

:: 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. Each dollar given to the FBEM translates into \$14 worth of grocery store purchased product! It's a great way to stretch your donations.

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 or find Dennis and Jennifer Sopka to learn more.

Mobile Food Pantry ... Thank you to all who helped serve at the Mobile Food Pantry this past Thursday. 125 families were served abundantly.

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.

Flushing Christian Outreach Center ... With the changing weather, FCOC is in desperate need of children's boots. Gently used or new boots of all sizes can be dropped off in the box found in our church entry. They also need laundry and dish soap, shampoo, cereal and chunky soups. Thanks for your help!

Christmas & New Years Plans ... We will be having our annual Christmas Eve service at 7PM followed by 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!

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).

Friendship Folders ... If you have a change of contact information, be sure to note it in the Friendship Folder this morning.

Church Directory: Go online at flushingcommunity.org and download our current church directory. If we have an out of date photo - or no photo at all, please email a current photo to mak@flushingcommunity.org.

Stay Informed ... Sign up for our "Plugged In" email newsletter delivered to your inbox bi-weekly! Write your email in our Friendship books today or see Mary Ann Korte.



Time to Gear Up for Game Days!

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.



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>	12/4 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	231			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$6,839	\$6,734	\$252,501	\$256,242
"All In" Fund <small>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</small>	\$1,001	\$1,154	\$49,031	\$43,852

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

:: Our Leadership Team ::

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Joe Ledger (2014) | Sam Salem (2013)

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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 light either attracts or repels. Jesus' light attracted many to follow him and embrace him as Messiah; but it also repelled many who thought his teaching was too difficult. Where will you be?

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 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 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). Thank you for your faithful giving and support.



This Month's Virtue is ...

Generosity

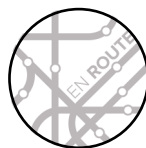
Today's Lesson ... The Great Gift Exchange—Jesus is born. Today's Memory Verse: "God gave the greatest gift when he gave us Jesus" *John 3:16-17*

Christmas Party ... Calling ALL Kid City children!! Come to our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17th from 11:30AM to 1PM. In addition to enjoying holiday fun and treats we will squeeze in a rehearsal for those children singing a special song for our worship service on Sunday, December 18th.

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 "God knows and care about who you are becoming." *Ephesians 2:10*

fusion Student Ministries



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

Spring Hill Winter Retreat ... We are heading back to Spring Hill for another great winter retreat February 3-5, 2012. Registration deadline has passed. Oops! Better contact Pastor Joel ASAP if you still want to go!

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 ... Get ready for more clean-up and demolition! Come Wednesday, Dec. 14th from 3:30-5:30 PM, and Monday, Dec. 19th from 3:30-5:30 PM. Many hands makes for lighter work. Wear good shoes/boots and bring gloves, too.

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!

:: 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 Mazza: 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:

13.....Ladies Tuesday Night Small Group (at Korte's)

17.....Praise in Motion Rehearsal

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

18.....Children's Ministry Meeting

18.....*Fusion* Christmas Party (at Plude's)

24.....Christmas Eve Service

25.....Christmas Day Service

Happy Birthday Jesus!!!

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