



Praise the Lord!

In March of 2010 we began a one year campaign aimed at raising \$120,000 for various church initiatives. We had over \$121,000 pledged in our "All In Campaign" and received **\$117,975** (nearly 98%)!!

Through these funds, we have been able to achieve our main goal and hire Pastor Joel as our Student Ministries Pastor. Joel has done a great job of organizing our ministry to teens and coordination of our Upward Basketball program.

We have also been able to make significant improvements to our building (including stage lighting, main speakers, projector, hoop motors, carpet on the gym walls, classroom divider, children's registration booth, window shades, a coat rack, and improved sound insulation for the loft). Our Oak Street building has undergone a significant demolition and reconstruction process. Plus, we've set aside \$14,000 for ministry funding that will help our children, youth, and worship areas for this next year, as well.



Worship thru Giving!

Our church was blessed again this year. As with any organization, our expenses are on the increase but our leadership has done a great job of finding ways to save money where we can. This year we raised around **\$335,000** in regular tithes and offerings. Praise the Lord! We also were blessed with a substantial one-time gift that will be used to finish our project at Oak Street and additional initiatives.

Rich Christopher continues to monitor our church's finances with great attention to detail. Thank you for your faithful support of our church!

Attendance / Membership

Our church has had a great year in our both attendance and membership. Though these shouldn't be over weighted as the only tools in measuring our success as a church, they are important factors nonetheless. This year we averaged 248 friends in our weekly worship service which was up 25 from last year. We also realized a gain of nearly 100 new friends who attending our church on a regular basis who weren't attending this time last year. That's awesome!!

Last Sunday we received 35 new members into the church. This represents nearly 21% of our overall membership! Membership gives everyone a voice in leadership and major decisions for the church.

We are thankful for all who call Flushing Community Church their place of worship and spiritual encouragement! Being here regularly is vitally important as you grow stronger in your personal faith!



Where are we going?

As we finish this report of where we have been this year, I can't help but think about where we are going. What is God asking from us this year? How can our faith grow and be shaped in fresh ways? Who can I reach out to and offer hope in Christ?

As your Pastor, my dream for 2012-13 is that it's a year where we all allow church to become personal again. What I mean by this is that we all take the mission of the church personally: **YOU experience the transforming love of God and YOU share it with others.** When things are close to our heart (like family and close friends) we take their well-being very personally. We seek to honor and protect them at all cost. We also seek to find ways to help them succeed.

Will you make Flushing Community Church a priority this year and will you do whatever you can to see her mission come true in your own life? I hope you will! I know you can!

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Year End Celebration Report!



Children's Ministries!

Children's Ministry had a fun and meaningful year! Kid City continues to be an exciting place to be on Sunday mornings for any aged child! We start with some great music and our host always makes us laugh! We spend time make a great craft, sharing a snack and hearing a great story from the Bible! Club 56 meets in the loft after worship. Each Sunday the kids have a great time together and learn more about God's love!

Kari Burba led our Wednesday night Boost program in the fall and taught the children about the importance of the 10 Commandments. Last spring we had a great Easter Eggstravaganza, Club 56 gets together for fun events occasionally, we had a fun Christmas party and we sent out many Christmas cards to soldiers and families through the American Red Cross.



Mercy Team!

The Mercy Team continues to reach out to our community in simple, effective ways. 3.5% of our offerings go directly to our Mercy Fund which is available to meet needs in our community.

Our collection sites in the entry of the church continue to serve as a great tool to help those at Flushing Christian Outreach Center (FCOC) and Flint Eastside Mission (FEM). We served 300 dinners at Thanksgiving and another 100 at Christmas and Easter. Our Dessert Auction last March raised enough funds to help every student go to summer camp. Bread 4 Life continues to feed 60+ chronically hungry students every weekend. We sponsored 7 mobile food pantries this year which distributed over 85,000 lbs. of food and only cost the church \$3,000. Each of these events fed an average of 160 families representing 550 people!

Our team meets on the first Monday of each month and there's room for you!

Other Great Ministry Areas:

Creative Arts: This team meets as needed to help organize our weekly worship services. Pastor Steve organizes them for special services, holidays and particular sermon series. Drama, readings, testimonies, music, videos and various teaching tools are all coordinated through this group.

Spiritual Life: This team has focused this year on creating a new Wednesday night format for all ages called "Boost." Our first session of Boost took place in the fall with over 90 children, teens and adults participating. Mike DeVuyst is leading this group toward another session of boost this spring and investigating an effective Small Group Ministry for the fall.

Local Outreach: This team considers options for various outreach opportunities within Flushing. Summer Fest (June), Harvest Festival (Oct), and Candle Walk (Dec) are all area festivals we are involved with. Jodie Barclay recently took the leadership of this team and is looking for those interested in making an impact in our community.

Global Outreach: This team will focus on the opportunities to serve our world through compassionate ministries, disaster relief and resourcing an under-resourced church congregation in a third world nation. We are looking for leadership and interested friends to get this team off the ground. See Pastor Terry if you are interested in learning more about this.

Upward: We are finishing our 7th successful season this month! Pastor Joel has effectively led this ministry which has over 212 players and 60 cheerleaders. Every Saturday, our gym is packed from 9AM—4PM with players and fans. Financially, Upward maintains a healthy balance is isn't costing the church any funds.

Communications: We strive very hard to keep everyone informed on the events shaping our church family. Mary Ann Korte sends out a newsletter through email periodically and our website is kept up to date with the latest information. Sign up for our email newsletter at mak@flushingcommunity.org.



Student Ministries!

Thanks for great leadership from the Harris, Wallaces, and Wickerhams during the first part of the year. They were involved in planning lock-ins, movie nights, a baptism service, Valentines Day outreach, pool parties, laser tag, and meeting in homes regularly for Bible study and discussion.

Pastor Joel Heald arrived July 24, and began regular Sunday night Fusion meetings Sept. 4 with the help of Emily Heald, Beth Harris, Laura Anderson, and Mike DuVeyst. We have had a Fall Retreat, laser tag, helped with "The Amazing Race: Flushing", "See You at the Pole" prayer event, went to a corn maze, collected food and money for the FCOC, helped pack Thanksgiving boxes, had a Christmas Party, attended Spring Hill Winter Retreat with 21 students, and took 4 students to Momentum.

Over the last 6 months in Fusion we have covered topics including identity, Christ living in us, wisdom from Proverbs, the power of our words, self-control, showing honor, Emmanuel, and hearing God's voice.



Community Life!

Do you ever feel like you come to church but don't know anyone? Well, the Community Life Team is attempting to help with that by creating some fun events for the church to gather together, have fun and build relationships.

This past year, our team coordinated a winter swimming event at Hartland Community Pool, we rented out a bowling alley, organized a dodge ball tournament at the church, hosted a church picnic at Seymour School, put together our Baptism luncheon at the Lintz's home, sponsored the Orchard Run/Luncheon, Ice Skating at Iceland's and movie night at the church.

Maybe you participated in some of these events ... possibly you didn't. We hope that you will join us this year as we plan for new relationship building events in 2012! There is so much value in knowing each other and sharing life together! Join us!