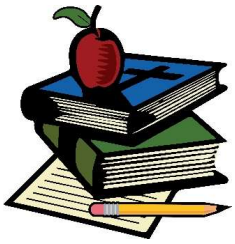

September 2026 Newsletter

Flushing Presbyterian Church

Rev. Paul J. Pfeuffer, Pastor

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round

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We make because God makes.
We build because God builds.
We create because God creates.

And in each of these cases, God does so first. Everything we do, we do in response to how God has placed us here and created us and called us good. The faith we have, the love we share, the bread we break and the fruit of the vine we pour at the table – all of them are responses to how the God of all things has made and still makes.

And as an extension of that response, we will be very proud to host our 4th annual Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build. Back when we started this endeavor in 2023, we brought the community of Flushing together in the common work of ensuring there are plenty of beds available through SHP's organization for those who need them. To give you a more concrete idea of the amount this event has grown, I had Marty run some numbers for me. Take a look at them below:

2023	**$4,425.00**
2024	**$4,010.00**
2025	**$6,375.00**
2026	**$10,850.00**

FPC, you should be beyond proud of the work you have done, and the strides you have taken these last few years. But it's not enough for us to raise the money. Now comes the time to build. So please join us out in the parking lot on **Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. We bought a *lot* of lumber, but now we have to sand it, drill it, stain it, and brand it. Come, ready to build. Come, ready to imitate the God who makes and the God who has deep compassion for those who cannot help themselves.

Pastor Paul

We will return to our regular office hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Thursday), on Tuesday, September 1st. The office will continue to be closed on Fridays.

Choir will be starting fall rehearsals on Wednesday, September 2nd, at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We sing approximately two times each month. Our first Sunday to sing will be September 20th. All are welcome and encouraged to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Albert at (810)252-5622.

Our regular Coffee Hour returns on September 6th!! Volunteers will be needed to host. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have never hosted before, and would like to work with a "seasoned veteran", please contact the office.

Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) is selling $10 raffle tickets for their Fall Fundraising Gala, Harvest of Hope, on September 26 at Flushing Valley Golf Club. Tickets to attend the dinner are $150, which includes two dinners, two raffle tickets, live & silent auctions and entertainment. Grand prize is a side-by-side ATV & trailer. Nine other prizes will be raffled also – all valued at $500. Please call Karen Howe for tickets (810-252-2679) or purchase directly at FCOC Food or Clothing Center.

Our Bed Building Event will take place here at our church at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 12. Come and join with other members of our community to build beds for children that don't have one of their own. No experience necessary. All skill levels welcome and no tools are needed. Ages 10-100; all children 10-18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Lunch for Bed Building Event . . . We plan to serve fried chicken to the workers for lunch. In addition, we would like to request help to provide salads and cookies for the lunch; they will need to be delivered to the church by 11:00 AM. There is a display board in the narthex with the items needed. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Dulin.

Outdoor Worship Service
September 13

We will be having our final outdoor worship service in our pavilion on September 13. Bring a folding chair for comfort, if you would like, and dress casually for a non-A/C environment (in the event of cold or wet weather, we will move indoors). Come and enjoy worshipping the Lord in God's great outdoors!

We are currently collecting plastic bags and wraps with the goal of collecting 250 pounds to earn a bench made from these recycled materials. Acceptable items include: store bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc & other reclosable bags, case overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags and bubble wrap. **All plastics must be clean, dry and free of any food or organic residue**. **DO NOT include:** frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, pet food bags, net or mesh produce bags, chip bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, meat wrap packaging, vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths, bedding or linen packaging, shiny crinkly films like floral wrap.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

For 2026 the Presbyterian Church (USA) [PCUSA], has discontinued the collection of the Pentecost Offering and the Peace and Global Witness Offering and replaced these with the World Communion Offering. This is a special churchwide collection that cultivates global reconciliation by supporting racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. It is received beginning in September through World Communion Sunday (October 4th this year). Prayerfully consider giving to the World Communion Offering this year.

The Love God Desires

God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

From the February 2026 Newsletternewsletter

September 6

Communion Preparer: Julie Socha
Communion Servers: Karen Howe, Kathy Lescelius, Annette Nickel, Scott Tucker
Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Brett Albert
Ushers: Karen Howe, Kathy Lescelius, Scott Tucker
Lay Leader: Lynette Daig
Streaming: Scott Smith
Nursery: Darrah Bird

September 13

Flowers:
Ushers: Debbie Carlson, Debbie Grant
Lay Leader: Annette Nickel
Streaming: Randy Socha
Nursery: Sandy Tucker

September 20

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha
Ushers: Gary Albert, Shirley Delbridge, Kelli Peter
Lay Leader: Ed Davison
Streaming: Tim Judson
Nursery: Lisa Judson

September 27

Flowers:
Sound Board Operator: Tim Judson
Ushers: Sandy Snyder, Julie Socha, Randy Socha
Lay Leader: Debbie Grant
Streaming: Mike Keeler
Nursery: Mary Beth Hawes

FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for September are paper towel and toilet paper. 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 . . .
September 6 and October 4

September

6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
10 Scott Tucker
14 Blair Albert, Brooklyn Cooper
15 Steven & Christine Cooper
18 Dave Blanton
19 Angie & Jay Shaw
26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
27 Shirley Sanborn

Blood DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, October 5, 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	$3,404
Average July Collections	$4,212
Average 2025 Collections	$3,861
Average needed for 2026 Budget	$4,255

EMAIL **UPDATES**

Stay connected with Weekly Updates from the Pastor

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!

CARD MINISTRY

Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Birthday and Christmas cards are collected for our on-going card ministry. Please deliver cards to 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.

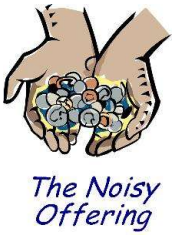
FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

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 Opportunity . . .The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). All are welcome to join us. Please contact Chris Albert for information.



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
		1	**2** 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	**3**	**4** **Church Office Closed**	**5**
6 **Communion**	**7**	**8** 6:30 PM - SG 6:30 PM – Property	**9** 9:30 AM – FHS Alumni 11:00 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	**10** 9:30 AM – Member Care 6:00 PM – GFWC-Flushing Women's Club	**11** **Church Office Closed**	**12** 9:00 AM - Bed Build
13 **Noisy Offering**	**14** 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts	**15** 1:00 PM - Book Club	**16** 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	**17**	**18** **Church Office Closed**	**19** 10:00 AM – Memorial Committee Meeting
20	**21**	**22** 6:00 PM – GFWC-Flushing Women's Club	**23** 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir	**24** 6:00 PM - Canasta Club	**25** **Church Office Closed**	**26**
27	**28** 6:00 PM – Session	**29**	**30** 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Chancel Choir			

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