

# Mayflower Notes...



## Mayflower Congregational Church

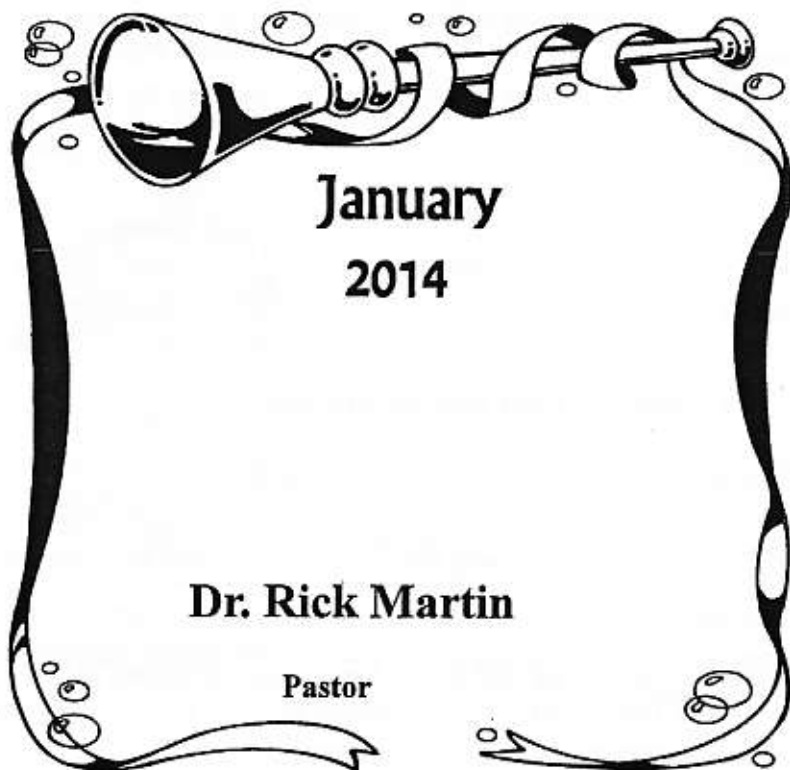
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Dr. Rick Martin

Pastor

## Lay Leader's Message

During this time of holiday celebration and as we all look forward to 2014, I would like to personally thank the members of Mayflower for all their support during this past year.

I also want to express my appreciation to all members of the Prudential Council for supporting me and their hard work and dedication to the needs and mission of Mayflower. This heartfelt appreciation goes to Dr. Rick Martin, Pastor; Fred Lowe, Lay Leader Past; Jerry Fuller, Lay Leader Elect; Linda Wheeler, Treasurer; Laura Anderson, Financial Secretary; Trustees Frank Wheeler, Rilla McHarris, Mark Holmes, and Barb Fuller; and Deacons Cozette Oxley, Lois Ries, and Naida Kenyon.

I also wish to give special thanks to Lorraine Finison and Roger Kennedy for their support and their continued assistance to the Prudential Council. In closing, I give the ultimate tribute of appreciation to God the Father for giving me the opportunity to serve him and Mayflower Congregational Church in this most fulfilling position as Lay Leader of the congregation. Looking forward to 2014!  
Praise be to God. Amen.

Terry Graham



## 2014 is here – another great year for Mayflower!

We will be announcing plans for Confirmation Sunday soon. I am very excited to bring our newest Confirmants to the completion of their education, and I hope you will all mark the date on your calendar when announced.

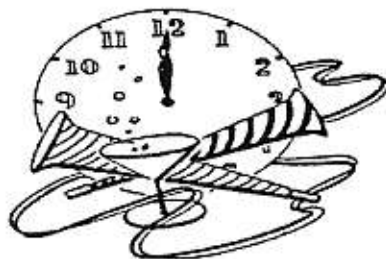
On the alternate weeks, we will be working from a program called "Middle School Talk Sheets." I am looking forward to using this new resource for making our lessons more interesting.

After making the Advent House sandwiches in December, we don't have a fifth Sunday again until March. The kids love this activity and wish we could do it more often!

Liz Canfield

## *From The Pastor's Desk*

### A New Wonderful Year



Each year, as I am writing the Mayflower Notes article for January (in December), I am reminded of my dad's boss of 50+ years ago. He was a devout Seventh-Day Adventist, who believed the Lord Jesus was returning that year. I forget the year, but all year long he told everyone – and dad discussed it with mom several times (thus I overheard it). On New Year's Eve, returning from a church service with his family, he was killed in a car wreck (a few minutes before midnight). While his "prophecy" was not true for everyone, I guess it did turn out to be correct for him.

Although I am not guaranteed a spot in 2014, I am looking forward to a very blessed year. God Almighty wants His children to have a great, wonderful year. In Jeremiah 29:11-13 God says to His children, "***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'***"

God's blessings do not arbitrarily fall on us. We place ourselves in position to receive the best of His blessings by 1) communication with Him. Prayer is talking to Him. He talks to us (mainly) through reading His Word, the Bible. 2) Being the person He created us to be – thus bringing our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors in line with His will; which is also revealed in His Word. 3) Doing what He has called us to do – we all have gifts and abilities to use in Kingdom work. Involvement in the local church and fellowshiping with Christians does help also.

I pray you will have a blessed and wonderful year, and that you will take another step or two towards God's perfect will for you personally. I believe 2014 is going to be a wonderful year for Mayflower Church. I am excited about what God is going to do in us and through us this year.

*Dates to remember in January...*

<i>January 11</i>	<i>Second Saturday Supper</i>
<i>January 12</i>	<i>Trustees Meeting</i>
<i>January 15</i>	<i>Notes articles due</i>
<i>January 19</i>	<i>Prudential Council Meeting</i>
<i>January 26</i>	<i>Annual Meeting</i>



*Birthdays*

<i>1/5</i>	<i>Marilyn Betts</i>
<i>1/8</i>	<i>Janet Hershey</i>
<i>1/11</i>	<i>Abigail Rutledge</i>
<i>1/16</i>	<i>Karen Nault</i>
<i>1/24</i>	<i>Susan Schweinfurth</i>
<i>1/26</i>	<i>John Rolfe</i>
<i>1/28</i>	<i>Kathryn Fuller</i>

*Anniversaries*

<i>1/1</i>	<i>Jerry and Barb Fuller</i>
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## Mayflower Financial News

The November 2nd Saturday Supper was successful with a profit of \$578.04.

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

Income:	\$ 7,071.34
Expenses:	7,629.36
	- \$ 558.02

Year to Date:

Income:	\$ 79,383.53
Expenses:	76,208.33
	- \$ 3,896.14

Fund Balances:

Checking:	\$12,961.45
Bequest Funds Savings	4,008.84
Memorial Fund CD	5,492.66
CD Savings	22,298.56
	\$44,761.51



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

**Thank you...**

to everyone who has sent cards, prayers and messages my way in the past six weeks. I also appreciate the dinners... Roger does not do a lot of cooking! I have several months left before the fight is hopefully behind me but I appreciate my Mayflower family always!

Meredith