

# Mayflower Notes...



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**Pastor**

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## Dates to remember in October...



October 6

*Canned food  
for Salvation  
Army*

*Worldwide  
Communion*

October 12

*Second Saturday  
Supper*

October 13

*Trustees Meeting  
Crop Walk*

October 15

*Notes deadline*

October 19

*Iron Egg*

October 20

*Prudential Council*

October 25 & 26

*Thrift Sale*

October 27

*Consecration  
Sunday*



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Come On In!**

From the beginning, the Congregational Church has been inclusive. Inclusive means "not excluding any particular groups of people" (among many other things). Before we were a religious organization, when we were still called Pilgrims, the practice was to welcome in verses keeping out those who weren't "right".

Jesus said, "***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest***" (Matthew 11:28). The Congregational Way is (has always been) to accept others because of our common faith in Jesus Christ. It is then the person's responsibility to determine God's will for themselves through the study of the Bible and prayer. This is why our churches are autonomous; it is our responsibility to find God's will and not headquarters job to tell us God's will for us.

Indiscriminately inviting people in and allowing them to think for themselves does put a variety in the congregation. Different ideas. Different religious thoughts. Different political affiliations. Different personal behaviors. Many differences – which are a strength and not a weakness. Just because I do not agree with someone's ideas, or theology, or political beliefs, or personal practices or whatever doesn't mean I shouldn't have fellowship with that person. That person's differences might be the very thing that God uses to increase my own spiritual and personal growth.

Romans 15:7 says, "***Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.***" It doesn't say agree with or even convert them to your way of thinking. And the Bible definitely doesn't say turn them away until they are perfect enough to hang out with you. Jesus accepted us before we were perfect, sweet and wonderful. Extending to others what Jesus gave to us is only fair and reasonable – not even taking into account the blessings of obedience.

Come on in! Bring your differences and we'll work them all out together in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Rick

## CREATOR GOD

As I was preparing this month's piece for the Newsletter, I recalled a short piece of spiritual meditation I read recently and I would like to share it with you. It is taken from the meditation book 'SUNSET WITH GOD'.

When we see a beautiful piece of art or hear a stirring symphony, we ask, "Who is the artist? Who is the composer?" When we look at the wonders of nature we are often inspired in the same way, 'How did this get here? Who made all this?'

Can you see God in the world around you? How big is He to you?

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive  
glory and honor and power, for You  
created all things, and by your will  
they exist and were created.

Revelation 4:11

Thanks be to God. Amen  
Terry Graham  
Lay Leader



## Mayflower Financial News

A brief summary of our finances for the month of August:

Income:	\$ 5,776.35
Expenses:	<u>8,692.37</u>
	- \$ 2,916.02
Year to Date	
Income:	\$ 52,972.31
Expenses:	<u>62,032.87</u>
	- \$ 9,060.56
Fund Balances:	
Checking:	\$ 8,358.46
Bequest Funds Savings	4,008.44
Memorial Fund CD	5,491.30
12 Month CD	<u>22,296.91</u>
	\$40,155.11

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



### Remember

All Prudential Council meetings are open to the congregation. If you would like an item put on the agenda contact Terry Graham.



**From Liz**

Sunday School has been very busy this year. We are finishing up some beautiful mosaic crosses, which we will be showing off in the Social Hall after class when completed. Many thanks to Maggie Bellant for teaching this skill.

I am working to finish up Confirmation Classes for Morgan and Maggie before the end of the year. I hope to have a date set for this important event after the September Prudential Council meeting. Ann and Linda will be assisting me with teaching until that time, and then will be working on a substitute basis going forward.

I have purchased a program called "Middle School Talk Sheets" that have short lessons and encourage discussion and thought. As the kids get older, I find that more talk-driven lessons give them a chance to connect with their faith in a deeper manner.

Letters should have already gone out about raising money for this year's camp expenses and Morgan's trip to the National Association Meeting. Please note the option to pledge an amount or make a donation. I appreciate all that everyone does to create an attitude of Christian learning for our children!

### **Shoe Box Gifts**



Once again this year we will be supporting the Samaritan Purse's Shoebox gift program as part of our Christian outreach.

The youth will decorate plastic shoe boxes this year, so individual boxes will not be needed. Boxes will be available for pick-up on October 27th. They will need to be returned NO LATER THAN November 17th.

As before, those who need help shopping should contact Liz Canfield. Let's all get behind this fun and worthy effort to fill at least 40 boxes this year.

If you have questions call Liz or Roger.

## Music Happenings

The Music Department is planning to have a fun night of fundraising on November 16. It will be on the order of our last Talent Show, with delicious dinner and auction items. We need your talent or just your attendance. We had such a fine time with our twins, gymnastics students, and other Mayflower talent. Proceeds will be divided between outreach and in-reach. More to come!

### An Opportunity:

We have recently discussed that we could be giving our people a more direct contact with our music purchases, that is, a chance to buy a dedication or memorial piece for a loved one, etc. This is my most recent purchase list, with some description. I could also play pieces for you.

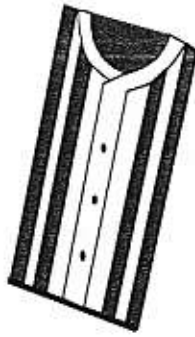
- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus M. Sheppard, with cello solo
- o Soloist will be paid, also
- The Darkest Midnight in December S. Main
- o A very lovely, ethereal piece, with celesta accompaniment
- Mary's Little Boy Chil' (Child) J. Hairston
- o Calypso style, recorded by Harry Belafonte and others, to be used with our Youth
- All Is Well Smith/arr. Huff
- o Hard to put into words this sweet and tender melody "Sing Alleluia"

### Handbells

- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
- o Using a wooden dowel technique around the bell, so interesting
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- o Intense, straight eighth-note bass notes, and other table techniques
- Reverberations
- o Constant eighth notes, in a minor key. The fun is in the tempo!
- Hymn tune Hyfydol
- o With organ and bells, may be used at Easter; big and bold

A choral piece costs \$26.00 and a Handbell piece costs \$32.00. We will inscribe the piece and put a special dedication in the bulletin and the newsletter. The office or I will be happy to assist you.

Thank you, on behalf of the Music Program.



## Thrift Sale

We are having another thrift sale to benefit the church treasury on October 25 and 26 (Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 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 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 19.

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 (October 21-23). See Lorraine or Ann to volunteer to help.





# October



## *Birthdays*

- 10/16 *Connie Best*  
10/19 *Laura Anderson Keeney*  
10/22 *Tieler Graham*  
10/22 *Trace Graham*  
10/26 *Saralu Chamberlain (94)*

## *Anniversaries*

- 10/7 *Conley and Celia Snow*  
10/23 *Kim and Lorraine Finison*  
10/25 *Mike and Amy Graham*  
10/30 *Rick and Barbara Martin*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	Handbells 6:00 <sup>3</sup> p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	4	5
Canned Food 6 for Salvation Army -Worldwide Communion	7	8	9	Handbells <sup>10</sup> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	11	12 Second Saturday Supper 5:00 p.m.
13 CROP Walk Trustees Meeting Noon	14	15 Deadline for Mayflower Notes	16	Handbells 6:00 <sup>17</sup> p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	18	19 Iron Egg
<sup>20</sup> Prudential Council 12:00 p.m.	21	22	23	Handbells <sup>24</sup> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	25 Thrift Sale	26 Thrift Sale
<sup>27</sup> Consecration Sunday	28	29	30	Handbells <sup>31</sup> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.		

