

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

**Growing Kids God's Way ...** Mike and Amy Lintz are parents just like the rest of us. They are hungry to learn how they can raise their children to love Jesus and succeed in life. Though there are no guarantees in life, Growing Kids God's Way is a class that can challenge your way of thinking, encourage your marriage and strengthen your family. GKGW will begin in mid-January on Thursday nights here at the church. See the Lintz's to get more details or ask any questions!

**Tax-deductible Contributions ...** Today is our final Sunday in 2010 and your final Sunday to make a tax-deductible contribution to our church. Thank you to all who give on a regular basis. Statements for your 2010 giving will be available in January!

**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).

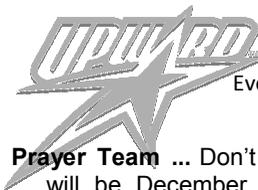


**TAKHOMABOX is now BRINGBACKABOX ...** Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Meal Program being a wonderful success. A special thanks to Bob Coe and the entire Mercy Team for their tireless coordination and extra effort!!

**Food Bank Ornaments ...** Today is the final Sunday to purchase an ornament for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This is an easy and effective way to support our mobile food pantry program. For every \$1 we receive, we can purchase \$14 worth of food. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Giving Tree ...** Thank you to all who participated in our "Giving Tree" this year. The gifts you sacrificially provided assisted a couple families and helped their Christmas be a little brighter. A special thanks to Mary Ann Korte for her attention to detail and coordination!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*  
Matthew 25:35-36



**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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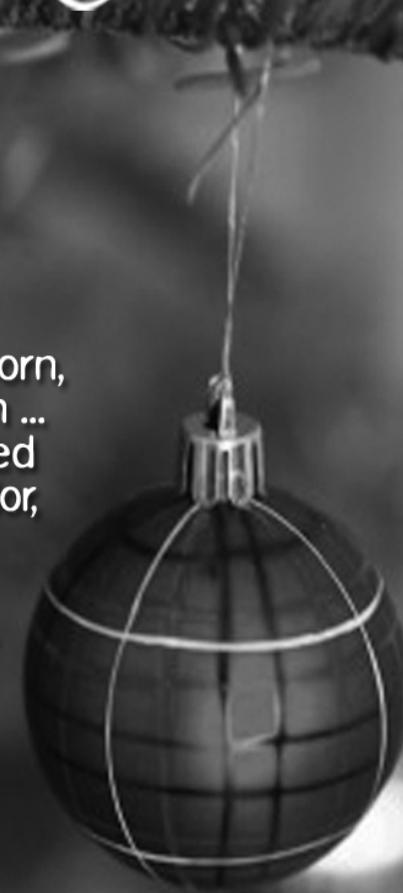
**Our Church Board Members:**

Bob Coe | Mary Ann Korte | Matt Johnson  
Sam Salem | Trudy Tabor | Mike Wallace

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Flushing  
community church

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given ...  
and he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6



Sunday, December 26, 2010

*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.

What would it be like to have been a participant in the original nativity seen? What would it have been like to listen to Jesus teach or have his hands touch your feeble body and receive healing? What would it have been like to hug him, feel his love and forgiveness, or have your feet washed by his hands? Immanuel - God WITH us. Jesus didn't come and leave - He's still here. Available just for you!

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.



**JOY:**  
FINDING A WAY TO BE HAPPY,  
EVEN WHEN THINGS DON'T  
GO YOUR WAY.

**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!

**Happy Birthday Jesus Party ...** Kids will have a great time this morning as we have a special birthday party for Jesus. There will be singing, crafts, games, a movie and of course food. See Debbie Simmons with any questions!

**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. We will take tonight off due to the holiday but then we'll be back at it in 2011! See Ben Wickerham with questions!!

**Senior High ...** Enjoy the night off and spend it with your family! We'll be back at it in 2011!! See Nicole Wallace with any questions about Senior High or Student Ministry in general.

**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-New Year's Combo Party ...** Don't miss out on January 2 from 5-6:30 PM as we combine our Christmas and New Year's parties! Every 5th & 6th grader is welcomed to join us! Weather can't stop us twice! See Josh or Angie Upleger with questions.

**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 ...** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Meal Program. You made a huge difference in the lives of 87 families!

**:: 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:** recovering from surgery
- The Cole Family:** have begun the adoption process
- The Family of David Faith:** passed away 12/22 (brother of Don Faith)
- Allana Hadland:** radiation treatments (daughter of Dorie Gibbs)
- Kinney Family:** welcome baby Kaitlyn Grace!
- Maddie LaDuke:** recovering from surgery to remove infection
- Gayle Lazar:** recovering from brain surgery (sister of Gary Goad)
- 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)
- Marrah Serban:** diagnosed with leukemia (a 13 yr. old & a friend to many)
- 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
- Our Soldiers ...** Josh Barber (USMC); Levi Garret (USARMY - deployed to Afghanistan); 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 26**  
10:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
7:00 PM Men's Open Basketball

**MONDAY | DECEMBER 27**  
7:00 PM Boot Camp

**THURSDAY | DECEMBER 30**  
7:00 PM Boot Camp

**SATURDAY | JANUARY 1**  
Welcome to 2011! Happy New Year everyone!!

**:: Upcoming Events & Dates ::**

- JANUARY:**
- 3..... First week of Upward practices
  - 4..... Board meeting
  - 15..... Upward Basketball Game Day!