

Mayflower Congregational Church



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

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| <i>6/1</i> | <i>All Church Picnic</i> |
| <i>6/5</i> | <i>Lewton Graduation</i> |
| <i>6/7</i> | <i>State Weightlifting Meet</i> |
| <i>6/10</i> | <i>Trustee's Meeting 10 am</i> |
| <i>6/14</i> | <i>Flag Day</i> |
| <i>6/15</i> | <i>Prudential Council Father's Day</i> |
| <i>7/4</i> | <i>Independence Day Office Closed</i> |
| <i>7/6</i> | <i>Communion</i> |
| <i>7/8</i> | <i>Trustee's Meeting 10 am</i> |
| <i>7/13</i> | <i>\$ due for Lugnut Tickets</i> |
| <i>7/20</i> | <i>No Prudential Council</i> |
| <i>8/15</i> | <i>Due date for Mayflower Notes</i> |

From The Pastor's Desk

The Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:7

Since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I cannot help but to think of Mayflower Church when I read this verse. We do not undertake everything that needs to be done on planet earth, but what we do tackle we attempt to excel in. We raise money for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, for missions at home and abroad. We attempt to excel in our worship services – the music, the children's moment, the preaching of the Word. As a congregation, we really care about other people and try to behave towards others in love, which is excellent.

Our members also excel in giving. Every time you are asked to meet a need, you come through wonderfully. Time and again, your generosity has been amazing. You truly exhibit the grace of giving, whether it is for a radio station in Africa or food for the hungry or time and energy for a church project.

Once again there are needs for our building that aren't covered by the annual budget: gutter extensions to prevent leaks in the basement, a patch on the roof, cracks and potholes in the parking lot, and a new door for the lawnmower shed. \$5071 in all, and \$2700 has already been donated (before we got the word out on the total – you are so good!) If you are interested in helping maintain our beautiful facility, your generosity is welcomed and truly appreciated. It is great to be the pastor of such a caring and giving congregation.

2 Corinthians 9:7

God loves a cheerful giver.



The church picnic will be held Sunday, June 1st and will be a combined event with Word of Life. Hotdogs and hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Each family should bring their own tableware and a dish to pass. A sign up sheet of needed dishes will be outside of the office – please sign up so we have a nice variety of side dishes!

From the Trustees – more about repairs

Earlier this spring, we had a newsletter article about the leaks inside the building as well as the parking-lot repairs that need to be done but are well outside our budget. The good news is that after much consultation with several contractors, we decided that we could postpone fixing the entire flat roof and do targeted patches instead. This reduced the cost a LOT. We have borrowed from the rest of the budget to pay for the roof and gutter repairs, and so far they seem to be working – which is good! The parking lot has not yet been done, but it will be. In the meantime, another unexpected repair suddenly showed up: we needed a new lock and door for the lawnmower shed. Several wonderful Mayflower people worked together to install it, so that also did not cost as much as we had at first feared.



We have done the best we could to contain costs, and now we are asking if you could find it in your heart to help pay for these repairs. Two extremely generous people have already donated to these projects, and that's why you see that the handle of the umbrella is solid for more than halfway up. Please help if you can.

I think we can say that spring has safely arrived. After a long winter, I forget how beautiful springtime is here in Michigan. Recently, we visited our son and daughter-in-law in Richmond, Virginia when it was still almost winter-like here. One of the pleasures of making the trip at that time of year is being able to experience the wonderful progression of spring (in one day) as you travel southeast. I recommend it. You can all stay with Chas and Jackie. They won't mind.

Spring represents rebirth for all of nature. We humans along with the plant and animal world get another chance to "sprout" and start things again with renewed strength. It's no wonder that so many poems, songs and scripture verses were written about spring.

At Mayflower, one of our springtime activities is our church picnic on June 1st. This year we have a great opportunity to get more acquainted with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Word of Life Church. At our service that day, WOL Church will join us, offering special music and Pastor Roman will preach. After the service, their people will join ours for the picnic. We can eat and fellowship together. What a fun day that will be!

Jerry Fuller

Lay Leader



Lugnuts 2014

Our annual Lugnuts outing is coming up sooner than you think. We will be attending the Lugnuts game on Saturday, August 23rd and again our tickets will be in the Clubhouse at \$22.50 each. Pick up a ticket form in the office. Return it to the office with your payment. **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 13 TH.**

If you have questions please contact Roger Kennedy at 646-9961.

See you at the game!!!

Mayflower Financial News

Our April Second Saturday Supper netted \$629.72. Our Rummage Sale has brought in over \$1,100.



We had \$1871 in outside maintenance costs. A leaky roof over the pastor's office was repaired, overflowing gutters on the east side of the sanctuary (leading to basement flooding last year) was solved by adding a splash guard the length of the gutter and the garage door on the storage shed needed replacing.

A more detailed report is available in the brochure rack near the church office.

A brief summary of our finances as of April 30, 2014:

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| Income: | \$ 5,964.47 |
| Expenses: | 9,206.61 |
| | - \$ 3,242.14 |

YTD for Four Months

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| Income: | \$ 30,496.39 |
| Expenses: | 33,468.88 |
| | - \$ 2,972.49 |

Fund Balances:

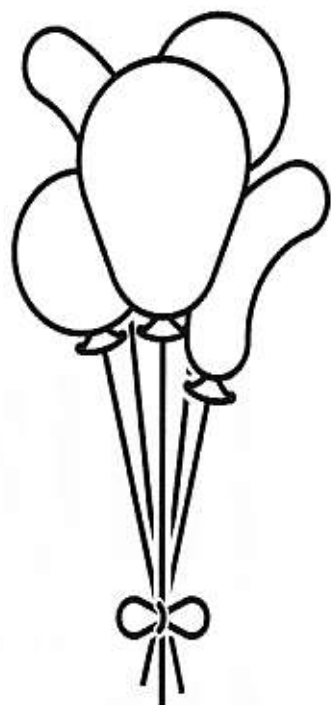
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| Checking: | \$ 9,888.54 |
| Bequest Funds Savings | 4,009.34 |
| Memorial Fund CD | 5,492.66 |
| CD Savings | 22,301.86 |
| | \$ 41,692.80 |

Linda Wheeler
Treasurer

JUNE AND JULY

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/2 RICK MARTIN
6/4 MIRA THOBABEN
6/12 ARLENE LOVE
6/15 MARCIE GRAHAM
6/20 AMY GRAHAM
6/26 BARBARA MARTIN
6/27 CONLEY SNOW (91)
7/6 TOM RICH
7/9 SUE MOTT
7/29 DICK WILLIAMS
7/30 LOLA HOLMES
7/30 MAGGIE BELLANT
7/30 BARBARA RICH



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/16 WARREN & SUE EMRICKS