

CROPWalk

Each year we support the annual CROP Walk for local and worldwide hunger relief. The Walk will be done virtually this year, with all participants walking on their own, wherever they would like to walk, any time between October 1 and 11. We have six volunteers already, and we welcome more--contact me at 321-3221 to volunteer.

You all can do your part by donating to support our walkers. For this project, make checks payable to CWS/CROP or CROP Walk (not to Mayflower). Cash is also welcome. Please plan now to generously support this much-needed project to feed the hungry in the Lansing area and in other places around the world. Donations are due by November 8 at the latest. Remember, our help is needed now more than ever because of the pandemic!

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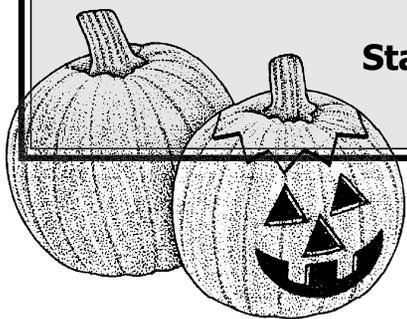
It's happening in October ***

- 10/4 - World-wide Communion
- 10/4 - Drive-by Greeting Time - after church
- 10/11 - Virtual CROP Walk
- 10/15 - Deadline for November Mayflower Notes
- 10/21 - Prudential Council - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
- 10/25 - Consecration Sunday
- 10/25 - Drive-by Greeting Time - after church

*** Due to the coronavirus, please follow emails and/or phone calls for timely information on church services and events.

Sunday services will continue to be broadcast on Facebook and online at www.mayflowerchurch.com.

Stay safe and stay healthy!



Baby Boxes for Haiti

Again this year, the Mayflower family will be supporting “Baby Boxes for Haiti” by collecting new or gently used baby clothes and/or donations this fall. Any amount may be donated, but \$30 will purchase one complete layette.

An amount can be added to your pledge/contribution check or given separately. Please support this worthy project!

Questions???. Please call Roger Kennedy (646-8861).

October



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 - Lockie Champlin
- 10/3 - Justin Stephens
- 10/14 - Marsha Hacker
- 10/19 - Laura Anderson Keeney (98!)
- 10/23 - Lynda Riley
- 10/25 - Nancy Wells
- 10/26 - Saralu Chamberlain (101!)
- 10/28 - Tom Hacker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 - Mark and DeeAnn McCormick (9 years)
- 10/4 - Tom and Barb Rich (40 years)
- 10/11 - Steve and Carla Woodward (34 years)
- 10/23 - Kim and Lorraine Finison (27 years)
- 10/24 - Randy and Charmain Hull (39 years)

OUTREACH FOCUSES

- CROP Walk
- Lewton Teachers
- Baby Boxes for Haiti



Mayflower Financial News

As we continue in the grips of the COVID pandemic, your support of your church is so heartwarming. Thanks again to all who have faithfully made your pledges and contributions, which allow us to proceed with several major projects. We are especially grateful for your support through this difficult time. Thank you, gracias, danke, merci!

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

Income:	\$ 8,187.55
Expenses:	<u>7,693.87</u>
	\$ 493.68

YTD for Eight Months:

Income:	\$ 78,081.11
Expenses:	<u>70,053.00</u>
	\$ 8,028.11

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 9,014.32
Savings:	100,429.35
Savings CD:	<u>22,547.34</u>
	\$131,991.01

Detailed financial reports are available in the brochure rack near the church office. Please contact us if you have questions.

Linda Wheeler, Treasurer, and
Lorraine Finison, Financial Secretary



Lewton Teachers

This month, we are taking cash/check donations for the Lewton School teachers. We hope to be able to give each of them a gift card for \$20 or \$25 to use as needed. An amount can be added to your pledge/contribution check or given separately. Thank you for your help!

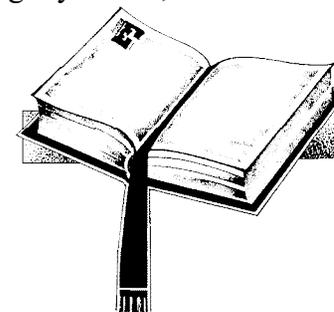
Pastor Mark's Musings

October is "Consecration Month" at Mayflower Church. I don't know the history of this tradition, but I like the term and the emphasis. You will not hear a sermon series on money and giving this month. But you will experience a tradition where we quietly and resolutely make our commitments without coercion, but with motivation and determination. It is the time when we evaluate our commitment of time, talents, and resources to our shared ministry and then symbolically bring our gifts to the church and to God as an act of consecration, dedication, and blessing. This is not the only type of giving we do in our church, but it is the foundational act of self-sacrifice and service that undergirds all we do.

There are many types of giving represented in the Bible. The type of giving best represented in this act of mutual commitment and consecration is "storehouse" giving. In Malachi 3:10, we read about an encouragement to the people to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, corporately offering a 'test' to God so that the windows of heaven might pour down an overflowing blessing.

At Mayflower, we do this not so much as a test, but as a down payment for future blessings we know will come from God as we remain faithful. So, especially during this time of pandemic, separation, and dispersment, I would like say thank you in advance for your consecrated resources which will advance the ministry opportunities and influence of Mayflower Church for the glory of God, now and in the future.

Pastor Mark

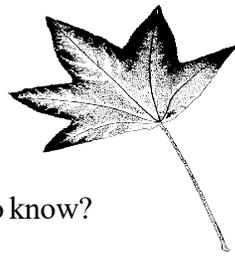


Advent House

I dropped off a trunk full of laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet tissue at Advent House this week, with more to be taken soon as we wrap up this project. Thanks to all who participated in this collection. They were very grateful.

Roger Kennedy

Thoughts from the Lay Leader



Life goes on at Mayflower, and isn't that good to know?

The Prudential Council held its first meeting on Zoom last night to review what has been happening the past number of months and to go forward with what is still to come. There were some items that have been completed, some items that were tabled until conditions due to the virus change, and there were others that we can look forward to.

Rally Sunday will have passed by the time you receive this newsletter, but as I write I am so looking forward to seeing you once again and visiting with you through your car windows. We also have great hopes that we will have gotten rid of those pesky bats, as well. Their exit has been temporarily delayed by the rain, but once we get a couple of dry days in a row we should be able to bid them farewell. One more large project we would like to see done by winter is the resealing of our parking lot, and we already have bids on that.

At our meeting last night we unanimously agreed to license Jacob Richards so that he will be able to perform all pastoral duties here at Mayflower while continuing his studies toward ordination under the supervision of Pastor Mark. We are so fortunate to have such a strong pastoral team in place at Mayflower with Pastor Mark, Rev. Linda, and now Rev. Jacob.

Also coming to Mayflower this fall will be the virtual CROP Walk, Consecration Sunday, and Baby Boxes for Haiti; look for details included elsewhere in this newsletter. With your continued generous donations we will continue to bless others as well as ourselves.

COVID-19 may have changed the physical way we worship, but it hasn't changed our Mayflower spirit. As you can see, life does go on here, and I am truly proud to be a part of it.

Barb Fuller

Music Notes from Barb Fuller



As we continue to explore our hymnal, you will find under the broad section of GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE the subsection of "The Church," and beyond that eighteen hymns that have to do with the Lord's Supper. There are a number of these hymns that we have never sung but some of which are like old friends: Let Us Break Bread Together, We Come as Guests Invited, Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken, and You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, to name a few.

The first Sunday in October is considered to be World-Wide Communion Sunday and is an opportunity to feel a bond with Christians around the world as we celebrate the Lord's Supper TOGETHER on that day. Think of it – for political as well as health reasons we are apt to feel even more separated from one another right now, and yet we have such a unique opportunity to feel closer.

The hymn "Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken" gives us the sense just by its title that our Lord's sacrifices were done for everyone. The first few words of "We Come as Guests Invited" reinforces that concept: *We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine. His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine.* And one of the less familiar hymns in our repertoire, "One Bread, One Body," goes beyond including only Christians – *Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.* What an opportunity we have to be reminded of how our Lord loves everyone!

And finally, from the hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" – *You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: Whom **all the world** cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.*