

Special Congregational Meeting

All are invited and highly encouraged to attend a special congregational meeting during the after-church coffee hour on June 11.

The Building Committee will present information on the elevator/lift project which will provide indoor handicap access between the sanctuary and the office lobby/Friendship Center/restrooms.

Come and hear all the exciting details!

Batter Up! Let's Go Nuts!



Our annual baseball outing will be on Saturday, August 19. We will once again be watching the Lugnuts play from The Clubhouse. Tickets are \$42, which includes a dinner buffet and post-game fireworks.

See Lorraine Finison on or after June 4 to reserve your ticket. 40 tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions? See Roger Kennedy.

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June/July/August 2023



Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor

It's happening this summer...

JUNE

- 4 - Communion
- 10 - Bev Miller's 90th birthday celebration - Noon
- 11 - Special Congregational Meeting - after church
- 18 - Reception of New Members
- 20 - Prudential Council - 7:00 p.m.

JULY

- 2 - Communion
- 30 - Advent House Lunches

AUGUST

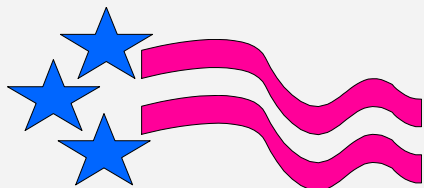
- 6 - Communion
- 8 - Prudential Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Deadline for September Mayflower Notes
- 19 - Lugnuts Game

Weekly Events:

- Fellowship Hour: Sundays after worship service
- Exercise Class: Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 8:00 a.m.

OUTREACH FOCUS

School Supplies



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

- 6/6 - Terry Tisdale
- 6/9 - Bev Miller (90 years)
- 6/10 - Betty Briggs
- 6/22 - Kay Bongard
- 6/27 - Randy Hull
- 7/1 - Mary Robison
- 7/2 - Steve Gmazel
- 7/5 - Lawrence Kimble
- 7/6 - Tom Rich
- 7/9 - Sue Mott
- 7/10 - Ruth Pasch
- 7/10 - Dick Shoup
- 7/21 - Lillian Swaid
- 7/25 - Bob Posey
- 7/29 - Sharon Stephens (90 years)
- 7/29 - Dick Williams
- 7/30 - Judy McQueen
- 7/30 - Barbara Rich
- 8/9 - Kim Finison
- 8/12 - Sue Baldwin
- 8/17 - Gretta Delaney
- 8/20 - Jerry Fuller
- 8/21 - Sharon Graham
- 8/24 - Mary Muhammad
- 8/30 - DeeAnn McCormick
- 8/31 - Jan Fleck



SUMMER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/11 - Terry and Gwen Tisdale (63 years)
- 6/17 - Dick and Charlotte Shoup (56 years)
- 6/22 - Bruce and Wendy Kushion (50 years)
- 7/14 - Gil and Marilyn Wanger (61 years)
- 8/11 - Roy and Daun Ketcheson (67 years)
- 8/16 - Bill and Sue Baldwin (54 years)
- 8/20 - Jeff and April Lakatos (5 years)
- 8/23 - Tom and Marcia Cornell (48 years)
- 8/24 - Terry and Sharon Graham (55 years)
- 8/24 - Steven Parker and Jen Hall {10 years}
- 8/27 - Eugene and Shirley Potts (29 years)



Mayflower Financial News

Thank you for your donations toward the small gifts and toiletries for the children at the Amigos en Cristo mission before the recent trip there by Pastor Mark, Charles Fleck, Maryanna Foster, and Gail Sawyer. The items were much appreciated. In addition to the donations to the mission from those who went on the trip, there were donations by Carleen Brammell, Lorraine Finison, Bob Gress, and Darleen Wirt. A total of \$3250 was sent to the mission organization. Thank you!

The following is a summary of our finances as of April 30:

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| Income: | \$ 17,898.07 |
| Expenses: | <u>11,872.98</u> |
| | \$ 6,025.09 |

YTD for Four Months:

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| Income: | \$ 47,075.54 |
| Expenses: | <u>45,618.09</u> |
| | \$ 1,457.45 |

Fund Balances:

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| Checking: | \$ 78,426.94 |
| Savings: | 5.00 |
| Certificate of Deposit | <u>\$ 59,958.19</u> |
| | \$138,390.13 |

Detailed financial reports are in the brochure rack in the lobby or can be emailed to you. Contact us if you have questions or want a copy.

—Linda Wheeler, Treasurer, and
Lorraine Finison, Financial Secretary



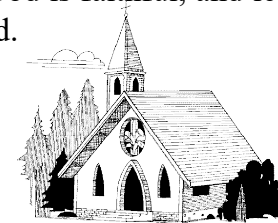
Pastor Mark's Musings

Meteorological summer has arrived in Michigan. It has also arrived in the church. The chancel and handbell choirs will not rehearse or perform again until September. The Women's Bible Study will not resume again until the fall. There are no scheduled Christian Education presentations for the summer. The Prudential Council will get a one-month reprieve. In the life of the church, then, what do we have to look forward to?

First, our Sunday morning services will continue, of course. Our coffee hour will continue to offer the opportunity to get to know each other better within the Beloved Community. There is a developing slate of very special musical presentations which will be a weekly surprise. I will work just as hard to bring weekly messages which challenge our minds and hearts. Work will be ongoing to complete and present our bylaws revisions. The Building Committee will present a plan to make our church accessible from the inside. New members will be welcomed. Another project underway is a plan to give us an opportunity to discover and re-discover spiritual gifts. The Nominating Committee will be asking willing people to serve in various capacities of church leadership and service. Plans are also being formulated for a vibrant Christian Education program beginning this fall. Special recreational activities are being scheduled, the highlight of which will be a Lugnuts game in August in The Clubhouse with fireworks at the end of the game. I am also working to provide a more detailed personal devotional schedule which will compliment Sunday's messages. All this, and more.

Enjoy your summer, Mayflower, including your time away, events with family, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and warm weather activities of all kinds. But let's make sure we don't take a spiritual vacation this summer. God is faithful, and let us be encouraged to remain faithful to God.

Pastor Mark



Greetings From Your Lay Leader

This message is for the months of June, July, and August. Many events will occur in each of our lives in those three months. One of those occurrences is the June 21 beginning of summer.

When I was thinking of summer, the words to George Gershwin's lyrics to the song, Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy, kept going through my mind. This song is one of Gershwin's from his 1935 opera, Porgy and Bess. The setting takes place in Southern United States and is sung by Bess to her baby, and I quote: "Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high, oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin', so, hush, little baby, don't you cry. One of these mornings, you're going to rise up singing, then you'll spread your wings, and you'll take to the sky, but, 'til that morning, there's a'nothing can harm you, with daddy and mammy standing by."

There may be times in each of our lives when we feel life can harm us. We are anxious about having enough finances to last us our lifetime. We can become overwhelmed with grocery costs constantly increasing, medical costs rising with no end in sight, the amount of money it takes to provide us a place to live, and on and on.

But we as Christians have faith that we have a daddy standing by to protect us from harm and that is Jesus Christ. No matter our situation in life, he walks beside us always. This gives us strength and hope to not be anxious per his instruction in Philippians 4:6-7: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."

My prayer for you is that you be anxious for nothing and feel God's peace.

Happy summertime!

Ruth L.Pasch



Music Notes from Barb Fuller

I have written a great deal about hymns in our church newsletters over the past number of years, because I believe that the better informed we are about hymns, the more meaningful they can be to us. As you probably know, hymns can evoke a myriad of emotions as we sing them, ranging from deep sadness to extreme joy, and like any other music containing words, they can be easily misconstrued if you don't have the words right in front of you. It is with that thought that I did a little research and found where children had misunderstood the words of some famous hymns:

"Count Your Blessings" – "When upon life's pillow you are tempest tossed" instead of "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed."

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" – My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, a flee I see" instead of "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing."

"Away in a Manger" – "The cattle are blowing the baby away" instead of "The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes."

"O Holy Night" – "Holy imbecile tender and mild" instead of "Holy infant so tender and mild."

"America the Beautiful" – "Oh, beautiful for spaceship skies" instead of "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies."

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" – "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down and passed the soap around" instead of "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around."

Indeed, through the eyes and ears of a child, humor can be found in hymns. Thinking along those lines, Jerry's mom used to tell the story about how people in their church, when Jerry was around the age of four, asked to be included in their family Sunday dinners so that they could be witness to him asking the blessing before they ate: "God, please bless our stinking bodies," he would state with great confidence instead of "God, please bless and strengthen our bodies."

Out of the mouths of babes – God loves the little children whether they get the words right or not.

