

March 2026 Newsletter



Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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Time to Redd Up

Hailing from the southwestern corner of PA, we have a particular variation of the Appalachian dialect that is, at times, difficult to parse. For example, we use “y’inz” rather than “y’all” to indicate a collective group of people we are addressing. Rather than contracting “you all” we southwestern Pennsylvanians contract “you ones.” I won’t bore you too much with the grammatical details; I’ll merely chalk it up to the unique mix of Scottish and Dutch heritage that settled this area of the country hundreds of years ago.

All of this is to say that there is one particular bit of Pittsburghese that has stuck with me: “redd up” i.e. the act of tidying and cleaning up a particular space or area of living, especially when company is coming over! That brings me to the current season of Lent. Symbolically, Lent lasts 40 days to remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted after his baptism by John in the River Jordan. Lent is specifically designed so that we may redd up our hearts. We ask the Lord to create in us clean hearts and to renew right spirits within us.

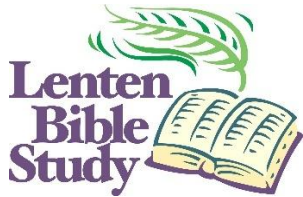
Now, how do we go about doing that? I think the mere recognition that this time is set aside and marked as different is a wonderful starting point, but there need to be actions to follow up those words. I encourage you to engage in thoughtful and deliberate reading of scripture and praying of prayers, even something as simple as the one plea blind Bartimaeus utters to Jesus in Mark’s gospel:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Asking the Lord for mercy is admitting that you have sinned against the Lord in thought, word, and deed. And while we Protestants would rather treat sin as though it’s a four-letter word – not to be mentioned in polite company and *certainly not to be mentioned in church* – we must admit to our own brokenness, as well as that of the world.

Pray. Read scripture. (And this is a great place to plug Friday evening Bible study, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm during the entire month of March!) Give alms to the poor. Keep in mind the good works of the good Lord, and ask God to redd up your heart and renew a right spirit within you.

God bless you this Lenten season,
Pastor Paul



Our Lenten Bible Study continues on Fridays at 5:00 - 6:30 PM through March 27. Join us as we walk together toward the cross and the joy of Easter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th! As we “spring forward,” let’s also renew our hearts in faith and gratitude for God’s steadfast light that never fades.



Youth and adult Bible studies will be held following the worship services on Sunday mornings, starting at approximately 11:15 AM and running for about 45 minutes. Grab your beverage and a snack from coffee hour and join us for fellowship and study. The youth will be meeting in the Youth Group Room and adults will be meeting in Heaven’s Highway. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



Mark your calendar – We will be having a Spring Potluck after the worship service on March 15. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and join us for good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Paul’s office. **Please be sure to sign up so we know how much chicken to purchase.**



We are truly thankful for the success of Souper Bowl Sunday and the generosity of our congregation! We raised a total of \$1,665, exceeding our collection of \$1,407 last year. All proceeds will go to Flushing Christian Outreach Center for their hunger programs. A special thank you to our marvelous soup makers: Carol Dulin, Debbie Grant, Lisa Judson, Kathy Lescelius, Pastor Paul, Scott & Diane Smith and Sandy Tucker; and to those that provided delicious desserts: Ed Davison, Lisa Judson, Mary Beth Hawes and Margaret Meehle.

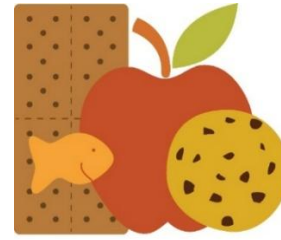


Rummage Sale Coming in May

The Member Care Team is currently planning to have a Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, May 8 - 9. Be sure to start setting aside items for the sale as you clean out your closets and begin your spring cleaning. You can start dropping off your items for the sale on April 26.



You can help our volunteers that count and deposit the weekly offering by writing separate checks for different types of contributions. For example, if you are donating money to a special offering like the Souper Bowl AND your regular offering, these contributions are actually deposited in two separate bank accounts and it would be **very** helpful if the amounts were included on two separate checks. We have multiple accounts that the counters have to keep track of and your assistance in this would help them immensely.



Youth Group Snacks Needed!

The Youth Group is in need of snacks for their meetings or contributions toward its snack fund. If you would like to provide snacks for a meeting (cookies, cupcakes, etc.), please see Pastor Paul for the Youth Group schedule. If you would like to donate for snacks and events for the Youth Group, just make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Youth Group" on the memo line.



Church Cancellation Policy

Keep in mind that we are still in winter here in Michigan! There is a possibility that worship services could be cancelled due to inclement weather. This is not a process the pastor has unilateral decision-making over. The decision to cancel service comes from the pastor, the clerk of session, the chair of property, and the chair of spiritual growth. Once a decision to cancel has been reached, an email will be sent to the congregation, a post will be put on Facebook, and the local news will be alerted to put it on their closing list.

Regardless of whether service is canceled, **please remember to use your best judgment when it comes to going out on the roads when winter weather occurs. Your safety is paramount.**



One Great Hour of Sharing: Why We Give

In Mark 12, Jesus explains that the two most important commandments are to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) responds to these commandments by helping our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Whether we're offering relief in the wake of a devastating storm, providing food or access to clean water, or assisting in the empowerment of our oppressed and marginalized brothers and sisters, One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual opportunity for us to show our love globally to our neighbors in a very tangible way. You may use the special envelopes available in the pews, or simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "One Great Hour" on the memo line.



March 1

Communion Preparer: Kathy Miller
Communion Servers: Lisa Judson, Kathy Miller, Sandy & Scott Tucker
Flowers: Annette Nickel
Sound Board Operator: Tim Judson
Ushers: Lisa & Tim Judson, Kathy Miller
Lay Leader: Annette Nickel
Streaming: Randy Socha
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes

March 8

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Sandy Snyder
Lay Leader: Kelli Peter
Streaming: Tim Judson
Nursery: Lisa Judson

March 15

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gary Albert, Shirley Delbridge, Sandy Tucker
Lay Leader: Julie Socha
Streaming: Kelli Peter
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes

March 22

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Debbie Carlson, Kathy Lescelius, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Sandy Tucker
Streaming: Mike Keeler
Nursery: Darrah Bird

March 29

Communion Preparer: Shirley Sanborn
Communion Servers: Brett & Gary Albert, Debbie Grant, Kathy Lescelius
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Scott Tucker
Ushers: Debbie Grant, Mike Keeler, Julie Socha
Lay Leader: Chris Albert
Streaming: Scott Smith
Nursery: Sandy Tucker



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for March are Boxed Potatoes (Scalloped or Au Gratin) and Shampoo. 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.



Upcoming Communion Dates . . .
March 1 & 29



March

- 7 Mitchell Albert
- 8 Shirley Delbridge
- 9 Norma Smith
- 12 Diane Tuttle-Smith
- 15 Mary Beth Hawes, Fred Prause, Michael Whitman
- 17 Joyce Hudson-Freeman & Frank Freeman
- 19 Paul J. Pfeuffer
- 20 Nelly Warda
- 21 Dawn Bitterman, Vivian Whitmire
- 22 Katie Whitman
- 23 Jerry Stuber
- 31 Deborah Bayer

Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, April 6, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



Flower Calendar

Flowers for the Sanctuary – Flowers are a delight and brighten up the sanctuary. Please consider signing up to supply flowers to help us celebrate with you or just to bring a smile to the faces of our church family. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board by Pastor Paul's office. There are many open dates for which you may sign up. If you sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday morning worship, you are responsible for ordering what you want. Both Flushing Florist and Village Florist have keys to the church and will deliver flowers if you so choose. You may also purchase your flowers at a place of your choosing and bring them in yourself on Sunday morning. You are welcome to take your arrangement home after the service. If you are remembering or honoring a loved one, be sure to mark that on the calendar or call the church office by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you are providing flowers in order to have it printed in the Sunday bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Financial Highlights

Average 2026 Collections	\$3,317
Average January Collections	\$3,317
Average 2025 Collections	\$3,861
Average needed for 2026 Budget	\$4,255



Stay connected
with Weekly Updates
from the Pastor

EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to be added to the list to receive weekly email updates from Pastor Paul about prayer requests and upcoming events, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office and verify that we have your current email address.

Flushing Presbyterian Church 2026 Session

Budget & Finance

Ed Davison
Scott Smith

Community Outreach

Mary Beth Hawes

Member Care

Lisa Judson

Property Team

Mark Jacobson
Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Kelli Peter
Sandy Tucker

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Book Club meets at 1:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome! Contact Margaret Meehle for information.



Bread for Life is a 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 for this program at 10:00 AM on Thursdays, at Flushing Community Church on West Pierson Road.

Card Ministry



Card Ministry...Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to Margaret Meehle or the church office.



Digital Church . . . Our Sunday morning worship service is on video and can be viewed via a link on our website (flushingpres.org) or watched live-streamed on YouTube on Sunday mornings or at another time of your choosing.



FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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 in the shelving unit just outside of the kitchen.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study...This group meets for breakfast and study at 9:00 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.



Music Opportunities

Music Opportunities . . .The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays (September through May). Please contact Chris Albert for information on the chancel choir and Marilyn Schmoak for info on the Handbell Choir.



The Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs locally and around the world.



Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage and other 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.



The Noisy Offering

Please address questions to the contact person listed or call the church office at (810)659-5831



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	4 9:30 AM - FHS Alumni 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	5 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	6 Church Office Closed	7 11:00 AM – Witzman Funeral Luncheon
8 Noisy Offering	9 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts	10 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM - SG 6:30 PM – Property 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	11 11:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	12 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 9:30 AM – Member Care	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 11:15 AM – Spring Potluck	16	17 1:00 PM – Book Club 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	18 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	19 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	20 Church Office Closed	21 9:00 AM – Girl Scouts
22	23 6:00 PM – Session	24 6:00 PM – GFWC-Flushing Women’s Club 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir	25 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	26 9:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Canasta Club	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 Palm Sunday Communion	30	31 6:30 PM – Handbell Choir				

*****Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays*****