

Mayflower Congregational Church

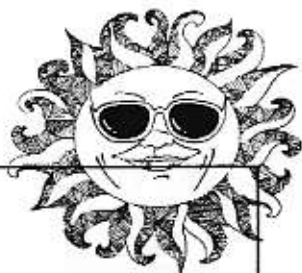


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Pastor



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

- 9/4 Labor Day
Church Office closed*
- 9/9 Second Saturday Supper 5 p.m.*
- 9/10 Rally Day and Picnic*
- 9/14 Trustees Meeting 2:30 p.m.*
- 9/15 Deadline for October Mayflower Notes*
- 9/16 Picnic at the Fullers*
- 9/17 Prudential Council - noon*

HEAD USHER

Lois Ries

OUTREACH FOCUS

Backpacks



Greetings From Your New Pastor . . .

When DeeAnn and I drove home after our inaugural Sunday here at Mayflower (July 9), we were intensely aware of God's presence, God's joy, and God's leading. The entire congregation made us feel not only welcome, but embraced. Thank you!

I am in the process of getting acquainted and orienting myself into the life and ministry of this community of faith. My schedule in the office will generally be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings during the summer months and/or until further notice. I will be making myself available for visitation during the afternoon and/or evenings on these days. My first priority will be those admitted to the hospital, homebound or shut-ins, and those folks who find increasing difficulty in getting to church.

Also, I have observed the alert ways this friendly congregation greets visitors. Until a more definite system is in place to identify visitors, please feel free to pass along any helpful information so that I can be aware of contact information. I will follow through, quickly, to make contact with any visitor to our church, whether an out-of-town visitor, relative, or person possibly looking for a church home or seeking God.

DeeAnn and I look forward to all that God has in store for all of us at Mayflower. We are excited to be a part of it!

Yours in the Lord's Work,

Pastor Mark



Thrift Sale

We are having another 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 now to identify good, saleable things that you have but don't 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. You may find some treasures! We truly are our own best customers!

Please hold your stuff and we will let you know when you may bring it in. We will 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.

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



Fall Picnic

The Fullers are hosting a fall picnic at their farm on Saturday, September 16, starting at 3:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and drinks if you want something other than water. Meat and table service will be provided.





Mayflower Financial News

The May Second Saturday Supper was a sell-out, and we had great proceeds of \$811. A wonderful end to an excellent year, thanks to all of you!

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to Dr. Rick's retirement gift of \$1200.

We were again able to transfer \$5000 from the checking account to the savings account at the end of the quarter. There were no Heat Fund contributions to transfer this quarter.

The following is a summary of our finances as of June 30:

Income:	\$ 5,346.53
Expenses:	<u>7,068.94</u>
	\$ -1,722.41

YTD for Six Months:

Income:	\$ 50,724.73
Expenses:	<u>38,122.05</u>
	\$ 12,602.68

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 2,246.33
Savings:	46,025.41
Heat Fund Savings:	20,837.90
Memorial Fund CD:	5,501.01
Savings CD:	<u>22,329.99</u>
	\$ 96,940.64

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

— Linda Wheeler, Treasurer

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day Office Closed			Handbells 3:45 Choir 5:30		Second Saturday Supper 5 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rally Day and Picnic				Handbells 3:45 Choir 3:45 Trustees 2:30	Deadline for Mayflower Notes	Picnic at Fuller's Farm 3 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Prudential Council Noon				Handbells 3:45 Choir 5:30		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Handbells 3:45 Choir 5:30		

Music Notes
From Barb Fuller

Jerry and I own two bird feeders – one in our front yard that we watch as we eat in the kitchen and the other that we can see from our kitchen windows as we wash the dishes. These feeders have given us much pleasure over the past few years as we have enjoyed watching the various species come and go and the quirky habits they bring with them.

Recently I was browsing through the hymnal entitled Hymns for a Pilgrim People. I bought a copy for myself just before we left for our trip out West knowing that a number of other Congregational churches have purchased it to replace the Pilgrim Hymnal that we have been using for so long, and the more I get to know it the better I like it. In it I ran across a hymn that I had never heard before called “The Lone, Wild Bird.” It has a bit of a folksong-sounding tune and words that, especially because of my love of birds, reached me deeply.

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.



How simple a sentiment the words convey and yet in that simplicity I found peace. It seems to me that that is what a hymn should do.

From the Lay Leader

The big news this month (our new minister) is not exactly new news any more. I am still amazed, however, at how beautifully everything fell into place. Our national association, the NACCC, had told me it would probably take two years to find a new minister. I guess we changed the average! Sometime in the fall, after the choir is back and before the snow birds fly away, we will have a formal installation ceremony for Pastor Mark, so that is something to look forward to.

Thank you all for responding to my request for sticky-note comments for Pastor Rick's big retirement card. It turned out just the way I hoped it would. I was terribly sorry Bill and I missed Pastor Rick's last sermon ? and Pastor Mark's first one! We had signed up for a tour about ten months ago, which is one problem with having to plan ahead.

You may or may not have had a chance to see that Sue and Bob Mott have put a vinyl cover on the ugly old wooden serving table. It's wonderful the way people just keep doing things to make our church nicer.

Pastor Mark is also planning projects to make our building more beautiful! He has already made plans with our custodian, Dean, to help dispose of the pile of trimmings that accumulated when the vegetation on our vacant lot was tidied up. This is because Dean now has to be very careful of what he lifts.

I am really glad I go to Mayflower Church!



Hi Mayflower Church,

Thank you for the past 9 1/2 years. You all were a real blessing to me. Working together through the good times, the rough times, watching God at work in our lives and our church, working for the betterment of the Kingdom of God and Mayflower Church. It was good.

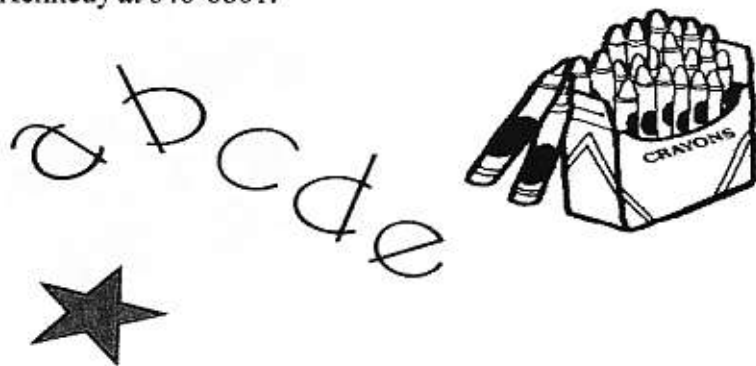
I learned a lot, grew a lot as a person and spiritually, and enjoyed the friendships we made. I know God has some wonderful plans for Mayflower Church under the pastorate of Pastor Mark McCormick. Thank you for the opportunity to be your pastor for so many years. You are a blessing - to me, to God and to the Kingdom.

Former Pastor Rick Martin

Give A Kid a Backpack

We are once again participating in the Holt/Dimondale Give-a-Kid-a Backpack project. They hope to provide 150 filled backpacks for youth returning to school this fall. Please bring in backpacks or school supplies by August 18th if possible.

Those who wish to make financial donations to this worthy project may notify the office and we will shop for you. If you have any questions contact Roger Kennedy at 646-8861.



August and September

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

8/9 - Ruth Berry

8/9 - Kim Finison

8/12 - Ryan Graham

8/20 - Jerry Fuller

8/21 - Sharon Graham

8/26 - Sue Emrick

8/27 - Susanne Mannino

8/30 DeeAnn McCormick



SEPTEMBER

9/12 - Bill McHarris

9/20 - Terry Graham

9/21 - Mary Rutledge

9/25 - Laura Stebbins

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

8/24 - Terry and Sharon Graham (49 years in 2017)

8/27 - Bill and Rilla McHarris (57 years in 2017)

8/27 - Dick and Linda Williams (46 years in 2017)

8/27 - Eugene and Shirley Potts (23 years in 2017)

SEPTEMBER

9/5 - Bob and Sue Mott (30 years in 2017)

9/21 - Frank and Linda Wheeler (49 years in 2017)

9/26 - Dick and Nancy McKay (63 years in 2017)