

Mayflower Notes...



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*Dates to remember in
October...*



October 6

*Picnic at Fuller Farm in
memory of Gordon
Chamberlain 1-4 p.m.*

October 7

Worldwide Communion

October 12

Ragtime Concert

October 13

Second Saturday Supper

October 14

CROP Walk

October 15

*Deadline for Mayflower
Notes*

October 16

Trustee's Meeting

October 17

Card Party - 7-9 p.m.

October 20

Iron Egg Classic - All day

October 21

*Prudential Council -
Noon*

October 28

Consecration Sunday



From the Pastor's Desk

During October at Mayflower Congregational Church, we take three weeks and pray about our personal financial commitment for the upcoming year. The Bible has many wonderful promises towards the people who joyously give into God's work. Mayflower Church, I am happy to say, is a part of God's work in Lansing and even to other parts of the world. On October 28th, we'll be receiving everyone's 2013 faith pledges and celebrating the generosity of God's people with a luncheon (Norm is cooking!). I hope you are planning on participating on this day of great celebration.

God has been very faithful in meeting Mayflower's needs these last 110 years, and I'm sure He is going to continue to do so. He has us here for a reason! And He will continue to work through His people to meet the needs of His church, so we may do His work in our community. What a wonderful opportunity and privilege He has given us to be a part of His financial blessings to Mayflower Church.

Here are a few of God's promises to His people who give to His work. Truly they are wonderful.



2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

If you want a bunch of promises grouped together, check out 2 Corinthians chapters 8 & 9. Where else did God dedicate 2 chapters to 1 subject and connect them with so many great promises?

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not

(Pastor Rick's message continued)

Luke 6:38 (Jesus is talking here)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

There are hundreds of verses of Scriptures on the blessings of being a giver. I hope you have found the joy of giving generously to God's work. If you haven't yet, October is your month! Pray and respond however Jesus directs you – and you will be blessed and a blessing to others. As we all obey God in our giving, He will continue to meet all of Mayflower's needs. Thanks be to God for this incredible gift!



Mayflower Music

We welcome back our Mayflower Chancel Choir and Handbells this Fall. We have beautiful music in both ensembles. *The handbells are now meeting on Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am*—a big change! The church hopes that the music is a blessing to you, or that you may consider participating in a group. There is also room for special solos and other ideas.

Consider looking in both of our hymnals and placing a hymn request, either in Chrisann's mail cubbie or in the office. October will be focusing on missions and outreach, and November is always good for seasonal, harvest and gratitude songs.

Micah 6:8 in a simple translation states: Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

David Haas, a current composer, has a very joyous piece:

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!

Chrisann

Mayflower Financial News

In August the Iron Egg Summer Melt-Down Weightlifting Tournament was held. It proved to be a very successful fundraiser for the church with \$767.52 net profit being raised.

A brief summary for the month of:

August Income	\$ 5,986.19
Expenses	<u>6,431.76</u>
	- \$ 445.57

YTD Income	\$ 61,537.82
Expenses	<u>58,717.89</u>
	\$ 2,819.93

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 13,864.25
Bequest Funds Savings	4,006.92
Memorial Fund CD	5,485.89
12 Month CD	<u>22,289.21</u>
	\$ 45,646.27

A more detailed report is available in the church's brochure rack

Linda



ADAM'S RIB

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

A Letter Written Approximately 100 Years Ago.

PASTORAL LETTER

TO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY:

DEAR FRIENDS—Please accept a few practical injunctions from your pastor. Let me first congratulate you on the success of the past year. But this has not been arrived at without an effort. We have been brought to this by trials, by prayer, by intercedings, by pleadings; and, my dear friends, let this continue, and may this year be a year of great gain in excellence and usefulness and so in happiness for time and eternity. • That it may be such a year, allow me at this time, while we are reviewing the success of the past and planning more wisely for the future, to offer a few suggestions:

IN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

1. Examine yourself. Find out your faults—correct them. Let your standard of living be high. Do not try to justify your neglect of duty by the failure of others. “Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
2. Study and read your Bible more. Master its principles. Meditate on its truths. Make it the man of your counsel.
3. Pray more. Cherish habit of secret and family prayer, asking “God that giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not, and he will hear you if you ask in faith, nothing wavering.”
4. Trust more. Cast yourself entirely upon God. Bring to Him every burden, every trial and every doubt. Obey Him in all things. Cling to His love in the most trying hours. “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.”

IN THE CHURCH.

1. You promised, on joining the church, to do YOUR BEST for its success and growth. Make it a point this year to redeem that pledge. More planning for Christ’s work, more self denial, will help you to do this.
2. Give the church your personal help, time, and influence. Attend all its meetings, especially divine worship. Your presence is power. God’s counsel is: “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.”
3. Be at prayer meeting. Keep Wednesday evening sacred for this. Bring others with you. Pray, sing, speak. The Sunday services are the lungs of the church, but the prayer meeting is the heart. Keep the HEART BEATING.
4. Develop the social life of the church. Be acquainted with your fellow members. Visit them. Come to all the sociables and make the attractive. Notice and welcome strangers who may come to public worship.
5. Increase the membership of our Sabbath school. Be present at every session. Invite other to come. Take part in all the exercises. Study the lessons and thus make the school more interesting, more helpful, more spiritual.

IN RELATION TO OTHERS

1. Make this a year of usefulness—a year of sympathy, charity, kindness and sweet Christian helpfulness. “Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another

even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you."

2. Do more for your home. Save your best thoughts, your best temper your brightest smiles to adorn it. Make it the dearest and most attractive spot on earth.

3. Bring other people into your home more, to be cheered by its sunshine and taught by its high ideals. Invite those who have no home to share in its comfort and joy.

4. Visit the sick Comfort the afflicted. Brighten trouble by your hope and love.

5. To the thirsty man a thousand pearls are not worth one drop of water. To a dying man a thousand worlds are not worth one ray of hope in Jesus. Watch, therefore, for souls that you may win them to Christ. Give generously to Christ's work. "Freely ye have received, freely give!" In everything be a DEVOTED Christian. So shall you have a happy and prosperous year.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work"

Cordially,

W.T .. BELFRY, Pastor of First Congregational Church of Vestaburg, Mich.

Put this in your Bibles. Keep it for reference, and read it over every week

This letter was given to us by Loreene Dake who found it among her mother's belongings. The words are as true today as they were 100 years ago.



Our Sunday School year will begin in earnest this month, as the girls resume their confirmation studies. I am hopeful that we will have those done before the next church picnic, so I can present the first new confirmants of the millennium to Mayflower. Morgan and Dom had such a great time at church camp, they have asked to attend the Pilgrim Fellowship (P.F.) retreats held for youth three times a year. The first one is November 2-4 at Storer Camp in Jackson. Since they need a chaperone, I am trying to find another church youth group for them to join, and I am hopeful that they will be able to go.

The younger students are looking forward to their studies with Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. McClelland. We are hoping to integrate more writing and thinking into our lessons this year, as the children get older and have a better grasp on what Christianity is all about. Of course, the annual pageant will be here sooner than we think, and I am starting to plan now. Anyone who knows a child who would like to be involved should contact me to get them a part.

Liz Canfield

Month for Missions

November has been designated to missions support by the Prudential Council. Many support opportunities and activities have been planned. Shoe boxes will again be available to be filled by you for Operation Christmas Child on October 28th. This is an exciting on-going program and lots of shopping fun. They must be returned to the church NO LATER THAN Nov. 11th, also do not forget to include shipping fees and a note to the child if you wish. Shoppers will be available for those who want to participate but are not able to shop. We hope Lisa and Tom Seward will come and talk to us once again about their recent activities and experiences "in the field". Walter Elis Harvest Festival will be awaiting your donations of food staples or funds to purchase fresh fruits and veggies to enhance our sanctuary on November 18th; then will be delivered to the Lansing Rescue Mission. We hope also to have special music and food that month. Anyone with appropriate items that can be used for a display, please contact Roger Kennedy. So many great opportunities to share the love of our Mayflower family with the world. Please plan to participate...

Jonah....

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.



The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".



Thrift Sale

We are having another thrift sale to benefit the church treasury on November 2 and 3 (Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Please check around your house now to identify good, saleable things that you have around the house but don't really need any more. . . we all have so much "stuff"! Remember to have items clean and in working order or they don't sell well and we sometimes have to throw things away. If it's truly trash, just toss it out. Kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, and children's items are good sellers, but you never know what will sell. Remember, too, to invite friends, family, coworkers, 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!

Plan to hold your stuff and bring it in any time after the Iron Egg Weightlifting Event on October 20, preferably on or after Consecration Sunday on October 28.

We also need a lot of help to set up, run the sale, and clean up after the sale, so please mark your calendars now for that week. Set up will be 10-Noon (or so) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1). See Lorraine or Ann to volunteer to help.



October

Ushers

10/7 Ina Martin

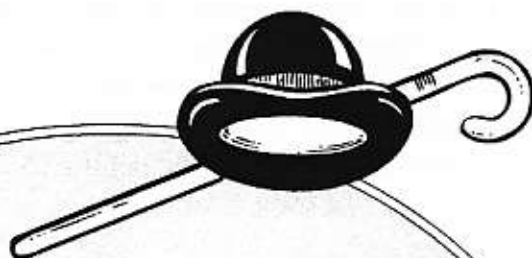
10/21 Terry and Sharon Graham

Liturgists

10/7 Lorraine Finison

10/14 Sharon Graham

10/21 Lola Holmes



Announcing the 3rd annual Ragtime Festime,
featuring piano and vocal rags
by David Bandfield, Chrisann Lowe,
Bill McHarris and Karen Nault.

Friday, October 12th,
at 7:00 p.m. at Mayflower.

Tickets \$10 at the door.

Dessert will be served after the performance.



October



Birthdays

- 10/16 *Connie Best*
10/19 *Laura Anderson Keeney*
10/22 *Tieler Graham*
10/22 *Trace Graham*
10/26 *Saralu Chamberlain (93)*

Anniversaries

- 10/23 *Kim and Lorraine Finison*
10/25 *Mike and Amy Graham*
10/30 *Rick and Barbara Martin*



Head Usher

Naida Kenyon