

Mayflower Congregational Church



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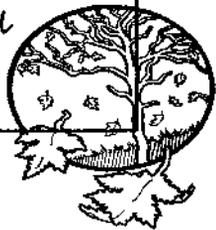


Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor



It's happening at Mayflower in November.

- 11/1 & 2 Thrift Sale, / Friday 9-6,
Saturday 9-3
- 11/3 Daylight Savings Time ends
Adult Education Hour - noon
- 11/4 Thrift Sale clean-up 10 -noon
- 11/6 Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays
10:00 a.m.
- 11/9 Second Saturday Supper - 5 p.m.
- 11/10 Trustees - noon
Tim Chappell (Christian
Comedian) 3 p.m.
- 11/15 Deadline for Notes
Mason Philharmonic Concert
7:30 p.m.
- 11/17 Adult Education Hour - noon
- 11/24 Walter Ellis Harvest Festival
Prudential Council - noon
Baby Boxes for Haiti presentation
- 11/28 Thanksgiving- office closed
11/29 Office closed



Pastor Mark's Musings

I would like to thank all the members and friends of Mayflower Church for yet another successful Consecration month. Once again, without coercion or pressure, we made our commitments to God and to the church, thoughtfully, prayerfully and joyfully. I would like to thank DeeAnn McCormick, Gail Sawyer and Sue Mott for sharing personal words as to what Mayflower Church means to each of them. It was very special to hear their personal perspectives, each different, but all inspiring. I would also like to thank our financial leadership, spearheaded by Linda Wheeler and Lorraine Finison, as we begin the process by which our entire leadership team will determine our budget as we head into 2020. I believe we can look forward to a year of growth, not just financially and numerically, but spiritually as well. I strongly believe that the best ever is yet to come to the Mayflower Church. You might ask why. My belief is rooted in the longtime faithfulness and diligence of so many of you who have stood by Mayflower with your ongoing support, going back many years. I believe that God will faithfully grant a harvest, whereby we can reap what has been sown.

With that, and as we look forward to Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for the guiding hand of God upon our ministry, and upon our lives. Lots of new and exciting things are happening as we enter the reflective period of Advent where we anticipate the coming of the One who shall bring peace, not just to the world but to our hearts. Then the celebration of Christmas where God's gift to us is paid forward by our gifts to each other, especially that of our very selves.

One personal plug. You won't want to miss our special day of music and comedy on Sunday afternoon November 10th at 3:00pm. Marsha Hacker will lead a popular music sing-a-long, followed by a unique presentation of comedy and personal testimony by my friend, Rev. Tim Chappell. See you there!



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From the Lay Leader

GIVE THANKS - my favorite hymn from worshiping in the desert of Arizona. The words often pop into my mind from nowhere and I find myself thinking, "What have I done recently to give thanks for the life our Lord has given me?" And how often do I remember to say "Thank you" to the many angels in my life?

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let's all take time to remember the positive things to be thankful for in our lives. And remember to be thankful to our Lord for the blessings he brings us every day of our lives. If you think about it, they are there - maybe just little things like finding those lost car keys - but there is always something to be thankful for.

These are the words from that hymn, **GIVE THANKS**:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong!"
Let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"



Give thanks
Give thanks

I wish each and every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Walter Ellis Harvest Festival

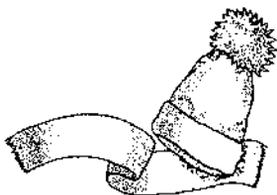
We will be celebrating our annual Walter Ellis Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 24th. Fresh fruits and vegetables will enhance the worship space. Please bring canned or packaged food to add to our donation to the City Rescue Mission.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation it will help to cover the cost of the produce and will be greatly appreciated!



Advent Decorating

It is time to "deck the halls" again. We will be meeting to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, November 24th after coffee hour. We need all the help we can get!!!



The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be available starting December 1st. Please bring in mittens, gloves, scarves and hats to adorn the tree. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation make your check out to Mayflower Church and write Mitten Tree on the memo line. All donations will go to Lewton School.

Baby Boxes for Haiti

Once again during the holiday season the Mayflower family will be supporting the "Baby Boxes for Haiti" program. We will be collecting new or gently used baby clothes and/or donations during the months of December and January. For \$30 you can also sponsor a complete layette in honor or memory of a loved one.

Dorothy Frederickson, Founding Director will give a presentation and provide information pamphlets during coffee hour on November 24th.

Please support this worthy project.
Questions??? Please call Roger Kennedy.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army has again requested Mayflower's help to ring bells for the Red Kettle initiative this season. We are scheduled again at Meridian Mall December 20th and 21st from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on the white board beginning in December.
Ring a bell, help change a life.



give thanks
TO THE
Lord
FOR
HE IS GOOD
His love endures
forever.
PSALM 107:1



Have a blessed
Thanksgiving!

Music Notes from Barb Fuller

I read recently where the words to the “Doxology” have been the most frequently sung words of any known song over the past 300 years. If you think of it, nearly every English-speaking Protestant congregation praises the Lord with this piece at least once a week.

Thomas Ken, the author of the words to the “Doxology” was a bold and often out-spoken 17th century Anglican bishop who served as the English chaplain at the royal court in Hague, Holland until he was asked to leave because of continually denouncing the corrupt lives of the Dutch leaders.

When Thomas returned to England, he was appointed by King Charles II to be one of his chaplains and continued to point out the moral flaws of the monarch. In spite of this, King Charles admired him and rewarded him by appointing him to be a bishop in the Bath and Wales area. An historian once wrote of him, “He came as near to the ideal of Christian perfection as human weakness permits.”

It has been said that the “Doxology” should be looked at by Christians as an offering or sacrifice of praise to God for all of His blessings over the past week, and it gives me pause to wonder if I sing it out of habit or if I need to be thinking more deeply about why I sing it and what it means to me as a Christian. I better start thinking about it more because there is always room for improvement on my part.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures her below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Mason Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

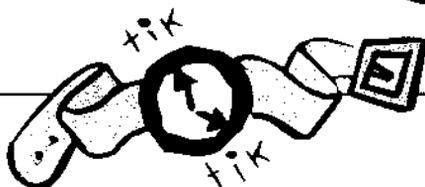
Mayflower is pleased to host a concert by the Mason Philharmonic Orchestra (the youth orchestra sponsored by the Mason Symphony Orchestra) on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Please come and support these young musicians, who now have their rehearsals on Monday evenings at Mayflower. We are happy to host them.



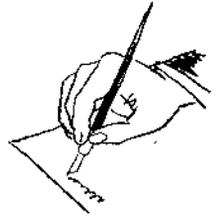
Thrift Sale

Another thrift sale is coming on November 1 and 2 (Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with bag time all day on Saturday). Please check around your house now to identify good, saleable things that you have but don't really need any more. Remember to have items clean and in working order or they don't sell well. Kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, and children's items are good sellers, but other items sell well, too. You can also invite friends, family, co-workers, etc., to donate items. We'll be glad to have them! Finally, be sure to plan on coming to shop yourself. You may find some treasures!

You may bring in your items right now. We also need a lot of help to set up, run the sale, and clean up after the sale, so please plan to help if you can. Set up will be 10-Noon (or so) on Monday-Thursday this week (Oct. 28-31). The clean-up day will be Monday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to Noon-ish. Thanks for whatever help you can give!



Mayflower Financial News



Our October Second Saturday Supper was a complete sell-out, which resulted in proceeds of \$945. We hope for another sell-out in November. Thanks to everyone who was able to help this month. Plan now to come, eat, and work at the suppers as often as you can!

By the time you read this, our consecration/stewardship time will be completed. If you haven't done so already, it's not too late to turn in your pledge/commitment card. Your support is always appreciated.

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

Income:	\$ 7,778.28
Expenses:	<u>6,279.43</u>
	\$ 1,498.85

YTD for Nine Months:

Income:	\$ 74,212.65
Expenses:	<u>65,033.98</u>
	\$ 9,178.67

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 10,953.47
Savings:	54,552.68
Heat Fund Savings:	20,851.99
Savings CD:	<u>22,468.57</u>
	\$108,826.71

If you would like more information, a very detailed financial report is available in the brochure rack near the church office. See me if you have any questions.

— Linda Wheeler, Treasurer

November



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 - Ann McClelland
- 11/2 - Frank Wheeler
- 11/5 - Bob Mott
- 11/9 - Ross Jones
- 11/15 - Barbara Fuller
- 11/18 - Arlene Moore
- 11/20 - Ina Martin (94)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/25 - Roger and Meredith Kennedy
(52 years)



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Candy Bywater

OUTREACH FOCUS

Mitten Tree, Walter Ellis Harvest Festival