

Flushing Presbyterian Church

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May 2017 Newsletter



Thursday, May 4th –
Saturday, May 6th

Collection Dates

- Sunday, April 30, immediately following the worship service until 1:00 PM
- Monday - Tuesday, May 1 & 2, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 3, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. (NO donations after 12:00 PM on Wednesday unless pre-approved by the Rummage Sale Leaders. If you are unable to get your donations to the church during the designated drop-off times, please contact Pat Bemis to make alternate arrangements)

Sale Dates

- Thursday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday, May 5, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday, May 6, 9:00 AM - Noon

MANY volunteers are needed, before the sale to receive and sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for all those willing to help. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Contact Pat Bemis with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.



During the rummage sale, we will also be including a Bake Sale. If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, they can be delivered to the church on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday morning (May 4, 5 or 6). There is a sign-up sheet posted for the donation of baked goods. Please address questions regarding the bake sale to Margaret Meehle.





PHOTOS OF MOTHERS NEEDED

The Spiritual Growth Team is asking for pictures of mothers for a video montage to be presented on Mother's Day. If you have any pictures of moms that you would like to have included, send them via email to steveh365@hotmail.com or deliver them to the office to be scanned. **Deadline is Monday, May 1.** NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.



**Thursday, May 4
12:00 PM**

At noon on Thursday, May 4th, you are invited to join with other local congregations around the flag pole in Riverview Park in downtown Flushing as we lift up our prayers on the National Day of Prayer.

Please consider joining Pastor Teresa and other faithful followers of Christ in the park as we pray for our nation and community.



Membership - Is it for me?

Are you considering becoming a member of Flushing Presbyterian Church (FPC), or in learning more about membership? Join Pastor Teresa in her office following the worship service on May 7th for information and answers to questions that you might have. Can't make that day and time? Contact Pastor Teresa and set up another time.



**May 13 & June 3
9:00 AM**

Our spring clean-up days will be Saturdays, May 13th and June 3rd at 9:00 AM. On May 13th we will be working on the exterior grounds pulling weeds, trimming bushes, etc... On June 3rd we will be spreading mulch. Please bring your yard work tools (rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.) and spend some time with us sprucing up the church grounds. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for all those willing to help. Please contact Scott Tucker for more information or if you have any questions.



Survivor - Luminaria Ceremony
Friday, May 19th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Relay for Life
Saturday, May 20th, Noon - 6:00 PM



A special evening is planned for survivors and caregivers on Friday from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Dinner will be catered by Big Boy in Clio, followed our Luminaria Ceremony.

This year's Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, from Noon until 6:00 PM. The Relay will be held at the Flushing High School Track (enter off Deland Road).

We are looking for people to walk for 1/2 hour (or more, if you are able). Sign-up Sheets are in the narthex. If you are unable to walk, we would love to have you come and sit at our camp sight and represent our church. Come out and join us in supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life!! Contact Scott or Sandy Tucker with any questions you may have.

**Alone we are only one voice, but together
We can make a difference...**



Please note that there will be a combined Newsletter for June & July. All info to be included in this Newsletter will need to be submitted by Monday, May 15th.



**Community Clean Up
Saturday, May 20
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Saturday, May 20th, at 9:00 AM, local churches have been invited to join in a community project – helping Flushing City Parks & Recreation clean up our community parks. If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board so we can let the organizer know how many we will have coming. Plan to meet at Riverview Park at 9:00 AM for an opening blessing and instructions. We will be finished by 3:00 PM.

Join us for a day of working with others from the community as we get our parks ready for the summer.



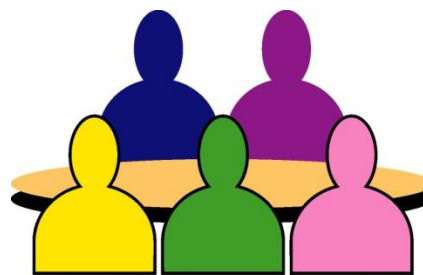
Confirming Their Faith

During our worship service on May 21st we will confirm four of our youth – Lilly Socha, Kaitlyn Ruppel, Megan Ruppel and Olivia Miller. Be sure to check out their statements of faith and then celebrate as we receive them into membership.



On Sunday, May 21st, the youth of our congregation will lead us in worship. The seniors will provide us with the message. It will be a day celebrating our youth as they lead us in worship and confirm our confirmands.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for worship on this special Sunday!



"Conversations Around the Table" Sunday, May 21 - Following Worship

On April 23rd, we met to answer the question: "What do you think our church should focus on to create a lasting impact, a welcoming environment and/or community presence?" Many wonderful suggestions were made. Now each of the Session Teams will be discussing the suggestions and focusing in on five suggestions. We'll confirm these are the desired foci at our next *Conversations Around the Table* on May 21st, following the worship service. Are these the areas we are willing to put our energy into?

Plan to stay celebrate our youth and new members and then plan how we will engage in renewed ministry.



The last day for Adult and Youth Sunday School will be May 21st. There will be Kinderchurch offered during the worship service in the summer months for children through 3rd grade.





Graduation is just around the corner and we want to be sure we recognize ALL of our graduates--college or high school. Please let us know of your accomplishments, so we may celebrate and honor you.

A display board of graduating seniors, composed of photos and biographical information, is typically displayed. Please bring in or mail a senior photo (no larger than 5 X 7) and a line or two regarding post-graduation plans by **Wednesday, May 24**. We will prepare the display and honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 4.



PENTECOST OFFERING: INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE - OUR YOUTH

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk

Please consider using your Pentecost Offering envelope to make a donation, or simply indicate "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check.



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





We will be collecting personal care items for Health Fair Kits in May and June. The Health Fair Kits will be used by the Mobile Health Van which reaches out to underserved and disadvantaged communities to provide free basic health screenings and referrals, along with basic health education. There is a collection bin in the narthex.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, JUNE 18.

How to Assemble a Health Fair Kit

Place in a Ziploc gallon bag, the following all NEW items:

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| 1 washcloth | 1 shampoo (10 oz) |
| 1 comb or brush | 1 conditioner (10 oz) |
| 1 bar of soap (in wrapper) | 1 toothbrush (in wrapper) |
| 1 deodorant (2 ½ oz) | 1 toothpaste (4-6 ½ oz) |

DO NOT include any other items in the kits because they need to be uniform.

DO NOT include any sample size items in the kits.

Other individual items needed: (DO NOT include in the health kit bags)

- Extra full size health kit items
- Sample sizes of toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant
- Hand towels, socks, razors, dental floss, hair ties





From Virginia Churchill and Family...

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, visits and cards sent to Bill while he was in McLaren Hospital and then in Fostrian Manor. He appreciated all of them and so did I. The service for him and the luncheon were both beautiful. It is truly a blessing to have such a loving and caring church family.

From the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan...

At the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, your generosity goes a long way. We are distributing more than 25 million pounds of food annually through a network of over 415 partner agencies in 22 counties. This is a tremendous accomplishment. Through the benevolence of our caring donors, we're empowered to serve more people and provide a much healthier selection of food.

Thank you so much for your generous gift. Your donation helps us deliver an increased variety of nutritious meals and health-promoting services that cater to hungry children, adults and elderly citizens. In addition, your support brings comfort, encouragement and hope to those who face the lack of a basic need - nourishment for the body. Our communities are better when individual members achieve improved physical and mental wellness as a result of consuming healthier meals.

On behalf of over 350,000 individuals that we serve annually, thank you for being a partner of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. We would not be able to "Change the Face of Hunger" without your commitment and support.

From Catholic Charities...

Thank you for your gift to Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen. We appreciate every penny you donate to help us achieve our vision to proclaim the sanctity of human life and the dignity of all people by offering hope to the poor, vulnerable and homeless. Because of you, we helped someone today who really needed us. We truly appreciate your generous support as we continue to serve our community.



This Month's Schedule

May 7

Communion Preparer: Carol Dulin
Communion Servers: Kathy Lecelius, Natalie Lucas, Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn
Fellowship Hosts: Kathie & Roy Rhoads
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Dona Ballard, Randy Socha, Scott Tucker, Bill Weiss
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller
Acolytes: Kaitlyn & Megan R

May 14

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers: John & Luella Daig
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Brett, Gary & Shirley Albert, Pat Bemis
Lay Leader: Steve Howe
Welcome Desk: Carole Noye
Acolytes: Elyse & Marie S

May 21

Fellowship Hosts:
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Dick & Kaye Barnett, Bob & Gail Barnhart
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn
Acolytes: Lilly & Ben S

May 28

Fellowship Host: Sandy Snyder
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Sharon Donaldson, Karen Howe, Loretta Hudson, Vonnie Koehn
Lay Leader: Carol Dulin
Welcome Desk: Julie Socha
Acolytes: Volunteers Needed



May

- 2 Jackson B, Karen & Steve Howe
- 3 Riley R
- 5 Marianna Pendleton
- 6 Roy Rhoads, Ernie Thrapp
- 7 Bob Barnhart
- 9 Gary & Shirley Albert, Carrie & Larry Younkin
- 10 Kathleen Rhoads
- 11 Jim Crawford
- 14 Kaye & Dick Barnett
- 15 Alexis A, Tim Stein
- 16 Joan Finley, Lillian S, John & Luella Daig
- 18 Brett & Chris Albert
- 19 Matt Bemis, Debbie Carlson
- 20 Donald Rowley
- 21 Darla Arn
- 23 Annette Nickel
- 24 Cathy Blight & Ed Davison
- 26 Madeline R
- 28 Carrie Younkin, Ted & Margaret Meehle
- 31 Cal Y, Dona & Robert Ballard



Average 2017 Collections	\$3,329
Average March Collections	\$3,887
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

Thank you for the donations of canned fruit to FCOC during April. Your compassion for the people in our community is amazing. The item we are collecting for May is peanut butter and/or jelly.

*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **Matthew 20:40***

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.

Lectio Readings

May 7: Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2:19-35; John 10:1-10

May 14: Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 21: Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 28: Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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!

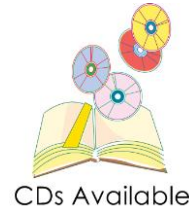


Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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

Evening Women's Fellowship Group will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September - 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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	3 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group	4 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 12:00 PM - National Day of Prayer, Riverview Park 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	5 Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	6
-----Rummage Sale Collection-----				-----Rummage Sale-----		
7 Communion 11:15 AM - New Members Meeting 6:00 PM - Youth Group	8 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	10	11 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	12 Church Office Closed	13 9:00 AM - Spring Cleanup
14 Noisy Offering 6:00 PM - Youth Group	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30 PM - Handbell Choir	17	18 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	19 Church Office Closed	20 9:00 AM - Community Parks Clean-Up 12:00 PM - Relay for Life, Flushing High School Track
21 Confirmation Sunday 11:15 AM--Conversations Around the Table 6:00 PM - Youth Group	22 6:45 PM - Session	23 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club	24	25 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 1:00 PM - Priscilla Circle	26 Church Office Closed	27
28	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	30	31	Sunday Schedule 10:00 AM - Worship Service 11:15 AM - Christian Education - All Ages (through May 21)		

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays