



October 2024 Newsletter



The change in weather from hot and humid to cooler days with crisper air is something I look forward to annually because it means that soup season is upon us! As soon as that autumnal equinox hits, I am ready to get working on all manner of soups - roasted red pepper, potato, pasta *e fagiole*, and of course, my personal favorite of roasted butternut squash. Some of you may remember this from the past two Souper Bowl events, held early on in the year! As your pastor, I am tasked with helping you feed yourself spiritually. But why not take a different approach with this month's column and help you feed yourself *physically*? Please note that this recipe can be cooked on a stovetop, but I've found that it works best when done in a slow cooker. Submitted for your approval below:

Pastor Paul's Slow-Cooker Butternut Squash Soup

- 1 whole butternut squash (can be substituted for 2 packs of frozen butternut squash)
- 1 large white onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 Granny Smith apple
- 1 32 oz vegetable stock
- 1 can condensed coconut milk
- 1 package of shredded cheddar cheese

Seasonings: Salt and black pepper, cayenne pepper, paprika, nutmeg

(There is no exact measurement for these. **Measure these with your heart <3**)

You'll also need an immersion blender for the final steps of this recipe!

- 1) Prep your veggies – Peel and cut your butternut squash, carrot, onion, and apple. If you're working with a whole squash, make sure you cut off the top and bottom, peel it, then cut it in half length-wise right down the middle. Remove the seeds and pulp from the base of the squash. Place your apple and veggies into your slow-cooker.
- 2) Season the veggies – Sprinkle, pour, or dash whatever combination of the spices listed above all over the vegetables in the pot.
- 3) Pour vegetable stock overtop veggies. The vegetables should be completely immersed.
- 4) Cover the slow cooker and cook on high 2-3 hours or low 4-6. **Pro tip: Don't forget to make sure that your cooker is plugged in!**
- 5) Once your timer is done, turn the heat down to "warm" if you have this setting on your cooker, then plug in your immersion blender and blend the veggies and broth together until it is a homogenous mixture.
- 6) Add coconut milk. This is what gives the butternut squash soup its creamy texture.
- 7) Serve with a healthy helping of shredded cheddar cheese.

I hope you enjoy this recipe because it has certainly served the Bird-Pfeuffer clan very well. Please remember to say grace before you have it, and remember to thank God for the many blessings that God has given to us.

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round
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A Called Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13 immediately following the worship service for the purpose of approving the Pastor's Terms of Call and discussing the sale of a portion of our property to the Flushing School District.



The Giving Tree (previously the Warmth Tree), will be up in the Narthex on October 13th. 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 in November.



Children's Sunday School will be offered on the last Sunday of each month. For the rest of 2024, those dates will be October 27th, and November 24th, with no Sunday School in December. If anyone is interested in being a teacher, please contact Julie Socha.



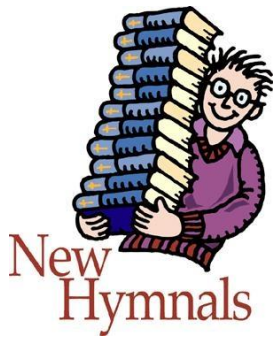
The Spiritual Growth Team (SG) would like your input regarding the Wired Word Bible study. In an effort to increase our attendance, we would like to hear from you regarding what day or time would work better so more of you can attend. We would still like to offer it via Zoom and would be happy to show anyone how to use Zoom if that's holding you back. Please reach out to anyone on the SG team (Mike Keeler, Kelli Peter, Sandy Tucker, Chris Albert and Julie Socha) to let us know your thoughts. We have great discussions with a small group; imagine what it could be with even more perspectives!!



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".



We have been blessed with new-to-us purple Glory to God hymnals from Beechview United Presbyterian Church (Pastor Paul's home church). Thus, we would like to offer the blue hymnals to you. The blue hymnals are now on the welcome desk and in Fellowship Hall. Why in two (2) locations? Well, the ones in Fellowship Hall have dedications in them. They are alphabetized by the person's name in the dedication. If you know that person or family member and think they would like the hymnal, we encourage you to take it and give it to them. If you have a special connection to that person and would like to take it for yourself, please do so. The ones on the Welcome Desk are not dedicated and are free for the taking. You may be asking, what will happen to the ones not taken? These are cherished items we have used for over 30 years, so for the ones not taken, Spiritual Growth is looking to have a craft night to use them. Rest assured, there is no intention of throwing them away!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 6, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

“This do in remembrance of me,” Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. “In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth” (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

From the October 2023 Newsletternewsletter

Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

**Big
Thank
You!**

From Pam Miller (Flushing High School) . . .

On behalf of Flushing High School, I would like to thank you for the school supplies and the generous cash donation. It is so greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping our students!



From Bella Blanton . . .

Thank you so much for your generous gift! It enabled me to buy my textbooks for Ancient Greek this semester and for that I am grateful. I hope all are well and enjoying the beautiful and communal spirit of a Michigan fall! I will miss you all, but will be sure to stop by when I am in town. Should any of you find yourself in Berkely, please do reach out! Thanks again and God bless.

From Nyse Holloman (Voices for Children) . . .

Did you know that through your \$1,624* gift to Voices for Children Advocacy Center you are saving a child's life? That's because 1 in 4 children in Genesee County are facing child abuse, neglect or human trafficking before their 18th birthday. That is a staggering statistic. With your gift, you are directly supporting these strong little survivors, so they know that they are not alone. Your donation represents our care for these children and the hard work we do so that they can regain their childhood and grow and thrive with joy!

Thank you for taking an active role in protecting children. Your gift supports critical high-quality programming and ensures that our passionate and dedicated staff can bring their best skills and attitude to serving the thousands of children we see every year. It is only with your help that we are able to provide victim and family advocacy so that children and their non-offending caregivers don't have to be alone when maltreatment has occurred. You are the one ensuring that children in foster care in Genesee County have a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) to speak up for their wellbeing and help as they navigate complex systems. Because of your generosity, children who need counseling support or help preparing to testify in court have access to those services, free of charge, at Voices for Children.

**This consists of half of the funds from our rummage sale plus our portion of the Pentecost Offering.*



October 6

Communion Preparers: Sandy & Scott Tucker
Communion Servers: Gary Albert, Mike Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Randy Socha
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator:
Ushers: Gary Albert, Mike Keeler, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Joyce Hudson
Streaming: Kelli Peter
Nursery: Kathy Miller

October 13

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kaye Kaufherr, Carole Noye, Sandy Tucker
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Streaming: Randy Socha
Nursery: Mark Jacobson

October 20

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Kelli Peter
Streaming: Mike Keeler
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes

October 27

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Margaret Meehle, Kathy Miller, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Annette Nickel
Streaming: Scott Smith
Nursery: Deb Bayer



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for October are **condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, etc.) and dry boxed potatoes.** 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 . . .
 October 6 and November 3



October

- 2 Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Max Socha
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 13 Lisa Judson, Tim & Lisa Judson
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse Smith
- 23 Dona Ballard
- 25 Frank Hawes
- 31 Michael Keeler

Lectionary Readings

October 6: *Semicontinuous:* Job 1:1, 2:1-20 and Ps. 26; *Complementary:* Gen. 2:18-14 and Ps. 8; Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 13: *Semicontinuous:* Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Ps. 22:1-15; *Complementary:* Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Ps. 90:12-17; Heb. 4:12-16, 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

October 20: *Semicontinuous:* Job 38:1-7 (34-41), 16-17 and Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; *Complementary:* Isa. 53:4-12 and Ps. 91:9-16; Heb. 5:1-10, 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

October 27: *Semicontinuous:* Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); *Complementary:* Jer. 31:7-9 and Ps. 126; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



Financial Highlights

Average 2024 Collections	\$3,199
Average August Collections	\$2843
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

Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, October 7, from 10:00 - 3:00 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto 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) 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 8:30 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



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	3 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	4 Church Office Closed	5 1:00 PM – Albert Birthday Party
6 Communion	7 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 12:30 PM - Bible Study	8 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - GFWC 6:30 PM - Property	9 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	10 9:30 AM – Member Care 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 Noisy Offering 11:15 AM - Congregational Meeting	14 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	15 12:00 PM - Book Club - Liberty Restaurant	16 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	17 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	18 Church Office Closed	19
20	21 12:30 PM - Bible Study	22 6:00 PM - GFWC	23 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	24 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers 6:00 PM - Canasta Club	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28 12:30 PM - Bible Study 6:45 PM - Session	29	30 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	31 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers Happy Halloween 		

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays

