



September 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! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Starting September 6th, Flushing Presbyterian Church will return to worshipping indoors. We know this has been long awaited, and we are excited to gather in our building again. There will be several things going on that day including communion and Blessing of the School Year. (We modified this from previous years' "Blessing of the Backpacks" since most kids will be doing online schooling to start off the year.) Our physical space will look a little different upon your return, and there will be guidelines in place that we will need you to follow in order to maintain the safety of our members. You will be getting future communications about all of this information.

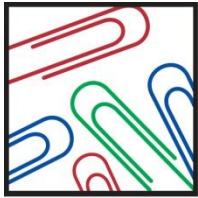
For those of you who might be uncomfortable entering the building, we will continue to offer the use of the transmitter so you can still sit in your car in the parking lot and listen to the service. There is a group working on offering live streaming of our services so we will pass along how to do this once that is up and running.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our church on September 6th! It will be a time of cautious celebration!



From the Interim Search Committee:

We have now finished the mission study and have passed it on to session to review. Once session approves it, it will go to Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) for approval. Once COM approves, we will be given permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to search for a called (permanent) pastor. Normally, at this point our work would be done, but if the session would like us to continue to interview interim pastors as they may become available, we will. Getting an interim pastor at this point will not slow down the process of getting a called pastor at all, but rather just give us a pastor to do administrative work, pastoral care and provide a consistent minister on Sunday mornings. We thank you for all your support over this long process.



Office Hours

We will return to our regular office hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday), on Tuesday, September 1st. The office will be physically staffed on an "as needed" basis, but the phones will continue to be answered during these hours. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays.



BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR Sunday, September 6

"Blessing of the School Year" will take place during the worship service on Sunday, September 6th. (We modified this from previous years' "Blessing of the Backpacks" since most kids will be doing online schooling to start off the year.)

The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

The Wired Word is a weekly study group that is now meeting on-line via Zoom on Sunday evenings 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, (810) 252-2679.



Thank You Notes

From Mary Graham . . .

I wish to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards and well wishes that were sent my way following my recent stay in the hospital. I appreciate each and every one of you!



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 5th, 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).



A huge "Thank You" to everyone that donated school supplies for our collection this year. The supplies are going to go to Flushing Schools to be distributed to students in need. We are thankful to each of you for supporting the children in our community.

From the August Session Meeting



The church will re-open for in-person worship beginning Sunday, September 6. Singing will not be allowed during worship. Through September 30th, the building will remain shut down to outside, non-church groups and meetings, but will allow for access to members involved with Sunday worship services and team meetings.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enable 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 your special offering envelopes or just indicate "Peace Offering" on the memo line of your check. The offering will be collected until October 4th (World Communion Sunday).



September

- 1 Michael R
- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 13 Joan Russell, Ed & Sue Lannon, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair Albert
- 15 Steven & Christine Cooper
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 24 Barb Hogan
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young



Financial Highlights

Average 2020 Collections	\$3,136
Average July Collections	\$2,149
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 September are peanut butter and/or jelly and paper towels. 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.



**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.

Lectionary Readings

September 6: Exod. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

September 13: Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

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

September 27: Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2020 Session

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert
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