

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

Share Love & Joy!

Thank you for your generous support of our **TAKHOMABOX** outreach ministry. With everyone's help we were able to provide over 100 dinners to families in the Flushing area.

The Mercy Team is collecting **new and gently used coats** for Eastside Mission. Bring any coats you still want to donate, or contact Joe Ledger to make special arrangements for drop off.

Our church 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 (\$10 = 60 meals)!! Your generous support is appreciated and helps to fund our Mobile Food Pantries. See Debi Wright for more details.

**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!

**Plan on Joining Us for Christmas Eve Service ...** We will gather at 7:00 PM. This is a great night of singing, inspiration and celebration! It's also a perfect service to invite your friends and family.

**Everyone Loves a Potluck!** ... Our Community Life Team is planning an opportunity for all us to gather for food and fellowship. Plan on staying after worship on Sunday, January 6 for a potluck. Meat and buns provided. Last names beginning with A-H plan on bringing a salad. I-Q bring dessert. S-Z please bring a salad or veggie. Mark your calendars now.

**New Testament Expedition ...** Pastor Mike and the Spiritual Life Team have adopted a Bible reading plan for 2013 that will take us through the New Testament. Sign up at the Welcome Center today!

**Save the Date ...** A church wide Baby Shower is in the works for Joel & Emily for Saturday, January 12, at 11:00 AM. RSVP at the Welcome Center and find out how you can be involved.

**Text Updates ...** Want to receive reminders on upcoming services and events? Text "follow flushingccnaz" to 40404. It's free and helpful to stay informed. See Pastor Terry with questions.

**Year End Giving ...** Any offerings you would like to give to the church to be counted for this year, must be given by December 30.



**UPWARD Basketball & Cheerleading!**

**Volunteers Needed!** Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of Game Days. Games start January 19. We need greeters, referees, concession stand workers, popcorn poppers, game clock experts and gym set up and tear down. See Mary Ann Korte or stop by the Welcome Center to sign up.

**Upward Prayer Requests ...** Pray this week for our coaches. They will not only be teaching basketball/cheerleading skills, but they will be sharing devotionals each week with the kids!



**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

	12/16 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	285			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$11,163	\$7,593	\$290,307	\$305,720

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

**:: Our Leadership Team ::**

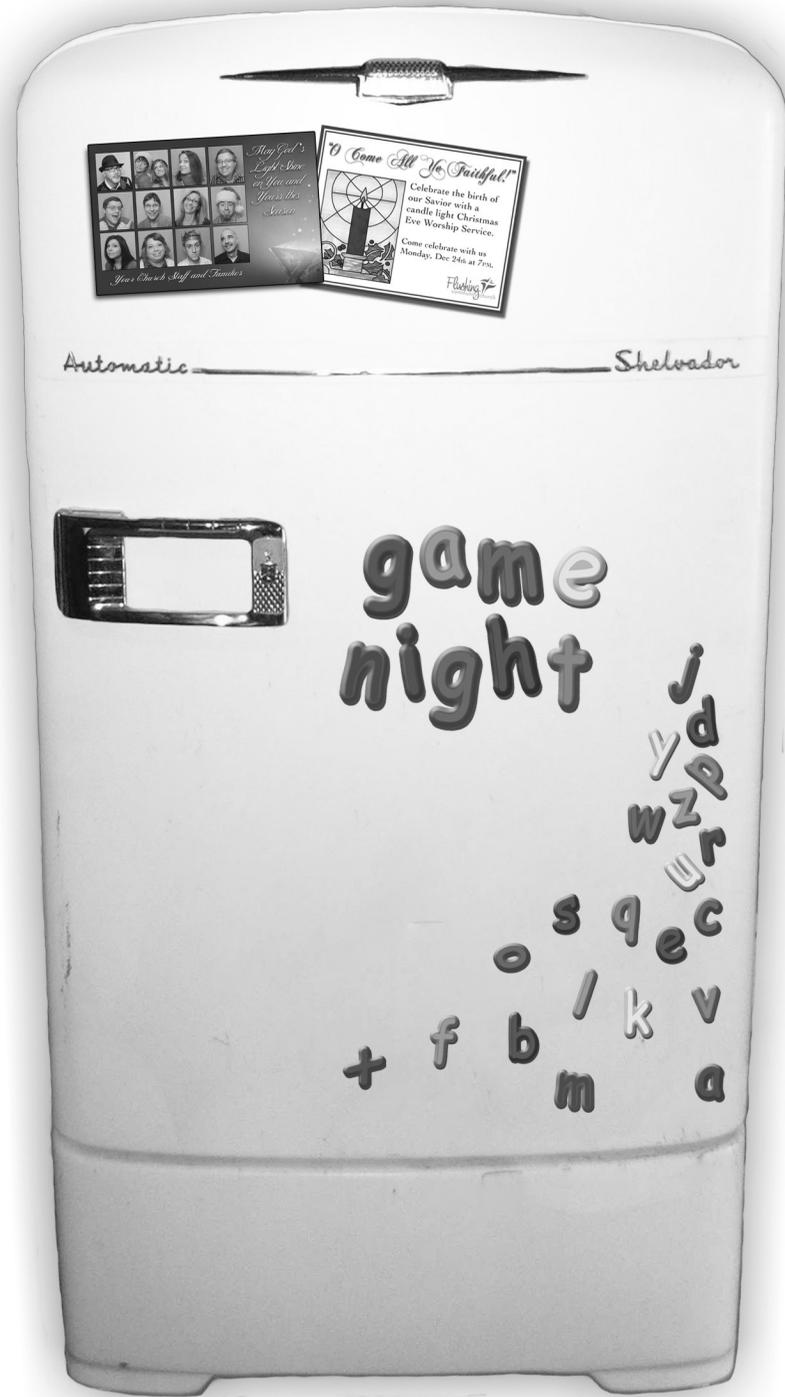
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**Our Church Board Members:**

- 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.

Our current teaching series, "Family Games," utilizes some classic board games to launch our understanding of the Christmas story. So far we've looked at the games LIFE, Scrabble and Monopoly. Today tension of Jenga is used to consider the pressure that Mary and Joseph were under. The Holy couple not only had a trip to organize but the pressures of living a life outside what was culturally acceptable. Talk about stressed!

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](http://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:**

*Compassion: "Caring enough to do something about someone else's need."*

**Family Worship Today ...** Our school aged children will be joining us in worship today. Feel free to pick up coloring sheets and crayons at the back of the church.

**Verse of the Month ...** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

**Children's Bible Quizzing:**

**Quizzing Practice ...** Quizzing practice will resume on Wednesday, January 9, 6:30-8:00 PM. Come prepared for lesson 12. Our next meet is Saturday, January 26, at Central Church on Bristol Road in Flint. This meet covers lessons 1-12. Come and cheer us on!

**Club 56:**

**A ministry for 5th & 6th graders**

**This Month's Theme ...** Old Testament Heroes of the faith. This week all of our school age children are joining us in worship. We want to celebrate Christ's birth together!

**Everybody Loves a Party! ...** Come join Club 56 for their next gathering on Sunday, January 20, 5:00-6:15 PM at the church. Mark your calendar now.

**fusion Student Ministries:**

**Tonight ...** We're watching Elf! Join us for a movie night, complete with popcorn. Bring a comfy seat. The movie begins promptly at 6:31 PM!

**Next Week ...** We will not be meeting next Sunday night December 30. Enjoy the time with your family.

**Spring Hill ...** Only 3 weeks left before your registration forms and deposit are due (Sunday, January 13)! Pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Center or from Pastor Joel.

*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! **FCOC's current needs** include personal items, cereal and peanut butter. Drop off your donations in the big box in the airlock in our main entrance.

**:: 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:** in Florida and struggling in & out of the hospital  
**The Cole Family:** in the adoption process  
**John Jordan:** battling cancer  
**Matt Kohler:** recuperating from knee surgery  
**Andrea Pagel:** hospitalized  
**David Piechowski:** multiple health concerns including ALS

**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  
**Our Expectant Mothers:** Emily Heald, Amy Lintz, Sarah MacDougall  
**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](mailto:mak@flushingcommunity.org)*

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

**DECEMBER:**

23..... Fusion at Church 6:31 PM  
24..... Christmas Eve Service (7:00 PM)

**JANUARY:**

05..... Men's Breakfast (8:00 AM)  
06..... Church Potluck Following Worship  
07..... Upward Practices Begin  
09..... Quizzing Starts Back Up at Church (6:30 PM)  
12..... Baby Shower for the Heald's at Church (11:00 AM)  
19..... First Upward Game Day!  
20..... Club 56 Gathering at Church (5:00 PM)

*So many activities to choose from! Get involved. . . Get connected!  
See our complete calendar at [flushingcommunity.org](http://flushingcommunity.org)  
and follow us on Facebook and Twitter!*