

Mayflower Congregational Church



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CROP Walk in the Time of COVID

The annual CROP Walk will be like last year due to the pandemic. The Walk will be done virtually, with participants walking on their own, wherever they would like to walk, any time between October 1 and 10.

Please plan now to support this much-needed project to feed the hungry in the Lansing area and in other places around the world. Our help is needed now more than ever.

For this project, make checks payable to CWS/CROP or CROP Walk (**not** to Mayflower). Cash is also welcome. Give donations to Lorraine by November 7 at the latest.

School Supplies for Sally Potter

As we have done before, we are collecting school supplies and money for Sally Potter, who teaches at Waverly H.S. and helps any needy students (not only her students but anyone at Waverly). Needs are: notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, post-it-notes, and desk items like organizers, pen and pencil holders, staplers, rulers, scissors, calculators, and cute items like stickers, smaller notepads, decorative clips, anything small and fun. Items don't need to be new. Or, monetary gifts will allow Sally to buy what she needs. You may add an amount to your pledge or contribution check or bring cash to church (see Lorraine). Thanks much for your help! We'll continue to collect stuff and money through at least mid-October.

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Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor



It's happening in October...

- 10/5 - World-wide Communion Sunday
- 10/10 - Trustees at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- 10/15 - Deadline for Nov. Mayflower Notes
- 10/17 - Prudential Council - after church
- 10/31 - Consecration Sunday
- 10/31 - Advent House Lunches

Weekly Events:

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

Hurricane Ida Relief

In response to the Hurricane Ida disaster, we will be collecting funds for the Salvation Army. Please consider adding to your pledge/contribution check or write a separate check indicating "Salvation Army" or "Hurricane Relief." Cash is welcome, too. We will continue collecting until at least mid-October. Thank you in advance!

BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 - Lockie Champlin
- 10/3 - Justin Stephens
- 10/14 - Marsha Hacker
- 10/23 - Lynda Riley
- 10/25 - Nancy Wells
- 10/28 - Tom Hacker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 - Mark and DeeAnn McCormick (10 years)
- 10/4 - Tom and Barb Rich (41 years)
- 10/11 - Steve and Carla Woodward (35 years)
- 10/23 - Kim and Lorraine Finison (28 years)
- 10/24 - Randy and Charmain Hull (40 years)

OUTREACH FOCUSES (see articles)

Sally Potter's Classroom
CROP Walk
Hurricane Relief

Mayflower Financial News

Thanks to your continuing financial support of your church and some unexpected gifts last month, we are starting to recover from our current deficit. We still have additional expenses for the renovation work, but things will be winding down once the \$13,000 cost of the new handicap-friendly, energy-efficient lobby entrance doors is paid over the next couple of months. Again, if you are able and motivated to help with this expense, we would appreciate it. Thanks in advance!

We also welcome your contributions to our outreach projects--Sally Potter's classroom school supplies, Hurricane Ida relief, and the CROP Walk. Read about these projects elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

Income:	\$ 12,615.81
Expenses:	<u>9,011.05</u>
	\$ -3,604.76

YTD for Eight Months:

Income:	\$ 77,755.48
Expenses:	<u>86,341.76</u>
	\$ -8,586.28

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 9,310.70
Savings:	95,450.82
Certificate of Deposit:	<u>22,626.39</u>
	\$127,387.91

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

October in Michigan can mean a lot of different things. Football, pumpkins, chilly nights, harvest, corn mazes, apple cider, beautiful fall colors, hayrides, and preparing for “trick or treat.” For me, October has personal implications. My mother celebrates her 92nd birthday on the 20th, and perhaps most importantly for me, DeeAnn and I celebrate our 10th anniversary on October 1st! I love October and I am reminded of the words of a Barry Manilow song, “I Hate to See October Go.”

For all of us at Mayflower, October is “Consecration Month.” Some preachers dread the time when we have to think about money, and then talk about it. But because of the generosity and faithfulness of God's people, it is much easier here at Mayflower. Here are some things to ponder as you consider making your pledge to the work of God through the ministry of Mayflower Church:

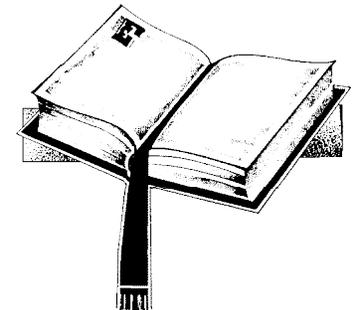
First, it is always a good exercise to think about where your treasure is. Just like your financial planner would recommend, it is good to take regular stock of your commitment to God by evaluating your finances through the eyes of faith. Remember, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Second, “God loves a cheerful giver.” We at Mayflower would never coerce anyone to give beyond their means or their desire.

Third, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge that fully reflects your commitment to God and Mayflower Church.

Lastly, we are diligently looking for new ways to take our ministry to the neighborhood and community. We have bright dreams for the future of our church. Will you join us in the effort? Thank you in advance for what we know God is going to do even in these challenging times. God bless all of you.

Pastor Mark



Fall Greetings from Your Lay Leader, Gail Sawyer

In October, we are blessed to witness the beautiful colors of God's paintbrush as it sweeps across the trees.

The Rally Day ice cream social was a roaring success. It was so good to see a wonderful turnout from our neighbors. And what an honor to have Mayor Andy Schor and Sally Potter participate in our service!

The trustees have been hard at work with many projects. A new computer has been installed in the office, the lobby entrance doors will be replaced in November, and work is being done in the basement to prevent any further flooding. A new camera, which enhances our online worship service, was purchased to replace one that stopped working. Automatic door openers will soon be installed on the restroom doors. Joe, our wonderful custodian, rebuilt the handicap ramp, making it sturdier, safer, and better-looking. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes!

We are blessed to have opportunities to give to those less fortunate. We are still collecting monetary donations and school supplies for Sally Potter's classroom. Supplies don't have to be new, so if you have things on hand that you don't need, bring them in to the office.

The 45th Annual Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is October 1-10. You don't have to walk, but your donations will help to feed hungry families in Lansing and around the world. Donations will be collected through November 7.

Plans for Consecration Sunday, which is October 31, are being made. Also on October 31, we will be delivering sack lunches to Advent House, as we do every time there are five Sundays in a month. We can always use volunteers to make sandwiches and pack the lunches.

"Thoughts from a Tree" by Joanne Raptis

Stay grounded

Connect with your roots

Turn over a new leaf

Bend before you break

Enjoy your unique natural beauty

Keep growing



With love, Gail

Music Notes from Barb Fuller

Have you ever gone for a stroll and suddenly been awestruck by the beauty and vastness of your surroundings? Folliot S. Pierpoint (1835-1917), a young man from Bath, England, had this very experience as he traipsed around the lovely countryside surrounding this old city. Obviously struck by the beauty of God's creations--the sun, the flowers, the shining stars, friends and family, and most of all, the blessings given by the church--he penned the words to the hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*. I, too, experience this awe, especially at this time of year, as I wander the fields in back of our house.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around lies: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Your church, that evermore lifts its holy hands above, off'ring up on ev'ry shore its pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Yourself, best Gift Divine! To this world so freely giv'n; Word Incarnate, God's design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Lord of all, to You we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

