



# May 2026 Newsletter



## Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round  
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### The Gluten-Free Body of Christ

As a pastor, I do a ridiculous amount of thinking about how a church celebrates communion. Do they rip and dip? Do they pass the plates of the elements? How many prayers are included? Where is the communion table in the sanctuary? There is a *lot* of thought that goes into how we observe the Lord's Supper at FPC, and I can't help but to think sometimes about how my own church upbringing has informed the decisions I have helped guide FPC to.

And because I'm, well, me...I can't help but to take communion seriously, while also injecting a bit of levity into my thought processes as well. (See the image on the right!) Jokes about shampoo and conditioner aside, when thinking about the table of the Lord, we must strive to make it as open and accessible to any and every person who comes into our church. And to that end, we're moving forward with one gluten-free loaf of bread for each communion service.

There is no "except these people, they can't partake because of reasons x, y, and z" but rather there is the entirety and the completeness of the welcome.

Think about the words I say each time we celebrate communion. "The table is open...Let come forward all those who call upon the name of the Lord to be saved." If we are to be an open, welcome, and inclusive congregation, we must think carefully and critically about what forms the elements. With cases of celiac disease being on the rise the past few decades, the church must adjust to what the people need – physically, as well as spiritually.

*Pastor Paul*



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Some old housemates of mine were Syrian Orthodox. At their church different members of the church took turns baking the bread that would be consecrated for the Eucharist. This was all well and good until one woman baked raisin bread. This led to the memorable occasion of a rather flustered priest, who had not seen the bread until that moment, declaring, "This - except for the raisins - is the Body of Christ."

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EXCEPT FOR THE RAISINS omg

pastel-lavender

Raisins are just dried grapes though, and wine is his blood so really its like a two in one shampoo & conditioner except with jesus



Due to limited participation and conflicting activities, we are putting on hold the youth Bible study that had been occasionally meeting after worship services. We hope our youth will feel that their spiritual needs and education are being met by the worship services and youth group activities. Any youth interested in attending youth group should call the church office or Pastor Paul for dates, time and activities. Any concerns about this should be directed to a member of our Spiritual Growth Team. Thank you!

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 few lines regarding post-graduation plans by May 31 and we will prepare the display.

**We are currently collecting Clean Up Buckets for people affected by the recent flooding.** There are fliers on the Welcome Desk that list the exact items needed for the buckets. If you would like to participate but are unable to shop for the necessary items, you may also donate towards a bucket(s). Simply make your check payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Clean Up Bucket" on the memo line. All buckets and donations need to be received by the church by **Sunday, May 17.**



**From Carole Noye . . .**

I want to thank all the members of the church who have done so much to help with my recovery from a broken hip. I've kept all my cards and reread them today to realize how many of you have wished me fast healing. They must have helped, because I have now moved from my walker to a cane. Still a little unsteady on my feet, but feel so much better as far as walking is concerned. Your encouragement has helped me so much. I am still gaining strength, so thanks to all.





Friday, May 8, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 9, 9:00 AM – Noon

Proceeds going to  
Disaster Assistance &  
Hand of Hope

### Collection Dates

Items for the sale can be delivered during the times that the church is normally open - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Thursday, or immediately following the worship service on Sunday. If you have a key and a passcode, you can deliver your items at any time that is convenient for you. If you do not have a key and are unable to get your donations to the church during regular office hours, please contact Shirley Sanborn to make alternate arrangements.

### Sale Dates

- Friday, May 8, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday, May 9, 9:00 AM - Noon

**MANY volunteers are needed** before the sale to sort items, and during the hours of the sale. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in front of the Bulletin Board for all those willing to help. Please sign up so that we will know if we have all the hours covered!! Please come when you can to help out.

Contact Shirley Sanborn with any questions, to request delivery assistance or any other needs.





### May 3

**Communion Preparers:** Julie Socha  
**Communion Servers:** Debbie Grant, Mark Jacobson, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Flowers:** John & Luella Daig  
**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert  
**Ushers:** Debbie Carlson, Shirley Delbridge, Mark Jacobson  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson-Freeman  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Hawes

### May 10

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Tim Judson  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Sandy Snyder, Randy Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Mike Keeler  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter  
**Nursery:** Lisa Judson

### May 17

**Flowers:** Thrapp/Takai Family  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Debbie Grant, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Streaming:** Tim Judson  
**Nursery:** Darrah Bird

### May 24

**Communion Preparer:** Kelli Peter  
**Communion Servers:** Gary Albert, Mike Keeler, Kathy Lescelius, Julie Socha  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Tim Judson  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Mike Keeler, Kathy Lescelius  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:** Sandy Tucker

### May 31

**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Frank & Mary Beth Hawes, Julie Socha  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Hawes



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for May are **Boxed Cereal and Peanut Butter & Jelly**. 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 . . .**  
 May 3 & 24, June 7



## May

- 2 Karen & Steve Howe
- 3 Riley R
- 7 Bob Barnhart, Addison Peter
- 9 Gary & Shirley Albert
- 10 Kathleen Rhoads
- 11 Jim Crawford
- 15 Tim Stein
- 16 Joan Finley, Lillian Socha, John & Luella Daig
- 18 Brett & Chris Albert
- 19 Debbie Carlson
- 19 Matt Bemis
- 20 Donald Rowley
- 23 Annette Nickel
- 24 Cathy Blight & Ed Davison
- 26 Madeline Rowley

# Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, June 1, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://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	\$3,026
Average March Collections	\$2,924
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.

## CARD MINISTRY

Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our ongoing 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](http://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 . . .** **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.

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b>
-----Rummage Sale Collection & Set-Up-----						
<b>3</b> Communion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed	<b>9</b>
-----Rummage Sale Collection & Set-Up-----					Rummage Sale	
<b>10</b> Noisy Offering	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM - Property	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM - FHS Alumni 11:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM - Session	<b>19</b> 1:00 PM - Book Club 5:00 PM - GFWC- Flushing Women's Club	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25 Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM - Men's Fellowship-Liberty Restaurant 6:00 PM - Canasta Club	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Outdoor Worship Service	***Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays***					