

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

Food Bank Fundraiser ... Our Mercy Team is partnering with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM) to collect money that goes into our FBEM account. In 2011, we have participated in 6 mobile food deliveries which provides 12,000 lbs. of food - or the equivalent of \$7,000 of groceries - each time! Your donation is appreciated.

Thanksgiving Dinners ... Many thanks to all who helped make the 300 Thanksgiving Dinner baskets possible. See pictures on our website of the process! It is great to have 8 different churches coming together to make this happen!

Christmas Dinners ... There are plenty of boxes available for you to grab one today and fill it with the list of items for a Christmas Dinner. We will be feeding 110 families this Christmas with your help!

Christmas Gifts ... We have sponsored a family to assist with Christmas gifts. See the giving tree in the back of the gym to learn more.

Pick Up Basketball ... Hey guys, come out tonight at 8PM for some good pick up basketball. Bring a dark and white shirt to help with teams.

Time to Dust Off Your Ice Skates! Our Community Life Team has planned another opportunity for us to get together for fun and fellowship. We are going ice skating this Friday, Dec. 9, 7-9 PM. Cost is \$5/adult, \$4/child 12 & under. Sign up at the Welcome Table today.

Ladies Night Out ... Our December gathering will be held on Saturday, December 10, 6:30 PM for an ornament exchange. We will gather at Donna O'Brien's home. In addition to an ornament, bring a dessert to share. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

Red Cross Blood Drive ... The next drive scheduled at our church is Monday, December 5. If you meet the weight and health requirements, please consider donating.

Flushing Christian Outreach Center ... With the changing weather, FCOC is in desperate need of winter coats. Gently used or new coats of all sizes can be dropped off in the box found in our church entry.

Christmas & New Years Plans ... We will be having our annual Christmas Eve service at 7PM and Christmas morning service at 10:30 AM. Children can come in their jammies and we'll experience a great morning of family worship celebrating the birth of Jesus! New Years Day will also include service at 10:30 AM with breakfast pastries and lot's of coffee! Don't miss out!



UPWARD Evaluations Are Complete!

Thank You ... Many thanks to all who helped make the Upward Evaluation process run smoothly. Now it is time to look ahead to the actual Upward season.

Yard Signs ... Don't forget to remove your yard sign! Thanks!

Game Day Volunteers ... Pastor Joel will be looking for people who will be willing to volunteer as score keepers, snack bar and greeters.

Coaches & Referee Meetings ... will take place Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 AM. Interested in coaching? See Pastor Joel!



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: <small>Mar. '11 - Feb. '12</small>	11/27 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	211			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$4,633	\$6,734	\$245,501	\$249,508
"All In" Fund <small>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</small>	\$995	\$1,154	\$48,030	\$42,698

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

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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 preparation of Christmas continues this morning. We will be considering how the Light of the world - Jesus - was born in a dark stable. His light came to a dark world and it still "illuminates" our hearts to this day! Today we see how the light Jesus offers reveals so many things in our life. Good things. Bad things. And the path we need to stay on.

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 is calls us to personally worship God and become more Christlike 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 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 both locally and globally. While this 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). Thank you for your faithful giving and support.



This Month's Virtue is ...

Generosity

Today's Lesson ... You can't take it with you. Our story will be Jesus and the rich, young ruler. Today's Memory Verse: "Be rich in good deeds. . . be generous and willing to share." *1Timothy 6:18*

Christmas Choir ... Our children will be singing a special song on Sunday, Dec. 18th. To prepare and to have some holiday fun, we are going to rehearse on Saturday, Dec. 17th from 11:30AM to 1PM. Lunch provided.

Project for Kid City during the Holiday Season ... Holiday Mail for Heroes. We will be making holiday cards for those serving in the military. The cards will be sent to military personnel across the world!

Club 56 Theme: Growing Up! Today's lesson is "People Change, but God Never Changes." *Hebrews 13:8*

fusion Student Ministries

Fusion ... Join us tonight (6:30 - 8:00 PM) as we talk about how the Light of the World reveals to us both God and ourselves.



Spring Hill Winter Retreat DUE TODAY ... We are heading back to Spring Hill for another great winter retreat February 3-5, 2012. Cost will be \$140. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or by seeing Pastor Joel. *Completed registration and deposit will be due TONIGHT.*

Christmas Party ... Meet at the Plude house on Sunday, December 18, at 6:30 PM for a rockin' good time! Bring a wrapped gift for a White Elephant Gift Exchange (and make sure it costs less than \$5). See you there!

Oak Street Renovation

Project Update ... Look out for a date to complete our demolition of the inside of our Oak Street building. New windows and siding will go up soon as long as the weather cooperates. Thanks for all those who have helped us get this far!

Get Involved ... If you'd like to volunteer, see Pastor Joel today!

Mercy Team

Ministry leader and contact: Bob Coe (659-9719)

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!

Mobile Food Pantry in December ... Our next food distribution will take place on Thursday, December 8 at the old Patsy Lou's at the corner of Flushing & Pierson Roads. Come at 9AM to help set up. Thanks!

:: 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!

Dar Christiansen: recovering from multiple procedures

Todd Christiansen: heart and pulmonary concerns

The Cole Family: in the adoption process

Louise Cross: recovering from a broken hip

Kathleen Irish: heart concerns and continued testing

Melody Keeler: continued recovery and future surgeries

Brian Piazza: recovering from surgery

David Piechowski: multiple health concerns including ALS

The Poindexter Family: Ron, Dee, Steve

Karen Quintal: battling Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD)

General Prayers to remember ...

Our Staff & Leadership: wisdom, protection, unity, and vision.

Those Looking for Work: may God open the right doors!

Our Soldiers ... Josh Barber (USMC); Ryan Crist (USARMY - Iraq) Levi

Garret (USARMY - Afghanistan); Allan Hadland (USARMY -

Afghanistan); Cole Iaquinto (Nat'l Guard); Marcos Lambaria (US

Marines); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas); Tim Sunday (USAF in

Washington); Ben Shelton (Coast Guard) *[share any additional military names*

with Pastor Terry]

If you have a prayer concern, please let us know! Call the office at 732.0282.



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:

05.....Mercy Team Meeting

05.....Red Cross Blood Drive

06.....Board & Leadership Christmas Party

08.....Mobile Food Pantry (at the former Patsy Lou lot in Flushing)

09.....Family Ice Skating Adventure

10.....Ladies Night Out Ornament Exchange

17.....Praise in Motion Rehearsal

17.....Children's Choir Rehearsal and Christmas Party

18.....Children's Ministry Meeting

18.....Fusion Christmas Party

24.....Christmas Eve Service

25.....Christmas Day Service

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