

# Mayflower Congregational Church



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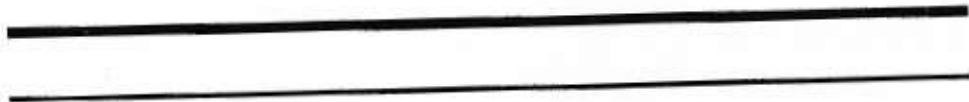
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**June/July  
2016**

**Dr. Rick Martin**  
Pastor



# June and July

## Birthdays

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JUNE

6/2 - Rick Martin

6/26 - Barb Martin

#### JULY

7/6 - Tom Rich

7/9 - Sue Mott

7/29 - Dick Williams

7/30 - Lola Holmes

7/30 - Maggie Bellant

7/30 - Barbara Rich

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### JUNE

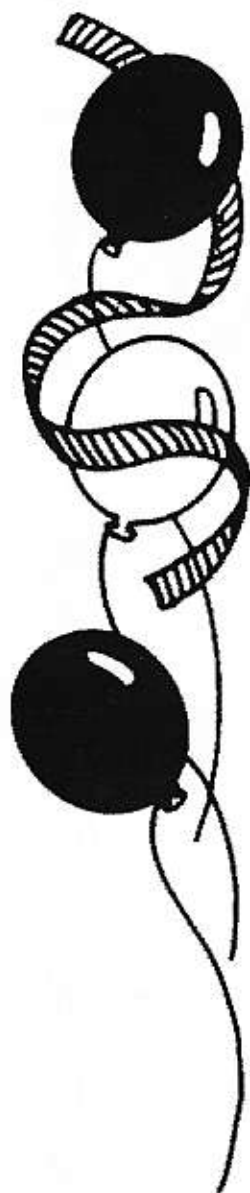
6/16 - Warren & Sue Emrick

## Head Ushers

Lois Ries

## Outreach Focus

Food Bank



## *From The Pastor's Desk*

I've been staring at this screen 'forever' and evidently have nothing inspiring to share.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Galatians 5:14

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Psalms 100

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Have a great summer!



## Begats

I've been interested in genealogy for quite a few years, and it just hit me that's what the begats in the Bible are. It's their genealogy! I always skipped reading that part, but a few years ago when the Sunday School kids did a skit on Noah I looked him up to see the lineage and found his grandfather was Methuselah. Then those chapters became more interesting. The names were hard to pronounce; but, unlike my forefathers they didn't use the same name over and over so that they called every other John by his middle name or initials. Of course my ancestors didn't live as long either, although some of them made it into their 80's and in the 1800's that was quite a feat. What is that old saying, the more things change the more they stay the same? They were farmers, shoemakers, shingle sawyers, carpenters, barbers, store owners just like the people of the Bible. The older I get the more I wish that my family had a book of begats so I could trace some of my ancestors further back .



Ann McClelland

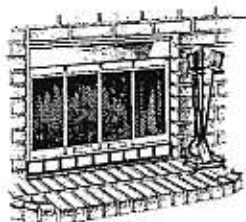
## Mayflower Heat

Mayflower Heat asks for your contribution, large or small, to the fund for buying a new furnace when that time comes. Remember, this repair would most likely happen in the very cold weather. Brrr...

We have had generous contributions to the fund in the amount of \$17,401.36 so far.

Thank you very much.

Rilla McHarris



## Dearest Mayflower Family:

It is with deep sadness that I write you this letter.

For personal reasons, I had to resign from Mayflower, quickly, as your Secretary. I will not be attending church anymore.

I hear there are rumors going round as to why I left & let me clear this up for you.

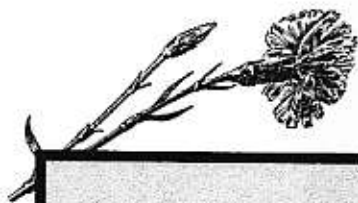
My ex-husband lives near the church. He is obsessed with finding me. For your safety & mine, I can not come back. It is my personal problem & he will not hurt any of you with me gone. Please don't give out any info about me to anyone. Thanks...

I would appreciate all your prayers, as I am not sure what God has in store for me & my future.

It has been an honor & privilege to be part of your family these past 14 years & your Secretary these past 5 1/2 years. I will miss each one of you.

This isn't good bye, it's I'll see you again.

Love & God Bless you,  
Coz :-}



### Inspirational motivation

“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.” – Les

## Mayflower Financial News

We continue to have very successful 2nd Saturday Suppers. Our April supper netted \$698.77 for a four month total of \$2,505.33. A total of \$ 16,401.36 has been contributed to the Mayflower Heat Fund.



A brief summary of our finances as of April 30, 2016:

Income:	\$ 8,592.96
Expenses:	5,685.59
	\$ 2,907.37

YTD for Four Months

Income:	\$ 34,205.10
Expenses:	25,786.78
	\$ 8,418.32

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 16,567.62
Bequest Funds Savings	11,015.89
Heat Funds Savings	14,401.36
Memorial Fund CD	5,497.26
CD Savings	22,315.05
	\$ 69,797.18

A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office.

Linda Wheeler

Treasurer

## Music Notes

As I write this article we have just sung the great hymn "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" as our processional in the May 8th worship service. I chose to have us sing it on Mother's Day because it is considered to be one of the "grandest" hymns of all time.

Here are some little-known facts surrounding this hymn:

- It is a paraphrase of Psalm 90.
- It is a commentary on the subject of time.
- The words were written by Isaac Watts who wrote more than 600

hymns.

- Watts was born in 1694 in Southampton, England. His father was incarcerated during the time Watts was born because of his non-conformist beliefs in a dissenting Congregational church.

- At an early age Watts showed great skill in writing verses.

- He had an annoying ability of rhyming even in everyday conversation.

One day after his father got after him about it Watts said, "Oh, Father, do some pity take, and I will no more verses make."

- William Croft composed the hymn-tune of "St. Anne" in 1708 which only gained popularity after it was put to the words of "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" sometime later.

- George F. Handel borrowed the tune to use in an anthem called "O Praise the Lord," and J.S. Bach used it in his Fugue in E-Flat Major, which is often called "St. Anne's Fugue."

Isn't it interesting to see how the hymns we sing each Sunday make it to us through the "ages"? For me, learning the background of these hymns makes their singing even more meaningful and I hope it does for you, as well.

Barb Fuller



## Christian Education

Are you ready for the summer? After a long winter and an unimpressive spring, I think the answer is unequivocally "Yes!"

Mayflower has had another great year. We had our first ever adult pageant, and began a monthly adult Bible study combined with food and fellowship. We will be concluding our study of Isaiah on June 5th, so please join us! We continued our ministry with Advent House, providing sack lunches on the 5th Sunday of the month, and we prepared a meal for the Ronald McDonald House guests and provided a large basket of needed items for their guests. We had two successful rummage sales, 9 wonderful Second Saturday Suppers, and a wonderful Dave McClelland Memorial Corned Beef Dinner to keep our outreach flowing. And our year-end picnic and music celebration was a great time, as always.

I am always open to ideas for ministry, so please let me know if you have some. Enjoy the summer, and check back in September!

Liz



*"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."*

*~ Henry Van Dyke*





What's happening in June  
and July...

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| 6/8  | Bell Polishing 3:30                                 |
| 6/14 | Trustees 10:30<br>Flag Day                          |
| 6/19 | Father's Day  |
| 7/3  | Communion   |
| 7/4  | Independence Day                                    |
| 7/12 | Trustees 10:30                                      |
| 7/15 | Deadline for August<br>September<br>Mayflower Notes |

