

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

Annual Giving ... This weekend will be your final opportunity to contribute to FCCN and receive tax credit for the 2011 year. Thank you for the generous support you have shown all year long.

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 Outreach Projects ... Thank you to all who helped provide Christmas Dinners for **110** families. Your generosity and compassion will make a difference in many homes this holiday season. Thank you also to all who brought in Christmas gifts for the family we sponsored. Your quick response to this family's needs was amazing.

Open Gym Basketball ... Hey guys, no basketball game tonight. Enjoy the time with your families.

Tuesday Night Ladies Group ... 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.

A Class for Parents ... Reflections of Moral Innocence is a curriculum developed by the same people who wrote "Growing Kids' God's Way." This class looks at human sexuality and purity from a Biblical point of view. Mike & Amy Lintz will be leading this 8-week session on Wednesday evenings. Class will begin January 25. Details are at the Welcome Center.

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!

New Years Plans ... New Years Day's service will be at our usual time of 10:30 AM. It will include 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 If we have an out of date photo - or no photo at all, please email a current photo to mak@flushingcommunity.org.



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>	12/18 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	349			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$5,741	\$6,734	\$272,886	\$269,710
"All In" Fund <small>(2011-12 Ministry Initiatives)</small>	\$290	\$1,154	\$49,686	\$46,160

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

:: Our Leadership Team ::

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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.

Merry Christmas! Our long awaited Messiah has been born!!! The Light of the world - Jesus - has come to "illuminate" in our lives. Today, Pastor Terry will be sharing how the Light Saves. The best gift that anyone can unwrap today is the gift that Jesus came to offer us ... the gift of eternal life. This gift sits under each of our heart's tree this morning - but will it be unwrapped and experienced? That's up to you.

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

Family Worship ... Our children will join us in the main hall for worship today. Feel free to get color sheets and crayons at the back of the gym. Kid City & Club 56 will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Volunteers Needed ... All areas of our Children's Ministry would welcome new volunteers. Whether you would love to rock a baby, sing "Jesus Loves Me" with our toddlers, lead praise & worship in Kid City or help our Club 56 kids explore their faith—we could use you. You don't need to make a commitment for every Sunday, everyone works on a rotating schedule so that you are able to be a part of regular worship most Sundays. Contact Pastor Deb Simmons for more information.

fusion Student Ministries

Fusion ... We will **not** be meeting tonight. Have fun visiting with your family and friends this holiday season. Don't forget to help around the house! We will be back to our regular schedule next week, so invite a friend.

Momentum 2012... Be looking for more information in your mailbox soon! You wouldn't want to miss out on this awesome art, talent, and sports filled weekend.



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 ... Demolition continues this week and we hope to install the new windows soon. Changes are happening. Have you driven by lately? Stop out and see the new addition and new roof!

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

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:

25.....Christmas Day Service
Happy Birthday Jesus!!!

JANUARY:

03.....Ladies Tuesday's Small Group at Kortess
09.....Mercy Team Meeting
10.....Board Meeting
14.....First Upward Game Day
15.....Children's Ministry Meeting

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