

## CROP Walk

The annual CROP Walk is winding up this week. We thank those who participated this year--Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Karen Crampo, Sharon Stephens, Jamie Keller, Justin Stephens, Gail Sawyer, Barb and Jerry Fuller, and Kim Finison. Any last-minute support for them, and for this project to feed the hungry in the Lansing area and around the world, should be given to Lorraine by Sunday, Nov. 7. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP or CROP Walk (**not** to Mayflower). Cash is also welcome. Thank you!

## Harvest Festival

On Sunday, Nov. 21, we will celebrate our annual Harvest Festival to support the work of the Lansing City Rescue Mission. The altar will be decorated with fresh fruits and vegetables, and the congregation is asked to bring canned/boxed foods to add to the display. All foods and monetary gifts collected during the month will go to the Mission. You may add an amount to your pledge or contribution check or bring cash to church (see Lorraine). Thank you for your generous support!

The Mission is undertaking a major expansion to house more "clients" off the streets. Executive Director Mark Criss will bring the message that day so you will learn more about the work of the Mission. If you have questions, call Roger Kennedy at 646-8861.

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## November 2021



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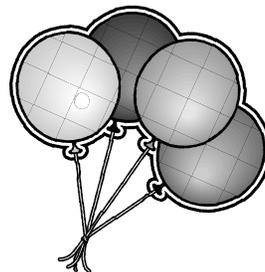
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## It's happening in November...

- 11/7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - turn clocks back 1 hour
- 11/7 - Communion
- 11/7 - Celebration of Life for Laura Anderson - 2:00 p.m.
- 11/9 - Trustees - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- 11/14 - Prudential Council - after church
- 11/15 - Deadline for Dec. Mayflower Notes
- 11/21 - Harvest Festival
- 11/25 - Thanksgiving - Church Office closed
- 11/26 - Church Office closed

### Weekly Events:

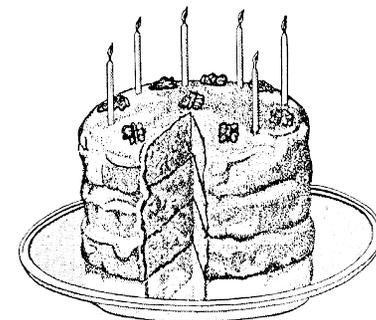
Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
Exercise Class: Weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom



# 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 (96)



## ANNIVERSARY

- 11/25 - Roger and Meredith Kennedy (54 years)

## OUTREACH FOCUSES

CROP Walk

Harvest Festival

## Mayflower Financial News

Because of your financial support of your church, we continue to recover from the deficit which was caused primarily by the expenses associated with the renovation and redecoration of the office lobby, restrooms, and the Friendship Center. We still have to pay the \$13,000 cost of the new handicapper-friendly, energy-efficient lobby entrance doors which will be installed on November 5. If you are motivated to help with this expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

We are just finishing up our outreach projects from September and October--Sally Potter's classroom school supplies, Hurricane Ida relief, and the CROP Walk. We'll include the totals collected next month.

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

Income:	\$ 9,137.78
Expenses:	<u>8,129.42</u>
	\$ 1,008.36

### YTD for Nine Months:

Income:	\$ 86,893.26
Expenses:	<u>94,471.18</u>
	\$ -7,577.92

### Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 10,423.34
Savings:	95,451.60
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>22,626.39</u>
	\$128,501.33

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*

It would be nearly impossible for me to write a newsletter article for the month of November without thinking of Thanksgiving. As we all look forward to a time when we express our thanks to God for the bounty of God's blessings, I hope we can find tangible ways to encourage those among us who may not be able to gather with family, and to remember that we, as the family of God, are called to stand in for each other.

As I ponder the upcoming holiday and all of the traditions of church and family, including the Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 21, I cannot help but reflect on my thanks to the Mayflower congregation for the amazing expressions of appreciation, support, and love shown to DeeAnn and me on Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 10. While we both have countless blessings from God, at the very forefront of those blessings are the relationships we have enjoyed with all of you at Mayflower. So, as DeeAnn and I prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with members of both of our families, the bedrock of our thanks is the blessing we enjoy as your pastoral couple. Thank you, Mayflower, from the very depths of our being.

Pastor Mark and DeeAnn



## Thanksgiving Greetings from your Lay Leader, Gail Sawyer

In 1942, Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. However, every day is a day of giving thanks for our blessings. The more you practice the art of thankfulness, you will find you have more to be thankful for.

How different our lives are from the first Thanksgiving and how we celebrate Thanksgiving today. The first Thanksgiving harvest autumn feast, which lasted three days, was celebrated in 1621 by the English colonists of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. That dinner included venison, clams, lobster, swan, geese and many fruits and vegetables. Interestingly, there wasn't any turkey, potatoes, or cranberry sauce. Twenty-two men, four women and twenty-five children and teenagers attended. The Pilgrims did not have any extended family.

Today, Thanksgiving includes watching football games and the annual Macy's Day parade, anticipating Black Friday shopping, and feasting on a dinner that now includes turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce, celebrated with extended family.

But at the heart of both celebrations, then and now, are the words: giving thanks.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30 - *I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with Thanksgiving.*

With love, Gail



## Music Notes from Barb Fuller

As I sat down to write my November newsletter article, I immediately thought of focusing on the concept of being thankful. I then reached for my hymnal to find a Thanksgiving hymn I could write about, but changed my mind and decided to do some research into different genres of music other than sacred to see what was out there on being grateful. In doing so, I ran across the website, Cake, that had a list entitled "38 Songs About Gratitude to Help You Feel and Be Thankful." There were Pop, Country, Rock, and Religious or Spiritual Songs named, and they were all about gratitude.

You can imagine that the songs on this list covered a variety of what a person can be thankful for; some were geared toward romantic relationships, others toward the way their lives had turned out, and still others speaking of their gratitude to God. You may even recognize some of the artists who performed these pieces.

For fun I have passed along the name of some of these songs and their performers, thinking that you may enjoy looking these up to play for your own enjoyment. There is one thing I can guarantee that will happen to you if you do – you will feel good listening to music that speaks of gratitude and thanksgiving.

- Natalie Merchant's "Kind and Generous" is a very simple and singable song she wrote and performed in her quest to produce something with a positive message.
- If you enjoy a disco beat, Alicia Myers' "I Want to Thank You" will be just what you're looking for.
- In the 1970s track of "Be Thankful for What You Got," Natalie Cole urges people to be thankful for what they have, even if they have challenges in their lives.
- "The Only Thing That's Beautiful in Me" by Rush of Fools is a contemporary ballad that sounds like a love song to God.
- And if you want to listen to a moving gospel song that reminds us to be grateful for the difficult times in life because they are what makes us appreciate the good times, you should listen to Walter Hawkins' "Be Grateful."

