

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

Share Love & Joy! 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!

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.

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 and join the group on Facebook, too!

Heald Baby Shower ... Pastor Joel & Emily are expecting their first child very soon and we want to celebrate! Join us on Saturday, January 12, at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP at the Welcome or email mak@flushingcommunity.org. Interested in helping out, contact Nancy Plude.

Stay Informed ... We communicate frequently through email, Facebook and Twitter. Share your email with us and stay connected!

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, that's **TODAY!**

... Ways to get involved at FCC ...

Meals Ministry: If you would like to get on a list of folks to provide meals for families in the church, please contact Michelle Cole (965-1251).

Looking for a place to serve? Contact Pastor Terry to learn about the perfect place to for you to get involved!



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

	12/23 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	259			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$8,750	\$7,593	\$299,057	\$313,313

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

:: Our Leadership Team ::

- Terry Bate** (Lead Pastor).....terry@flushingcommunity.org
- Steve Close** (Creative Arts).....pastorsteveclose@yahoo.com
- Joel Heald** (Student Ministries)joel@flushingcommunity.org
- Debbie Simmons** (Children's Ministries)simmonsdeb@comcast.net
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- Mike DeVuyst** (Spiritual Formation).....mike@flushingcommunity.org
- Mary Ann Korte** (Administrator).....mak@flushingcommunity.org

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.

Today will be a great day to relax and celebrate God's faithfulness to us and all mankind! Our strategy for worship today will be to sing, pray and read some great stories right out of the Bible about God's power, might and provision for His people. As we stand on the edge of another year, let's call out on His name and trust that He will go with us into 2013!

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:

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

Today's Lesson ... Finding Jesus. The Wise Men visit Jesus.

Matthew 1:1-12. Bottom Line: God loved you first. How will you love Him?

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! *Today's Lesson:* The Serpent and the Beginning of Sin.

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 will not be meeting tonight. Enjoy the time with your family!

Spring Hill ... Only 2 weeks left before your registration forms and deposit are due (Sunday, January 13)! Pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Center of from Pastor Joel.

Save the Date ... MOMENTUM is happening March 1-2. You don't want to miss this extraordinary event, with over 42 ways to share the talents God has given you (or discover a new one!). Cost will be *no more* than \$45, and more details will come soon.

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

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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);

Shane Cunningham (Marines - Deployed); 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 ::

JANUARY:

06..... Church Potluck Following Worship

07..... Upward Practices Begin

07..... Mercy Team Meeting at church (7:00 PM)

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)

26..... Bible Quiz Meet

27..... Children's Ministry Meeting at Church (5:00 PM)

So many activities to choose from! Get involved. . . Get connected!

See our complete calendar at flushingcommunity.org

and follow us on Facebook and Twitter!