

Mayflower Notes...



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**November
2012**

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*Dates to remember in
November..*



November 2&3

Thrift Sale

November 6

Election Day

November 10

Second Saturday Supper

November 11

Mission Sunday

November 12

*Veterans's Day - Church
Office Closed*

November 13

Trustees - noon

November 15

*Deadline for Mayflower
Notes*

November 18

*Walter Ellis Harvest
Festival
Prudential Council*

November 22

Thanksgiving Day



Head Usher

Naida Kenyon

Outreach Focus

*Mitten Tree, Walter Ellis Harvest Festival,
Shoebox Gifts*

From the Pastor's Desk

November brings with it many thoughts: family, food, hunting, football, travel, or all of the above. And for at least one moment at the Thanksgiving dinner table, most people take the time to remember something for which they are thankful.

November at Mayflower Congregational Church is going to be exciting, centered around Missions and Thanksgiving, and 3 special guest speakers. Barb Fuller is here on the 4th. Our missionaries to Mali, West Africa, Tom & Lisa Seward on the 11th (followed by Blanche's one and only Hobo dinner – thanks Blanche!), and Mary Brewster (came to the New World on the Mayflower) on Walter Ellis Sunday, the 18th.

We can't forget Thanksgiving Day itself, since as Congregationalists we are connected to the Pilgrims spiritually. What a wonderful time of celebration that must have been after so much hardship and loss. A great reminder for us that brighter, more joyous days are ahead when we go through the valley of the shadow of death (which we all do from time to time). It is a good Congregational heritage we have.

Thanksgiving is not confined to one day a year. The nation celebrates Thanksgiving annually. As Christians, everyday should be a day of thanksgiving (minus the eating). Daily giving thanks to God for all His blessing; if we did that, we'd not have time to whine about the few things we don't like. Have you thanked God today for all His blessings you are enjoying?

Ephesians 5:20

always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I could go on, but I'm sure you get the point of God's Word – it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord!



“For food, for raiment, for shelter - we thank thee, Lord.”

I first heard this short prayer when my son Frederick was in Cub Scouts as a grace before meals. It is so short, so simple, yet it encompasses so much. It concentrates on being thankful for the basic things that are most important to our comfort and the continuance of our lives. This simple prayer gets us “back to basics.” It makes me feel grateful for having these things and makes me realize how much more we all have than just the basics. It’s often been said that Christians seem to be more at peace because they are grateful for whatever they have, rather than upset about what they don’t have. This attitude is typified in this short prayer that I heard thirty-four years ago. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we would do well to ruminate on these words and realize how blessed we all are.

Fred Lowe



Mayflower Music Musings

In our service of October 14 we had special guests Leslie Timmons (sister of Meredith Kennedy), flute, and violinist Isao Chapman playing with our choral anthem. It was such a special, warm sound to hear the two instruments and voices together. They are both professional players, and our choir did fine, artistic work in rising to the occasion. It was a highpoint of music for me and I hope for you.

Excellent music is another pathway to God’s presence. The Holy Spirit works when we are gathered in His name; and when we give our efforts to serve, God gives His love and comfort right back. A Holy Circle.

Your solo and hymn ideas are also welcome, any time.

Our Bell Choir appears to be full from top to bottom this year. We plan to play on November 4 and 18.

We always put together a nice group, it is just fun to see growth!

We are thankful at this time and always for the creation and blessing of music.

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Mayflower Financial News

In September, our first 2nd Saturday Supper served 86 people with a profit of \$566.15.

In October our 3rd Annual Ragtime Music Fest brought in \$420.

A brief summary for the month of:

September Income	\$ 8,615.56
Expenses	<u>6,354.92</u>
	\$ 2,260.64

YTD Income	70,153.38
Expenses	<u>5,072.81</u>
	\$ 5,080.57

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 16,219.67
Bequest Funds Savings	4,007.08
Memorial Fund CD	5,485.89
12 Month CD	<u>22,289.21</u>
	\$ 48,001.85

A more detailed report is available in the church's brochure rack



New Members

I had the pleasure of talking to Celia Snow a week after she and her husband Conley joined the church. Celia and Conley have been married for 69 years. They have three children; two boys and a daughter who lives in Lansing.

Conley is an aeronautical engineer and was a pilot during WWII. After the war they lived in Willow Run Village in a communal housing situation with eight other families.

The Snows lived in Colorado for 30 years and loved skiing. They moved to Royal Oak and then to Lansing to be closer to their daughter. It was interesting to me to find out that their daughter attended the same high school that I did and graduated a year after me. It's a small world!

They play pool for recreation and also enjoy walking.

Please visit with Conley and Celia, they have many varied experiences to share.

Thrift Sale

This week is the long-awaited thrift sale to benefit the church treasury! It's Friday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Please check now to identify things that you have around the house but don't really need any more. Remember to have items clean and in working order or they don't sell well. If it's truly trash, just toss it out. Kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, and children's items are good sellers, but you never know what will sell. Remember, too, to invite friends, family, coworkers, etc., to donate items. Finally, be sure to plan on coming to shop yourself.

Bring in your items early this week if you haven't brought them yet. Set up will be 10-Noon (or so) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you haven't been contacted about helping with set-up, the sale, or clean-up after the sale, please call Ann McClelland to volunteer (323-8136).



Month of Missions

There are many activities just waiting for your active participation this month.

Shoe boxes are waiting to be filled, prayed over and distributed to Operation Christmas Child. The boxes must be returned no later than Nov. 11th. It would be wonderful if we can fill 30 boxes!

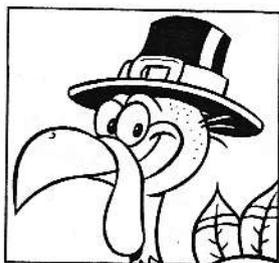
The Mitten Tree will be up by Nov. 9th waiting to be filled with warm mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to benefit school children this winter.

Tom and Lisa Seward, our personal missionaries, will be with us on Nov. 11th to talk about their recent activities. This will be followed by one of Blanche's Hobo Dinners. This will be a fundraiser to repair the outside ramp.

The Walter Ellis Harvest Festival will be held Nov. 18th. Please bring non-perishable food products to church on that day to supplement the fresh food that will enhance our sanctuary. All food collected will be delivered to the Rescue Mission. Mary Brewster will also make an appearance on that day.

Please plan to participate in these many activities. We are truly reaching out!!

Thanks be to God!!!



November

Birthdays

- 11/1 Ann McClelland
- 11/1 Dominic McClelland
- 11/2 Frank Wheeler
- 11/5 Morgan Smith
- 11/5 Bob Mott
- 11/9 Blanche Samohovetz
- 11/11 Cozette Oxley
- 11/15 Barbara Fuller
- 11/19 Fred Lowe
- 11/20 Ina Martin
- 11/29 Mike Rutledge

Anniversary

- 11/25 Roger and Meredith Kennedy

