



# October 2020 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10 AM year round C.E. 11:15 AM Sept - May Be the Church Opportunities Year Round (see inside)  
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### RETURN TO IN-DOOR WORSHIP - UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who has transitioned to inside worship thus far, especially those who have been both positive and helpful! As we stated at the beginning, we don't have all the answers and we are navigating these different waters the best we can, all the while keeping in mind your utmost safety. We have a few additions to add to our list of "Things to Note":

- Please know that if you have any health issues that make it difficult for you to wear a mask for a period of time, you are free to remove it once you are seated (per state mandate). However, we ask that you wear it when moving about.
- You are welcome to sit with someone that you have previously spent time with outside of church as long as all parties are agreeable. If you do not arrive together, we ask that you wait outside or in your car for your seat partner's arrival.
- Please remember that to implement good ventilation inside our building, we will be opening our windows and doors during our services. Plan and dress accordingly for the weather, and feel free to bring a small lap blanket or something that will make you comfortable (We cannot loan out the prayer shawls for this purpose). **Since coat season is upon us, if you wear a coat, you must take it into the sanctuary with you. The coat rack will not be available.**
- If you have prayer requests, you may either email them to the office by the Thursday before Sunday's service, stop at the new prayer station in the Narthex when you arrive and fill in a prayer request to hand to an usher when you are seated, or raise your hand when asked by the lay leader for prayer requests and state your request verbally.
- As for the transmitter/radio frequency issues, we are working them out as best we can. Our apologies for not being able to hear the service well from your radios. We will work on it until we get it right!
- FaceBook Live streaming of our service is also being worked on so that it can be successful. Again, we apologize and we ask for your patience with both of these technical issues.

Blessings,  
The Spiritual Growth Team



## WHERE ARE WE IN OUR JOURNEY TO A CALLED PASTOR?

- Form an Interim Search Committee
- Hire an Interim Pastor
- Complete a Mission Study
- Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee
- Call a Pastor

The Interim Search Committee was formed in June 2019 and has been diligently working on its task of calling an Interim Pastor for approval by session ever since. Several promising leads did not work out as hoped. The committee will continue in its search, because we need a pastor for the rest of our journey.

In consideration of the difficulty our congregation has faced in finding an Interim, Presbytery allowed us to go forward with our Mission Study. Normally (but this is 2020), the Interim Pastor leads the congregation through the writing of the Mission Study. Instead, The Interim Committee and our appointed Moderator of Session, Rev. Dawn Russell, led us through this process and have completed the Mission Study.

The completed Mission Study was submitted to the Commission on Ministry for approval. It was approved and a Called Congregational Meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is scheduled for October 11, 2020. The congregation will be provided with copies of the study.

After the election, PNC will go through training and then start its process of calling a Pastor. Part of that process will include writing our congregation's information sheet to be posted for prospective Pastors to read.

The journey has been slow. This journey is making progress. There is still a journey ahead of us. Please be in prayer for our congregation on its journey and for the pastor who is looking for a new home with us, here at Flushing Presbyterian Church.

—From your Session





**We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 5th, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM.** Appointments are required at this time: to schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

## The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

*The Wired Word* is a weekly study group that is now meeting on-line via Zoom every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to attend. Our discussions are focused on current events as they relate to Scripture passages. Lessons are more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. Good conversations and staying connected are great reasons to join us! If you would like info on how to connect with us, please contact Karen Howe, [karen.howe@outlook.com](mailto:karen.howe@outlook.com), (810) 252-2679.

**There will be a Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our worship service, for two purposes:**

1. To Adopt a BYLAW PROVISION - To be added to the Operations Manual under BYLAWS, page 1, section IV. Meetings of the Church: "Electronic Meeting: Electronic Meetings of the Congregation and the Session of Flushing Presbyterian Church are permitted and shall be conducted under the provisions of the Church Manual of Operations. The quorums for both congregation and Session shall be the same as elsewhere in these bylaws. Electronic meetings should be reserved for times in bad weather, pandemic, natural disasters, or when deemed necessary by the Session."
2. To elect candidates to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee. The candidates being brought forward to the congregation by the Nominating Committee are: Debbie Bayer, Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Randy Socha and Scott Tucker (Session Representative). Alternates: Kay Hall and Mike Keeler.





**We will be accepting donations** of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for our annual "Warmth Tree." Since our building remains closed due to COVID-19, there will be a collection box outside the main entrance; items will be taken inside daily and placed on the tree. If you bring items on Sunday, there will be a table set up for your donations when you come in for worship. The deadline for donating is Sunday, November 1st.



Small group meetings will once again be allowed in the church for groups of ten people or less, wearing masks and using cleaning supplies we will provide to clean up after themselves. If you have not yet been contacted about your group, please contact the office.



## Guest Pastors' Schedule

The following schedule has been established for visiting pastors for the rest of 2020

October 4 - Max Hayden  
October 11 - Max Hayden  
October 18 - Julianne Princinsky  
October 25 - Julianne Princinsky  
November 1 - Max Hayden  
November 8 - Max Hayden  
November 15 - Julianne Princinsky  
November 22 - Julianne Princinsky  
November 29 - Max Hayden  
December 6 - Max Hayden  
December 13 - Max Hayden  
December 20 - Max Hayden  
Christmas Eve - Max Hayden  
December 27 - Julianne Princinsky

We are truly thankful for these pastors that are filling in during our time without an installed pastor at Flushing Presbyterian Church!



### From Kathy Lescelius...

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the prayers, thoughts and cards I have received in memory of my brother, Peter Stonk. He will be greatly missed, but we take comfort in knowing that he is at peace now.



## Wonder what's been happening with Family Promise?




Family Promise of Genesee County (FPGC) is still not sheltering families through the network of churches and there is no plan to begin doing so until it can be done safely. There is a good chance this will not happen in 2020. They are still working to provide shelter and have actually served more families than ever, just in a different way:

- Graduates are contacted monthly and support given as needed
- 6 families were sheltered in 2020 before/during the pandemic
- Since the pandemic stopped the network rotation, 26 children's families were kept from a housing crisis through the Promise for Home effort, funded by the HUMI (Help Us Move In) grant. These funds go toward overdue rent or mortgage payments that help families stay in their homes. They receive financial help once, but become considered as graduates – participating in educational opportunities, accountability and support from FPGC.
- 56 kids/19 adults (16 - 18 families) receive food and/or dairy deliveries on every other Friday
- An education lab will be opening in the Day Center to provide internet access and help kids with online schooling or enrichment as needed. Donations of supplies for this would be appreciated, especially any games, manipulative or activities similar to what would be used in a classroom. Cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, kid's snacks or drinks (must be individually packed due to covid)
- FPGC Director meets weekly with CDC and Health Department to stay current on advised protocol.

### How can you help?

- Talk about Family Promise!! Let people at church and in your sphere of influence know that there is help available.
- Donate! Monetary donations provide food, personal products and school supplies, as well as contribute toward housing costs. You can donate to FPGC's general fund or specifically to the HUMI grant (these funds are matched and renewed yearly).
- Donate! St. Francis Prayer Center on Carpenter Road provides our families (free of charge) with household items and furniture, even appliances as needed. They come and pick up at your home. Please consider them if you have gently used items to donate. 810-787-5330
- Serve on a FPGC committee! The director of FPGC (Tiffani) has several committees that help with decision making on the following subjects: The Promise for Home/HUMI committee gives the ok for funds to be spent from the grant. A Covid Committee will work on establishing safe procedures for volunteers and families when we are able to begin the network rotation again. Fund-raising (specifically "Night Without a Bed"). These committees meet either virtually or through email right now and don't require a huge time commitment.
- Pledge! In October, during Family Promise week, a new fundraiser will take place. More than 50% of the FPGC budget comes from special events (Gala, golf outing, road race). Because some of these events were unable to occur or had to become virtual, funding is significantly down. "Night Without a Bed" is a Family Promise National event that will allow people to gather pledges as they commit to spending a night away from their bed – either outside or just in a different place. More information will follow on this new event.
- Pray! Please keep the staff of FPGC in your prayers, as well as the families who will need the support that will be provided during these uncertain times.



# This Month's Schedule

## October 4

**Communion Preparer:** Kelli Peter  
**Flowers:** Luella & John Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Dick & Kaye Barnett, Kathy Lescelius, Natalie Lucas  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler

## October 11

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dona Ballard, Karen & Steve Howe, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson

## October 18

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Brett & Gary Albert, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker

## October 25

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter



## October

- 2 Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 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, Cathy & Gary Stuber
- 23 Dona Ballard
- 25 Frank Hawes
- 31 Michael Keeler



## Financial Highlights

Average 2020 Collections	\$3,019
Average August Collections	\$2,317
Average 2019 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2020 Budget	\$3,821





The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for October are canned fruit and toothpaste. If you can help by providing these items, or any other non-perishable food or personal care items, please deliver them to the FCOC at 5409 West Pierson Road. The need is great in our community at this time, so cash donations are also much needed.

## Lectionary Readings

**October 4:** Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

**October 11:** Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

**October 18:** Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

**October 25:** Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46



**STAY CONNECTED  
WITH WEEKLY  
UPDATES**

### EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive weekly email updates about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Kay Hall or the church office. You will then be put on the email list. You may request to be removed from the list at any time. Please note that your email will not be published or given out without your permission.



## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2020 Session

### Budget & Finance

Brett Albert  
Steve Howe

### Community Outreach

Carol Dulin  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Denise Churchill  
Kip Hogan

### Property Team


Bill Churchill  
Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha  
Carrie Younkin



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 10:00 AM - Book Club	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> <i>Word</i> - via Zoom	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 3:45 PM - Member Care 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts: Pavilion	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 11:00 AM - Congregational Meeting 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> <i>Word</i> - via Zoom	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts: Pavilion 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> <i>Word</i> - via Zoom	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts: Pavilion	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>21</b> 12:30 PM - Book Club 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM - Girl Scouts: Pavilion
<b>25</b> 7:00 PM - <i>The Wired</i> <i>Word</i> - via Zoom	<b>26</b> 6:45 PM - Session -via Zoom 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts: Pavilion	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM- Handbell Choir	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 

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