

## Ukraine Relief

Donations for the relief of Ukrainians fleeing their homeland will be sent to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" effort, a ministry of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). The following is from the NACCC's website: "In times of crisis, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) of our national organization makes every effort to work through member churches and missions closest to those in need. Where our churches and missions are not present, we work through respected organizations such as the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, Church World Service, and the Red Cross."

In a personal note to Pastor Mark, the director of the MOMC, Julie Robie, added, "All of the funds go into an account held at the NACCC office. Then the MOMC determines how to best get the money to the need. If there is not an NACCC church in the area, the MOMC uses the vetted relief organizations they know are on the ground working. In the event a local church is in the area and has a local relief effort, all of the paperwork and receipts are required to verify how the funds are spent." You may donate by check (payable to Mayflower with a note "Ukraine Relief") or cash. Please give generously as you are able.

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# It's happening in April...

4/3 - Communion

Deadline for Easter Lily orders

New Members Class - after church

4/10 - Trustees - 1:00 p.m.

New Members Class - after church

4/15 - Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.

Deadline for May Mayflower Notes

4/17 - Easter Sunday (no Education Hour)

Reception of New Members

4/24 - Prudential Council - 1:00 p.m.

## Weekly Events:

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

After-Church Coffee: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. to Noon

Education Hour: Sundays at Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Exercise Class: Weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom



# April

## BIRTHDAYS

4/1 - Charmain Hull

4/2 - Jan Holcomb

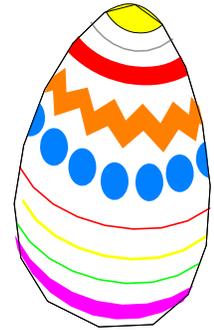
4/18 - Bob Gress

4/19 - Bill Baldwin

4/20 - Eugene Potts

4/22 - Meredith Kennedy

4/28 - Rilla McHarris



## ANNIVERSARY

4/1 - Mary and Norman Muhammad (49 years)

## OUTREACH FOCUS

Ukraine Relief



## Mayflower Financial News

We finished strong (as they say) with the collection for the Baby Boxes for Haiti project. The total was \$1500. Dorothy Frederickson, the founder of the project, asked us to express her profound appreciation and gratitude for our record-breaking gift. Great job, Mayflower!

The following is a summary of our finances as of February 28:

Income:	\$ 17,085.66
Expenses:	<u>10,376.95</u>
	\$ 6,708.71

### YTD for Two Months:

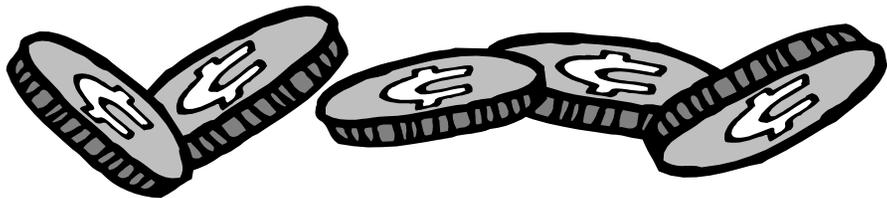
Income:	\$ 30,577.70
Expenses:	<u>25,910.97</u>
	\$ 4,666.73

### Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 24,242.58
Savings:	85,651.64
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>22,705.70</u>
	\$132,599.92

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



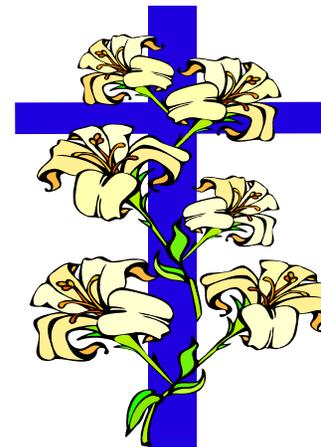
## *Pastor Mark's Musings*

April is an exciting month in Michigan. It represents a transition of rapidly warming temperatures, increasing daylight, leaves on the trees, greener grass, snowblowers to lawnmowers, and long sleeves to short sleeves. It is a month of momentum toward the delightful days of summer, so cherished in Michigan when the snowbirds come streaming back home, and everyone heads "up north."

In the Christian church, in most years, Easter is anticipated and then celebrated in the month of April. We all know the story, the traditions, and the music we look forward to every year. This year will be no different as Barb is preparing an exciting musical extravaganza which includes voices, instruments, handbells, and the congregation. I can't wait!

As believers, we have opportunity to ponder the reality of what the resurrection means in our lives as we embrace the great hope of the gospel. But let us all remember that the resurrection is far more than a hope of life beyond the grave. Resurrection can be a daily reality in our lives. It can also be a regular occurrence in our church. In each of the three months leading up to Easter--February, March and now April (on Easter Sunday)--we have taken or are taking in new members. Mayflower is experiencing a resurrection as God blesses us with a rebirth of hope, energy, optimism, and joy. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mark



## Greetings from Your Lay Leader

Spring has arrived and Easter is this month. One word that comes to my mind at Easter is PATIENCE, and it reminds me of my father.

Many times in his life, my dad was quite the opposite of patient. We were tenant farmers and dad worked very hard and became angry and frustrated with the work. I am not making excuses for dad's impatience, for Jesus was angry and frustrated sometimes also. Jesus saw through the Jewish leaders' false piety and it frustrated Him that they never learned the old laws had passed away and Jesus' way was one of love of God and neighbor. It angered Him that merchants had turned the temple into a den of robbers instead of a house of prayer. Matthew 21:13 (NIV).

As dad matured, he did learn some patience from working the land. He enjoyed working up the ground and making it ready for planting seeds. He took satisfaction from watering those seeds and cultivating the weeds from tender plants, after which he was patient to let the Lord produce the crop. Jesus demonstrated the height of patience. He always had patience with sinners, took time to inquire what they desired from Him, healed their illnesses, and shared His Father's words of encouragement and instructions with all.

Even though there are many other words that are associated with Easter, patience is one word maybe all of us can practice a little bit more. Life feels hurried, frustrating, angering, lonely, and fearful in our country and world right now. If we practice patience with each other, maybe that will ease these feelings of apprehension in others.

May Easter bring you many blessings, including patience.



Ruth L. Pasch

## Music Notes from Barb Fuller

What does our national anthem mean to you, and do you think it would mean anything different if we were under siege from another country? This is a question I have been asking myself since the Ukraine has been under attack from Russia, which is why I decided to do some research on the Ukrainian national anthem, "Shche ne vmerla Ukrainy i slava, I volia," also known as "State Anthem of Ukraine," which means "The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished."

This anthem has a long and complicated past, starting with its lyrics being a slightly modified version of a patriotic poem written in 1862 by the poet Pavlo Chubynsky and then the music being composed by the Greek-Catholic priest Mykhailo Verbytsky. It was the national anthem in the first half of the 20th Century during unsuccessful attempts to gain independence from the territories of the Russian Empire, Poland, and Austria-Hungary. It wasn't used as a state anthem until 1917, when it was adopted by the Ukrainian Republic, and even between 1917 and 1921, the anthem was not adopted as an exclusive state anthem.

In 1922, the Ukrainian SSR signed the Treaty on the Creation of the USSR and the anthem was immediately banned because it did not evoke feelings that Ukraine was a fraternal republic within the USSR. A song of that nature would have to mention the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and this one did not.

On January 15, 1992, the music of the State Anthem of Ukraine was adopted by Ukraine's parliament and was later instituted in the Ukrainian parliament. The lyrics for the anthem were not officially adopted until March 6, 2003. Now, in 2022, because of the Russian invasion, orchestras in Europe and North America play it in solidarity with Ukraine and its people.

*The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished.  
Luck will still smile on us brother-Ukrainians.  
Our enemies will die, as the dew does in the sunshine,  
And we, too, brothers, we'll live happily in our land.  
We'll not spare either our souls or bodies to get freedom  
And we'll prove that we brothers are of Kozak kin.*

