

Mayflower Notes...



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*Events to remember in
June/July...*

<u>June 2</u>	All-Church Picnic
<u>June 14</u>	Flag Day
<u>June 16</u>	Father's Day
<u>June 16</u>	Prudential Council Noon
<u>June 30</u>	Communion June/ July
<u>June 30</u>	Advent Lunches
<u>July 4</u>	Independence Day
<u>July 21</u>	Prudential Council Noon
<u>August 15</u>	Deadline for Mayflower Notes August/September



From The Pastor's Desk

In the world we live in, there is so much that needs to be done – helping the poor, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, protecting the environment, and every non-profit organization could use another volunteer. Everywhere we look there is something that could be done to help others. At times it is overwhelming. What are we (personally) to do?

No person, or church, can do it all. God does not expect us to attempt tackling it all. Mary's statement to the servants at the wedding at Cana fits here, ***"Do whatever he tells you."*** (John 2:5). When I comes to the will of God and us personally, this is still great advice. Of course, that presupposes that we pray about it, ***"You do not have because you do not ask God."*** (James 4:2). ***If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*** (James 1:5). Thus, ask Jesus what you should be involved in and do it.

We do realize that God does not always answer as quickly as our friends respond to a text. Consistency and patience are virtues when praying for direction from God. The answer to our prayers can come quickly, ***"It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."*** (Isaiah 64:24). Sometimes, not as soon as we would like, ***Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.*** (3 weeks later, Daniel 10:12).

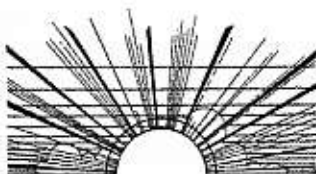
Want to find God's will for you? Actively seek God through faithful, consistent, patient prayer. Then do whatever He tells you to do. Pray about everything. Obey with every response. If all of God's children would do this, then everything would be done and every need would be met.



Gods Beauty

As I sit on my porch of the lake house, I listen to the beautiful music created by the birds, as I listen to the wind and the water splashing over the sea wall, I feel God's presence ever so much. It is like he is your best friend and you certainly can feel it through your senses. Spring is such a rebirth time. We can feel his presence soooooo much through nature. Just another sign that God is soooooo good. He even wants to play with us through the Wind. So as you go about your day and enter his beautiful creation of nature...feel the wind as it hits your cheek, messes your hair, the sound.....he is giving us a hug and says "let's play" I am here. Thanks be to God!

Terry Graham



Another year draws to a close in Mayflower's Sunday School program. We are almost finished with our Confirmation studies, and Morgan and Maggie will be confirmed in the fall of this year. I am proud that we have taken this journey together, and I hope they have gotten as much from the experience as I have.

Dominic has been studying subjects in the Bible that interest him with Ann while Confirmation has been underway. Linda has prepared interesting lessons for the twins on the weeks they are able to join us, and I am grateful to both women for their support.

We have many fun summer activities planned, and I look forward to starting again in the fall.





Mayflower Financial News

For our fundraising efforts, the 2nd Saturday Supper in April made \$651.09 and the Spring Thrift Sale brought in \$1070.

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

Income:	\$ 6,778.34
Expenses:	<u>7,714.34</u>
	- \$ 936.00
Year to Date	
Income:	\$ 26,591.04
Expenses:	<u>30,808.84</u>
	- \$ 4,217.80
Fund Balances:	
Checking:	\$ 13,116.25
Bequest Funds Savings	4,008.03
Memorial Fund CD	5,488.60
12 Month CD	<u>22,293.61</u>
	\$ 44,906.49

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

Thrift Sale

Thanks to all who donated items for the thrift sale and/or worked in setting up, selling, and cleaning up! Proceeds (about \$1100 so far) will go toward the church's general fund at this point.

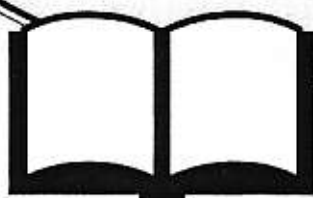
We are planning another sale for next October or November, so start saving up your items NOW! One way to do it is to have a box or bag in a closet or a corner of your basement or garage, and as you see things you don't need or want any more, put them in the box or bag. Then you'll be all set when the time comes!

Lorraine Finison

Lost...

We are looking for the book, "The Two Marys" by Sylvia Brown.
It was loaned out to someone and the owner, Blanche, would
love to have it back.
Please help if you can!

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From Your Trustees

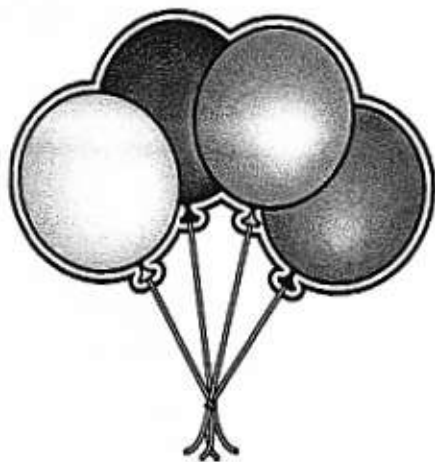
The "Giving Tree" has given all it's going to give by now. In between torrential rain storms Cooper Tree Service removed the tree and left us the wood chips. Another thanks to those of you who financially contributed to the cause as well as recognition and thanks to Sharon Graham and Roger Kennedy for taking the time to make candy bark for the tree removal party.

The Trustees will be working over the summer on getting Pastor Rick's office ceiling leak repaired as well as the side door opener and lock and the frayed dumbwaiter rope. They are also in the process of getting estimates to repair the cracks in the asphalt parking lot before winter. Life goes on at Mayflower, even in the summer!

Barb Fuller



June and July



June Birthdays

- 6/2 Rick Martin
- 6/12 Arlene Love
- 6/15 Marcie Graham
- 6/20 Amy Graham
- 6/26 Barbara Martin

July Birthdays

- 7/9 Sue Mott
- 7/29 Dick Williams
- 7/30 Lola Holmes
- 7/30 Maggie Bellant

June Anniversaries

- 6/16 Warren and Sue Emrick



Lugnuts Outing

We are planning an outing to a Lugnuts game on Saturday, August 31st. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks immediately following the game. This year we will have more comfortable seating at the Club House level, both indoor and outdoor seating is available. The cost is \$22.50, please see Roger Kennedy or call the church office As Soon As Possible to make your reservation.