



Flushing United Methodist Church

April 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events: On April, 11th, at 3:00 p.m., we are inviting families to come to church for a Blessing of the Animals. Though this typically occurs in October, we felt it would be appropriate for April, as April is National Pet Month. Please bring your pet (in a carrier and leashed), along with a donation of dog/cat food and treats for the Genesee County Humane Society. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you do not have a pet, bring a favorite stuffed animal so Pastor JJ can bless that.

I want to encourage all of our Sunday School students to send me prayer requests at melissawhalen@hotmail.com. I want to pray for our children and whoever/whatever they have on their minds, whether it be family members, friends, pets, etc. There is no limit as to how many times they share things. I just want them to share so we can pray.

This month, I am including *"Kids of Integrity: Kindness."* This is something that you can do at home with your family. Spread some "kindness germs," play Charades, take the "random acts of kindness" challenge, and reward kids with light sticks for being a shining example of kindness. It goes along perfectly with our Good Samaritan lesson and church message on April 18th, too.

It's a family devotional for the month of April that helps:

- *make growing in kindness a fun-filled adventure! be more considerate of others;
- *put others first;
- *respond politely to insults, compliments and offers they wish to decline;
- *address teasing, bullying, making fun of others and tattling.

Now, more than ever, we need a little love and kindness in not only our grownup hearts, but our little one's hearts, too.