

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

Praise in Motion ... It's so great to have Praise In Motion dancers with us today! Thank you for coming to share in our worship service today. Special thanks to Sandy Massey for her dedication in teaching dance as a beautiful form of worship.

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!

Christmas Dinners ... If you have not brought back your box yet, today is the day!! Christmas Boxes will be distributed tomorrow - December 19. If you are interested in helping, contact Bob Coe today.

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.

New Study Starting ... Any ladies interesting in participating in a study on the book of Romans contact Mary Ann Korte. The Tuesday Night Small Group will be beginning the study on Tuesday, January 3.

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 who are recovering or going through a difficult time, please contact Michelle Cole (965-1251).

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 If we have an out of date photo - or no photo at all, please email a current photo to mak@flushingcommunity.org.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!

Game Day Volunteers ... Pastor Joel will be looking for people who will be willing to volunteer as score keepers, in the snack shack and greeters. Games start Saturday, January 14. Volunteers are needed for shifts between 9:00AM and 5:00PM. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Pastor Joel if you are interested in volunteering.



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>	12/11 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	258			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$14,385	\$6,734	\$266,886	\$262,976
"All In" Fund <small>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</small>	\$365	\$1,154	\$49,396	\$45,006

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) | Matt Johnson (2012)
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, Pastor Joel will be sharing how the Light Lives. Jesus not only came to live among us for a short time, He came so that He might live in and through us forever!

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 ... Three men and a baby (the wise men visit Jesus). When you give it shows others how valuable they are. *Matthew 2:1-12*

Children's Choir ... Thank you to all who participated in our children's choir this morning. Thank you for sharing your love of God with us!

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 understands our feelings." *John 11:35*

fusion Student Ministries

Fusion ... It's a Christmas Party! Join us at the Plude's from **7-8:30PM (note the new time!)**, and don't forget your \$5 White Elephant gift! Be ready to have a great time celebrating Christmas together. Haven't been to Fusion in a while? It's a perfect night to check it out again! See Pastor Joel with any questions!



Spring Hill Winter Retreat... We're looking forward to a great time together! Please note that full payment is needed no later than Sunday, January 15th.

Oak Street Renovation

Project Update ... Get ready for more clean-up and demolition! Come Monday, Dec. 19th from 3:30-5:30 PM. Many hands makes for lighter work. Wear good shoes/boots and bring gloves and brooms, too. We hope this will be the final inside demolition day.

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 Pazzo: recovering from surgery

David Piechowski: multiple health concerns including ALS

The Poindexter Family: Ron, Dee, Steve

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 laquinto (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:

- 18.....Children's Ministry Meeting
- 18.....*Fusion* Christmas Party (at Plude's)
- 24.....Christmas Eve Service
- 25.....Christmas Day Service
Happy Birthday Jesus!!!

JANUARY:

- 09.....Mercy Team Meeting
- 10.....Board Meeting
- 15.....Children's Ministry Meeting

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