

Mayflower Congregational Church

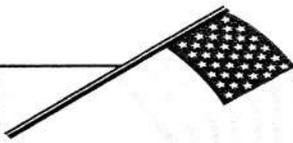


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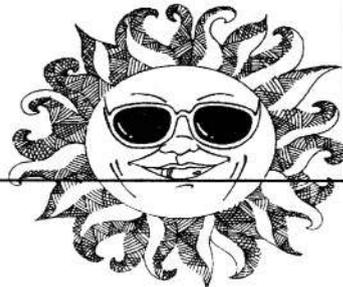


Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor



It's happening at Mayflower in June, July and August

6/2	Yard Work Day
6/14	Trustees - 2:30 p.m. Flag Day
6/17	Father's Day
7/1	Communion
7/4	Independence Day
7/8	Prudential Council - Noon
7/12	Trustees - 2:30 p.m.
7/29	Advent House Lunches
8/5	Prudential Council - Noon
8/9	Trustees - 2:30 p.m.
8/11	Lugnutz Game
8/15	Deadline for September Mayflower Notes



Pastor Mark's Musings

The summer season is one where we typically “take a break” from some church activities like choir, handbells and Saturday Suppers. We lighten up, enjoy warm weather and, hopefully get away. This is good and healthy for all who work hard in the church. And as human beings, we need a break, a vacation and some rest. I hope many of you will take full advantage of what our beautiful state of Michigan has to offer to get away, take a road trip, or visit relatives. Perhaps some of you will take an epic vacation this summer across the country or across the ocean.

As people of faith, however, we don't take vacations from our spiritual lives. As your pastor, I encourage all of us to continue or begin a regular and personal time of reflection, prayer and reading which includes scripture. This doesn't have to be lengthy or boring, but can serve to get us in good spiritual shape, or indeed, keep us in shape.

Finally, our worship services continue every week, of course. I will continue to give focused attention to the preparation and delivery of sermons. We will enjoy a variety of special music and we will always enjoy our special brand of Mayflower fellowship. And many of us will be diligently planning for an expanded ministry in the Fall.

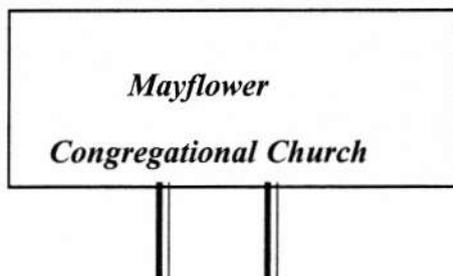
Will you do me a favor this summer? Whether you are here or away, will you remember the life and ministry of Mayflower Church in your thoughts and prayers? I know you will as we all want God to lead us boldly into the future.

It is a continuing joy to serve as your pastor.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Mark





From the Lay Leader

So what the heck is the Prudential Council up to now, you might ask? Well, you may or may not know that our existing back-lighted church signs are in disrepair. The main sign that announces our upcoming weekly sermons has broken covers and is generally suffering the maladies of old age. The other sign that we use for announcing Second Saturday Supper and other special events has several major problems that will soon render it useless. Both signs need to be replaced as fixing them will be too costly, if even possible. Changing the lettering on these signs is very labor intensive and during the winter it can be bone chilling. Maynard, our custodian, is dealing with them for now but there will come a time in the near future when they are no longer serviceable.

But, there are some interesting options. The Prudential Council ("PC") has decided to investigate electronic, programmable signs that utilize LED technology. I'm sure you have seen these at other churches and businesses around town. The messages displayed can be changed anytime from inside the building using an existing computer. That means we would only need one sign for all of our messages and changing it only requires a few keystrokes! Another advantage is that these signs are virtually maintenance free for many years. The PC has recently seen a live demonstration and all of us were very impressed. Of course the bad news is the cost. It would be a major capital investment for our church, somewhat on the scale of air conditioning our sanctuary.

From time to time we are forced to look at capital investments such as this and determine if it is in the best interest of Mayflower Church, both now and in the future. We must prayerfully consider all of the possible outcomes before making a decision. We do not take our fiduciary responsibilities lightly. Thank you, congregation, for your kind feedback and support of our work on the PC!

June

BIRTHDAYS

6/2 - Dr. Rick Martin

6/6 - Terry Tisdale

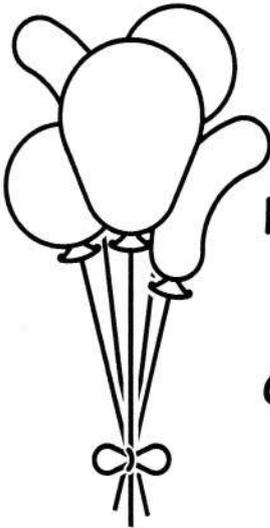
6/12 - Arlene Love

6/26 - Barb Martin



ANNIVERSARIES

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



HEAD USHER -
Candy Bywater

OUTREACH -
Backpacks



July

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/6 - Tom Rich*
- 7/9 - Sue Mott*
- 7/21 - Lillian Swaid*
- 7/29 - Dick Williams*
- 7/30 - Maggie Bellant*
- 7/30 - Lola Holmes*
- 7/30 - Barbara Rich*

Head Usher

Candy Bywater

Outreach Focus

Backpacks



August

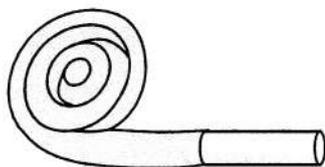
Birthdays

- 8/9 - Ruth Berry
8/9 - Kim Finison
8/12 - Ryan Graham
8/20 - Gerry Fuller
8/21 - Sharon Graham
8/26 - Sue Emrick
8/27 - Susanne Mannino
8/30 - DeeAnn McCormick



Anniversaries

- 8/24 - Terry and Sharon Graham (50 years)
8/27 - Bill and Rilla McHarris (58 years)
8/27 - Dick and Linda Williams (47 years)
8/27 - Eugene and Shirley Potts (24 years)



Head Usher

Candy Bywater

Music Notes

From Barb Fuller

How does a person adjust to change? That is a question I have been exploring and reflecting on for many years. I have come to the conclusion that my life is in constant change one way or another and that even though there are things about my life that I never want to change, they change anyway.

We at Mayflower are going through a number of changes right now. We have a new pastor, a new hymnal, a new order of worship, and we have a Dream Team forming to help plan even more positive changes in the future. When will it stop? Well, here's the good and the bad news – it won't, because change is a part of life.

Even though there are many things that make us uncomfortable about change there are actions we can take to cope with it. A person's faith can certainly help with going into the unknown of change, and I can personally say that I receive that help very often with God's word coming to me through music.

Today I ran across a hymn in our new hymnal squeezed in between "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "There Is a Balm in Gilead" in the section on Comfort and Encouragement entitled "As Water to the Thirsty." It reminded me that even though we parted with our old Pilgrim Hymnal (a large change) we still have the ability to receive God's word through our new Pilgrim Hymnal.

As water to the thirsty, As beauty to the eyes, As strength that follows weakness, As truth instead of lies; As song-time and spring-time And summer-time to be. So is my Lord, My living Lord, So is my Lord to me.

Like calm in place of clamor, Like peace that follows pain, Like meeting after parting, Like sunshine after rain; Like moonlight and starlight And sunlight on the sea, So is my Lord, My living Lord, So is my Lord to me.

As sleep that follows fever, As gold instead of gray, As freedom after bondage, As sunrise to the day; As home to the trav'ler And all we long to see, So is my Lord, My living Lord, So is my Lord to me.

I receive a great deal of comfort and inspiration to deal with challenges including changes in my life from hymns we sing. Perhaps you can, as well.



Backpack Program

Our summer outreach this year is the Holt Give-a-Kid a Backpack program.

School supplies and backpacks are needed for this project.

They will be given to those who need them to be successful in school.

Some of the school systems are starting earlier in August. All donations should be turned in at the church no later than July 15th.

As usual, if you wish to donate cash, shopping will be done for you.

If you have questions see Roger Kennedy or Susanne Mannino.



Next Newsletter

The next edition of Mayflower Notes will be the September issue. If you have information you would like to submit, the deadline will be August 15th.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! See you in church.
Meredith Kennedy, Editor

Mayflower Financial News

Our April Second Saturday Supper was, unfortunately, canceled due to the ice storm which also canceled the church service the following day. Most of the food was able to be frozen for use at the May supper, which was a sell-out. Thank you all for your great help throughout the year, and special thanks to Sue Mott for her leadership, dedication, and hard work as our food service manager! It was a great year! Thanks!

Because of the limits on the number of transactions on our checking account before service charges are incurred, please help us by reducing the number of checks written to the church if you are able. For example, consider writing one check a month or quarter for your pledge or contribution to the church. You can also combine anything else you are paying for (like Lugnuts tickets, altar flowers, thrift sale purchases, etc.) with your contribution. Just make sure to clearly designate the amount for each item. We'll do the rest in our accounting system. Thank you!

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

Income:	\$ 11,052.29
Expenses:	<u>6,484.86</u>
	\$ 4,567.43
<u>YTD for Four Months:</u>	
Income:	\$ 34,245.62
Expenses:	<u>26,725.95</u>
	\$ 7,519.67
<u>Fund Balances:</u>	
Checking:	\$ 13,120.22
Savings:	31,534.84
Heat Fund Savings:	20,843.11
Memorial Fund CD:	5,520.30
Savings CD:	<u>22,390.08</u>
	\$ 93,408.55



A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office. Please ask if you have questions at any time!

— Linda Wheeler, Treasurer

To Achieve Your Dreams

Remember Your A B C 's from The Wanda Hope Center

Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits

Believe in yourself

Consider things from every angle

Don't give up and don't give in

Enjoy life today, yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come

Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches

Give more than you planned to

Hang on to your dreams

Ignore those who try to discourage you

Just do it

Keep trying to matter how hard it seems, it will get easier

Love yourself first and most

Make it happen

Never lie, cheat or steal, always strike a fair deal

Open your eyes and see things as they really are

Practice makes perfect

Quitters never win and winners never quit

Read, study and learn about everything important in your life

Stop procrastinating

Take control of your own destiny

Understand yourself in order to better understand others

Visualize it

Want it more than anything

Xcellerate your efforts

You are unique of all God's creations, nothing can replace you

Zero in on your target and go for it!