

Mayflower Notes...



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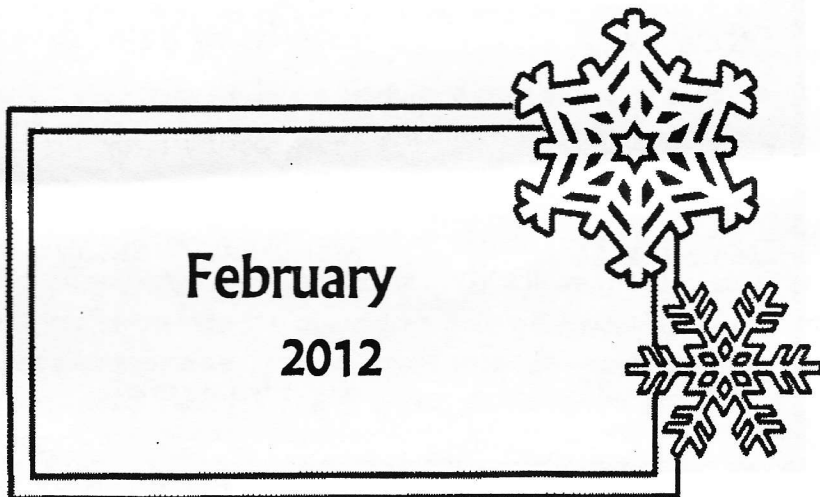
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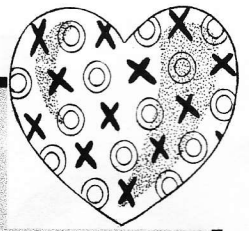
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*Dates to remember in
February..*

February 2

Groundhog Day

February 11

Second Saturday Supper

February 14

St. Valentine's Day

February 15

Newsletter items due

February 20

President's Day

February 21

*Men's Fat Tuesday
Pancake Dinner*

February 22

Ash Wednesday



Head Usher

Naida Kenyon

Outreach Focus

Lansing Church's Food Drop

From the Pastor's Desk



When Life Throws A Curve Ball

Have you noticed, life doesn't always go as planned? I should be sitting in the church office, writing this article, doing church business, seeing people, etc., but instead I am sitting at home sick – not seeing my granddaughter, not going out with friends tonight, not getting out of my chair much (and the bucket close). I hate being sick. One would think God would know that I have things I need to be doing and I don't have time to be sick.

Funny how we tend to blame God for things that aren't His fault. Due to the whole Adam and Eve thing, we find ourselves in a fallen state living on a rebellious planet – thus bad things happen, some of which involve us. When we get to Heaven, everything will be wonderful and great all the time. However, presently "life" happens; and occasionally, it throws something at us we weren't expecting.

When "life" does bad things to us, remember: 1) it isn't God's fault, but He will teach us from it and make some good come out of it IF we will turn it over to Him, 2) you aren't in Heaven yet, where everything will always be magnificent and wonderful forever and ever (for us who have a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ), and 3) God has good and glorious plans for you even while you are on this planet.

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

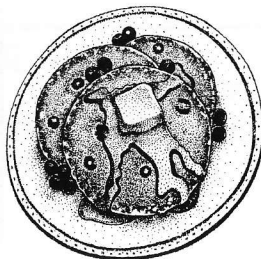
Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

Men's Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Mayflower men are once again coming together to do the Men's Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21st. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 including pancakes, sausage and applesauce plus a beverage. The cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. All proceeds will be going toward church missions.

Bill McHarris will be providing the entertainment during the meal.



Christian Education

February brings about a special event in our lives - it's Leap Year! I always loved Leap Year as a child - there is something so funny about sticking an extra day in the calendar to make everything work out okay. In Sunday School, we could USE that extra day, because we're so busy! But, it falls on a Wednesday, so we'll have to muddle through.

What are we busy with, you ask? Well, confirmation is absorbing the ladies. Alexis, Maggie, and Morgan are busy memorizing the books of the Bible as one of their confirmation tasks. We're talking about each book as we learn it, so, as you can imagine, we're dealing with a lot of material! The boys are continuing with learning the major stories of the Bible. Ann and Linda are great at making these beloved tales come to life.

If anyone has a talent, skill, or tale to share with our classes, we'd love to hear from you! Just get in touch with me and we'll get you scheduled. And enjoy your extra day!

Birthdays

- 2/1 Nancy McKay
- 2/9 Lisa Jones
- 2/16 Mark Holmes
- 2/21 Dick McKay



Anniversaries

- 2/18 Janet Hershey and Bob Felter

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

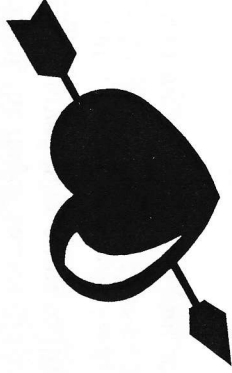
The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Handbells 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	8	9 Handbells 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Second Saturday Supper
12	13	14 NO Women's Bible Study Valentine's Day	15 Mayflower Notes Deadline	16 Handbells 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Trustees 5 p.m.	17	18
19 Prudential Council Meeting	20	21 NO Women's Bible Study Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30 p.m.	22 Ash Wednesday	23 Handbells 6 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	24	25
26	27	28 NO Women's Bible Study	29			