

Mayflower Notes...



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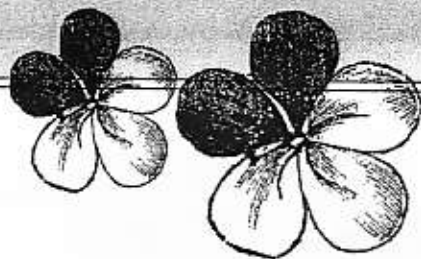


Dr. Rick Martin

Pastor

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Naida Kenyon

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From The Pastor's Desk



Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, *"... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

Over a century ago, some people decided there should be a Mayflower Congregational Church in Lansing, Michigan and started this one. Many things have happened over the years – good and bad. There have been several buildings, a couple of disasters, multiple struggles and many successes. We are still here. Jesus is still using Mayflower Church to touch the lives of people in many ways.

Mayflower Church has a nice building, beautiful grounds, and plentiful supplies. I found out at the Second Saturday Supper that we have a high chair – 1950's, I think – that still works. God has truly blessed us. However, the building, the grounds, the programs, the projects, and the stuff are not Mayflower Church. YOU are the Church. You, who partake in the services and programs. You, who participate in the projects. You, who receive from God and are a blessing to others. You are Mayflower Church.

In most organizations, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the members. The percentage of participating membership at Mayflower Church is far higher. You participate. You give. You support. You share your gifts and abilities and talents selflessly. No wonder the gates of Hades cannot overcome such a church!

It is a privilege to be associated with a people who are so dedicated in sharing the Jesus in them with other people through their gifts, talents, abilities and hard work. Thank you for all that you do. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

Lay Leaders Message

As Easter approaches and new life begins..... I think of "FORGIVENESS" which seems to be a key word during the Easter season.

Forgiveness.....is the needle that knows how to mend! How appropriate this is in our daily journeys. There are always situations when we have said or done something that hurt someone when we *really* didn't mean what we said or did. To forgive is far better than to hold bad feelings that affect our daily lives. It seems at times that we are always mending, or should I say that Jesus within us is mending!

Easter is a time to refresh and renew! That is really what we need to do daily!

Jesus showed us the ultimate in forgiveness! As we go through this Easter Celebration...let us focus on Forgiveness.....There is always someone to forgive and begin anew in all relationships. Let us enjoy this Easter Seasonwith the word "Forgiveness" foremost in our thoughts.

Terry Graham



From the Board of Trustees

Remember last month when the Trustees recognized the fact that there will be unbudgeted expenses that we may need monetary assistance with? Well, after putting out the note last month that we were looking to make new vestments to go over the acolyte robes, we received a donation to help with that. Thank you so much to our donor!

This month we are facing the removal of the dead ash tree that sits in our building's front yard. Frank is continuing to get estimates on the cost, but should have those in place very soon. When we know for sure how much it will cost we will let you know, as well. It takes a village to raise a child, and it also takes special members like you to help us keep our church running well.



Mayflower Financial News

For our fundraising efforts, the 2nd Saturday Supper in February made \$632.53 and Trivia Night brought in \$146.75.

The Trustees are looking at several maintenance projects this year. We have a dead ash tree in front of the fellowship hall that needs to be removed. Deep cracks in our paved parking lot needs to be filled. Wiring in several hanging lights in the sanctuary needs repair. And some repair work is needed for the handicap ramp.

A brief summary of our finances for the month of February:



Income:	\$ 5,623.93
Expenses:	<u>7,686.07</u>
	- \$ 2,062.14
Year to Date	
Income:	\$ 10,945.53
Expenses:	<u>14,893.94</u>
	- \$ 3,948.41
Fund Balances:	
Checking:	\$ 13,477.14
Bequest Funds Savings	4,007.91
Memorial Fund CD	5,488.60
12 Month CD	<u>22,293.61</u>
	\$ 45,267.26

A more detailed report is available in the church's brochure rack

Card Shower

Tom Bandfield (Dave Bandfield's father) is having a 90th birthday on April 22nd. Tom is having a tough time since his wife's death. Dave would like to have everyone who remembers Tom send him a birthday card this year. His address is: 112 Blossom Dr., Portland, MI 48875

Thrift Sale



We are having another thrift sale April 19 and 20 (Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 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 really need any more. . . we all have so much "stuff"! Remember to 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, 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!

Plan to hold your stuff and bring it in any time after the Second Saturday Supper on April 13. We also need a lot of help 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 (April 15-18). See Ann or Lorraine to volunteer to help.

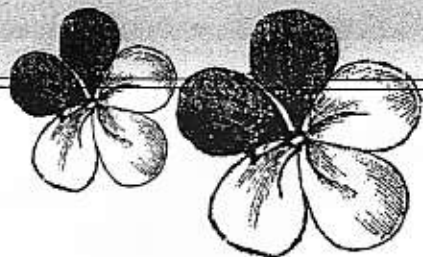
From the Prudential Council

What a wonderful tradition we have at Mayflower with our after-church coffee hour. It is certainly a time to visit with folks we may not see more than once a week as well as a time when quite a bit of church business is taken care of. Along with all of this comes the added pleasure of the snacks that await us when we walk into fellowship hall.

We have been blessed with a number of people who have generously donated their services as well as the food for the coffee hour, but did you know that there is no money available at this time to pay anyone back for that? It was suggested at the last Prudential Council meeting that we put a basket out on the refreshment table to collect donations for anyone interested in making one. We are certainly not suggesting that you feel obligated to donate every week, but if you're feeling a little flush once in awhile, we will humbly accept your coins or dollars and pass them onto those folks who have provided the food. If you're ever interested in helping with one of the coffee hours, feel free to let Barb Fuller know.

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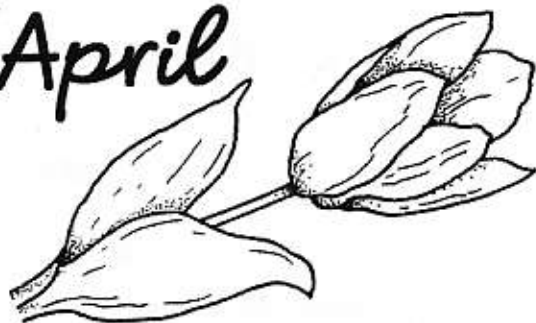
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BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6 - John Wilcox
- 4/14 - Liz Canfield
- 4/20 - Eugene Potts
- 4/22 - Meredith Kennedy
- 4/28 - Rilla McHarris

ANNIVERSARIES

4/29 Mark and Lola Holmes

April After-Church Coffee Hour Volunteers

- April 7th - Barb and Jerry Fuller
- April 14th - Rilla and Bill McHarris
- April 21st - Saralu Chamberlain
- April 28th - Laura Anderson Keeney