

Mayflower Congregational Church



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June/July/August



Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor

Dear Mayflower Family,

Great news! Mayflower is reopening for worship services on June 6!

Out of an abundance of caution for everyone's safety, the following guidelines will be in effect:

- 1) Masks must be worn while inside the church building.
- 2) Hymns will be performed by the worship team, and congregational singing will be discouraged for now.
- 3) Offering plates and communion elements will be available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Our first Sunday of in-person worship will be a day of celebration, with special music, a special sermon, and a grand reopening celebration outside after the service. Refreshments will be served and visiting will be encouraged. You will also be able to view the renovations in the office lobby, restrooms, and Friendship Center.

There will be no further drive-by greeting times once in-person worship has resumed.

With joy,

Pastor Mark McCormick

Lay Leader Gail Sawyer

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It's happening this summer...

JUNE

6 - Communion
13 - Trustees - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
16 - Prudential Council - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
20 - Father's Day

JULY

4 - Communion
Trustees and Prudential Council - to be determined

AUGUST

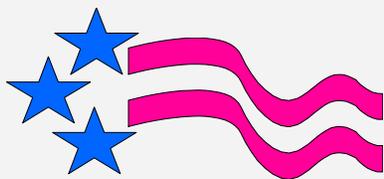
1 - Communion
29 - Advent House Lunches
Trustees and Prudential Council - to be determined

Weekly Event:

Exercise: Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri. - 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

OUTREACH FOCUS

School Supplies, Backpacks

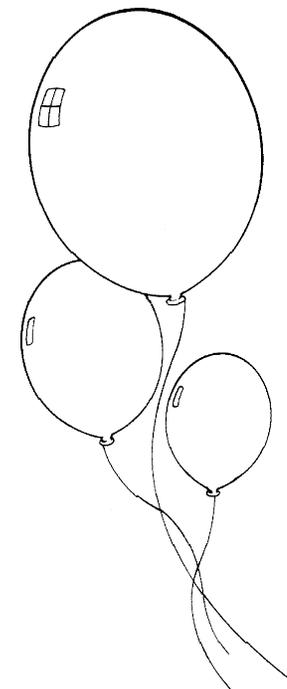


BIRTHDAYS

6/6 - Terry Tisdale
6/9 - Bev Miller
6/27 - Randy Hull

7/1 - Mary Robison
7/5 - Lawrence Kimble
7/6 - Tom Rich
7/9 - Sue Mott
7/10 - Ruth Pasch
7/21 - Lillian Swaid
7/29 - Dick Williams
7/30 - Barbara Rich

8/6 - Marjorie Cook (94)
8/9 - Ruth Berry (92)
8/9 - Kim Finison
8/20 - Jerry Fuller
8/21 - Sharon Graham
8/30 - DeeAnn McCormick
8/31 - Jan Fleck



ANNIVERSARIES

6/11 - Terry and Gwen Tisdale (61 years)

7/14 - Gil and Marilyn Wanger (59 years)

8/20 - Jeff and April Lakatos (3 years)
8/24 - Terry and Sharon Graham (53 years)
8/27 - Bill and Rilla McHarris (61 years)
8/27 - Dick and Linda Williams (50 years)
8/27 - Eugene and Shirley Potts (27 years)

Mayflower Financial News

We can never thank you enough for your continued financial support during the pandemic. It is so much appreciated!

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

Income:	\$ 12,200.82
Expenses:	<u>17,743.54</u>
	\$ - 5,542.72

YTD for Four Months:

Income:	\$ 46,197.14
Expenses:	<u>45,914.32</u>
	\$ 282.82

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 13,078.08
Savings:	100,447.48
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>22,626.39</u>
	\$136,151.95

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

As you read this, you will have likely heard of the plan for Mayflower Church to reopen for in-person worship. What a day of celebration that will be on our first Sunday back! There will be extra music, a special sermon appropriate for the day, and we will all share in the sacrament of Communion.

I want to thank all of you for your patience, your faithfulness, your generosity, and your prayers during this time. As you know, we have erred on the side of caution and we have been largely spared from terrible illness as a result of the virus. But we all know someone, including some of your family members, who have suffered greatly. Regardless, we can rejoice together and thank God that the worst effects of the pandemic are likely behind us. I want to remind all of us that we have more work to do as we remain vigilant in striving to keep everyone safe. There will likely be more restrictions than some would like, and a few things won't be exactly as we have known them in the life of our church. We will monitor the situation each month. But regardless, we can look forward to reconnecting with each other and enjoying our times of worship as a physically gathered community of faith. We will look forward to the possibility of resuming other activities that we enjoy as the COVID-19 scourge continues to abate.

I am reminded of the story in Luke's gospel of the 99 sheep who were safe, but a determined search ensued for one lost sheep. We have made every effort to protect the most vulnerable among us. We will continue to do so. That is the gospel. That is Mayflower. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Mark



Dear Mayflower Family and Friends,

The Blessings of Summer

With vaccinations increasing, COVID rates dropping, and many restrictions being lifted, hopefully this summer will be a time to reconnect with family and friends. Whether it's a backyard BBQ, a camping trip with a campfire and s'mores, or churning homemade ice cream, we will be blessed with the opportunity to visit with folks we may not have seen for over a year.

Summer is my favorite season. Some of the things I love in the good ole summertime include the Great Lakes, blue skies and sunshine, flip-flops, working in the yard, and roadside fruit and vegetable stands.

I will always cherish my childhood memories of summer – running through sprinklers, chasing down ice cream trucks, riding bikes with friends around the neighborhood, swinging so high that the poles of the swing set lifted out of the ground, catching lightning bugs, and sitting at the picnic table in the backyard eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch. The cardinal rule was that when the streetlights came on, it was time to go home.

Warmer weather lifts our mood and encourages us to relax more, to get outside to breathe fresh air and to enjoy all the beautiful things in nature that God has created for us to enjoy.

Finally, here's some great "Advice from the Sun" by Ilan Shamir that I saw on a bookmark: keep it light; rise to the occasion; look on the bright side; set your sights high; renew your energy; keep a sunny disposition; be brilliant!

Until September... *The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26

With Love, your Lay Leader, Gail Sawyer

P.S. The Prudential Council voted to change the name of the Social Hall to the Friendship Center in honor of the "rebirth" of the room. You'll see!



Music Notes from Barb Fuller

There was a gospel song I mentioned in the Mayflower Notes last month whose title intrigued me, and I decided to do a little research on it.

We Need a Whole Lot More Jesus (and a Lot Less Rock & Roll) was written by Wayne Raney (1921-1993), an American country singer and harmonica player. Raney, along with his partner, Lonnie Glosson, were responsible for making the harmonica into a popular musical instrument through their performances as well as owning a mail-order harmonica business which proved to be enormously successful.

Raney was born on a farm near Wolf Bayou, Arkansas, and because of a foot deformity, was unable to do much in the way of heavy labor. It was because of that he pursued his love of music, writing, producing, and performing a number of hit songs, the most famous being *Why Don't You Haul Off and Love Me*. He also recorded what are considered novelty songs such as *Pardon My Whiskers* and *I Love My Little Yo-Yo*. In the early 1960s after returning to Arkansas, he wrote a gospel album entitled *Don't Try to Be What You Ain't* and went into semi-retirement, running his own chicken farm and performing occasionally. When I listened to him sing this week I was reminded of the sound of "country music" I was familiar with as I grew up. Because I was not exposed much to that genre, it was foreign to me, but his music certainly reached a lot of people over the years.

Well, you can read it in the morning papers, hear it on the radio,
Crime is sweeping the nation, this world is about to go.

We need a good old case of salvation to put the love of God in our souls,
We need a whole lot more of Jesus and a lot less rock and roll.

We need more old-time camp meetings and a lot more prayers of faith,
Prayers that will move a mountain, save our souls from the burning waste.

We need a good old case of salvation to put the love of God in our souls,
We need a whole lot more of Jesus and a lot less rock and roll.

We need more old-fashioned preachers, pouring out their hearts in prayer,
When you're in their presence, well, you know that the Lord is there.

We need a nationwide revival to put the love of God in our souls,
We need a whole lot more of Jesus and a lot less rock and roll.