



October 2018 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10AM year Round C.E. 11:15AM Sept—May
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Sunday Morning Education Options

It's Never Too Late to Join

Each Sunday after worship, all are invited to grab a cup of coffee and donut, catch up with others and then head on over to a small group study. There are two options for our youth and adults and one class for children.

One option is *The Wired Word*, which takes current events and relates Scripture passages to the events for discussion. 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 through adult.

The second option is a Ray Vander Laan series titled, *God Heard Their Cry*. In ancient times, nothing was bigger than Egypt; powerful pharaohs, strong armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people were no match against the Egyptians. In this series, learn how God answers the cry of his per-

secuted people and proclaims himself Lord to them and their oppressors. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High through adult.



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

World Communion Sunday

October 7th

Join us on October 7th as we join with other Christians around the world in celebrating the Lord's Supper.



The communion table cloth will be the one Rev. Cathy Chang presented as a gift to our congregation.

Let us celebrate God's gift to us through his son, Jesus, the Christ.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Collecting:
October 7th

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. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. 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, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider a generous gift to this special focus offering

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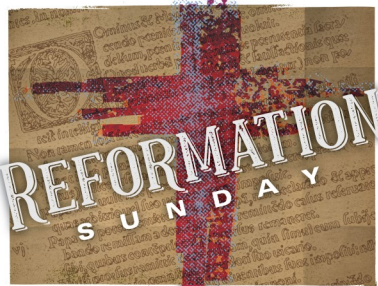
60th ANNIVERSARY Be sure to turn in your 60th Anniversary reservation. **Deadline is October 1st.** We need to turn in a number count. If you miss the deadline and wish to attend, please call the office.

A very special time of celebrating 60 years of ministry is planned. We are still accepting photos, articles, and memories to be included in a montage for the evening's program.

We hope to see each of you Saturday, October 27th, at 5:00PM.



We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 1st, 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).



As Christians our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterians is in the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther sparked the Reformation by posting his "95 Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The theology of the Reformers departed from the Roman Catholic Church primarily on the basis of three great principles:

- The Sole authority of Scripture - This doctrine maintains that Scripture, as contained in the Bible, is the only authority for Christians in matters of faith, life and conduct.
- Saved by grace alone - We are saved by grace alone, NOT by the good works that we do. *"You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift."*
Ephesians 2:8
- The Priesthood of all believers - As believers, we ALL have direct access to God through Christ. There is no necessity for an earthly mediator. *"There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ, Jesus"* 1 Timothy 2:5

On Reformation Sunday, October 28th, we will celebrate the Reformation with a special worship service (including communion), by dedicating our commitments of our time, talent and treasure and with a special coffee hour in honor of FPC's 60th birthday. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us on this special day!

Friday, October 5th, 6—9PM in Fellowship Hall, Karen Howe is hosting a Pallet Painting Party. Sign up is due by Friday, Sept 28th.

Curious what goes on at a pallet painting party? This would be a good time to stop by and check it out. They are a lot of fun and even non-artistic individuals can create beautiful pallets. Stop by and see what the buzz is about.

Drop ins will have an opportunity to purchase on-site, non-personalized projects that the instructor will have available.



The Warmth Tree will be up on Sunday, October 21st,

for the donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats and socks for both children and adults. The deadline for adding items is November 18th when they will be taken to the Nazarene Church to be distributed with the Thanksgiving boxes.



Sunday, October 14, 6PM Movie Night

Won't You Be My Neighbor? takes an intimate look at America's favorite neighbor: Mister Fred Rogers. A portrait of a man whom we all think we know, this emotional and moving film takes us beyond the zip-up cardigans and the land of make-believe, and into the heart of a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination.

Join us as we learn the back story of the land of make-believe Fred Rogers created.



From Budget and Finance

During Lent, Pastor Teresa challenged us to do 40 Acts. These were acts to show our faith by doing, giving or however you saw fit. October is our stewardship month, and we are continuing this challenge by showcasing our acts of generosity.

So, 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.

In October, you will be given the opportunity to pledge your own gifts, in the form of our time, talent and treasure. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you may be able to give to help our ministry flourish in 2019.

Notes

Thank you

Dear Flushing Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all the caring cards I received on the recent loss of my mother. I am also grateful for all the prayers offered for my family and me during a difficult time. What a source of strength! Many thanks for all the members who took over the various duties that I signed up to do, and then was not here carry out. An extra big thank you to Karen Howe for all the extra session duties she took on in my long absence. This is a wonderful church family to be a part of.

With gratitude,
Carol Dulin

What a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and sharing more about God's mission in southeast Asia, during our visit on Sunday, July 22nd. We're grateful that your church has supported our work, and that we would finally visit you for the first time. May the Lord continue to bless you that you might be a blessing in Flushing and beyond, through your ministry as a local church.

In Christ,
Cathy, Juan & Aurélie
9 September 2018

In November

Sun, Nov 4th

All Saint's Sunday

Sat, Nov 17, 7:00PM

Flint Concert Band

Sun, Nov 18

Harvest Sunday

Warmth Tree Items Due

Thanksgiving Veggies Due

Sun, Nov 25

Hanging of the Greens
(following worship, with lunch)



The Nominating Committee is looking for those interested in serving on Session for the 2019/2020 term.

The Teams which need another elder are: Property Team and Budget & Finance.

If interested in more information contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Julie Socha, Karen Howe, Denise Churchill, Bill Churchill, Randy Socha.

December

Sun, Dec 2

1st Sunday in Advent

Dec 16—22

Family Promise Guests



"I teach Sunday school.
What's your superpower?"



Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC)

The **special focus** item requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for October is canned fruit.

They have also made known the need for bottled juice, chili and Hamburger Helper.

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

Flint Concert Band - Sat, November 17, 7PM

Come enjoy an evening of music performed by the Flint Concert Band. It will be an evening of great music—patriotic and beyond.



Support our local talent. Bring a friend. Enjoy an evening out.



EMAIL UPDATES

**Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor**

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

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2018 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett
Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth
Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson
Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Don Rowley
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe
Julie Socha

The 'art' of forgiveness

An interesting legend is associated with the painting "The Last Supper." Some say Leonardo da Vinci used a rival's face for Judas. Then when the painter tried to create Jesus' face, all he could see was that of his enemy. Supposedly, da Vinci was able to complete Jesus' face — and the entire masterpiece — only after making peace with his enemy and repainting Judas.



This tale shows the necessity of forgiving other people so we can accept Jesus' forgiveness for ourselves. As Jesus says in Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV), "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

From the Newsletternewsletter, August 2016 — adapted from *Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks* by Wayne Rice



October 7

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn

Communion Servers: Dan & Flora Radspieler, Julie & Randy Socha

Fellowship Hosts: Budget & Finance

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert

Ushers: Bill & Denise Churchill, Shirley Delbridge, Bill Weiss

Lay Leader: Kelli Peter

Welcome Desk: Sandy Tucker

Acolytes:

October 14

Fellowship Hosts: Budget & Finance

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Gary & Shirley Albert, Brett Albert, Sharon Donaldson

Lay Leader: Kelli Peter

Welcome Desk: Nancy Young

Acolytes: Chancel Choir

October 21

Fellowship Hosts: Budget & Finance

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Carol Dulin, Loretta Hudson, Bob & Gail Barnhart

Lay Leader: Mike Keeler

Welcome Desk: Scott Tucker

Acolytes: Handbell Choir

October 28

Fellowship Hosts: Budget & Finance

Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker

Ushers: Mike & Sylvia Keeler, Karen Howe, Need Volunteer

Lay Leader: Debbie Bayer

Welcome Desk: Shirley Albert

Acolytes: Ruppels



October

- 1 Teresa Peterson
- 2 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
- Jean Hagan
- 23 Dona Ballard, David Oleyar
- 27 Carol & Larry Brownell
- 31 Michael Keeler



October 7: Genesis 2:18–24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

October 14: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15; Psalm 90:12–17; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

October 21: Isaiah 53:4–12; Psalm 91:9–16; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

October 28: Jeremiah 31:7–9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52



Average 2018 Collections	\$3,190
Average August Collections	\$2,225
Average 2017 Collections	\$3,299
Average needed for 2018 Budget	\$3,773

Be the Church Growth & Service Opps

Book & Breakfast Club meets at 9:30 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant. 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...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.

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/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 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.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Priscilla Circle meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study (September through May). All women are invited to attend.

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.

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 Marian McTaggart with any questions.

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 (September through May). Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker.



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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 7

World Communion Sunday

Monday, October 1

12:00 PM - Blood Drive

Sunday, October 14

6:00 PM Movie Night

Sunday, October 21

Warmth Tree Available
in the Narthex

Sunday, October 28

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 17

7:00 PM - Flint Concert Band



OCTOBER



This Month's Collections

All Month:

FCOC: canned fruit

Also: bottled juice

Hamburger Helper

October 7:

Peace & Global Witness
Offering

October 21:

Warmth Tree Goes Up