

Mayflower Congregational Church



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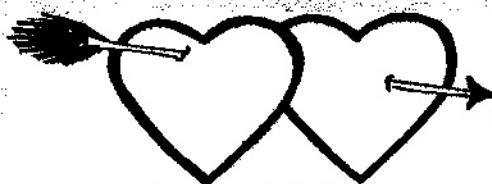
Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor

What's happening at Mayflower in February...

- 2/2** Communion; Adult Education Class
- 2/8** Second Saturday Supper - 5:00 p.m.
- 2/9** Trustees - Noon
- 2/15** Deadline for March Mayflower Notes
- 2/16** Prudential Council - Noon
- 2/16** Men of Orpheus concert - 3:00 p.m.
- 2/26** Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events:

- Women's Bible Study - Weds. - 10:00 a.m.**
- Bell Choir Rehearsals - Thurs. - 4:00 p.m.**
- Vocal Choir Rehearsals - Thurs. - 5:30 p.m.**
- Exercise - Tues., Weds., Thurs. - 4:00 p.m.**



Pastor Mark's Musings

I am not a person who thrives on routine. It is one of the things I love about my role as pastor at Mayflower. While every job has a certain amount of routine, there are always a variety of things to do, people to see, and various activities and meetings to attend. However, I have been recently reminded of the importance of routine.

Three out of the last four Sundays, I have been out of the routine of preaching. We had a musical presentation on the Sunday before Christmas, I was visiting another church on the final Sunday of the year, and last week we suspended the Sunday service because of inclement weather. As I write this, we are awaiting the decision in which we may, once again, have to suspend the services due to a winter storm. This has definitely thrown off the routines and some of the disciplines we observe as faithful Christians.

While preaching is hard work and I have enjoyed a little break from it, I miss it. I miss singing in the choir and seeing the anticipation and joy on each of your faces as we gather each week for worship. So, quite frankly, while the safety and well being of our church members is of utmost importance regarding potential danger on the roads and parking lots, I am looking forward to re-establishing the routines which involve faithfulness. I want to continue to be routined in my faithfulness as a shepherd of the flock entrusted to me, to be routined in the faithful proclamation of God's love as we seek inspiration from the scriptures, and to be faithful in my desire to teach not only by precept, but by example. And I want each of you to know that your faithfulness is a great inspiration to me.

Let us encourage one another to be faithful witnesses of the love we experience through Jesus, the Christ. He is our example, our teacher and our friend. Thanks be to God!

In God's faithful service,

Pastor Mark



Thoughts from the Lay Leader, Barb Fuller

For some reason I just like the sound of “2020.” Since the year 2000, I’ve been trying to adjust to the sound of “20” being in front of the rest of the date, and I have to say it has been a small irritant in my life. Having been born in the mid-1900’s, I grew quite accustomed and attached to having “19” precede the rest of the date; however, I think I have finally reached my comfort zone again and it only took twenty years to get there! Now I feel contented saying “2020.”

As we go forth in 2020, I feel Mayflower blossoming. It isn’t the explosion of a bud that has been exposed to too much heat for too long; it is more like the bud that sits in the cooler for a long period of time and then slowly emerges, first showing a hint of the beauty inside and then eventually gracefully opening up to share the glorious surprise of what it has been hiding.

To me, Mayflower is that quiet, yet beautiful, bud full of so much promise, so much beauty. We are slowly emerging to show and share with the rest of the world what we have inside. We display an acceptance of others who don’t necessarily share our exact same beliefs, our same looks, and our same opinions. We are a happy group who enjoy spending time with each other in and out of worship. We are a generous group who enjoy reaching out to help others in our community as well as in other parts of the world.

Our time for blossoming is going to be more and more obvious the further we get into 2020. Many thanks go out to the people who have served their terms on our boards and committees and have helped the blossoming thus far: Sue Mott, Lay Leader; Jerry Fuller, Lay Leader Past; Ann McClelland, Senior Deacon; Lorraine Finison, Senior Trustee; Laura Anderson, Financial Secretary; and Rilla McHarris, who filled a vacant position on the trustees for two years. And to you, our congregation—many thanks to all of you for your emotional, physical, and financial support. Together we are strong, and together we will blossom. I like the sound of “2020” more all the time.



Mayflower Financial News

Unfortunately, our January Second Saturday Supper had to be canceled due to a winter storm, but hopefully we will be back in full swing in February. Do plan to come, eat, and work if you can!

The Christmas Eve offering for the Lewton School employee, with some additional added on the last Sunday in December, totaled an amazing \$1100. Thank you to those who so generously responded to this need! We are still collecting for the Baby Boxes for Haiti and the Mitten Tree for Lewton School, with generous donations of \$1440 and \$290, respectively, so far (in addition to several loads of cold weather items which have been brought to Lewton already). Thank you!

The following is a summary of our finances as of December 31:

Income:	\$ 16,315.62
Expenses:	<u>7,839.03</u>
	\$ 8,476.59

YTD for Twelve Months:

Income:	\$114,812.51
Expenses:	<u>91,040.07</u>
	\$ 23,772.44

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 15,523.36
Savings:	64,557.08
Heat Fund Savings:	20,853.56
Savings CD:	<u>22,468.57</u>
	\$123,402.57

A detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office. If you'd like more information or have questions, please see me.



—Linda Wheeler, Treasurer

February

BIRTHDAYS

2/1 - Nancy McKay

2/9 - Lisa Jones

2/11 - Bob Z

2/21 - Carla Woodward

2/22 - Gwen Tisdale

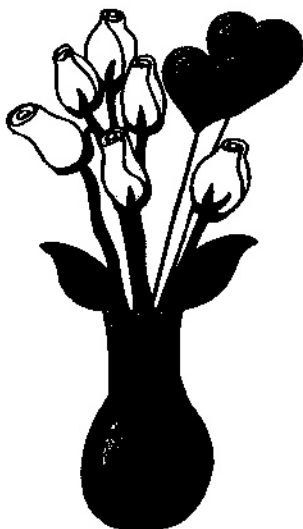
2/26 - Candy Bywater

HEAD USHER

Candy Bywater

OUTREACH FOCUS

Mitten Tree



Men of Orpheus in Concert:

"Seasons of Love"

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Sunday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.

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