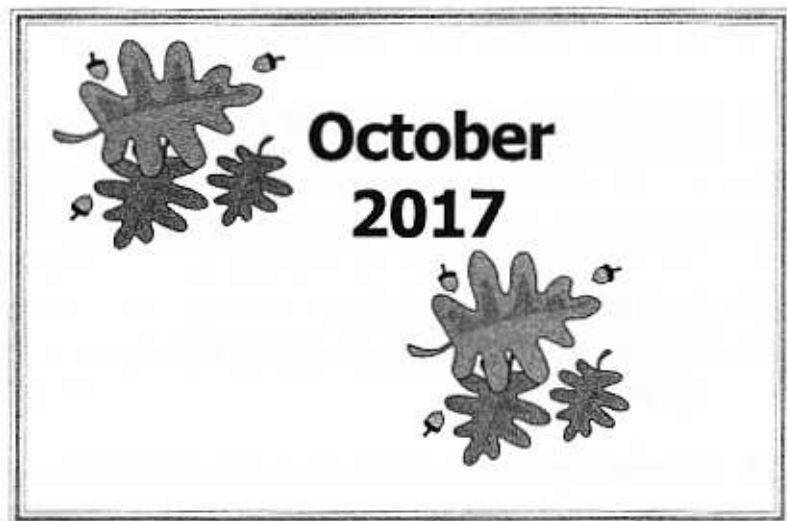


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Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor

*It's happening at Mayflower in
October..*

- 10/1 Worldwide Communion*
- 10/7 Church Yard Clean-up 9 - noon*
- 10/8 CROP Walk*
- 10/12 Trustees - 2:30*
- 10/14 Second Saturday Supper 5:00 p.m.*
- 10/15 Deadline for Mayflower Notes
Prudential Council - noon*
- 10/20 Give-A-Kid-A-Coat project deadline*
- 10/22 Consecration Sunday
Pastor Mark's Installation Service -
3 p.m.*
- 10/27 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*
- 10/28 Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- 10/31 Halloween*



From the Lay Leader

A committee has been meeting to plan the Installation ceremony for Pastor Mark on October 22. It will be an impressive ceremony. Friends of Mayflower and friends of Pastor Mark will be invited, and visiting ministers will participate in the service. Barb Fuller is planning appropriate music for the trumpets, choirs, and soloists. Invitations will be sent out very soon.

The Installation ceremony will be in the afternoon of the same day as our annual Consecration Sunday service. Traditionally we have had a dinner after church on Consecration Sunday, but this year the dinner will be after the Installation service. What that means is that when you get your invitation to the Installation, it will also be an invitation to dinner, and you will be asked to RSVP. When the time comes, please do let us know if you will be staying for dinner, since food will have to be planned.

Here is another thought: We always try to have our church looking nice, but since we are planning to have visitors on that Sunday, we should try to have it looking especially good. If you notice anything that should be tidied up, please let me or the church office know. Also, if you look at the calendar, you will see that the Thrift sale will come up right after October 22. Please DO NOT bring in Thrift sale items ahead of time!

We all know that Pastor Mark is our minister, but the Installation ceremony is a way to let the rest of the community know, and to make it official. It is going to be wonderful. I hope you are going to be there!



Pastor Mark's Musings. . .

The summer of 2017 has been a good one for DeeAnn and me. We were able to travel to our beloved Pacific Northwest in perfect weather with two great friends. I was able to spend an adventurous week with my son on a bicycle trip along the shore of Lake Michigan. DeeAnn was privileged to take a trip of a lifetime to Scotland and England with her two sisters. We both had the joy of hosting my granddaughter Sage here in Michigan for a week. We visited many family members, and spent another productive week in Juarez, Mexico, on another mission trip to the city we love so much.

But . . . the highlight for both of us occurred on Sunday morning, June 18, when I received a text informing us of the vote taken by this congregation, calling me to be your pastor. We were on a bus (I was driving), heading to church for a bilingual service where Americans and Mexicans continue to build a bridge (not a wall) by sharing communion together at the close of the service.

That moment began an exciting life change for us, leading us to the place for which we both believe God had long been preparing us. Since July 9, our first Sunday here, we have experienced the abundant blessings of not only being welcomed and appreciated, but embraced and loved. Words truly cannot begin to express our gratitude to EVERY person associated with the Mayflower family. So many thoughtful words of kindness and love accompanied by unselfish acts of caring. Thank you!

We can only be excited about all the possibilities concerning what we believe God is continuing to do here at Mayflower. The future looks bright!

Pastor Mark



Annual Fall Color Cruise

Come to the Kennedy's on October 15th after Prudential Council for the season end pontoon ride on the Grand River. We will provide cider. The boat leaves at 3 p.m. Bring a snack if you would like. See you then!

Music Notes

From Barb Fuller

I do believe that I have written before about how much I love autumn. The smells, the colors, the weather all seem intensified to me. Perhaps it is the sense of urgency I feel to enjoy all of these things more since I know they will soon be gone and replaced by icy cold. Perhaps it is nostalgia of my childhood since my birthday is in the fall. I'm not sure.

What I do know is that the choir will be singing the anthem "God Is Seen" on October 29th, and it seems fitting for this time of year although again, I'm not exactly sure why. Perhaps it is God's perfection portrayed through nature and put to the haunting hymn tune of "Captain Kidd" by the American composer and arranger, Alice Parker. Perhaps I am willing to admit that I don't know all of the answers. Perhaps I will just defer to God on this one and simply soak it in before autumn is replaced by winter.

Through all the world below God is seen all around, Search hills and valleys through, There He's found.

The growing of the corn, The lily and the thorn, The pleasant and forlorn, All declare, God is there,

In meadows drest in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise, Fountains flow, rivers run, The mist that veils the sky Hides the sun.

Then down the rain doth pour, The ocean, it doth roar And beat upon the shore, And all praise, in their ways,

The God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays Speaks of God as he flies, The comet in her blaze 'God', she cries.

The shining of the stars, The moon, when she appears, His awful name declares; See them fly through the sky,

And join the solemn sound All around, all around.



October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worldwide Communion	2	3	4	5 Handbells 4:00 Choir 5:30	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Trustees 2:30 Handbells 4:00 Choir 5:30	13	14 Second Saturday Supper 5 p.m.
CROP Walk	16	17	18	19 Handbells 4:00 Choir 5:30	20 Give-A-Kid-A- Coat Deadline	21
Notes Deadline ¹⁵ Prudential Council Pontoon ride	22	23	24	25 Handbells 4 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m.	27	28
Consecration Sunday Pastor Mark's Installation 3 p.m.	29	30	31		Rummage Sale 9 - 6	Rummage Sale 9 - 3
		Halloween				

Christian Education

Welcome to October! Our church year is in full swing; I'm glad to be a part of such a great fellowship!

For our October Lunch and Learn, we'll be discussing an interesting topic – God's will. I've been keeping an eye out for the mentions of this topic in the news media, especially in light of the recent weather disasters in Texas and Florida. I hope for some pretty lively discussion on this topic: I'll be emailing out some verses to consider in the week prior to our meeting. For those of you who haven't been able to attend – we have a pretty strict rule about there being no wrong answers so please come and check it out! Also, if you have suggestions for future areas of study, please let me know.

I am working with Pastor Mark on planning a fall activity for our local community and would love to have input. If you have any ideas for activities to attract people to check us out please let me know! We are particularly focused on activities for children but welcome any input!

Have a safe and blessed October – see you in church!

Liz



A "New" Holiday Project

The Prudential Council voted to provide needed items to the Give-A-Kid-A-Coat project this holiday season. This is now a large project serving over 600 consumers in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.

All sorts of winter apparel are needed ; but especially snow pants and coats.. The can be new or clean and gently used to fit toddlers through teenagers.

The deadline to bring these items in is **October 20th** at which time they will be taken to the Holt United Methodist Church for sorting and distribution on the 21st.

This is a new project for us, please support it enthusiastically if you can. Question???? Call Roger Kennedy at 646-8861.

Mayflower Financial News

There have been some substantial expenses in the last two months, including the parking lot at a cost of \$3900 and the remainder of the lighting and electrical work at a cost of \$3400 (\$4000 was previously paid last December). We also replaced the work mats in the downstairs kitchen to make it more comfortable to work there at a cost of \$250.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give \$300 plus a number of backpacks and school supplies to the Give-a-Kid-a-Backpack project in August. The money was used to purchase a new school outfit for each child. We received TWO thank-you notes from the grateful Give-a-Kid organization, which are on the white board.

The following is a summary of our finances as of August 31:

Income:	\$ 4,932.69
Expenses:	<u>10,047.99</u>
	\$ -5,115.30

YTD for Eight Months:

Income:	\$ 65,000.12
Expenses:	<u>54,139.03</u>
	\$ 10,861.09

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 2,973.48
Savings:	43,527.73
Heat Fund Savings:	20,838.97
Memorial Fund CD:	5,501.01
Savings CD:	<u>22,329.99</u>
	\$ 95,171.18

A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office. If you have any questions, please ask!

—Linda Wheeler, Treasurer



Thrift Sale

We are having a thrift sale October 27 and 28 (Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Please check around your house to find good, saleable things that you have but don't really need. Please have items clean and in working order or they don't sell well. Sometimes we have to throw things away--which we hate to do! If it's truly trash, just toss it out yourself. Kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, clothes, and children's items are good sellers, but you never know what will sell. Remember, too, to 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. We truly are our own best customers!

Plan to hold your stuff and bring it in after Pastor Mark's installation on October 22. We also need a lot of help (both men and women!) 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 Monday-Thursday (October 23-26). See Lorraine or Sue to volunteer to help.

Full-size paper grocery bags are always needed for the bag sale time. Bring them in any time.



Fall Outdoor Clean-up Day

Fall Clean-up will take place on October 7th from 9 a.m. until noon. We will need all able-bodied folks to help. If you cannot make it on that day there is a sign-up sheet on the board for individual tasks you may want to do.

October



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 - Lockie Champlin
- 10/3 - Justin Stephens
- 10/19 - Laura Anderson Keeney (95)
- 10/22 - Tieler Graham
- 10/22 - Trace Graham
- 10/26 - Saralu Chamberlain (98)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 - Mark and DeeAnn McCormick (6 years)
- 10/4 - Tom and Barb Rich (37 years)
- 10/23 - Kim and Lorraine Finison (24 years)
- 10/30 - Rick and Barb Martin (31 years)

Head Usher

Lois Ries

Outreach Focus

CROP Walk

