

:: You are invited to get involved at FCC ::

Prayer Time ... will take place next Sunday, December 5 at 10 AM!

Thanksgiving Dinners ... Thank you to all who helped pack over 300 Thanksgiving dinners last Sunday night. Special thanks to Joe Ledger, Dennis Sopka, and Bob Coe for distributing our leftover meals to their ordained locations!

Food Bank Ornaments ... You can purchase a paper ornament today. Your \$1 donation can purchase \$14 of food for our "mobile food pantry" partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Shoes For Orphans ... Another great way to be generous this fall is to help supply shoes for orphans. Gently used or new athletic shoes, as well as new socks, will be collected between now and December 5. Donations can be made 24 hours a day in church's entry way. See Wendy Freeman to find out more details.

Baby Shower Invite ... Ladies, you can celebrate with Mary Lopez on the upcoming birth of her child at a shower held in her honor. It will take place on Saturday, December 11 at 3:30 PM at the home of Ellen Langworthy (6506 Flushing Rd.). Please RSVP to Mary at 309-3065.

FCC Christmas Party ... Details are being ironed out for a fun night on Saturday, December 11. Save the night on your calendar for a night of adult interaction and holiday treats! Start looking for that perfect "white elephant" gift! See the insert this morning!

Bread 4 Life Shoppers ... Would you be willing to be put on a rotation to shop for this program? Contact Travis Emmons at 834-9539.

Flint Journal Correction ... Recently, an article featuring the Flushing Christian Outreach Center reported that the center helped 42 people in October. That number should have been 542!

Miss a Sunday? Download our weekly messages and bulletins on our website to stay connected with the faith conversation of the church. Just visit www.flushingcommunity.org.

Join the Tech Crew ... We are currently seeking interested folks to join our crew of sound & projection technicians. Training will take place very soon. Contact Pastor Steve, Terry Marks (sound) or Matt Young (projection). It's a great way to plug in!!



UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading

Every Child Plays | Every Child Learns | Every Child Wins!

Celebrating our 5th Season at FCC!

Prayer Team ... Melissa Maynor is STILL looking for more people who will commit to praying for Upward for 100 days. The effort begins November 29 and will last throughout the season! Sign up today to be a part of this vital team!

Evaluations This Week ... Are you available to help us this week for evaluations? Help is needed Monday-Wednesday! See Matt Young.

Calling all Coaches, Snacks, Greeters & Facility Helpers ... It's "all hands on deck" for Upward to run smoothly. Can you help us? Give a little or give a lot ... we need what you can offer!!



The Flushing Community Church Story

In the summer of 1996, God began to move in the hearts of a handful of people to start a creative new church in Flushing. In January of 1997, Pastor Darrel Harvey and his family moved from Cincinnati to the

Flushing area and began to describe a vision that God had given them about this new and exciting ministry.

By September 1998, eight families had responded to God's call to form the core of Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene. The church was officially launched on March 28, 1999 initially meeting at the Crouse Instructional Center. As we experienced consistent growth, it was necessary to relocate to the Flushing Performing Arts Center in 2000 and the Flushing Junior High School in 2001.

With great excitement, we moved into our current worship facility on October 5, 2003. This 12,000 sq. ft. facility was built with the dream of being a place where our community and church would gather for various purposes. It has been used for sport and recreation, funerals and weddings, and weekly worship.

Flushing Community Church has experienced some wonderful days over our first 11 years of existence. We've also experienced some great struggles and deep trials. Through it all, we've seen God's loving arms reaching down to us offering hope and purpose.

The next page of our story is still being written. Will you join us to see what God has in store for our journey? We hope that you will. Feel free to contact any member of our staff with questions you have about FCC and be sure to explore how you can be involved!



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**Why
a Messiah?**



Flushing
community church

We are glad you are here!

Today at Flushing Community Church:

Today is going to be a great day to experience the power of God. We are excited that you have chosen to join us on this Sunday morning! You find yourself in a safe place today to engage your faith and your questions.

This morning is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. Advent simply means "to anticipate." As we light the first candle of Advent and contemplate our need for Jesus Christ, we hope that your hearts will be open to the work of God deep within. Most in Bethlehem missed the birth of Jesus. Let's not miss celebrating it the right way because 2,000 years later we are still too busy!

Grab some coffee, find a comfortable seat and open your heart to the work of God today. Sing with us. Pray with us. Stay with us!

Where Do I Go From Here?

Have you responded to God's grace today? Are you interested in learning more about God and His amazing love for you? We would be honored to share some information with you and help you discover this love. Please give the pastoral staff a call [732-0282] or send them an email [located on back] to set up a time to talk more or just to ask questions! We are here for you!

Who We Are:

Flushing Community Church is a Church of the Nazarene. Our focus in ministry is to all people from all walks of life in Flushing and its surrounding communities, yet we also exist to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus around the world through world missions and the Church of the Nazarene. If you would like to know more about the Church of the Nazarene, check out our denominational website at www.nazarene.org.

What We Do:

Our mission in starting Flushing Community Church in March of 1999 was, and continues to be, "Sharing Christ and Equipping People in Creative, Contemporary, Credible and Caring Ways." We see a clear picture of what the church should look like in scripture (Acts chapter 2) ... "They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Everyone around was in awe ... and all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common." That continues to be our goal as we share life together.

Financial Contributions:

Our church is a non-profit organization that is funded 100% through the gifts freely given by its people. We believe that God's Word challenges all those in the faith to give 10% (also known as a "tithe") of their income back to the Lord to be used for ministry locally and globally. While 10% is a challenge for many of us, we encourage everyone who attends FCCN regularly to participate in supporting the church. You may place any financial gifts in the wooden stands near the entrance of the worship facility. Online contributions can be done through your personal banking institution. Instructions on this method are at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your faithful giving and support of our church.



The new children's ministry of
Flushing Community Church
is here!!

UNIQUENESS:

**Leaning more about others
so you can know more about yourself!**

Let's Get Buggy! Come and "bugged out and go "buggy" with us during 252 Basics! Did you know there are 900-thousand different kinds of insects that we know about in our world? The Smithsonian estimates that there could be more than 30-million different types of bugs - some we haven't even discovered! Come and learn about how unique each of those bugs are ... and how are unique, too!

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4 NIV)

Flushing Student Ministry

New Time for Junior High ... beginning tonight, November 28, our Junior High group will meet from 5-6:30 PM. Come and enjoy some great games and discover what exciting things are being talked about!

Senior High ... come out from 6-7:30 PM tonight and learn about "Over the Horizon" and how it will change your life!

Upcoming Events ... Dec. 5 "Guys vs. Gals"; Dec. 12 "Feast or Famine Dinner"; Dec. 19 "Christmas Party"

Nazarene Youth Conference '11 ... This "once in a lifetime event" is available for all students who are currently in 8th-12th grades. Information & registration forms are at our Welcome Center! We want to see 12 teens get signed up! See Pastor Terry Bate with questions.

CLUB 56

A ministry for 5th & 6th graders

Sunday Mornings ... All preteens (5th & 6th grades) meet in the Loft this morning. The loft is located in the NW corner of the gym.

Crossroads Village Trip ... will be December 5, 5-8 PM. Cost is \$10. See Josh and Angie Upleger to sign up and RSVP your spot! Bring a friend who would enjoy this holiday favorite!

Mercy Team

Ministry leader and contact: Bob Coe (659-9719)

What is Mercy Team? This team seeks to meet the needs of our community through financial assistance, physical labor or whatever it takes! Do you have an idea for the Mercy Team? Join us the first Monday of each month! New members of this team are always welcomed to our meetings. We value the fresh ideas and strong support!

Takhomabox ... Our Christmas Dinner Takehomabox (take-home-a-box) project begins today! Help us pack 100 boxes for Christmas!!

:: Prayer & Praises ::

We believe in prayer and that it impacts lives! Take time to pray over these needs and take some tangible steps to encourage those laid on your heart!

The Cole Family: have begun the adoption process
David Faith: recovering from cancer surgery (brother of Don Faith)
Allana Hadland: radiation treatments (daughter of Dorie Lueker-Gibbs)
Bob Leach: cancer treatments (friend of Dar Christiansen)
Karen Quintal: battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)
Karen Rosell: on dialysis, in a nursing home (friend of Michelle Cole)
Robert Stansfield: leukemia (father of Mary Marks)
Bernie Towns: recovering from brain surgery (friend of the Upleger's)
Expectant Mothers: Katherine Kinney, Mary Lopez.

General Prayers to remember ...

Youth Pastor Search: pray for guidance in this new pursuit
Our Staff & Leadership: wisdom, protection, unity, and vision.
UPWARD Basketball: Leadership Team, Matt & Pam Young, directors
The Flushing Community: help us respond to the economic crisis locally, help us share the love of God to neighbors and friends, keep those in our community safe
Our Soldiers ... Josh Barber (USMC); Allana Hadland (USAF); Allan Hadland (USARMY); Cole Iaquinto (Nat'l Guard); Andrew Marks (Basic Training USAF in Texas) *[share any additional names with Pastor Terry]*

If you have a prayer concern, please share those with our office staff so that you can be supported through prayer! Call the office at 732.0282. Thank you!

:: Coming this Week ::

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 28

10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
5:00 PM Junior High
6:00 PM Senior High
7:30 PM Men's Basketball tonight!

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 29

3:15 PM Praise in Motion (ages 13+)
6:00 PM UPWARD Evaluations (A-H)

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 30

4:00 PM Praise in Motion (ages 7-12)
6:00 PM UPWARD Evaluations (I-R)

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 1

6:00 PM UPWARD Evaluations (S-Z + make ups)

:: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

DECEMBER:

11..... Adult Christmas Party
12..... Praise in Motion during morning worship
19..... Sounds of the Season featuring Randy & Marli Brown in concert
24..... Christmas Eve Service