolytes: Lilly & Ben Socha

October 23

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers: Jeanne McClellan
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett Albert, Bill Weiss, Laura Widman
Lay Leader: Max Socha
Welcome Desk: Steve Howe
Acolytes:

October 30

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Steve Howe
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Bob & Gail Barnhart, Pat Bemis
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Loretta Hudson
Acolytes:



October

- 1 Teresa Peterson
- 2 Logan H, Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Bill Arn, Noreen Renwick, Max S
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 5 Bob Tassell
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 9 Norbert Burwell
- 13 Lisa Judson, Tim & Lisa Judson
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse S
- 20 Richard Rumsey, Laura Widman
- 21 Jean Hagan
- 23 Dona Ballard, David Oleyar
- 27 Carol & Larry Brownell
- 31 Michael Keeler



Financial Highlights

Average 2016 Collections	\$3,176
Average August Collections	\$3,085
Average 2015 Collections	\$3,347
Average needed for 2016 Budget	\$3,814



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

You filled our hearts with joy as you filled our shelves with juice for the FCOC clients in September. The variety of flavors that came in offered clients a choice. They were delighted! We are collecting canned fruit for the month of October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. Genesis 1:29

God bless you,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing canned fruit, 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.



**Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor**

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Teresa about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact the office and verify that we have your current email address. You will then be put on the email list. Emails are not published or given out without the owner's permission.

Lectionary Readings

October 2: Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 *or* Ps. 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 9: Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16: Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14 - 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23: Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30: Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2016 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis
Natalie Lucas

Member Care

Loretta Hudson
Sandy Snyder

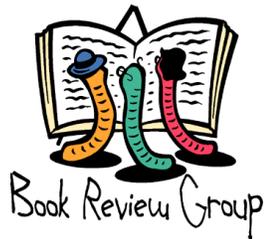
Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

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!

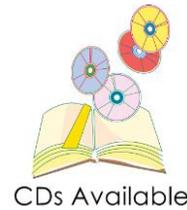


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Dennis or Shirley Sanborn.

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.



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.



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 throughout the year 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.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The **Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.



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.



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. 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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



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





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages						1
2 Communion 6:00 PM - Youth Group	3 12:00 PM Blood Drive	4 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	5	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 12:00 PM - Eagle Scout Court of Honor
9 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	10 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	11 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	12	13 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	14	15 10:30 AM - Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting
16 6:00 PM - Youth Group	17 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM - Boy Scout Court of Honor	18 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	19	20 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	21	22
23 6:00 PM - Youth Group	24 6:45 PM - Session	25 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	26	27 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	28	29
30 6:00 PM - Youth Group	31					