



September 2021 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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Welcome Pastor Paul, Darrah and Rowan!

We want to officially welcome our new pastor, Paul J Pfeuffer and his wife Darrah and son Rowan to our Flushing Presbyterian Church family beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021.

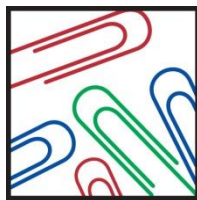
Paul grew up in a small Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He met his wife of eight years while working in camp ministry during summer breaks from college, an hour north of Pittsburgh. Darrah works as a social worker, tying together her compassion for people and making a better world seeking the kingdom of God. Together they have been blessed with a precocious seven-year-old, Rowan.

Paul has three degrees; the first is a Bachelor of Arts from Washington & Jefferson College in 2009. He also has two master's degrees, both from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The first is a Master of Divinity which he earned in 2012. The other he finished in 2018 is a Master of Theology. From 2016 to present he has been serving as pulpit supply to various churches in the Kiskiminetas and Pittsburgh presbyteries.

From a young age, Paul has felt the tug to do ministry in creative ways. From in front of a campfire in the woods, to a pulpit surrounded by stained glass, he has felt God's constant call while caring for his family and community. Most recently he has felt the call to join a family of believers who are ready for a leader and a preacher who is competent, creative, and excited to share God's Word with them and dive into a ministry of service, passion, and to have grace and unyielding love for each other while bringing the Gospel to life.

Thank you from the PNC for all your thoughts, prayers and patience.

Karen Howe, Debbie Bayer, Kay Hall, Scott Tucker, Randy Socha, Mark Jacobson and Mike Keeler



Office Hours

We will return to our regular office hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday), on Wednesday, September 1st. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays.



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



Kick-Off-the-School-Year Hand Out

With the 2021/2022 school year kicking off at the end of August, we would again like to reach out and show Flushing students and staff that we care. We will be handing out free chips, water and Gatorade at the end of the school day on **Thursday, September 2nd** to show our support for them and encourage them to have a great school year. We have an organized route through our parking lot that's worked very efficiently in the past but need a few volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Julie Socha. Volunteers should arrive around 2:00 pm to help set up. After having taken last year off, we are excited to reinstitute this outreach activity. The students have been genuinely appreciative in the past, so come enjoy an activity of goodwill for our community.



The Wired Word study group will resume again via Zoom on Sunday, October 3rd 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.

Be still (and silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

—Mother Teresa



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).



Relief for Victims of the



Earthquake in Haiti

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the August 14th earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,500 people dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number of people are still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti's ongoing struggles with hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief in the impacted areas and will remain active throughout the entire recovery process. If you would like to contribute to support PDA in these efforts, you can make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Haiti Relief" on the memo line.



From the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) . . .

Thank you for your ongoing support of the FCOC! You have been faithful in your consistent giving. Soon we will be announcing the expansion of FCOC to include a clothing center again. We look forward to your continued support.

From Campers of Rainbow Forest Day Camp . . .

Thank you for allowing us to spend the night at the church. We were sad that we couldn't sleep in tents, but happy we had a place to go and not cancel! We appreciate the church.



Learn From Leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

Janna Firestone
(from the September 2021 Newsletternewsletter)

This Month's Schedule



September 5

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Karen & Steve Howe, Kathy Miller

Lay Leader: Lynette Daig

September 12

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Natalie Lucas, Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn

Lay Leader: Julie Socha

September 19

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Sandy & Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss

Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler

September 26

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Randy Socha

Lay Leader: Bill Churchill



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



Average 2021 Collections	\$3,015
Average July Collections	\$2,233
Average 2020 Collections	\$3,069
Average needed for 2021 Budget	\$3,173



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for September are canned fruit and toothpaste. 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.



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 5: Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Ps. 125; Isa. 35:4-7a and Ps. 146; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 12: Prov. 1:20-33 and Ps. 19; Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 19: Prov. 31:10-31 and Ps. 1; Jer. 11:18-20 and Ps. 54; Jer. 11:18-20 and Ps. 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 26: Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 and Ps. 124; Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Ps. 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2021 Session

Budget & Finance

Brett Albert
Steve Howe

Community Outreach

Carol Dulin
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Denise Churchill
Shirley Sanborn

Property Team

Scott Tucker
Bill Weiss

Spiritual Growth

Julie Socha
Carrie Younkin

SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 2:00 PM – Back to School Handout	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 Communion	6 Labor Day Church office Closed	7 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	8 10:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir 7:00 PM - B & F	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 Noisy Offering 2:00 PM – VanBuskirk Memorial - Pavilion	13 3:45 PM - Member Care 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	14 1:00 PM - Tuesday Book Club, Kathy's Restaurant 6:00 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	15 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19	20	21 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	22 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26	27 6:45 PM - Session	28 6:30 PM - GFWC (Flushing Women's Club) 6:30 PM - Michigan Chorale Rehearsal	29 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	30		

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