



September 2017 Newsletter

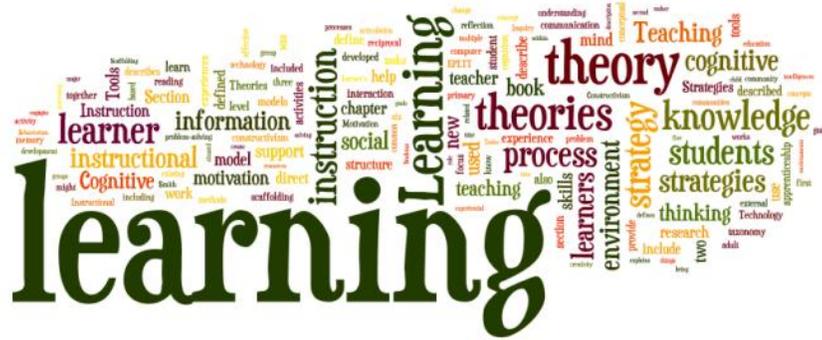


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Bible Study Opportunities!!

Bible Studies resume once again starting September 10th. There will be one class offered before worship and three classes offered after worship. For those occurring after worship, enjoy 15 minutes of large group fellowship and then choose a class that sounds the most interesting to you starting at 11:15 am. The fellowship can continue in class as you learn more about each other and about the Bible. We are offering one class for youth who are preschool age through 6th grade and two options for Jr. High age up to adults of all ages!! Come delve a little deeper with one of the following classes:

Before Worship:

We will be offering a Sunday School class before worship from 8:45 am to 9:45 am titled *Trusting God: A Girlfriends in God Devotional*. This study is designed to deepen women's friendships as they share devotional experiences. Sign up ahead of time so that a book can be ordered.

After Worship:

With *The Wired Word*, discussions will come to life as current events are related to Scripture passages. Lessons will be more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High and up.

The second class will again be a Ray Vander Laan series titled, *In the Dust of the Rabbi*. In Jesus day, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet. Come, discover how you can get dusty and be closer to your Rabbi, Jesus, by doing what he does. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High and up.

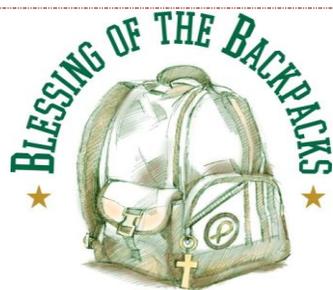
The third class is for our youth age preschool to 6th grade. They will be offered the study *Deep Blue*, where they will dive deeper into more of God's word.



Our regular Coffee Hour returns in September!! Volunteers will be needed to host. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have never hosted before, and would like to work with a "seasoned veteran", please contact the office.



Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 7:15 PM. Handbell choir rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM. We welcome anyone interested in joining our choirs this year. It's a great time to come out and have fun with friends! Looking forward to seeing you very soon.



Sunday, September 10th, during worship

Bring a backpack, satchel, tool kit, sewing bag, work bag or representation as we ask God to bless our efforts in daily life. BRING A FRIEND!!



"The Believers" Youth Group is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They resume their meetings at 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 10th. Invite your friends and join us for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker if you have any questions.



We are in need of adults to teach Kinderchurch (Pre-school - 3rd Grade) during our Sunday morning worship service. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry for the youngest members of our congregation (even just one Sunday a month). We will supply you with everything that you need. Contact Julie Socha or the church office if you are willing to help.

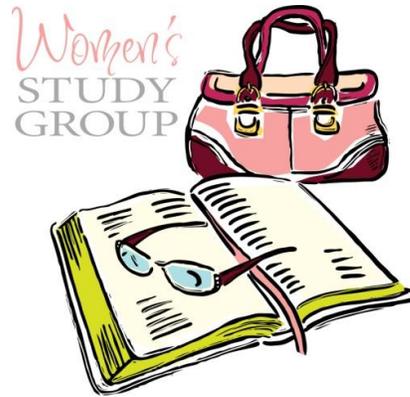


St. Robert's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 4-person golf scramble on behalf of the Flushing Christian Outreach Center on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at the Flushing Valley Golf Course. Registration is at 10:00 AM with shotgun start at 11:00 AM. Includes 18 holes of fun and laughter. There are a number of sponsor opportunities as well. View more information at www.FlushingChristianOutreach.org or call Ed Warren at (810)241-4847.



September 17 - 23
Volunteers are needed

Watch for the signup sheets
and food supply needs
and help where you are able.



The first meeting of the Priscilla Circle will be Thursday, September 28th, at 12:00 PM. This is an early starting time to allow us to begin with a potluck lunch. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us.

Our study book this year will be *The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew - Three Women Searching for Understanding*. The book is available from amazon.com in Kindle format (which allows you to enlarge the type and brightness, etc.) as well as the print version, large print and audio. If you would like us to order a book for you, please contact Kathie Rhoads or the church office no later than Monday, September 11.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Our congregation keeps 25% of this Offering for local programs. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Use the special offering envelopes available in the pews or just indicate "Peace Offering" on the memo line of your check. The offering will be collected until October 1st (World Communion Sunday).



World Communion Sunday - October 1st

“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.” (1 Cor. 11:29)
The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor (He conceived the idea while serving as GA Moderator in 1930).

World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

During WWII the spirit of the idea finally began to take hold. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort of coming together during a very difficult time. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

Please consider giving to the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as we remember our connection to others in Christ.





For those
affected by
**HURRICANE
HARVEY**

Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast late Friday, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Even as its force has waned, Harvey has brought historic flooding, forcing rivers and streams from their banks, submerging homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. Your gifts are urgently needed now to support the communities devastated by this historic storm and those throughout the Gulf region who are still in the path of Harvey's torrential rains. You can support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey by making your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating "Hurricane Harvey" on the memo line.

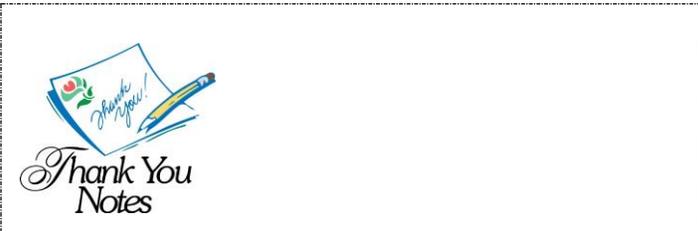


We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 2nd, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Acolytes - All Ages Needed

Have you noticed the Pastor lighting the candles during worship? She is setting a trend for the adult members of the church. Acolyting has been a service the children of the congregation performed. While we still want our children to be included in this aspect of service, we would now like to encourage adults to "take a turn." It is not difficult. Requires little training. Provides a crucial element of worship. Is a once-in-a-while commitment. Please contact the office, Carrie Younkin, or sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to be an acolyte. Thank you for taking a turn.



From Dennis Sanborn...

I want to thank everyone who sent me cards and had me in their thoughts and prayers. Your kindness made for a speedy recovery. I am doing fine and am on the road to greater things.



Rev. Cathy Chang and her husband, Juan Lopez, are one of the mission co-worker families that our church helps support. Cathy is Korean American, Presbyterian and grew up in New Jersey. She was ordained in 2008 and moved to Manila in 2016. She is part of PC(USA) World Mission and works with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. The United Church of Christ consists of five denominations: Presbyterians, Philippine Methodists, Brethren, Disciples and Congregationalists.

Cathy's title is *Regional Facilitator for Addressing Migration and Human Trafficking*. Part of her work is advocating for OFWs (Overseas Filipino Workers). Two that she currently speaks of are Jennifer Dalquez, who has been sentenced to death in the United Arab Emirates and Mary Jean Velso, a Filipino woman in prison in Indonesia for ten years for smuggling heroin that was placed in her bag without her knowledge. She also gives sermons and fundraising presentations in the Philippines, as well as sermons and presentations in the US. This past summer she was in Michigan and Texas.

Juan is the primary caregiver for their daughter, Aurelie, who just started back to school on June 7th. Juan also works with advocacy groups involved with children whose fathers have been killed in the drug world.

Some of us had the privilege of hearing Cathy speak in June. Her work is fascinating and vital. She plans to return to this area next summer. She has requested prayers for her work, the safety of her family, and funds to support her ministry.

To learn more: Information is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board as we receive it or go to pcusa.org/cathy-chang-and-juan-lopez. Individual donations can be sent to Presbyterian World Mission, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Write on the memo line: chang/lopez E200533. You can also donate to the Changs by writing a check to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicating Chang/Lopez on the memo line.

---Community Outreach Team





This Month's Schedule

September 3

Communion Preparer: Maxine Allen
Communion Servers: Bill Churchill, Sharon Donaldson, Carol Dulin, Flora Radspieler
Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Dick & Kaye Barnett, Pat Bemis
Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler
Welcome Desk: Julie Socha

September 10

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Bob & Gail Barnhart, Sharon Donaldson, Carol Dulin
Lay Leader: Lilly S
Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert
Acolytes:

September 17

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Karen Howe, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson, Vonnie Koehn
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Welcome Desk: Deb Bayer
Acolytes:

September 24

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Kathy Lescelius, Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn
Lay Leader: Mike Keeler
Welcome Desk: Sharon Donaldson
Acolytes:



September

- 1 Michael R
- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 11 Maxine Allen
- 13 Joan Russell, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair A
- 15 Steven & Christine Cooper
- 17 Samantha Allred-Hirzel
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 24 Barb Hogan, Mary Ellen Zellers
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger, Shaina Walther
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young



Financial Highlights

Average 2017 Collections	\$3,239
Average July Collections	\$2,977
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663





Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The Flushing Christian Outreach Center is extremely grateful for your food donations last month. For September, we are collecting peanut butter and/or jelly. May God bless you for your selfless generosity.

God Bless,
Terry Bigelow
FCOC Program Manager

If you can help by purchasing peanut butter and/or jelly, 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

September 3: Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

September 10: Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

September 17: Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or Ex. 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

September 24: Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2017 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Bill Churchill, Jr.

Community Outreach

Pat Bemis

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson
Sandy Snyder

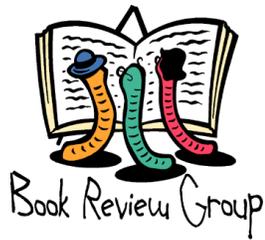
Property Team

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!

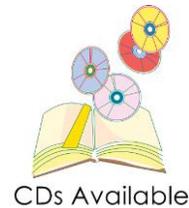


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (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 at the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.



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.



Women's Evening Group

Women's Evening Fellowship Group will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September through May). Join us at Pastor Teresa's home for fellowship, conversation and study!



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





September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:45 AM - Women's Devotional Study 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Kinder-Church 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages (Beginning September)					1 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	2
3 Communion	4	5	6 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	7 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	8 Church Office Closed	9 8:00 AM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club
10 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	11 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	12 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property	13	14 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 6:00 PM - Youth Group	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 9:30 AM - Presby Mtg - Midland Memorial	20	21 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	22 Church Office Closed	23
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24 6:00 PM - Youth Group	25 6:45 PM - Session	26 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	27	28 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 12:00 PM - Priscilla Circle 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	29 Church Office Closed	30

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