

Fire Extinguishers

Every year, the fire extinguishers and emergency lights in the church are tested to be sure they are working properly. But, do you know where the eight (8) fire extinguishers are located throughout the church? You'll probably be surprised to learn of their locations, so take note in case you might need to know someday:

- 1) The office lobby under the coat rack.
- 2) Outside the Friendship Center kitchen near the coffee bar.
- 3) In the music office on the west side of the sanctuary.
- 4) In the basement kitchen next to the dumbwaiter.
- 5) Outside the basement kitchen.
- 6) Outside the boiler room in the basement.
- 7) At the bottom of the east side stairs to the basement.
- 8) Next to the storage chest in the narthex near the Belaire entrance doors to the sanctuary.

Now you know!

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It's happening in March...

3/2 - Women's Bible Study resumes - 10:30 a.m.

3/6 - Communion
New Members Class - after church

3/13 - Daylight Savings Time begins (go forward)
Trustees - after church
New Members Class - after church

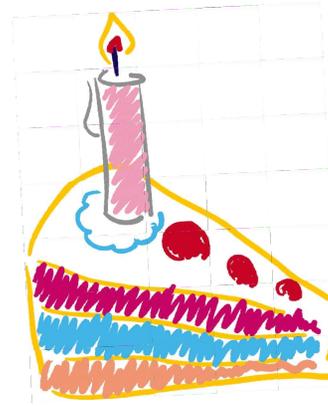
3/15 - Deadline for April Mayflower Notes

3/20 - Reception of New Members
Prudential Council - after church

Weekly Events:

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

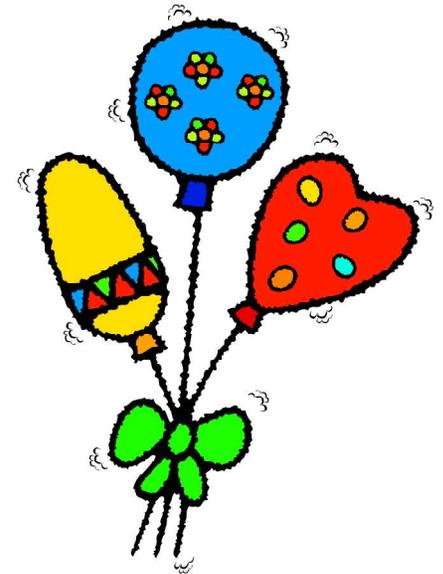
Exercise Class: Weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom



March

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/6 - Karen Crampo
- 3/8 - Jamie Keller
- 3/12 - Clayton Hull
- 3/15 - Marissa Slater
- 3/18 - Gordon Wilson
- 3/20 - Lorraine Finison
- 3/22 - Donna Slater
- 3/23 - Gail Sawyer
- 3/28 - April Lakatos
- 3/28 - Shirley Potts



ANNIVERSARY

- 3/13 - Charles and Jan Fleck (41 years)

OUTREACH FOCUS

Christian Services



Mayflower Financial News

As we wrapped up the Mitten Tree project at the end of January, a check for \$350 was given to Lewton School and another check for \$350 was given to the Lansing Charter Academy. The remaining knitted items were divided between the schools. Thank you again, everyone, for your donations to this and all of the outreach projects we did during the last several months of 2021!

We'll be collecting for the Baby Boxes for Haiti project through the end of February. The total collected so far is \$1300.

The following is a summary of our finances as of January 31, which is also the year-to-date for 2022:

Income:	\$ 13,492.04
Expenses:	<u>15,534.02</u>
	\$ -2,041.98

<u>Fund Balances:</u>	
Checking:	\$ 17,370.24
Savings:	85,606.93
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>22,705.70</u>
	\$125,682.87

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

March! It is known for many things, including kite flying (yes, it is considered a windy month), March Madness (the NCAA basketball tourney), and the beginning of Spring. For us as Christians, Ash Wednesday begins the 47-day journey to Easter and it is observed this year on March 2nd. While an exact history of Lent is unknown, by the 4th century, the tradition of a 40-day period of self-denial, reflecting Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness, became a yearly ritual.

A question is often asked, "What are you giving up for Lent?" While this practice can be helpful in our journey of faith, I might ask a more pointed question for all of us to consider--"What are we willing to give up permanently to heighten and enhance the spiritual disciplines in our lives?" Dr. Paul Patton shared from the Mayflower pulpit a month ago concerning his new book, "Every Day Sabbath," which examines how much of our indulgence in pop culture can rob us of spiritual discipline.

As always, as your pastor, I relish the opportunity to take another spiritual journey with you. Let's take a step forward in our Mayflower journey as we observe Lent together.

Pastor Mark



Greetings from Your Lay Leader

Looking at the March calendar, I see we will be springing forward to Daylight Savings Time on the 13th. Then there is St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. Spring begins on the 20th and hopefully its warmer weather and sunshine will invigorate our zest for life as we feel the breeze on our faces. All of these occasions are secular in nature and certainly something to look forward to.

But I see one more date in March that is not secular, but rather of spiritual nature. That date is March 2nd, Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is 40 week days leading to Easter and it is the beginning of the Lenten season. The Lenten season is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus. What does his crucifixion on Good Friday and his rising from the dead on Easter morning mean to us personally? Can his rising from the dead truly wash our sins away? If so, what is required of us for that to happen? What might Jesus have been feeling those 40 days before Easter as he knew what he was to suffer?

In reading the scriptures, I believe Jesus was feeling an urgency in completing his mission on earth. Approximately the last four months of his life, he was in the region of Judea. Daily he walked through the countryside and small villages of the region teaching the multitude of people who were following him. Many of those followers believed that he was indeed the king they had been told about for centuries. They were looking for a king to overcome the Romans who were in power and unkind to the Jewish people. Many of them had heard of the miracles he had performed and they came to see for themselves this mighty person. He had healed all sorts of diseases, given sight to the blind, raised people from the dead, drove out demons that were possessing people, blessed little children, and taught a new way of life in loving God and others as one's self. He felt there was little time left to teach his disciples so that they could carry forward his values and beliefs after his upcoming death.

As each of us make our personal Lenten journey, let us remember Jesus' teaching to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind and our neighbor as ourself. Matthew 22:37-39. (NKJV)

Ruth L. Pasch

Music Notes from Barb Fuller

By the time you are reading this newsletter, Marsha Hacker, Sally Potter, and I will have sung the anthem "Like a Tree" during the February 27 worship service. This song is known by several other titles such as "I Shall Not Be Moved" and "We Shall Not Be Moved" and is an African-American slave spiritual, hymn, and protest song dating to the early 19th century American south whose "roots" come from several Bible passages.

Psalm 1:3 reads, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper."

Jeremiah 17:8 reads, "They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

We all know that music has power behind it. Pairing the words "like a tree planted by the waters" who "shall not be moved" to this long-time tune has created a song that exudes strength and determination in both the sacred as well as the secular world. Perhaps you will be able to use it for yourself when you are at your lowest and need the power of God to help you through.

*Just like a tree that's planted by the water, I shall not be moved.
Though the winds are blowing all around me, I shall not be moved.
These winds will never last. This storm is sure to pass. This
trial is just a test.*

So, I shall not, I shall not, no, I shall not be moved.

*Though winds of affliction sweep over my soul, and billows and
storm clouds continue to roll,*

I shall not, I shall not, no, I shall not be moved.

I shall not, I shall not, no, I shall not be moved.

