

Mayflower Congregational Church



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Rev. Mark McCormick
Pastor

It's happening at Mayflower in November...

- 11/1 - Thrift Sale Setup - 10:00 a.m. to
Noon
- 11/2 - Thrift Sale - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 11/3 - Thrift Sale - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 11/4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - turn
back 1 hour
- 11/5 - Thrift Sale Cleanup - 10:00 a.m. to
Noon
- 11/7 - Women's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
- 11/15 - Trustees - 3:00 p.m.
- 11/10 - Second Saturday Supper -
5:00 p.m.
- 11/14 - Women's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.
- 11/15 - Deadline for December Mayflower
Notes
- 11/18 - Walter Ellis Harvest Festival
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Day



Pastor Mark's Musings

Progress and Momentum!

It has been gratifying to witness the increase in attendance, interest, visibility and enthusiasm around Mayflower church in recent weeks. These things have been an encouragement to all of you who have labored faithfully for many years with high hopes that your work was and has not been in vain. It has also done the same for me as your pastor. It is gratifying and encouraging. Thanks be to God!

In 1 Corinthians chapter 3 we read an account of two influential persons in the early church who labored together in the establishment and nurture of the church at Corinth. They were the Apostle Paul, who authored several books of the New Testament, and Apollos, an apparent charismatic personality who worked with Paul. There were various traits of each of these men which attracted different people to a different leader. This created conflict having to do with loyalties to each of these church leaders, each for different reasons. Paul, in writing a letter to the church at Corinth which has become part of the canon of scripture, reminds the people and us that we plant and water, but it is God who gives the increase. I want to say thank you to all of you at Mayflower who to continue to plant and water by your prayers, your attendance, your volunteering, your giving and your service to our Lord through the ministry of Mayflower church. The Lord is honoring your efforts by granting us increase. As your pastor, I am happy to be a part of exciting and continuing ministry opportunities at Mayflower church. May God continue to bless all our efforts in the important work of building God's kingdom.

In Christ's loving service,

Pastor Mark



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From the Lay Leader

This past month we've been focusing on consecration, specifically with our beloved church in mind. We've heard several folks from our congregation talk about what Mayflower Church means to them. It is inspiring to hear these words from the people we love and trust. It makes me think a little harder about how I can be a more effective church member and leader. We must keep in mind that the quality of our service is just as important as our monetary contribution.

I recall a conversation I had many years ago with a church member that had a recent financial setback. Her response to the pledge drive was a note explaining how she was not able to continue at the same monetary level of commitment as in years past. However, to compensate, she outlined all of the ways she would increase her service commitment. Knowing this person I felt that these were not idle words. Her story stuck with me. We are all called to serve in the best way we can.

I believe that the loving, spirit-filled atmosphere at Mayflower is due to the service commitment of many people. There are also a few that contribute an extraordinary number of hours. You know who you are and I hope you also know how much you're appreciated. The Church will continue to prosper through the service of its members. It is the Church that Jesus envisioned.

Jerry Fuller

Thank you...

A big thank you to Barb Parr and Craig Young for planting several Russian sage trees at the perimeter of our building in areas that were looking barren. You will also see some of their large green plants in the Social Hall while they “winter over” with us.

We appreciate your trime and green thumbs!!!



Advent Decorating

It is time to “deck the halls” again. We will be meeting to decorate the sanctuary on Thursday, November 29th at 7 p.m. Drinks and pizza will be provided. All are invited, we need all the help we can get!!!



Thrift Sale

Another thrift sale is coming on November 2 and 3 (Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with bag time all day on Saturday). Please check around your house now to identify good, saleable things that you have but don't really need any more. Remember to have items clean and in working order or they don't sell well. Kitchen items, jewelry, linens, books, and children's items are good sellers, but other items sell well, too. You can also 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!

You may bring in your items right now. We also need a lot of help to set up, run the sale, and clean up after the sale, so please plan to help if you can. Set up will be 10-Noon (or so) on Monday-Thursday this week (Oct. 29-Nov. 1). The clean-up day will be Monday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to Noon-ish. Thanks for whatever help you can give!



Walter Ellis Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our annual Walter Ellis Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 18th. Fresh fruits and vegetables will enhance the worship space. Please bring canned or packaged food to add to our donation to the City Rescue Mission.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation it will help to cover the cost of the produce and will be greatly appreciated!



Music Notes from Barb Fuller

As I have mentioned before, a single word or phrase will often trigger a song in my mind, and as I gazed out our second story office window this morning admiring the changing colors of the leaves nearby, I thought of pop tune “Turn! Turn! Turn!” written by the wonderful songwriter, Pete Seeger.

I find it fascinating that through modern history, songwriters have taken passages from the Bible and turned them into hit songs, and this is what happened with “Turn! Turn! Turn.” The words to this piece are taken directly from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. As I poked around the internet I was astounded to see how many famous musicians have performed it, including Judy Collins in 1964, The Byrds (this is the one I am most familiar with) in 1965, Dolly Parton in 1984, Bruce Springsteen in 2008, and a number of others. Like the rest of Ecclesiastes, I believe the message of this passage is haunting but wise. Keep yourself God-centered because life can be unpredictable and not always controllable, be grateful for what you have, and count your blessings.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.



Mayflower Financial News

The October Second Saturday Supper was a near sell-out, resulting in proceeds of \$792. We could always use more help so please come next time to eat and then help if you can.

Our big news is that our new outdoor sign was installed on October 9, brief training was provided the next day, and the balance due (just over \$10,500) was paid the following day. Lorraine, Kim, and Rilla are having fun (and some frustration!) creating various messages to announce events at Mayflower and events relating to the community. I think we all can be very proud of our new sign.

We have already received donations from several members and friends of Mayflower to help defray the cost of the sign. Additional donations will be gratefully received.

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

Income:	\$ 17,630.91
Expenses:	<u>4,606.87</u>
	\$ 13,024.04

YTD for Nine Months:

Income:	\$ 80,335.09
Expenses:	<u>70,173.39</u>
	\$ 10,161.70

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$ 21,316.56
Savings:	31,538.80
Heat Fund Savings:	20,845.73
Savings CD:	<u>22,390.08</u>
	\$ 96,091.17



A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office. Be sure to see me if you have any questions.

— Linda Wheeler, Treasurer

November



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 - Ann McClelland*
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- 11/2 - Frank Wheeler*
- 11/5 - Morgan Smith*
- 11/5 - Bob Mott*
- 11/9 - Blanche Samohovetz (99)*
- 11/9 - Ross Jones*
- 11/15 - Barbara Fuller*
- 11/18 - Arlene Moore*
- 11/20 - Ina Martin (93)*
- 11/28 - Jaxson Graham*
- 11/29 - Mike Rutledge*



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/25 - Roger and Meredith Kennedy (51 years)*

Head Usher

Candy Bywater

Outreach Focus

Mitten Tree, Walter Ellis Harvest Festival

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Daylight Savings Time ends Turn back 1 h	Thrift Sale Clean-up 10 - noon		Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.	Thrift Sale Set-up 10 - noon	Thrift Sale 9 - 6	Thrift Sale 9 - 3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Handbells 4:00 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m.		Second Saturday Supper 5 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.	Trustees 2:45 p.m. Handbells 4:00 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Notes deadline		
Walter Ellis Harvest Festival Prudential Council - noon			No Women's Bible Study	22	Church Office closed	24
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving Handbells 4:00 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Advent Decorating 7 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.			