

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

**Summer VBS** ... Our Children's Ministry Team is organizing a great VBS for this August! **SKY**—Everything Is Possible With God; *Mark 10:27*. VBS will be held Monday, August 13, through Thursday, August 16, 6:30-8:30PM. VBS is for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Invite your neighbors and friends. Let's share our excitement to share God's love with all those around us!



**Backpack Project** ... It is time to be on the look out for school supplies for our Backpack Project. Mercy Team has backpacks available at the back of the church today. Fill it with the items listed inside the pack. Return your filled backpack no later than August 26. Please see Pat or Chuck Stewart for complete details. This is a wonderful way to bless the students in our community.

**Global Leadership Summit** ... The Willow Creek Association is a leader in developing Christian business and ministry leaders around the world. Contact Pastor Terry if you are interested in attending the summit on August 9-10 in Clio.

**Thank You** ... Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make Baptism Sunday such a wonder day last week. We especially thank Matt and Joni Johnson for opening up their home to us and Trudy Tabor for organizing our celebration luncheon! Pictures are online!

**Fantasy Football** ... Are you interested in joining our free FCC league? Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Matt Young to get the details. We are planning a pre-draft party so it will be a great way to get connected with others and have fun playing pretend football!

**Toby Mac & Steven Curtis Chapman Concert** ... The Community Life Team is coordinating a trip to the DTE Music Theatre on Saturday, August 25 to experience these two great Christian artists. Lawn seats available for \$15. More details coming soon.

**Walk for Hope** ... is a 5K Walk/Run that is raising support for families who have experienced suicide and the support group "Survivors of Suicide." The event is taking place August 12 in Midland. See Ron and Dee Poindexter if you would like to know more.

**Mission Golf Adventure** ... Flint Eastside Mission is hosting a golf scramble at Rolling Hills (Lapeer) on Saturday, September 15. Cost is \$300 per team. Call 810-767-5312 to register and learn more.

**Online Giving** ... You can now visit our website and make a contribution online. This simple tool has been designed to enhance your worship through giving. Check it out!!

**FCOC Donations** ... The FCOC continues to provide much needed support to many families in Flushing. To help meet the needs they are asking for donations of personal items like shampoo and deodorant. Your generous donations can be made in our entryway.

**Have you seen our website lately?** ... Sermons, outlines, and power point files are available to download each week. News and information about upcoming events and ministries plus pictures from past events are also available. It's a great way to introduce our church to friends and family ... check it out this week!



**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:** Mar. 12 - Feb. 13

	7/29 Actual:	Weekly Goal:	Raised YTD:	Budget YTD:
Morning Worship Attendance:	133			
Tithes and Offerings:	\$2,905	\$7,593	\$146,447	\$151,860

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

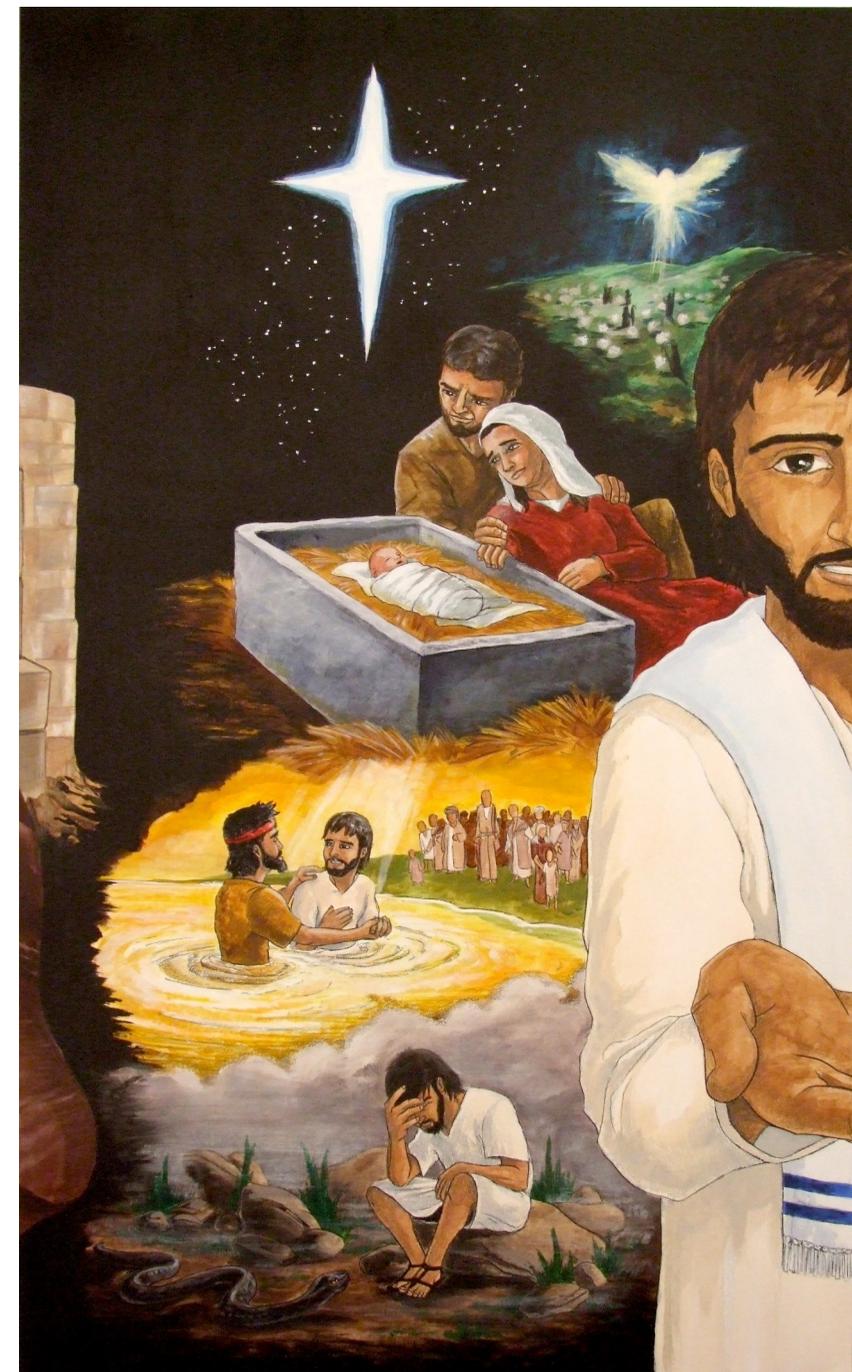
**:: Our Leadership Team ::**

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**Our Church Board Members:**

- Mark Burba (2014) | Bob Coe (2013) | Joe Ledger (2014)  
Melissa Maynor (2015) | Sam Salem (2013) | Dan Tabor (2015)

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**The Story of God**  
Part 6: "Silent Expectation"  
Pastor Steve Close

*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.

Today is our sixth installment of our summer teaching series called "The Story of God." We have seen God working through creation, calling a nation, periods of obedience and rejection, blessing and defeat. Pastor Steve will be leading our conversation today into the a time of silence. No prophets. No divine visitations. Hope is nearly gone. Then, out of the silence, the greatest gift of all time is given—the very gift of God!

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](http://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 Christ-like 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 which are freely given. We believe that God's Word challenges us to give 10% (also known as a "tithe") of our 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) or give online through our website. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## Kid City Children's Ministries

**It's a Veggie Tale Summer!** We are excited to have a great summer of children's lessons through the creative stories told by our favorite veggies! The month of August we are focused on "Self Esteem and Using our Gifts."



**Today's Lesson ...** "Larry Boy and the Bad Apple."  
We will be talking about fear.

**Club 56: Snack and a Movie ...** This week we begin the movie "Swiss Family Robinson" and look at the power of friendships! This week's lesson is on "Being Courageous." *Joshua 1:7-9*

**Lansing Lugnuts Game ...** We are heading to the Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday, August 17th at 7:05PM. If you already signed for tickets, pick them up from Amy Hough today at the Welcome Table. There are still 12 tickets available. See Amy to get one TODAY.

## fusion Student Ministries

**Tonight! ...** Make a Splash **TONIGHT** at the Barclay's house for a pool party with all your friends. Join us from 7-9PM and get ready to dive into the story of Ehud the left-handed man (seriously, you're going to be a part of it).

**Indoor Racing ...** Join us for extreme indoor kart racing in Clio on Saturday, August 11, from 11:30AM to 3:00PM. Cost is \$23 for 15 and younger, and \$28 for 16 and older (bring your driver's license). Meet at the church office (5103 Pierson Rd—just east of the YMCA) at 11:30 AM and bring cash! Lunch is included, and adult drivers are needed.

**Rock your socks off ...** Head out to Detroit with your church family for a great concert, and listen to Toby Mac and Steven Curtis Chapman. Concert is Sat. Aug. 25th, and tickets are \$15. See Pam Young and the Community Life Team for more information.

## Oak Street Renovation

**Project Update ...** If you have experience in drywall, please let us know. We are also seeking an experienced person with installing a drop ceiling. If you'd like to volunteer, see Pastor Joel.



## 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! Don't forget to start purchasing supplies for a backpack. Our next Mercy Team meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, August 6. We would love for you to check us out.

## :: 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!

**The Cole Family:** in the adoption process

**Theresa Faith:** recuperating from hip surgery

**Darlene Holmes:** aneurism in the brain

**John Jordan:** battling cancer

**Donna O'Brien's Family:** in the loss of her mother on July 6

**David Piechowski:** multiple health concerns including ALS

**Perry Wright:** battling kidney stones

**Our 2012 High School Graduates:**

Olivia Dougherty | Ally Harvey | Kelsey LaCroix | Brandi O'Brien  
Connor Robertson | Daniel Robson | Jordan White | Bianca Wurtz

**General Prayers to remember ...**

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

**Families & Marriages:** those experiencing rough times, separation, divorce

**Our Schools, Teachers & Students:** God's protection

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

**Our Soldiers ...** Josh Barber (USMC); Ryan Crist (USARMY - Kansas); Allan Hadland (USARMY - Germany); Marcos Lambaria (US Marines); Andrew Marks (USAF in Kansas); Conner Robertson (Naval Academy) Ben Shelton (Coast Guard). *[additional military names share with Pastor Terry]*

*If you have a prayer concern, please let us know!*



*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](mailto:mak@flushingcommunity.org)*

## :: Upcoming Events & Dates ::

### **AUGUST:**

- 05.....Fusion at Barclays (7:00PM)
- 05.....Backpacks available
- 06.....Blood Drive (starting at 10:30AM)
- 06.....Mercy Team Meeting (7:00PM)
- 07.....Election Day (our building is a polling site)
- 07.....Board Meeting (Tabor's home)
- 11.....Fusion to Kart Racing (11:30AM)
- 12.....Children's Ministry Meeting (4:30PM)
- 12.....Fusion (7:00 PM)
- 13.....Vacation Bible School (Mon-Thurs; 6:30—8:30 PM)
- 15.....Mobile Food Pantry (Westwood Heights 8:30AM)
- 17.....Kid City to Lugnuts Game
- 19.....Fusion (7:00PM)
- 20.....Ladies Night Out (6:00PM at Lucky's)
- 23.....MLT (7:00PM at Barclay's)

*So many activities to choose from! Get involved. . . Get connected!  
See our complete calendar at [flushingcommunity.org](http://flushingcommunity.org)*