



# Flushing Presbyterian Church

Worship: 10:00 AM Year-Round  
5010 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433

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## June/July 2024 Newsletter



*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (New International Version)

### What does it mean to die with dignity?

Good, now that I have your attention: I know that I have broached this subject with you at least once in my time here – most likely in this year’s Ash Wednesday service. What I am asking you to do today is to think about this question from a different angle. What does it mean when something that we *do* or participate in, has run its course?

As many of you know, my home congregation of Beechview, nestled on the trolley line in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, has closed up shop. COVID was the final nail in the coffin for a congregation that had been declining for 3-4 decades. I have many cherished memories from my time growing up in that congregation. My Sunday school teacher, Anne Falvo, threatened to send me to the moon quite a few times if I couldn’t sit still and just pay attention.

My oldest brother, Michael, was married in the sanctuary on a December night in 1998 when the snowflakes fell thickly on the earth, threatening to keep some of our extended relatives stuck out on the road. There, on a sunny day in May of 2007, we held my other brother Shaun’s funeral.

### I carry those moments with me.

**They were formative and helped shape me into the man, the pastor I am today.**

One of Beechview’s final acts was allotting to each of its members a portion from the sale of its building, to be used for the benefit of non-profit organizations. Some of the church’s members opted to donate to homeless shelters. Some donated to animal rescue organizations in the City of Pittsburgh. I am proud to announce that my mother, Sue Pfeuffer, has designated her monetary gift of \$10,000 go to Flushing Presbyterian Church.

*That*, my friends, is going out with dignity. *That is going out with style.* The manner in which Beechview has gone out rings with joy; with its final act the congregation has chosen not to wallow in its tears but to take action and **to serve the Lord**. They have fought the good fight, they have finished the race, they have kept the faith. I am forever indebted to my years spent there and I could not be prouder of my humble origins.

Those worshipers are losing a vital part of their identity and yet even so, they close the book on that chapter in their lives while thinking not of themselves, but of others. Please say a prayer for all of them, because the road to closure was long and arduous, winding and full of grief. Thank the Lord for this group of people in southwestern Pennsylvania, many of whom you will most likely never meet. May God bless each of them as they continue with their life’s work, as they move on to find new worshipping homes, and as they grow and walk with God.

--Pastor Paul



*Voices for Children* provides restorative services for abused and neglected children, protects our vulnerable children through advocacy, and prevents abuse and neglect in our communities through education. In Genesee County, 25-40 children come to the center every week, that is more than 100 snacks and beverages every month. **During the month of June we will be collecting snacks and beverages:**

- Snacks: Any individually packaged ones that don't spoil quickly. Individually packaged chips, crackers, cookies, fruit roll-ups, fruit snacks, even pudding and Pop Tarts.
- Beverages: For the younger kids - juice boxes of any kind/flavor. For the teens - soda (root beer, Sprite/Sierra Mist, Coke/Diet Coke, Pepsi/Diet Pepsi, etc.). Bottled water is always needed and sparkling water is also accepted.

There is a bin in the narthex for your donations.



**Outdoor Worship Services**  
**June 16**  
**July 7**  
**August 18**

We will be having worship services outdoors in our pavilion on June 16, July 7 and August 18. 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!



**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* has requested that our congregation provide funding for building supplies and bedding for 15 beds. Each bed comes with mattress, mattress cover, pillow, sheets and a comforter at a cost of \$250 each. There will be a board in the narthex with beds that you can take: Whole bed - \$250, Half a bed - \$125, and Fifth of a bed - \$50, Tenth of a bed - \$25. Any other size donation will also be accepted and applied to the cost of a bed. Please make checks payable to Flushing Presbyterian Church and indicate "Bed" in the memo line.

**Bed Building Event** will take place here at our church from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 14. 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 . . .** More information to follow.



Children's Sunday School for the summer will be offered on June 23rd, July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 25th.

## The Wired WORD

An Adult Curriculum

**The Wired Word on-line study will not be meeting during the summer months.** We hope you will join us when we resume in the fall.



**Please note** that our office hours in July and August will be from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**The Men's Breakfast Group will not meet in the summer months.** All are welcome to join us when we begin again in mid-September.



**There will be no HOSTED coffee hour during July and August.** You are welcome to prepare coffee for an informal fellowship hour on any Sunday. All we ask is that you clean up after yourself! Our regular Coffee Hour will return in September.



**Yes, summer has just started but preparation for the return of school will begin when the sales for school supplies begin in July!** The Outreach Team will again have a box in the Narthex to collect your donations of backpacks, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, glue, spiral notebooks, etc. Cash donations are also accepted, just be sure to write "School Supplies" on the memo line of your check. **The deadline for donating supplies is Sunday August 25th.**



**Mark your calendar for Camp Fellowship on Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 – 8:00 PM** under the pavilion, weather permitting. There will be games, a Bible lesson, songs and more. Watch for more info in the August Newsletter and upcoming bulletins.



**Per Capita**

It is not too late to submit your 2024 Per Capita payment of \$29.50 for every confirmed member of your family.

We have received approximately 56% of the total due so far this year.



**Congratulations to:**

**Ashley & Devon Smith**  
**On the birth of their son,**  
**Ayden Matthew Smith**  
**Born: May 21, 2024**

Grandson of Matt & Linda Bemis  
Great-Grandson of Dean & Pat Bemis



### **From the Old Newsboys of Flint . . .**

On behalf of The Old Newsboys of Flint, Inc. we would like to thank you for your generous donations. From our hearts to yours, thank you. Serving Genesee County's needy children since 1924, The Old Newsboys' programs are funded entirely through the annual paper sale, fundraisers and generous support of people like you. Your continuing commitment assures that we "Let No Child Be Forgotten."

# Ways you can SERVE

## **Expanding our view of service**

We often think of serving in terms of Matthew 25: supplying food and clothing; caring for the sick, incarcerated and other "least of these" members of society — serving Jesus in the process. But we also can serve him with our unique talents and by doing things we love.

For example, Ged King, a barber in England, devotes some of his time off to giving homeless people free haircuts. Imagine Jesus saying, "For my hair was long and scraggly, and you cut it" — or "My heart was lonely, and you played music to lift my spirits. I could no longer read small print, and you read to me. I have to work two jobs, and you invited my child to spend afternoons crafting with you. My car broke down, and you repaired it." Then the King will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father . . . *whatever* you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:34, 40, NIV; emphasis added).

*From the April 2017 Newsletternewsletter*





## June

- 3 Fred & Millie MacMain-Prause
- 5 Dave Finley
- 6 Diane Rowley, Marilyn Schmoak, Olivia W
- 7 Michael Bemis
- 9 Chris Albert
- 10 Frank & Mary Hawes, Bill Churchill, Jr.
- 12 Carol Dulin, Dave & Joan Finley
- 13 Shirley Wolfe
- 15 Lynette Daig, Sandy Tucker
- 18 Bob & Gail Barnhart
- 21 Norma Zuehlke
- 26 Isabella B, John & Kathy Miller
- 30 Scott Smith & Diane Tuttle-Smith

## July

- 4 Flora Radspieler
- 6 Megan Ruppel
- 7 Kathy Lescelius
- 8 Ella Baney
- 11 Bill Ballagh
- 12 Karen Howe, Julie Socha
- 14 Tim Bradish, Virginia Churchill, Christine Cooper
- 17 Kip Hogan, Jeff Rumsey
- 18 Katie & Michael Whitman
- 19 John Daig
- 26 Cathy Stuber



## Lectioary Readings

**June 2:** *Semicontinuous:* 1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20) and Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; *Complementary:* Deut. 5:12-15 and Ps. 81:1-10; 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

**June 9:** *Semicontinuous:* 1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) and Ps. 138; *Complementary:* Gen. 3:8-15 and Ps. 130; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**June 16:** *Semicontinuous:* 1 Sam. 15:34-16:13 and Ps. 20; *Complementary:* Ezek. 17:22-24 and Ps. 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**June 23:** *Semicontinuous:* 1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Ps. 9:9-20 or 1 Sam. 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Ps. 133; *Complementary:* Job. 38:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**June 30:** *Semicontinuous:* 2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27 and Ps. 130; *Complementary:* Lam. 3:22-33 and Ps. 30; 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

**July 7:** *Semicontinuous:* 2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10 and Ps. 48; *Complementary:* Ezek. 2:1-5 and Ps. 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**July 14:** *Semicontinuous:* 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Ps. 24; *Complementary:* Amos 7:7-15 and Ps. 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**July 21:** *Semicontinuous:* 2 Sam. 7:1-14a and Ps. 89:20-37; *Complementary:* Jer. 23:1-6 and Ps. 23; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 28:** *Semicontinuous:* 2 Sam. 11:1-15 and Ps. 14; *Complementary:* 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Ps. 145:10-18; Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



## Financial Highlights

Average 2024 Collections	\$3,385
Average April Collections	\$4,965
Average 2023 Collections	\$3,008
Average needed for Budget	\$3,861



## Communion Schedule

Upcoming Communion Dates . . .  
June 2 & July 7

## Flushing Presbyterian Church 2024 Session

### Budget & Finance

Ed Davison  
Bill Churchill

### Community Outreach

Kathy Miller  
Sylvia Keeler

### Member Care

Shirley Sanborn  
Sandy Snyder

### Property Team

Randy Socha  
Scott Tucker

### Spiritual Growth

Mike Keeler  
Kelli Peter

## Summer



## FLUSHING CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

The special focus items requested by the Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) for June are cereal & liquid hand soap. 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.



The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at our church on Monday, June 3, 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).



## JUNE SCHEDULE

### June 2

**Communion Preparer:** Carole Noye  
**Communion Servers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Mike Keeler, Annette Nickel  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Bill & Denise Churchill, Mike Keeler  
**Lay Leader:** Annette Nickel  
**Streaming:** Kelli Peter  
**Nursery:**

### June 9

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Sandy Tucker  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:**

### June 16

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Ushers:** Gary Albert, Shirley Delbridge, Kathy Miller  
**Lay Leader:** Kelli Peter

### June 23

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Karen Howe, Mark Jacobson, Kaye Kaufherr  
**Lay Leader:** Julie Socha  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:**

### June 30

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Margaret Meehle, Carole Noye, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Chris Albert  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:**

## JULY SCHEDULE

### July 7

**Communion Preparer:** Kathy Miller  
**Communion Servers:** Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Sandy & Scott Tucker  
**Sound Board Operator:**  
**Ushers:** Kip Hogan, Kathy Miller, Scott Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Bill Churchill

### July 14

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Kathy Miller, Carole Noye, Dennis Sanborn  
**Lay Leader:** Lynette Daig  
**Streaming:** Scott Smith  
**Nursery:**

### July 21

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Randy Socha  
**Ushers:** Mark Jacobson, Kaye Kaufherr, Margaret Meehle  
**Lay Leader:** Ed Davison  
**Streaming:** Mike Keeler  
**Nursery:**

### July 28

**Flowers:**  
**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker  
**Ushers:** Shirley Delbridge, Karen Howe, Sandy Tucker  
**Lay Leader:** Joyce Hudson  
**Streaming:** Randy Socha  
**Nursery:**



# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



**The Book Club** meets at 12:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month at Liberty Restaurant. All are welcome!



**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](http://flushingpres.org)) or watched live-streamed on Facebook 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 8:30 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.



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




# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31	1 -----Rummage Sale--
<b>2</b> Communion	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM – Blood Drive	<b>4</b> 1:00 PM - MARSP	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM – Member Care 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers 6:00 PM - Canasta Club	<b>7</b> Church Office Closed	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Noisy Offering	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM - B & F 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM - Property	<b>12</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>14</b> Church Office Closed	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 AM – Outdoor Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 PM - Book Club - Liberty Restaurant	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM - Community Outreach 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>21</b> Church Office Closed	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:45 PM - Session	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>***Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays***</b>					



# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	6
7 <b>Communion</b> 10:00 AM – Outdoor Worship	8	9 9:00 AM - North End Soup Kitchen	10	11 12:00 PM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Wood Carvers	12 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	13
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