

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

**Welcome Praise in Motion** ... It's our joy to have Praise in Motion performing during our worship service this morning. Thank you for using your talents to lead us in true worship! Special thanks to Sandy Massey and her team for all their hard work!

**Congratulations to the Kinney's!** Kaitlyn Grace Kinney was born on Tuesday, November 30! Remember Katherine & Steve in your prayers as we welcome little Kaitlyn into our hearts!

**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](http://www.flushingcommunity.org).

**Sounds of the Season** ... We are thrilled to have Randy & Marli Brown back with us in concert next Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 AM. This will be a wonderful Sunday morning experience as we participate in singing and listen to wonderful music that tells the story of Christmas. This will be a great family service and a love offering will be received.



**TAKHOMABOX** ... If you have taken a box home, please return it filled with food and Christmas love by next Sunday, December 19. A few boxes remain today to be sponsored. See Bob Coe with questions.

**Food Bank Ornaments** ... FCC is partnering with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. You can purchase a paper ornament and help support our mobile food pantry program. For every \$1 we receive, we can purchase \$14 worth of food. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Giving Tree** ... Stop by the "Giving Tree" by the gym doors to select an ornament that contains a gift idea for a family in need this Christmas. See Mary Ann Korte for more details! Thanks for your generosity!

**Shoes For Orphans** ... Another great way to be generous is to help supply shoes for orphans. Gently used or new athletic shoes, as well as new socks will be collected through this weekend. See Wendy Freeman to find out more details.



### UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading

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

Celebrating our 5th Season at FCC!

**Prayer Team** ... Don't forget to be praying for Upward. Coaches meeting will be December 18 and players begin practice the first week of January. You can be a part of this vital team - just see Melissa Maynor!

**Calling all 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!! See Matt or Pam Young (399-3386) to get involved!



## 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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# 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 third Sunday of the Advent Season. Advent simply means "to anticipate." As we light our next 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 since His arrival ... it's very easy to still be 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](http://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.

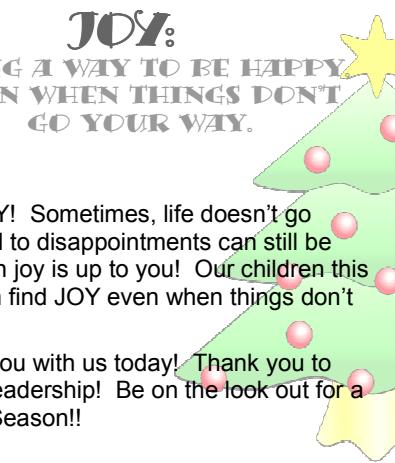
### Financial Contributions:

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.



**This Month's Virtue** ... is all about JOY! Sometimes, life doesn't go according to plan. How we respond to disappointments can still be joyous. Joy is a choice! Living with joy is up to you! Our children this month will be learning how they can find JOY even when things don't go their way!

**Praise In Motion** ... it's great to have you with us today! Thank you to Sandy Massey for your wonderful leadership! Be on the look out for a new session of PIM for the Easter Season!!

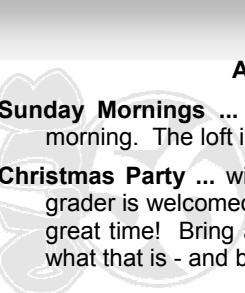


## Flushing Student Ministry

**New Time for Junior High** ... 7th & 8th graders - we are designing a special time just for you between 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!

**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 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.

**Christmas Party** ... will be today, December 12, 5-6:30 PM. Every 5th & 6th grader is welcomed to join us! We'll play some festive games and have a great time! Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange - ask your parents what that is - and be ready to have fun!! See Josh or Angie Upleger.



## 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 will conclude next Sunday. Please have your boxes filled!

## :: 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!

**Christy Ogles-Campbell:** surgery planned for 12/15

**The Cole Family:** have begun the adoption process

**David Faith:** recovering from cancer surgery (brother Don Faith)

**Allana Hadland:** radiation treatments (daughter of Dorie Gibbs)

**Kinney Family:** on the safe delivery of Kaitlyn Grace

**Bob Leach:** cancer treatments (friend of Dar Christiansen)

**Karen Quintal:** battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)

**The Family of Paul Ray:** passed away 12/6 (father of Michelle Cole)

**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:** Mary Lopez, Rojeanna Williams.

### 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 | DECEMBER 12

- 10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Club 56 Christmas Party
- 5:00 PM Junior High Youth
- 6:00 PM Senior High Youth
- 7:30 PM Men's Open Basketball

### MONDAY | DECEMBER 13

- 7:00 PM Boot Camp

### THURSDAY | DECEMBER 16

- 7:00 PM Boot Camp

### SATURDAY | DECEMBER 18

- 9:00 AM Upward Basketball Coaches Meeting

## :: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

### DECEMBER:

- 19..... Sounds of the Season featuring Randy & Marli Brown in concert
- 24..... Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM