



# October 2015 Newsletter

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## Celebrating Stewardship

Each Sunday in October, a portion of our worship service will be devoted to celebrating the many gifts and blessings received from God, and our ability to use our gifts to worship and glorify God, to bring others to know the love of Jesus Christ, and to serve the Lord through service to others.

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, “World Communion Sunday”, the celebration will begin with a report from the Rev. Michael Ludwig and Rachel Ludwig, missionaries in Niger, on the African continent.

During worship on October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will hear a brief report from a representative of an organization that has partnered with our church family to serve others in need. Each report will include details of how support from our church family has helped the organization to change the lives of those served.

Our worship service on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, “Reformation Sunday”, will include a re-dedication of our newly redecorated/updated sanctuary, narthex and offices. That day has also been designated as “Consecration Sunday” - a time to respond to God’s love and acknowledge the many gifts that we have been given, individually and collectively. We will be given the opportunity to pledge of our own gifts of our time, talent and treasure. The gifts pledged that day will be used to expand our worship, Christian education, member care, and outreach ministries in 2016. All of our pledged gifts will be dedicated to God during the worship service that morning.

Consecration Sunday will conclude with a luncheon, celebrating God’s abundant gifts, love, and grace, along with our renewed commitment to sharing those gifts. Please plan on taking part in the celebration!

The Budget & Finance Team

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Teresa Peterson, Pastor



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### What is Stewardship?

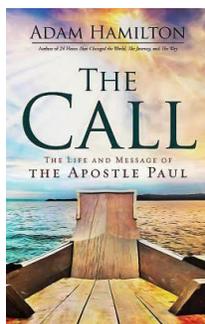
Stewardship is not just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.  
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith.



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

This Sunday during worship, we will once again join with other Christians around the world celebrating the Lord's Supper. Bread varieties remind us of the diversity of the faith and cultures who worship Christ as Lord.

We are working to have Rev. Michael and Rachel Ludwig (our mission coworkers in Niger) via a video link for a part of the service. If this does not work out, we will have another option to celebrate our connectedness around the world.



**FALL STUDY: Beginning  
October 11th & 14th  
Sunday Evenings: 5:30-7:00  
with a potluck  
Wednesday Mornings: 10:00-  
11:15 with light refreshments**

Join a group and be a part of hearing about and discussing the Apostle Paul's life story - going from persecutor of Christians to one of our greatest teachers and missionaries of the faith. As Paul's story is considered, we will also explore our faith journey - places it's similar; places it differs.

This six-week DVD series by Adam Hamilton, will take us to many of the historical locations Paul traveled. Sign up for a participant's book or get your own ebook and join the conversation.



**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](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



The Member Care Team will be preparing flowers for delivery to our shut-in members on **Sunday, October 18th**. If you are willing to help deliver flowers, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you know of others in our congregation that you think should receive flowers, please contact the office and we will add their names to our next delivery date (in the spring). If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Rhoads.





### October 24th - Special Worship Emphasis

Sunday, October 24th, will be the culmination of celebrating God's good gifts to us and our thanks to God. We will celebrate by 1) dedicating our commitments to God, 2) remembering our church story, and 3) rededicating the building to the "Glory of God." We will end the celebration with lunch in Fellowship Hall.

We, the Stewardship Committee and Session, hope you will plan to join us as we give thanks to God and the greater work we do, and have done, together.

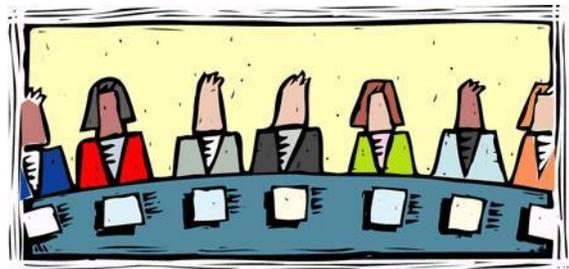


### An Open Invitation from the Flushing Women's Club

The Flushing Women's Club is recruiting women to join their group, which supports the Flushing community and enjoys fellowship and friendship. The club is a member of the national GFWC (Greater Federation of Women's Clubs). They run the June Art Fair and the Flushing High School Bazaar (proceeds from which help to support Flushing Schools, Christmas with Santa, Movies in the Park and the Flushing Christian Outreach Center). They also read to 1st grade classrooms and support the community in other ways. The Women's Club meets here at Flushing Presbyterian Church at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (**next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th**). Come and check it out!!



The Warmth Tree will be up October 25th for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 22nd when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee began meeting in early September. Their task is to fill positions on Session, the Memorial Committee, and the 2016 Nominating Committee. Prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve in a leadership capacity in Christ's Church. Also, please keep the nominating committee (Kathie Rhoads, Natalie Lucas, Dick Barnett, Jean Weirauch, Louise Elleman) in your prayers.



## *Reflections on Family Fun Fest*

Sunday, September 20th, was an amazing afternoon. We did something we have not explicitly done before - invited the community in for an afternoon of fun, music, and a drawing. It was a risk. We had many fears. And some thought it was a ridiculous idea - why would we do such a thing? But the majority felt it was a great evangelism opportunity.

"How so," you may ask? Evangelism is the sharing of the "good news" of Jesus Christ. We were sharing that good news with our actions. The people who came felt welcome and some were drawn to ask about worship times and what "mission" projects we support. We have put much time, energy and resources into updating our facility and wanted to celebrate those efforts with our members, but also invite those from the community to come celebrate too.

The afternoon was successful. Members came and enjoyed being together as well as hosting various "Stations." The community came and experienced friendly people in an environment that was welcoming.

September 13th, I went to meet the then candidate for the Presbytery's Executive Presbyter position, Rev. Dan Saperstein. In the course of the conversation he asked about this congregation and what things you were passionate about. My response was "mission/outreach opportunities." He got to hear about the many ways the congregation helps to support others, including the story about Family Promise. I then ended by talking about Family Fun Fest and the journey we had taken to get to that point. After hearing all of those stories, Rev. Saperstein said, "Wow! That's really great. Usually a congregation the size of Flushing begins to focus inward. It's really great they are still looking out."

Family Fun Fest brought many for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Attendees felt welcomed and curious about the church. But our work is not yet completed. Now we need to continue to pray for those who came to visit and showed an interest, that God would continue to work on their hearts, plus for those yet to come. Also, that Christ would continue to inspire our hearts and minds, not only to care for our members and friends, but also those in our community and beyond. God, through Christ, is working on us. Blessings have been received and will continue to abound. May we have faith and trust in all of the promises which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

-- Pastor Teresa





## New Image, New Design Project Is Now Complete!!

Three and a half years ago, the Session set up special task force groups to research various options for building updates for our congregation. These groups researched options by visiting other churches, consulting interior designers and architects, and talking to members.

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, a congregational meeting was held to discuss and vote on whether to proceed with the six phases of the proposed “New Look and Image for the Future” project. After a brief review of the presentation made the week before, the congregation enthusiastically approved the recommendations. Following a successful pledge campaign, we began work on the various stages of the project:

- Painting of the sanctuary, narthex, library, hallway, Heaven's Highway and offices
- New carpet installed in the sanctuary, narthex, library and offices
- Pews and choir chairs reupholstered
- New furniture in the narthex
- Welcome desk designed and built by members
- Sanctuary media system installed

We wish to thank each of you for your pledges of support for the lofty goals we set out to attain as well as your patience during the renovations. We continue to receive pledges. Our hope is to have the total cost of the project collected by the end of December.

During our worship service on Sunday, October 25th (which is also Consecration Sunday) we will include a re-dedication of our newly updated building. The service will be followed by a luncheon in celebration of God's abundant gifts.

### Calendar Donations



The Stony Point Center - a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA) - is asking for donations of 2016 calendars for a project to help prisoners "mark the time" while they are incarcerated. Stony Point is participating in the *Alternatives to Violence Project's* annual calendar drive. AVP coordinates a number of conflict resolution programs in prisons.

If you would like to help, we have a basket in the shelving unit outside the kitchen for the collection of calendars. Any calendars will do - either an extra one you were given or one that comes for free through the mail as a promotion for an organization or company. **Please avoid calendars with metal spiral binding**, but staples are okay.



**From Bob and Gail Barnhart...**

We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and words of encouragement after Bob's fall and surgeries on his leg. He is doing better every day and appreciates all of the support.



## Equals at communion

After saving England from Napoleon's threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London's streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered for the vagrant to move away. "Don't you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?" he asked.

When the duke overheard, he responded, "Leave him alone. We're all the same here. The ground is level at the cross."

That's the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. Paul says believers share the Lord's Supper by partaking of the "one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God's sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.



## What's a Christian to do with Halloween?

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — *hallowed!* — children.





**Attention All Veterans:**

The Member Care Team is compiling an up-to-date list of the veterans in our congregation. If you are a veteran of any branch of service and do NOT appear on the following list, please contact Joyce Tassell or the church office.

Butch Albert  
William Arn  
Robert Blair  
Norb Burwell  
Bob Chase  
Robert C. Churchill  
William Churchill, Sr.  
Bruce Coxworth  
John Daig  
Luella Daig  
Norm Dickenson  
Roy Diring  
Johnny Dulin  
Robert Ferguson  
Walker Fesmire  
David Graham

Mary Graham  
Ken Hagenbuch  
Gordon Hall  
Michael Keeler  
Mac McClellan  
Ted Meehle  
John Miller  
William Nicholas  
James Reeves  
Richard C. Rumsey  
Vern Shepherd  
Ed Shipley  
Ed Spomer  
Robert Tassell  
Ernie Thrapp  
Jim Wiley





*This  
Month's  
Schedule*

**October 4**

**Communion Preparers:** Scott & Sandy Tucker  
**Communion Servers:** Carole Noye, Kathie Rhoads, Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Carole Noye  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy Rhoads, Bill Weiss  
**Lay Leader:** John Dulin  
**Acolytes:** Volunteers Needed  
**Welcome Desk:**

**October 11**

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Carole Noye & Natalie Lucas  
**Flowers:** Vivian Whitmire  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn, Laura Widman, Mary Ellen Zellers  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Acolytes:** Elyse & Marie S  
**Welcome Desk:** Karen Howe

**October 18**

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Louise Elleman  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Darla Arn, Dona Ballard, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Carole Tucker  
**Acolytes:** Lilly & Max S  
**Welcome Desk:** Volunteer Needed

**October 25**

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Volunteers Needed  
**Flowers:** Jeanne & Mac McClellan  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Carol & John Dulin, Loretta Hudson, Lisa Judson  
**Lay Leader:** Steve Howe  
**Acolytes:** Elle Blanton, Marie S  
**Welcome Desk:** Laura Widman



**October**

- 1 Teresa Peterson
- 2 Johnny Dulin, Logan H, Dave & Jeanne Blanton
- 3 Bill Arn, Noreen Renwick, Max S
- 4 Shirley Albert, Denise Churchill
- 5 Bob Tassell
- 6 Bruce Coxworth
- 8 Gail Barnhart
- 9 Norbert Burwell
- 13 Lisa Judson, Tim & Lisa Judson
- 17 Julie & Randy Socha
- 18 Elyse S
- 20 Richard Rumsey, Laura Widman
- 21 Jean Hagan
- 23 Dona Ballard, David Oleyar
- 27 Eleanor Bejcek, Ed Spomer, Carol & Larry Brownell
- 31 Michael Keeler



**Financial  
Highlights**

Average 2015 Collections	\$3,202
Average August Collections	\$2,934
Average 2014 Collections	\$3,306
Average needed for Budget	\$3,744



### Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The difference between being poor and destitute is food. FCOC is requesting canned fruit for October. 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." Praise God for your selfless generosity.

God bless!  
Terry Bigelow  
FCOC Program Manager

*If you can help by purchasing canned fruit or any other non-perishable food items, there is a collection basket for the FCOC in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.*



The email address for the church office is  
[Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Flushingpc@sbcglobal.net)

If you would like to send an email directly to Pastor Teresa Peterson, her email address is:  
[PastorT90@gmail.com](mailto:PastorT90@gmail.com)



## Lectionary Readings

**October 4:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps. 26; Heb. 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**October 11:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**October 18:** Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Heb. 5:1-20; Mark 10:35-45

**October 25:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

### Flushing Presbyterian Church 2015 Session

#### Budget & Finance

Bill Churchill, Jr., Chair  
John Dulin

#### Community Outreach

Sylvia Keeler, Chair  
Natalie Lucas

#### Member Care

Kathie Rhoads, Chair  
Loretta Hudson

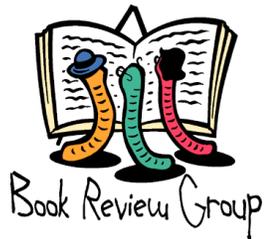
#### Property Team

Brett Albert, Chair  
Don Rowley

#### Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe, Chair  
Scott Smith

# 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!

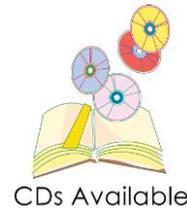


**Bread 4 Life** is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant 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](http://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 7:00 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (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 in the church library at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Contact Bev Blair with any questions, or if you would like instructions.



**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. Contact Mary Ellen Zellers with any questions.



**VG's "Cash for Class"** A program that will allow participants to raise money for our church. This program will be tied to their "Yes" card and requires that you link your card to Flushing Presbyterian Church. If you shop at VG's and would like more information, please contact Carole Tucker or the church office.



**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***



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 AM - Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM - Worship Service & Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM - Fellowship Hour				<b>1</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir  <b>Happy Birthday            Pastor Teresa!</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM - Book & Breakfast Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 4:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM - Blood Drive 5:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl 2:00 PM - Community Outreach 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> 5:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>12</b> 1:00 PM - Member Care 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM - Bible Study	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> 11:30 AM - Celebration Luncheon 5:30 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Youth Group	<b>26</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM - GFWC - Flushing Women's Club 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM - Bible Study	<b>29</b> 8:30 AM - Men's Bible Study-Liberty Restaurant 7:15 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 