

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

Share the Joy! Share the Love!

Stop by the **TAKHOMABOX** table and take home a box to supply a family meal or sponsor a family with a gift. Have fun decorating the box, make a card for the recipients, include your favorite Christmas cookies! All boxes are due back at the church by Sunday, December 16.

If you would like, you may **“sponsor a box”** for a \$35 contribution. Please make this contribution at the TAKHOMABOX table.

FCC is once again raising funds for the **Food Bank of Eastern MI**. Your donation helps provide food to those in need within our community. Every \$1 received provides 6 meals!! Your generous support is appreciated.

New with us? Please stop by the Welcome Center and receive a special gift for being with us today! Be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor by the front door as you leave. He would love to meet you!

Cole Adoption Love Offering ... Thank you for your awesome response to this opportunity to bless the Cole family. The Coles are overwhelmed by your generous donations.

Chair Set-Up Helpers Needed ... Look around. See all the chairs surrounding you? We have great folks that volunteer to get our gym ready for worship but we need a few more helpers. It only takes 30 minutes one Sunday per month. Contact Karen Dearlove to volunteer or stop by the Welcome Center.

Pick Up Basketball ... Hey guys, if you'd like to get a friendly game of ball in before bed tonight, join us for some hoops at 8:15 PM (after Fusion). Bring white and colored shirts for teams.

Small Group Information ... Pastor Mike has organized a brochure detailing our current small groups. If you are interested in joining a group this brochure would be helpful. Get your copy at the Welcome Center this morning!

Text Updates ... Want to receive reminders on upcoming services and events? Text “follow flushingccnaz” to 40404. Standard text messaging fees apply. See Pastor Terry with questions.

Year End Giving ... There are only 4 more giving weekends for the 2012 tax year. Any offerings you would like to give to the church to be counted for this year, must be given by December 23.



UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading!

Thank You! Thank You! ... Thank you to all who helped to make our Evaluation Nights a huge success. It was great fun to see everyone working together to welcome so many into our building and into the Upward program. Games start January 19. See Mary Ann Korte to volunteer and be a part of the excitement!

Prayer for Upward ... See Melissa Maynor today and get involved with our prayer effort that begins today.



Our 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 to begin this new 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. Through the years we've met in various places but always had the same drive to be a relevant voice of God's love to the community of Flushing.

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! 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!

Stewardship Report: Mar. 12 - Feb. 13

	11/25 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	236			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$3,758	\$7,593	\$262,115	\$280,941

Thank you for your faithfulness in worshipping the Lord by giving of your financial resources!

:: Our Leadership Team ::

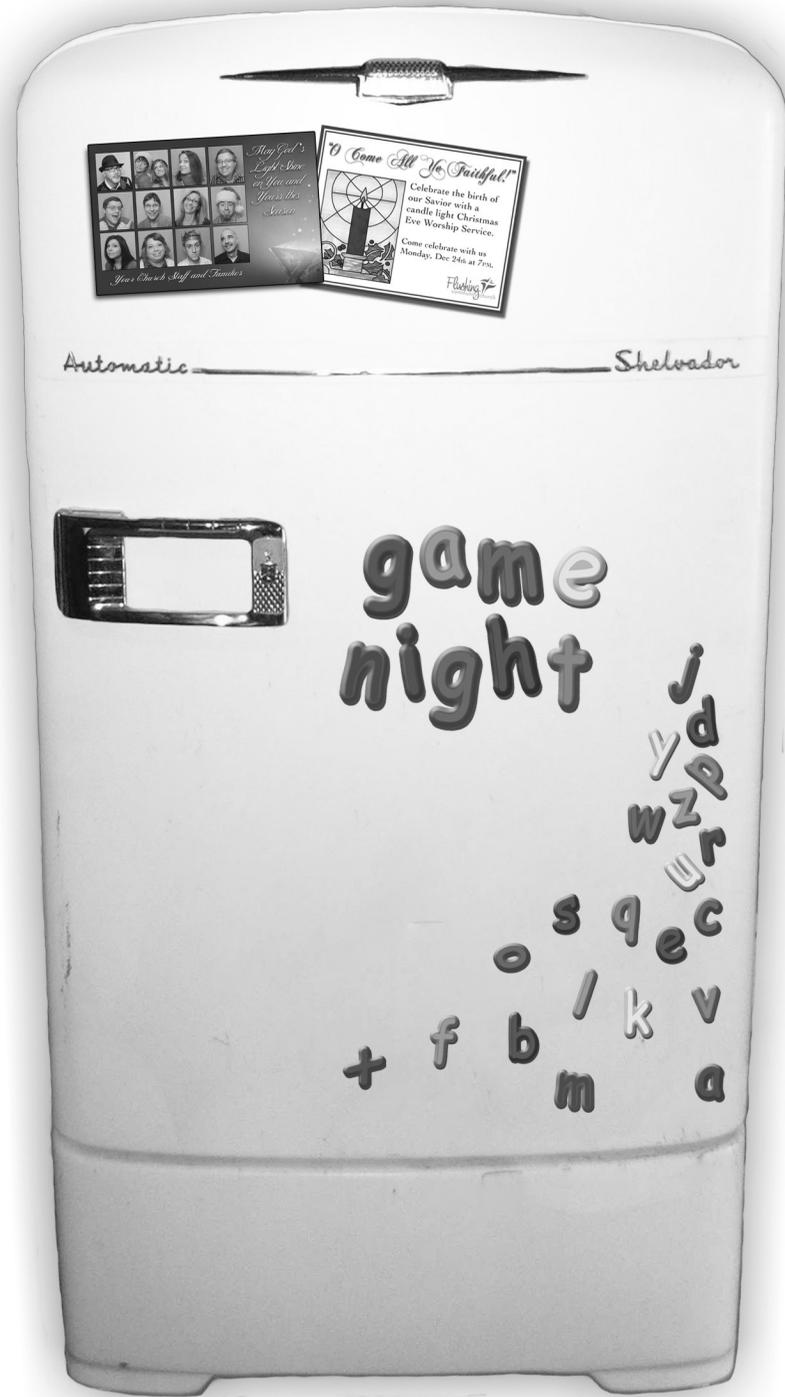
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Our Church Board Members:

- Mark Burba (2014) | Bob Coe (2013) | Joe Ledger (2014)
- Melissa Maynor (2015) | Dan Tabor (2015)

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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.

Can you believe that we are just 4 weeks away from Christmas morning? It's such a wonderful time of the year—and incredibly stressful, too. Our Advent Series is going to take us all back to a time when holidays were marked with relaxing with family. Remember when there was always a new game to play? "Family Games" will utilize some classic board games to launch our understanding of the Christmas story.

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] 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 the work of the Church of the Nazarene. If you would like to know more about the Church of the Nazarene, visit our denominational website at www.nazarene.org.

Our Mission and Core Values:

God loves everyone in the world so much and He desires that we love Him in return. Our mission as a community of believers is "to experience the transforming love of God and share it with others." This mission calls us to personally worship God and become more Christ-like in the process. As we carry out this mission, we believe these core values must define our behavior along the way:

- ◆ Embracing the love of God through meaningful and relevant worship.
- ◆ Experiencing authentic friendships.
- ◆ Serving others with mercy.
- ◆ Pursuing truth with honest questions.
- ◆ Reaching out to others in love.

Financial Contributions:

Our church is a non-profit organization that is funded 100% through the financial gifts which are freely given. We believe that God's Word challenges us to give 10% (also known as a "tithe") of our income back to the Lord to be used for ministry both locally and globally. While this is a challenge for many of us, we encourage everyone to support your church regularly. You may place any financial gifts in the wooden collection stands (located near the doors & Welcome Center) or give online through our website. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Kid City Children's Ministries: **Cooperation: "Working together to do more than you can do alone."**

Today's Lesson ... Mama Mia! Gabriel appears to Mary. *Luke 1:11-38*
Bottom Line: God saw our greatest needs. Whose needs do you see?

Bible Quizzing:

Quizzing Practice ... Plan on coming to our next practice on Thursday, December 5. Keep up the good work on your studies. You are doing an awesome job! See Darcy Smith for a complete schedule.

Club 56:

A ministry for 5th & 6th graders

This Month's Theme ... Fruits of the Spirit. If you have a 5th or 6th grade student they will love meeting with the rest of our gang. Every Sunday we join the entire Kid City Ministry for praise and worship and then we move to Loft for our lesson geared specifically for 5th and 6th graders. Come check us out!

fusion Student Ministries:

Tonight ... Christmas is almost here! Join us as we explore different images of Christ. Hang out with us 6:30-8:00 PM.

Boost ... Join us on Wednesday for week 2 of our 4 part study of the book of James. Meet at Pastor Joel's house from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Girls Night Out ... All the ladies are invited to join Emily at her house on Friday, December 14, from 6-11 PM.

End of the World Party ... New Lothrop Nazarene is hosting an awesome End of the World All-Nighter on Friday, December 21 and we are going to join them. The event runs from 9 PM-9 AM. Tickets are \$12. Don't miss this once-in-every 52 years event!

Text "follow flushingfusion" to 40404 for periodic text updates.

Mercy Team

Ministry leader and contact: Bob Coe

What is Mercy Team? We seek 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 on the first Monday of each month as we openly explore new ways to meet the growing need!



:: 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!

Baragwanath Family: in the loss of their son, Ryan
Christiansen Family: in the loss of Todd
Dar Christiansen: various health concerns
The Cole Family: in the adoption process
Darlene Holmes: aneurism in the brain
John Jordan: battling cancer
Karen Quintal: on the loss of her brother
David Piechowski: multiple health concerns including ALS
Nancarrow Family: on the loss of Pat's father

General Prayers to remember ...

Our Staff & Leadership: wisdom, protection, unity, and vision.
Families & Marriages: many going thru rough times, separation, divorce
Our Schools, Teachers & Students: God's protection
Those Looking for Work: may God open the right doors!
Our Soldiers ... Josh Barber (USMC); Ryan Crist (USARMY - Kansas); Allan Hadland (USARMY - South Carolina); Marcos Lambaria (US Marines); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas); Conner Robertson (Naval Academy) Ben Shelton (Coast Guard - Alaska); Jacob Wittbrodt (US Marines - Camp Pendleton). *[additional military names share with Pastor Terry]*

If you have a prayer concern, please let us know!



Other prayer requests are available on our iPray Guide which is emailed out on Thursdays to those who have signed up for it. You can request a copy by emailing mak@flushingcommunity.org

:: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

DECEMBER:

- 02..... Christmas TAKHOMABOX Begins
- 02..... Fusion at Church (6:30 PM)
- 03..... Mercy Team at Church (7:00 PM)
- 03..... Blood Drive
- 04..... Ladies Tuesday Morning Small Group (9:30 AM)
- 04..... Ladies Tuesday Night Small Group at Kortes (7:00 PM)
- 05..... Bible Quizzing at Church (6:30 PM)
- 05..... Fusion Mid-Week Study (6:30 PM)
- 08..... Praise in Motion Practice at Church (3:00 PM)
- 09..... Fusion at Church (6:30 PM)
- 10..... Board/Leadership Gathering at Burbas (6:30 PM)
- 14..... Fusion Girls Night Out at Healds (6:00 PM)
- 15..... Upward Coach & Referee Training (8:00 AM)

*So many activities to choose from! Get involved. . . Get connected!
See our complete calendar at flushingcommunity.org*