



## Easter Observances

**Stations of the Cross** | Flushing Community Church

Monday, March 29 thru Friday, April 2

Available Daily Monday - Thursday | 12 PM to 8 PM

*The church will be set up as a place of contemplation and prayer as we seek to better understand and experience the journey that Jesus took during this very holy week. Anyone is welcome to stop in and begin to go through each station at their pace, experiencing the grace and love of our Savior!*

Questions? See Priscilla Harris or Kathy Lukes



**Community Cantata** | at Flushing United Methodist Church

Combined choirs presenting "The Weeping Tree"

Good Friday, April 2 at 1:00 PM

*The Weeping Tree is a powerful presentation that blends the combined choirs of several Flushing Churches with the thoughtful and challenging words of scripture. We revere the cross because Jesus conquered the grave; however, the cross is a shameful tool that bears OUR sin! Come and journey to the cross on the day that Jesus embraced it for you and I.*

This is a community-wide Good Friday service!



Who are the most influential people in your life?

Today is a day that is not so much about "losing" anything;  
but rather discovering the best way to keep it all off!

We were made for \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2-4)

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### **The Bottom Line ...**

What value have you placed on the relationships around you? Is it paying off as you "run the race marked out" for you?

"... let us throw off everything that **hinders** and the sin that so easily **entangles** and let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us."

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)



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# Lent Training Guide | 2010

[Week 5: March 22-27]

## Monday: 3.22.2010

**Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4

If you have been following the Lent Training Guide, you might be tired of this passage. Why not consider reading from a different translation this week. Online - [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) gives you multiple options if you don't have any in the house.

**Think about it:**

Is your faith journey one that is marked with perseverance? Do you see the path to run and follow? Do you feel like you are connecting with the Lord?

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Tuesday: 3.23.2010

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 16:5-18

This might seem like a strange passage of the Bible to read for devotional time but considering our conversation on Sunday, it feels good to be reminded that as the church was beginning to form, Paul recognized the power of friendships and relationships. He ends this first letter to the church in Corinth speaking about those relationships.

**Think about it:**

Do you have anyone in your life you would say they "refresh your spirit," as Paul says about Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus?

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wednesday: 3.24.2010

**Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

As we continue to ponder the power of relationships in our journey of faith, let's consider the model of the church with no structure, no formal by-laws, no pastor, and no mission statement. This church simply listened to their leaders, hung out together, ate together, and prayed together.

**Think about it:**

Do you feel like you are connected to the family of God like this? How can that improve? How can you help others in this way?

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thursday: 3.25.2010

**Reading:** Ephesians 5:1-2

We often imitate the people around us or the influencers of our day. Whether it's a laugh or even the language we use ... imitating people is normal behavior. Paul says to us, "God placed that trait in you so that you could imitate Christ!"

**Think about it:**

Have you ever been around someone so much you knew their thoughts - their next move? Have you been around the Lord so much that you can predict what He desires from you?

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Friday: 3.26.2010

**Reading:** Matthew 8:19-22

In our pop culture, it seems that the church has tried to make following Jesus a cool thing. From our Christian concerts, t-shirts and coffee bars, you'd think we had succeeded. But Jesus clarifies for those of us who think it's cool ... you will be broken and homeless.

**Think about it:**

Are you up for the challenge to live for Jesus? Have you had moments throughout this "training guide" to be confronted with your sin and stuff so that God can purify you and give you peace?

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Saturday: 3.27.2010

**Reading:** John 16:5-16

The work of the Holy Spirit in our life is powerful. It shows us where we are on track - and it reveals where we are off. It takes everything that was Jesus' - and gives it to us! The very voice of God ... is available in our heart and mind! Come Holy Spirit!

**Think about it:**

It would have been cool to live among the prophets. We would have been amazed to walk with Christ. But it's far better to have the Holy Spirit dwelling with us and in us!

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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